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Community CALENDAR

Harper Knights of Columbus Weekly Fish Fry

Every Friday during Lent, 5-7:30 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall/Windhorst Club of Harper. Catfish, Tilapia, Shrimp, Au Gratin and baked potatoes, coleslaw, green beans, roll and drink. For information and carryout orders, contact Mic Berg at (319) 461-3281

Keota Spring Play: The Prince Quest

March 27 and 28, 7:30 p.m. Keota High School Auditorium

Sigourney Blood Drive

Wednesday, April 1, 10:30 AM - 1:15 PM at Sigourney High School Gym. To book your appointment, contact Shannon Greiner at shannon.greiner@sigourneyschools.com

Ham and Beans Supper

Thursday April 9, 4:30- 6:30 p.m. at Delta Town and Country Center- Delta, Iowa. Free will offering. All Proceeds go to towards the remodeling!! Ham and Beans, Potato Soup, cornbread, Relish Tray, Desserts, and Drinks. Dine in or call 641-660-7848 for to go orders.

Richland Women's Club Paint Party

Monday, April 13th 6-9PM. Call Sandy Eidahl at 641-919-9835 or Candy Pfeifer at 641-919-8384

Keota Blood Drive

Thursday, April 23, 7:30 AM - 12:30 PM at Keota Junior High School Gym

Sigourney American Legion Post #19

Meets 7:00 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



Snow White's execution.



Belle meeting the French prince and his soldiers.

English Valley Students Skewer Disney Princesses

By Casey James | The News-Review

NORTH ENGLISH – On March 20 and 21, English Valleys students performed "Game of Tiaras," a parody mash-up of "Game of Thrones" and Disney Princess movies, featuring rival princesses backstabbing each other to take their father's throne.

"It seemed like a lot of fun," said director Carrie Burdick, when asked why she chose this play. "It has a large cast that different people could play different things, and it seemed like it was funny."

Burdick has been directing plays at English Valleys for 16 years. "She does a great job keeping us in line," said actor Kaylee Frazier. "Sometimes she has to raise her voice, but hey, I mean, you've got a whole bunch of kids, and she does a really great job of just keeping us on task for the most part."

Frazier played Ellie, a take on the Disney Princess Elsa, reimagined as a bloodthirsty sadist. "I really just like being like the angry sister, because that's kind of how I am at home," she said. "I'm the oldest. So I feel like I can relate



The King riding Smeagol.

to my character a lot, because she's based on Elsa, so she gets to kind of have some little out there moments where she's like 'Everyone shut up!' And I just feel I can portray myself sometimes in my character.

"I just thought it sounded really fun and I always just love being part of the plays, because it's such a great environment to be a part of," Frazier said, when asked why she tried out.

"It's been going great," Olivia Debevec said two weeks before showtime. "I think we're very productive at each practice. We have had trouble memorizing our lines, but I think that's no big deal. I think blocking's going well.

Overall, it's really good...I'm nervous, but I think it's gonna go great and I'm actually excited."

Debevec played a coniving version of Cinderella, who battled against the other princesses to take her father's throne. She stated that she had originally tried out for the role of Belle, because of her sarcastic lines.

"I love theater, I love music, like stuff along those lines. And I went for a bigger role this year, even though I'm only a sophomore, just because I wanted to try something new...I just love acting, I think that's the main thing. I love making new connections with people I don't usu-



Smeagol, having become king by default after everyone else died, riding the King during the curtain call.

ally talk to," said Debevec.

"Since it's a younger cast, kind of just staying focused and kind of learning the strategy to learn your lines has been a little bit difficult for some people, and it just makes it a little bit harder on the stage, just to keep things flowing well, if some people are struggling a bit more with their lines, but overall, it actually has not been too bad this year. It's been great," said Frazier.

Prior to the show, Frazier stated she was nervous but that, if you're not nervous, you're doing something wrong.

The play's large cast also starred Phoenix Sorden and

Ellie Patterson as narrators, McKenna Rugg as Snow White, Kaylynn Hoylman as Belle, Sophia Grimm as Blood Packet Girl, Tyler Wiseman as the King, Chyar McGaffee as the French Prince, Peyton Conrad as the Little Mermaid, Isaac Frazier as Smeagol, and Jack Osborn as Prince Charming. The play also featured Drake Offerman, Ambryn Holyman, Bella Schott, Lydia Smith, Whitney Walker, Adam Forbes, Clara Karr, Joana Martinez, Pantera Spies, Miley Clubb and Brianna Karr playing various minor characters. The crew contained crew chief Brody Williams; Jack Johnson, Ben Sieren, and Landon Van Dee on sound. Davis Burdick on lights; Connor Harris on curtains; and a building crew consisting of Ben Sieren, Landon Van Dee, Chance McGaffee and Miles Krebs.

"I'm kind of more like a comedic, depressed type of dad, who just wants to run away from the kingdom and let his daughters take care of everything...I thought it'd be

PRINCESSES
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Cinderella killing Belle.



Prince Charming hitting on the Little Mermaid.



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North English Easter Egg Hunt

North English held an Easter Egg Hunt at the elementary on March 21, sponsored by Cox Sanitation

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Sigourney Elementary Holds Fourth Annual Art Show



Pekin student Lacey Collins placed 1st Place in the 3D Art category at the 10th Annual Budding Artist Show hosted by Art Domestique.

CORRECTION

In the March 18 issue of the News-Review, we stated that Mathew Lentz had held signs criticizing Sigourney's Republican voters. In reality, Lentz never used the word "Republican," always specifying "MAGA." The News-Review apologizes for this error.

Supervisors Give Sheriff \$10,000 Raise

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
 SIGOURNEY – During the March 17 meeting of the Keokuk County Board of Supervisors, the board approved giving Sheriff Casey Hinnah a \$10,000 raise, from \$98,866 to \$108,866. This roughly 10% raise was done in accordance with the Back newing IGHP Insurance, with an increase of \$10 more a month in premiums, to help with partial self-funding. The board approved participating in the Six Remnant Defendants National Opioid Settlement. The board set the time and date for the FY2027 budget hearing at 9:00 a.m. on April 6.

Sigourney Council Approves Water Tower Colors

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
 SIGOURNEY – During the March 18 meeting of the Sigourney City Council, the council approved painting the water tower white, with a black and yellow logo. The council set the date of the public hearing on closing down part of North Street, so Helmut Ford can expand, for May 6. City Clerk Ashley Fry gave Kiwanis permission to put a picnic table at the pavilion.

Sigourney Elementary Holds Annual Art Show

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
 SIGOURNEY – Sigourney Elementary held its fourth annual art show on March 19, featuring artwork from 110 different elementary students. "I do this show to make sure that the kids know how much we all appreciate their creativity, and just to have a fun night and celebrate art," said art teacher Rebecca Shaw.

Ideas for Sigourney 4th of July Discussed

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review
 SIGOURNEY – A meeting was held at Sigourney City Hall on March 19, where members of the public discussed possible ideas for events during the 4th of July holiday. The schedule discussed at that meeting is not officially set in stone and the dates and times of these events may change. Events discussed include:

- Kids events like a patriotic singalong, chalk drawings, a kiddie parade and street dance the night of the 2nd.
- A poker run the morning of the 3rd from 6-7 a.m.
- A hospice pie auction at 5:30 p.m. on the 3rd.
- A Lucky Duck event the evening of the 3rd.
- A Tyler Richton and The High Bank Boys concert on the square at around 7:30 p.m.
- A Kiwanis beer tent during the concert.
- Bouncy houses the night of the 3rd.
- A kids wiffleball tournament, date undecided.
- A parade at 10:30 a.m. on the 4th.
- Root beer floats at the Methodist Church after the parade.
- A Kiwanis meal at noon on the 4th.
- Trivia at the park the afternoon of the 4th.
- An "America Says" game show at the pavilion at 2 p.m.
- A tractor pull the evening of the 4th.
- Fireworks the night of the 4th.
- A ecumenical church service at the pavilion on the 5th, at 10 a.m.
- A continuous Bible reading at the band stand going from Friday through Sunday.
- Possibly an adults slow pitch tournament, put put, or a community workout at some point during the weekend.

Sigourney to Begin Weekly Overnight Parking Ban for Street Sweeping on Square

By Katie Phillips | The News-Review
 SIGOURNEY — Beginning Monday, March 30, the City of Sigourney will implement weekly street sweeping on the downtown square, requiring vehicles to be removed during early morning hours each Monday. According to a notice sent to business owners and residents by City Clerk Ashley Fry, parking will be prohibited on designated streets from 1 to 7 a.m. every Monday to allow for street cleaning. The restriction applies to portions of Marion Street, Washington Street, Main Street, and Jefferson Street within the square. The policy is outlined in Sigourney City Code 3-3-28, which regulates stopping, standing and parking in specified places. The ordinance prohibits parking during the designated hours for street maintenance and also applies at any time when snow accumulation reaches 2 inches or more. The affected areas include: Marion Street from Stuart Street to Shuffleton Street; Washington Street from Stuart Street to Shuffleton Street; Main Street from Elm Street to Spring Street; Jefferson Street from Elm Street to Spring Street. City officials said the restriction is necessary to en-

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Community CALENDAR

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 information call 319-456-6541

Wilson Memorial Library

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

Sigourney Public Library

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

Hedrick Public Library

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

What Cheer Public Library

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

Sigourney Kiwanis

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

Free Grace Recovery

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

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

Old Keota Business

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

Keota Food Pantry

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

Richland Community Food Bank

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

City of Keota Public Meeting

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

Keota School Board

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

Keota VFW Auxiliary

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

Keokuk County

Historical Society

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

Keokuk County Supervisors

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

Alcoholics Anonymous Sigourney

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

Narcotics Anonymous-Sigourney

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

Food Pantry-Sigourney

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

Keokuk County Public Health

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

need. For more information, call (641) 622-3575.

Alcoholics Anonymous-Keota

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

Alzheimer's Support

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

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

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

Grief Share

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

Fiddle Dee Dee

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

Keokuk County Democrats Open Meeting

First Tuesday of the Month. 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



Keokuk County Retired School Personnel Minutes: March 18, 2026

By Mary Williams, Secretary

The Keokuk County Retired School met on Wednesday, March 18, at Hope Lutheran Church in Sigourney. Fifteen members were present. President Sandy Steinke called the meeting or order at 2:00 P.M. She thanked the church ladies for the wonderful treats. Sandy introduced the program speaker, Abby Sieren. Abby teaches Agriculture in the Classroom at Keota, Sigourney, and Tri-County schools.

Abby works with the children to teach them the importance of agriculture and the industries composing the agriculture business. Abby works with the elementary students by playing Ag Bingo with them and teaching them the facts about agriculture. Abby had the members present take part in Ag Bingo. Those who won received a fake tattoo to take to their grandchildren. Children in her ag classes raise young chicks and watch them hatch. They learn about all the industries connected to agriculture such as milk production facilities, jobs of those who work in farrowing houses, animals that produce our food, how to preserve grapes and other crops, and careers in agriculture that are available. Abby's classes are once a month for thirty minutes in each classroom. Abby sent home a word search for the members to take home containing 95 words related to agriculture.

President Sandy Steinke called the Business Meeting to order at 2:40 P.M. Mary Williams read the minutes of the October meeting. Pat Hultman moved and Linda Greeson seconded to approve the minutes as read. Linda Crouse gave the Treasurer's Report. Currently there is \$1,550.94 in Checking, and the Scholarship Fund has \$360.74 in it. Vicki Griner, Membership Chair, said that retirees from Sigourney, English Valley, and Keota, will be contacted about joining KCRSP. Linda Miller, District Six Representative, contacted our group about retirees in Iowa and Washington Counties who could be contacted for membership as their groups have disbanded. KCRSP applied for a scholarship to recruit new members and we received \$400.00. A basket of information about KCRSP will be sent to local schools to recruit new members.

Under New Business, June Rice encouraged members to turn in volunteer hours. Last year, eleven people turned in volunteer hours. 2,021.5 hours were turned in last year. June encouraged more to turn in hours this year. Sandy encouraged members to share program ideas for the new year. Nathan Wood will speak at the May meeting. He is a Sigourney native and the next Superintendent of Sigourney Schools. The next meeting will be on April 15 at Hope Lutheran in Sigourney. The program will be Boost Initiatives. Presenters will be Kristin Woods and Gary Iosbaker. Meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

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MENUS

Keota

March 26th
Breakfast: Breakfast Bar, Graham Snacks, Banana, Juice Choice, Milk Choice.
Lunch: Taco Salad, Romaine/Fresh Tomatoes, Refried Beans, Pineapple, Chips and Salsa, Cinnamon Puffs, Milk.
March 27th
Breakfast: No School.
Lunch: No School.
March 30th
Breakfast: Strawberry Boli, Pears, Juice Choice, Milk Choice.
Lunch: Hamburger on a Bun, Romaine Lettuce, Tomato Slice, Sweet Potato Fries, Fruit Cocktail, Oatmeal Cookie, Milk.
March 31st
Breakfast: Sausage Patty, English Muffin/Jelly, Pineapple, Juice Choice, Milk Choice.
Lunch: Macaroni and Cheese, Meat Balls, Peas, Fresh Baby Carrots, Apples, Wheat Bread & Jelly, Milk.
April 1st
Breakfast: Breakfast Egg Wrap, Orange, Juice Choice, Milk Choice.
Lunch: Chili Cauliflower, Cucumber, Orange, Chips, Cinnamon Roll, Milk.

Tri-County

March 26th
Breakfast: Breakfast Pizza
Lunch: Chicken Pot Pie, Mixed Vegetables, Applesauce, Biscuit.
March 27th
Breakfast: Cheese Omelet and Toast
Lunch: Turkey & Bacon Croissant, Carrots and Ranch, Grapes, Baked Chips.
March 30th
Breakfast: McGriddle Sandwich
Lunch: Crispito, Rice, Corn, Peaches.
March 31st
Breakfast: Freezer Day
Lunch: Chicken Tetrazzini, Peas, Carrots, Breadstick, Pineapple.
April 1st
Breakfast: Freezer Day.
Lunch: Mairdite, Green Beans, 9-12 Baked Chips, Mandarin Oranges.

Sigourney

March 26th
Breakfast: Fruit and Yogurt Parfait with Muffin, Assorted Cereal with Fruit Muffin, or Donut, Chilled Fruit, Assorted Fruit Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Scrambled Eggs with French Toast Sticks, Cheeseburger, Garden Fresh Salad Bar, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Fresh Garden Salad, Tater Tots, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, Italian Bread, Milk.
March 27th
Breakfast: Sausage Biscuit, Assorted Cereal with Cinnamon Toast or Pancakes, Chilled Fruit, Assorted Fruit Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Glazed Wings with Queso, Hot Dog, Garden Fresh Salad Bar, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Fresh Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Seasoned Fries, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, Focaccia Bread, Milk.
March 30th
Breakfast: Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal with Toast with Margarine, or Funnel Cake Waffle, Chilled Fruit, Assorted Fruit Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Honey Bacon Glazed Tender Sandwich, Corn Dog, Garden Fresh Salad Bar, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Fresh Garden Salad, Seasoned Fries, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, Italian Bread, Milk.
March 31st
Breakfast: Lemon Strawberry French Toast Casserole, Assorted Cereal with Fruit Muffin or Donut, Chilled Fruit, Assorted Fruit Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Walking Taco, Buffalo Chicken Grilled Cheese, Garden Fresh Salad Bar, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Fresh Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Seasoned Fries, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, Milk.

Goodwin Senior Dining Center (Wellman)

March 27th
Hamballs, Sour Cream Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Apple Snicker Salad.
March 30th
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Patty, Fruit Salad, Muffins.
Milestones (Sigourney & Delta)
March 25th
Chicken Fettuccine, Pasta, Tossed Green Salad, Dressing, Peach Crisp, Breadstick.
March 26th
Loose Meat Sandwich, Potato Salad, Seasoned Fries, Fruit.
March 30th
Pot Roast, Roasted Red Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Wheat Roll, Frosted Cake.
March 31st
Ham and Beans, Tossed Salad, Dressing, Peaches, Cornbread.

Pekin

March 26th
Breakfast: Pancakes, String Cheese, Fruit Choice, Juice Choice.
Lunch: Chicken Tetrazzini, Little Smokies, Broccoli, Baby Carrots, Peaches, Blueberries, WG Breadstick (7-12)
March 27th
Breakfast: WG Donut, Yogurt Cup, Fruit Choice, Juice Choice.
Lunch: Pizza, Fish Sticks, Green Beans, Peas, Sidekicks, Bananas, WG Brookie.
March 30th
Breakfast: WG Cereal, String Cheese, Fruit Choice, Juice Choice.
Lunch: Lasagna, Munchable, California Blend, Romaine, Cinnamon Apples, Craisins, WG Bread Stick.
March 31st
Breakfast: WG Pop Tart, GoGurt, Fruit Choice, Juice Choice.
Lunch: Ham Slice, Uncrustable, Cheesy Potatoes/Sweet Potatoes, Pineapple, Jonny Pop, Easter Cake.

English Valleys

March 26th
Breakfast: Fruit and Yogurt Parfait, Assorted Cereal With Fruit Muffin, Chilled Fruit, Assorted Fruit Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Scrambled Eggs with French Toast, Cheeseburger with Tater Tots, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Fresh Garden Salad, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, Milk.
March 27th
Breakfast: Sausage Biscuit, Assorted Cereal with Cinnamon Toast, Chilled Fruit, Assorted Fruit Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Glazed Wings with Queso with Focaccia Bread, Fish Sticks with Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Fresh Garden Salad, Baby Carrots, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, Milk.
March 30th
Breakfast: Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich, Assorted Cereal with Toast with Margarine, Chilled Fruit, Assorted Fruit Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Honey Bacon Glazed Tender Sandwich, Corn Dog with Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Fresh Garden Salad, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, Milk.
March 31st
Breakfast: Donut, Assorted Cereal with Fruit Muffin, Chilled Fruit, Assorted Fruit Juice, Milk.
Lunch: Walking Taco, Buffalo Chicken Grilled Cheese with Seasoned Fries, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Fresh Garden Salad, Refried Beans, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, Milk.
April 1st
Breakfast: Assorted Cereal with Cinnamon Toast, Waffles, Tater Tots, Chilled Fruit, Milk.
Lunch: Glazed Ham with Roasted Pineapple or Chicken Patty with Hot Roll, Pizza Bar, Sub Bar, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit, Chilled Fruit, Lemon Crinkle Cookie, Milk.

Bans on sugary foods in SNAP programs in Iowa challenged by recipients

Lawsuit includes four other states' federal nutrition program beneficiaries

By Shauneen Miranda, Iowa Capital Dispatch
WASHINGTON — A group of food stamp recipients sued the U.S. Department of Agriculture this week over its efforts to prohibit the benefits from being used to purchase certain non-nutritious items. Five consumers enrolled

in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, brought the lawsuit March 11 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. The recipients hail from Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska, Tennessee and West Virginia and are challenging the waivers in those states. President Donald Trump's administration has so far approved waivers in 22 states

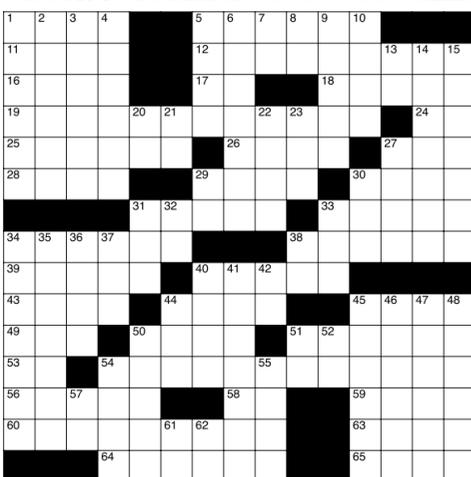
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CLUES ACROSS

- "Bird of Paradise" constellation
- Red Sox WS winner Bronson
- Whirl
- The State Dept. has a notable one
- Energy, style and enthusiasm
- Part of the mind
- Mountainous country
- Type of beverage
- Atomic #109
- Opposite of falsities
- Female sheep
- Rocky peak
- Sensitive information sharing environment
- Ethnic group of Thailand
- Patron saint of Rome Philip
- Psychedelics
- Japanese pine
- Have an impact on
- Violent disorder
- A French river
- Early Mesoamerican civilization
- Messenger ribonucleic acid
- Musician Clapton
- Ancient Greek sophist
- Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- Valley
- A way to unwind
- Atomic #93
- Recommending
- Indigo bush
- Larry and Curly's pal
- Off-Broadway theater award
- Fencers
- Small Eurasian deer (pl.)
- Relating to songbirds
- A way to assign

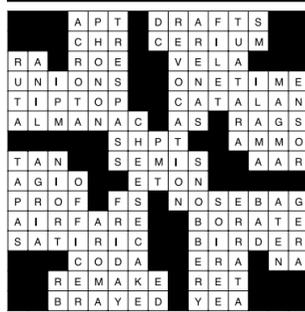
CLUES DOWN

- Some are "secret"
- Intestinal openings
- Distant planet
- Assembly possessing high legislative powers
- Genus of typical owls
- One with distinctively colored hair
- Red cross
- An alternative
- Abominable snowmen
- About ear
- The opening letters
- Feeling of regret
- Atomic #39
- Luteinizing hormone
- Atomic #55
- Carries a debt
- Albanian monetary unit
- Semitic abjad letter
- Yes
- Negative
- Earn a perfect score

CLUES ACROSS

- Connecticut
- Partner to cheese
- Snack nuts
- Quadruped's body part
- Locate
- Pitching statistic
- "___, myself and I"
- Utah city northwest of Provo
- Football players in the trenches
- One who runs the show
- Wood
- Performing artists
- Slang for a cut
- More breathable
- Most crafty
- Provokes into action
- University of Dayton
- Sodium
- Large fish of the mackerel family
- Not one
- ___ and behold
- Sports highlight show
- "The Great Lakes State"

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS



BRAIN POWER WORD SEARCH

X S Y O F N S S E N L U F D N I M U N F
O V R O O E N U B A O E I F N N O O D B
Y F C C C U P X G N I S S E C O R P O P
V E E L U R S X A V B S D O T Y R B X G
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THE HISTORICAL VIEWPOINT

Velna's World and Funerals

By Casey Jarmes |
The News-Review

This month, I have shared stories from the memoirs of Velna Utterback (formerly Velna Robertson, Velna Adams). I have dedicated thousands of words to this woman's life, but of course, that is paltry for any life, much less for someone who lived through so much. Still, there is much I do not know about this woman, things her memoirs did not describe.

Velna wrote about her son Paul getting sick as a baby and her watching the desperate surgery that saved his life. But she did not write about Paul dying in 1959, at the age of 29. His grave says that he was an Air Force sergeant; that's the only detail of his life I could find. She wrote about Leo Adams proposing to her on Christ-

mas Eve. She told many stories about their life together. However, Velna did not write about Leo passing away in 1968. Velna married Verle Clifford in 1981; he too passed away, in 1983. Once again, Velna did not write about this.

Velna did write about one funeral; it's probably my favorite story from "Velna's World." When the Adamses lived on the farm by Hayesville, a "dear little old lady" named Grandma Doser lived on a farm near them. Her husband was deceased, and she lived with her daughter, Annie, and her grandsons. Their farm lay along the bank of the South Skunk River and was frequently underwater. They had an old, blind horse, two or three cows, and some chickens. Once or twice a week, Grandma

Doser would walk to Hayesville, carrying a little basket of eggs and a bucket with a gallon or two of cream in it, which she traded for groceries, including 24 pound sacks of flour, which she carried home on her back. At times, Grandma Doser would get confused, and would be unable to find her way home.

Eventually, Doser was taken to the Keokuk County Home, where she passed away. Her family had no telephone, so the home called Velna, to pass word to Doser's daughter. Velna rode her horse as far as she could, then tied him to a tree and walked across a six-foot wide ditch full of water, which the family had cut down a tree to use as a bridge. Velna informed the family, who made the funeral arrangements.

Velna bought the Annie to her mother's funeral. They offered to pay, but she refused. When the Adamses decided to move from Hayesville to a farm southeast of Delta, they butchered two hogs, and hung them in the garage to cool overnight. One of Annie's sons learned of this and told his mother. Annie and her son walked a mile to the Adams farm, on one of the coldest days in February, as it was snowing, to help Velna cut up the lard and grind sausage. Annie said, "I shall always remember that you took me to my mother's funeral. I wanted to do something to repay you if I could." It was almost midnight when they finished, but Annie insisted on helping Velna wash up the greasy pans before going home.

Another story happened in 1970, two years after her husband Lee passed away. One night, Velna was woken

up at around 1:45 a.m., by the sound of someone stepping onto her front porch and knocking on the storm door. She laid very still as the man knocked on her back porch. He then opened the storm door, knocking on the inside door. The man left, but Velna, sensing he would return, grabbed her shotgun and sat in the living room, with the gun across her lap, waiting for the man to break the door down. 15 minutes later, he returned, and knocked on the front door once more. Then, Velna heard the sound of the garage door opening and tools clinking. She called the sheriff. He arrived twenty minutes later, with two young men he'd picked up just east of her house. The men had stolen a battery and lantern from her car. The younger of the two thieves received six months; the older, who had been on probation, was given five years. Velna ran into the younger thief a year later, at a restaurant, and noted that he smiled and spoke in a friendly manner.

In 1987, Velna broke her leg while walking down the Sigourney Square. While recovering, she enjoyed watching a squirrel in the maple trees on her terrace. Velna's son, Beryl, tied ears of corn to the tree with cord; the squirrel chewed through the cord and ran off with the corn. When another squirrel came for the corn, Velna's "little friend," as she called it, swung around and slapped it, scaring it off. This moment was the last story Velna wrote.

Velna was born in 1901 and lived to be 101. She was a member of the Spiritualist

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Velna Utterback

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Holy Trinity Parish
 109 N Lincoln St.
 Rev. Fr. Robert Lathrop
 Office Phone: 641-636-3883
 Sunday Mass: 8:30am
 Religious-Ed Sundays 9:30-10:45am

United Church of Faith
 201 North Ellis Street, PO Box 208
 Keota, IA 52248
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 www.keotaucf.org
 Sunday Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

New Life Fellowship New Sharon
 Lead Pastor Rick Baarda
 www.newlifefellowshipns.org
 641-637-2561
 newlifefellowshipns@gmail.com
 Worship Service: Sunday, 9:15am (Church)
 Children's Sunday School during pastor's morning message. (Church Basement)

Adult Small Group: Sunday, 10:30am (Church)
 Adult Small Group: Wednesday, 1:30pm (McVay FC)
 G2C Youth Group (2-6th)- Wednesday, 6:00 -7:30pm (Church)
 PROS Youth Group (7-12th) - Wednesday, 6:30 - 8:30pm (McVay FC)

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

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

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

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

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

Prairie View Church, A Global Methodist Church
 Pastor: Steven Lamb
 641-667-2502
 27131 Hwy 78, Ollie
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Worship,
 Followed by Fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School
 Sundays and Wednesdays: 5 p.m. Book Study
 Sunday, Mar. 22: 9 a.m. Sunday Worship, followed by fellowship; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School; 5 p.m. Book Study at the parsonage
 Monday, Mar. 23: 8 a.m. Prayer Group at parsonage
 Tuesday, Mar. 24: 10 a.m. Bible Study
 Wednesday, Mar. 25: 7 p.m. Church Council & Finance
 Sunday, Mar. 29: 7:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Breakfast fundraiser for Missions; 9 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship, followed by fellowship

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Park Church of Christ
 Minister David Pearce
 1804 Burlington Road
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 10:30 a.m. Worship

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

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

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

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

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 200 Kramer St.
 Sunday- 9 a.m. Traditional
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 Sunday School (PK-6) 10-10:45 a.m.

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 319-329-6070
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Highway 92.
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 Worship at 10:30 a.m.
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 Worship Service, 10 a.m.

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 Worship Service: 10 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church
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 9:00-10:15am
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 Email: sigourneystmary@diodav.org

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 319-667-5235
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 109 E Briney
 What Cheer
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 Worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m.
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 506 E Briney St., What Cheer
 641-634-2990
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 Kids Church: 10:30 a.m.
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 Men's fellowship: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
 Community Kids Club: first-sixth grades Thursdays at 6 p.m.
 Prayer Meeting: Third Friday each month at 6:30 p.m.

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

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Church in Hayesville and the Keokuk County Farm Bureau, where she was a member of the choir and kitchen band and served as Women's Publicity Chairman for years. She was the chairman of Cancer County Memorial for fifteen years and a member of the Keokuk County Historical Society. In 2002, Velna was interviewed by the News-Review, telling many of the same stories she wrote in her memoirs. When asked why she had lived so long, Velna said, "That's a good question! My ancestors lived quite a long time." She passed away on July 8, 2002, and was buried next to Leo.

The final page of her memoirs, written in 1992, reads: "I

have written these short stories of things which happened during my lifetime. Times and things have changed; many for the better although some worse. We all enjoy electricity and modern homes, tractors, combines, and so forth, which make living in town on a farm more pleasant. But alas! On the bad side are drugs, filthy language, dishonesty and more.

My dear great-grandchildren, it is my fervent wish and prayer that you will grow up to be my pride and joy. Please don't do anything to disappoint me. I love you all and wish you health, wealth and happiness. Study hard, have good grades and plan for your future. Success will be yours."

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a good fit for my senior year," said Tyler Wiseman. "Kind of fitting that I'm the king...It's just me, as a person, just playing myself. It's just not really a personality change. I can just kind of be myself on stage."

"I think I fit it, it's basically me...I like talking to everyone, because my part is basically like, I have to talk to everyone on the cast," said Jack Osborn, who played Prince Charming.

"It's been pretty good, pretty funny. Lot of stuff's been happening, good cast... Blocking scenes, I guess that's kind of the hardest part of the performance, but other than that, it's pretty fun," said Wiseman.

"My mom always wanted me to do the play, and I did it my freshman year, and I just liked it ever since...We have a lot of young people this year compared to years prior. Our cast is very young, so it's been hard to get people going and get them in the tune of how we play," said Osborn, a Junior.

When asked if he was nervous about the play, Osborn stated "I was, as of last week, but coming into this week, I

think we have a lot of it done, and we're doing really well for how much time we've had... We started our actual reading the scripts in January. We didn't get on stage til pretty late because of concerts and basketball games and stuff. But I think it's been good."

Burdick stated that her favorite part of the play was the sudden plot twist in the middle Act One, where Snow White, the main character up to that point, is framed for murder and then beheaded. Frazier also listed this scene as her favorite, saying "There's so many people on stage and it's just really fun with everyone. It's a little bit of chaos, and I like the chaos. Just like, the blood guy coming in, skipping around and cutting her head off, it's just so much fun."

"I really like the end where a lot of people die. It's pretty funny, even though everyone dies," said Osborn.

"I like when I have to ride on Smeagol's back, that's always a fun scene," said Wiseman, referencing the running gag of his character riding Isaac Frazier's character like a horse.

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sure effective street cleaning and to maintain safe and accessible roadways.

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— part of its Make America Healthy Again agenda — that restrict which items recipients of the federal food assistance program that helps 42 million people can buy with their benefits.

The restrictions, which range from candy to sugar-sweetened beverages and other processed foods, differ throughout states.

The agency has described the waivers as a "key step in ensuring that taxpayer dollars provide nutritious options that improve health outcomes within SNAP."

But the lawsuit claims that the "practical effect" of the waivers is "to destabilize food access for every SNAP participant in the affected states."

The lawsuit argues that the waivers "impose ambiguous and scientifically untethered product restrictions that vary not only by state but, in some

instances, by store location." The lawsuit also claims that people with chronic illnesses are "losing access to products they need to manage blood sugar or sustain diets they need to maintain baseline health care needs."

"The challenged waivers also create confusion and conflict at the point of sale by depriving SNAP recipients of clear notice about which products remain eligible for purchase," the lawsuit notes.

The SNAP recipients are represented by the National Center for Law and Economic Justice, a nonprofit that advocates on behalf of low-income families, individuals and communities, along with the law firm Shinder Cantor Lerner.

A spokesperson for USDA said Friday the agency would not comment on pending litigation.

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 James 1:17 (NIV)

Providence Over Luck

As we celebrate the approaching St. Patrick's Day, we often hear talk about "luck" in the spirit of the holiday. We also may tend to use this term in our daily lives, as we think about how someone is "lucky" to have nice things or a good job. However, a person of faith is likely to find more comfort in the term "Providence." In considering the implications of this term, we can juxtapose the nature of God's Providence (the intentionality of His acts) with the common understanding of something random such as luck. While we may have experiences in life which feel like "lucky breaks," we can reflect further, and may find that these were not just accidents, but instead the steady hand of God leading us on a safe path.

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Jet Lag



By Rick Janssen

March 23, 2026

This was our fourth time flying back from Hawaii and for some reason the flights that we have taken back to the mainland always leave very late in the day. Our flight for this trip was scheduled to leave Maui at 11:15 pm. That is 3:15 am Iowa time. We needed to check out of our condo at 10 am so that left us all day trying to figure out what to do.

The problem comes from the fact that we need to have all our bags packed and loaded into our vehicle. With that in mind, it does not work to go to another beach since we would need to get cleaned up before our flights. I know some people could pull that off, but our group is not comfortable with that idea.

We decided to go out for breakfast, then come back to the condo, pack up and head out for the day. We would need to drive down the coast and then over to the other side of the island where the airport is located. Now we just need to find something to do. We discovered a nice miniature golf course along the coast the last time we were in Maui, so we decided to stop there for a game.

As with most things in Hawaii, it is expensive. It cost me more money to play 18 holes of miniature golf than what I pay for my regular round of golf at Thorton. Oh well, that is just part of vacation. By the time we had finished our round of golf it was very warm. Lucky for us there was a shave ice place right next door, so I HAD to have one before we left the island.

Next on the agenda was to head to Lahaina for some lunch. You might remember that Lahaina suffered a major fire a few years ago. We could still see the results of that fire. There were some homes and businesses still under repair. We found some food trucks for lunch and had a quick bite to eat. It was still warm, so we looked for someplace indoors. We decided to take in a movie.

We had the whole theater to ourselves and enjoyed "I Can Only Imagine 2" and got cooled off at the same time. Now what to do? We decided to just head down the coast and found a nice park where we could sit and take in our last sunset over Maui. There is something marvelous about watching the sunset over the ocean. It was like the island was saying goodnight to us on our way home.

We then filled the rental car up with gas and headed

to the airport to wait for our plane to leave. Our flight was on time, and we settled into our seats for the long ride back to the mainland. We did enjoy our very late meal on the flight. I watched a few movies, and I think I even fell asleep for a short time.

We had arranged a car for our ride back to my wife's brother's house. Since we had traveled with them in the past, this provided a nice spot for us to relax overnight before our flight home. They would drive us to the airport the next day for our flight back to Minnesota and then our drive home to Iowa.

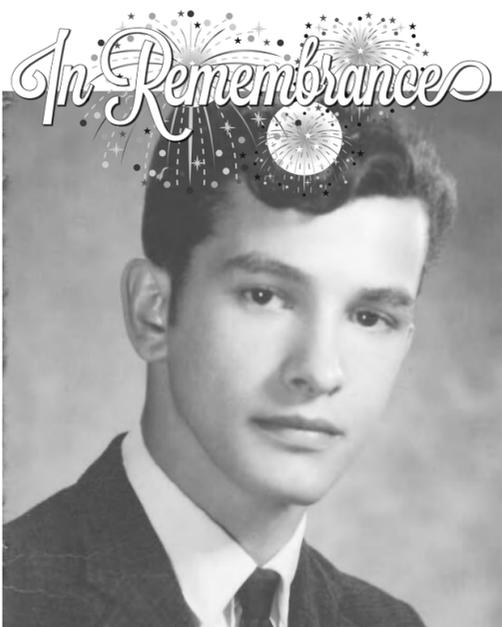
We arrived at the Phoenix airport early and got right through the check in procedure. Our flight was scheduled to leave at 11:38 am and the board showed it was on time. About 45 minutes later the announcement came that our plane was having some mechanical problems and we would be moving to another gate. The whole crowd of people headed in that direction. We waited there until that plane was unloaded. Then they announced that this NEW plane was having problems with the toilets and we would need to wait. Another hour went by when they announced that this plane would not be fixed and we were to head back to the original gate.

The group headed back to wait. The next announcement was that the plane needed to be cooled down before we could board. I guess that it took another hour or more. By the time we had taken off it was 4:30 in the afternoon. We would be getting back to Minnesota much later than expected.

When we finally landed in Minnesota, we headed to the baggage claim area to pick up our bags. It seemed to be taking a long time?? The announcement came that they were having problems getting our bags to the beltway. We waited 50 minutes to get our bags. Then it was a wait to get our pickup van to take us to our car.

As we were leaving Minneapolis it started to rain. We drove down the interstate slowly as the rain was really coming down in the dark. We pulled off for supper at Faribault since we had not eaten anything since breakfast. The drive home took a very long time since I could only drive about 50 MPH because of the rain. We got home at 11:48 pm after a very long day.

Now the jet lag hit. My body was still on Hawaii time for over a week. I tried to stay up as late as possible, but 10:30 pm Iowa time is only 6:30 pm Hawaii time. I don't remember the jet lag being so hard in the past. Is it possible that the older you get, the harder it is to adjust to jet lag? That must be the case because I could surely feel the effects of the trip. It was still worth it.



In loving memory of John George
John Robert George left his home on earth 52 years ago on March 24, 1973. Even though he is gone in body and soul, he still lives in our hearts, thoughts and prayers. Love, wife, Sandra George, and son, Jamie George

Obituaries

Bob Kirkpatrick

1962-2026

Bob Kirkpatrick, 63 of Keswick, died peacefully at home on Monday, March 16, 2026. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at the What Cheer Methodist Church, with a lunch to follow at the church. Visitation with the family was held Tuesday, March 24, 2026, from 4-7 p.m. at the Holland-Coble Funeral Home in What Cheer.



Bob Kirkpatrick

Private family burial will be held at a later date in Sorden Cemetery near Webster. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Essence of Life Hospice in Sigourney or to the Keswick Fire Department.

Robert "Bob" Kirkpatrick was born May 19, 1962 in Cresco, Iowa, the son of Richard and Charlotte Roberts Kirkpatrick. He grew up in Howard County and attended Howard Winnishiek Schools. On June 24, 1989 Bob married Paula Kirkpatrick. They lived and raised their family in Keswick, Iowa.

Bob was a hard worker and had a strong work ethic. He always said he was "a jack of all trades and a master of none." Early on he worked as a cook, a ranch hand and a welder/fabricator. For several years he traveled the state of Iowa working road construction with Reilly Construction. The last 30 years he worked in rock quarries in SE Iowa, working for Kaser Corp, Martin Marrietta and lastly Doud's Stone, retiring in May 2024. He could operate and fix any piece of equipment in the quarry.

Bob enjoyed gardening, fishing when his kids were young, driving his Ranger around the county and camping with the kids and grandkids. He loved to watch NASCAR and the Iowa Hawkeyes. He was a proud Dad and Grandpa and loved attending all the activities his kids and grandkids were in. He beamed with pride when asked about his grandkids. Having triplets was also a huge source of pride although he always said "I wouldn't trade them for the world, but I wouldn't wish them on anyone." Bob was also a long-time member of the Keswick Fire Department.

Left to honor his memory are his wife, Paula; his children and their families: Doug and Bobbie Ludwig and their children Brooke, Jeremiah, Kingsley, Brielle and Willie; Colt and Samantha Brumbaugh and their children Braxton and Briley; Jacob and Brittany Conrad and their children Harper and Casen; Joseph and Dakotah Kirkpatrick and their children Lincoln, Shaefer and Evans; his mother Charlotte Kirkpatrick; his siblings Rick (Terry) Kirkpatrick, Connie Miller and Randy Kirkpatrick.

He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Kirkpatrick; his brother, Ronald Kirkpatrick and his beloved Grandma, Effie Kirkpatrick.

The family extends special thanks to Lisa and Amey from Essence of Life Hospice for their care and to the nurses and staff at Mahaska Health Infusion Center.

Services: Mar. 25, 10 a.m.
Visitation: Mar. 24, 4-7 p.m.
HOLLAND-COBLE FUNERAL HOME
WHAT CHEER

Dennis Gifford

†2026

Dennis Dean Gifford, age 84, of Keota, died Sunday, March 22, 2026. Memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at the United Church of Faith. The service will also be live streamed on the Powell Funeral Home facebook page with the burial at Keota Cemetery at a later date. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at the church. Powell Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Keota is caring for Dennis and his family. Tributes may be made at www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

Services: Mar. 28, 11 a.m.
Visitation: Mar. 28, 9-11 a.m.
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Obituaries

Bonny J. Weber

1940-2026

KEOTA—Bonny J. Weber, age 85, formerly of Keota, died Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at The Gardens Assisted Living in Des Moines.

Bonny was born July 16, 1940, in What Cheer, to Godfrey and Verna (Rice) Allar and graduated high school. On December 15, 1956, she married Robert L. Weber in Sigourney. They lived in the Webster area before moving to Wellman in 1992. They then moved to Keota in 2005. Bonny was a part-time relief Postmaster in Webster for several years. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church in Kinross until it closed, then became a member of Holy Trinity Parish and the Altar and Rosary Society. An excellent cook, Bonny enjoyed gardening, playing cards, praying the rosary and spending time with her family.



Bonny J. Weber

Survivors include six children: Debra (Jim) Bates of Urbandale, Paul (Ann) Weber of Ames, Randy (Cindy Albert) Weber of Sigourney, Alan (Rose) Weber of South Sioux City, Nebraska, Wendy (Brian) Eckhart of Windsor Heights and Jenny (Rob) Milligan of Clive; 16 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren and one sister: Patty (Elroy) Fry of Moravia. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband: Robert; son: Ricky and four sisters: Margie (Pete) Tennyson, Eloise (John) Davis, Helene (Roy) Moser and Betty (Harold) Bruch.

Memorial mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at Holy Trinity Parish - St. Mary Catholic Church in Keota, with Rev. Charles Fladung officiating. Burial will be at Holy Trinity Cemeteries - St. Mary's Cemetery in Keota. Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. until service time on Wednesday at the church.

A memorial fund has been established for the Wilson Memorial Library, Powell Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Keota is caring for Bonny and her family. Tributes may be made at www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

Services: Mar. 25, 10:30 a.m.
Visitation: Mar. 25, 9 a.m.
POWELL FUNERAL HOME
KEOTA

Obituaries

Rev. Philip Ryan

1931-2026

Rev. Philip Ryan died on March 17, 2026, at around 5:30 pm.

His funeral service will be held in Brooklyn, IA. The visitation and wake service was held at Smith Funeral Home in Brooklyn. Visitation was held from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 22nd with the wake service at 5:00 p.m. The funeral Mass was at St. Patrick Catholic Church on Monday, March 23 at 11:00 a.m. The Most Reverend Dennis Walsh, the Bishop of Davenport, will be leading the service with priests of the Diocese concelebrating. Burial followed the Mass in the parish cemetery. A funeral luncheon was served back at the church.

Memorials may be made payable to Calvary Cemetery, mailed in c/o Smith Funeral Home, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA.

Rev. Philip, the last of five children of Clinton and Rose (Hansen) Ryan was born in Evanston, IL on April 28, 1931. The family moved to Brooklyn in 1936. He attended Brooklyn Public School K-12 and graduated in 1949. That September he enrolled at St. Ambrose College and graduated in 1953. He attended Mount Saint Bernard Seminary in Dubuque from 1953-1957.

On June 1, 1957, he was ordained a priest by the Most Reverend Ralph L. Hayes in the Sacred Heart Cathedral in Davenport. That day was also the 36th wedding anniversary of his parents.

Rev. Philip had three assignments as an assistant priest: St. Alphonsus in Mt. Pleasant, Sacred Heart in Fort Madison and St. Irenaeus in Clinton. He served as pastor for four parishes: St. Anthony in Knoxville, Sacred Heart in Melcher-Dallas, St. Mary in Sigourney and later including Our Lady of Lourdes in Keswick. Upon reaching the age of 75 he officially retired from pastoral ministry. He returned to his hometown and has lived there ever since.

Rev. Philip is preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Thomas, Jerome, and James, and a sister, Joan Heath.

Services: Mar. 23, 11 a.m.
Visitation: Mar. 22, 2-5 p.m.
SMITH FUNERAL HOME
GRINNELL

Leo Fowler

†2026

Leo Fowler, 91, passed away March 15, 2026, at the Manor House Care Center. Visitation Friday March 20, 2026 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Holm Funeral Home with Graveside service to follow at Ollie Cemetery. Arrangements Holm Funeral Home

Services: Mar. 20, 12:30 p.m.
Visitation: Mar. 20, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
HOLM FUNERAL HOME
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COUNTRY GIRL'S CORNER

Spring is Here!

By Sheryl L. Carter
We hope. We might get some cold weather and even another snowstorm before it's over. This is Iowa, after all. Point in fact, I scooped a rather large snowdrift from in front of my porch door last Monday morning, the outside gauge showed 10 degrees, and today it shows 90. Winter coat one day, shorts the next. Ha!

On Tuesday was my weekly trip into Pella for the shopping, enjoyed lunch with a friend, then met my good physical therapist for checking on my knees. I told her the exercises she had given me the week before seemed to be helping. Unfortunately, I wasn't walking as well as I had been, as the day before,

on the way to the shed to feed the kitties their supper, I had tripped on something, and suddenly hit the ground on my knees in the snow and a thick layer of leaves. I was glad for the cushion, but it still jostled things up a bit. However, the soreness seems to have mostly dissipated by now.

On Wednesday was the usual daily stuff plus wrote out bills for the week, and yesterday, Friday, Scottie came up and after our morning coffee and prayer time, we were outside where he uncovered the tarp over the lodge front so we could haul out the outside chairs, and such and set them in their places. The patio chairs and front porch rockers are all scrubbed and ready for some

sittin'.

We got the campfire going, and I put on the big blue splatter ware coffee pot on to perk, and for lunch we had hot dogs and fried potatoes in bacon fat. So nice to be outside with the campfire again, and we enjoyed ourselves.

Scottie got half the flower beds uncovered, and all those leaves hauled to the garden and burn pile. I will use them for mulch in my garden, which really cuts down on the weeding. We will see what kind of a growing season we have this year, as you never know.

This morning, I needed to make an additional trip into Pella to Vision for Less where I had purchased my lenses last year, as the left one keeps popping out of

the frame. I kept the same frame that I have had for the past 5 or so years, as I love it, but apparently the screws or something are not able to hold that lens for long. But as the friendly assistant worked on the frame, her nearby colleague assured me that this lady was a magician in repairing frames, so I just pray this works.

Back home, I see my flower beds look positively bare, as all that insistence from the new growth coming up was only here and there. If we can get a good rain, that will make things pop.

Not much else to share with you today, I guess, so this will go down as one of the shortest columns yet. Ha!

Have a great week everyone!



MAHASKA COUNTY NEWS

OFF THE VINE

By Jackie Perkins

The past week has certainly brought variety in the weather, rain, snow, wind, cold, and on Saturday, heat! My car thermometer read 93°. But anything can happen, so the coats and snow shovels have not been put away.

Last evening we attended the Veterans meal at Hedrick. It was so nice to see so many together enjoying fellowship and a great meal. Tommy, Kerry and their crew put in a very long day — Thank You! I also want to mention the lovely patriotic table decorations by Pat Mosbey. They certainly added beauty to the event. And the Legion Auxiliary — the desserts were amazing! There were so many pies of many varieties. You don't often see pies like this anymore, so Kudos to this group!

Sit and Stitch at Fiddle Dee Dee's was once again an enjoyable event yesterday. These ladies always amaze me! The variety of creativity never ends, and it is such a joy to be with them. Cute Spring and Easter items fill the shop, and Lorie's windows are adorable! What a pleasant addition to a small town.

On Thursday, thirteen Sieren cousins and their Uncle and Aunt, Fremont and Marilyn once again got together to dive into family history. Trying to figure it all out is quite interesting to me. Brothers from Germany, Peter, Joseph and Johan came to America in the 1800's and settled in Keokuk County. I wonder why they chose this area? We always find something new and

so interesting.

It was exciting to receive a report from our former neighbor, Blaine Oakie regarding his son, Joey. Joey is nineteen years old and plays baseball with the Cleveland Guardians. Last Thursday, Joey took the mound in their A-2 win against the Angels in the third annual Spring Breakout Game. His first pitch was at 98 mph. Joey pitched two innings with one hit, one walk, three strike outs, and zero runs. Greg says "that's good". It will be exciting to hear what comes next. While visiting about this with the ladies at Sit and Stitch, I learned that Keaton Winn, grandson of Donnie and Edna Sieren, plays with the San Francisco Giants. I don't know much about big sports, but so enjoy hearing about locals and their achievements.

And the basketball games over the weekend — Wow! the state of Iowa can certainly be proud. The country is finding out just what is happening here!

It has been a week of sadness since we heard of the loss of Allen Monaghan. Although I did not know Allen, I have always heard so much about Jess and Vickie Terrell's grandsons. Jess always enjoyed telling about their activities out in nature. I also first learned about cosmic brownies as survival food. Our sympathy to this special family.

"It's amazing how lovely common things become, if one only knows how to look at them." — Louisa May Alcott

Growing Native: Supporting Pollinator Conservation in Iowa presentation

The Mahaska County Master Gardeners are hosting Growing Native: Supporting Pollinator Conservation in Iowa a presentation by Sarah Nizzi with the Xerces Society on April 7 at 7 pm. The presentation will be viewed at the Mahaska County Extension Office.

Join us to learn how you can support pollinators! Native plants are critical to pollinator conservation. Sarah will discuss the work of the Xerces Society, the biology and ecology of pollinators, and the conservation steps anyone can take to attract and sustain these important insects.

This presentation is open to the public for anyone wishing to learn about the topic; both adults and youth. There is no fee to attend due to Iowa State University Extension and Outreach—Mahaska County and Mahaska County Master Gardener support. Registration is not required, but appreciated. To register, or for additional information about horticulture programming please contact Suzette Striegel, Mahaska County Extension Horticulture and Education Program Coordinator by phone 641-673-5841 or email



striegel@iastate.edu.

Inclement weather will postpone the presentation. If in doubt, please check local media, ISU Extension Outreach – Mahaska County office, website or Facebook page, or Mahaska County Master Gardeners Facebook pages.

Mahaska County Master Gardeners are celebrating their twenty-third year. The local program was organized after the county held

their first training in 2003. The educational volunteer program, sponsored by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, provides current, research based, home horticulture information and education to the citizens of Iowa through programs and projects. Master Gardeners receive horticulture training, and volunteer to promote a mission of education and service. The program is open to anyone 18 or older with

an interest in gardening and a willingness to use their knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to make a positive impact on their local community.

More information about this and other horticulture events can be found at the Mahaska County Extension Office; 212 North I Street; Oskaaloosa Phone 641-673-5841; and www.extension.iastate.edu/mahaska/yardgarden.htm.

Master Gardener Plant Sale will be held

The Mahaska County Master Gardeners will hold their annual plant sale Saturday May 18, 2024. It will be held 8 – 11 am at the Mahaska County Extension and Outreach Office auditorium, 212 North I Street, Oskaaloosa.

They will be selling a limited selection of annuals, vegetables transplants (many heirloom), perennial divisions, and second time around gardening items.

Proceeds from the sale support Master Gardener activities in Mahaska County including future speaker fees. Many of the Mahaska County Master Gardener events are free and open to the public because of plant sale proceeds.

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Pekin School Glosser becomes a Bulldog

Pekin senior Chloe Glosser (center) signs her letter of intent to run track at Drake University during a signing held in December at Pekin. Seated along side Glosser are (from left to right) her father, Justin, her mother, Michelle and Pekin head track and cross-country coach Davis Eidahl. Standing are older sister Kaitlyn Glosser, Kaitlyn's fiancée Ryan Freese and Glosser's brother, Colton. The senior runner chose Drake to continue her track career after a talk with the Drake track coach. After the talk, Glosser just knew that Drake was the place she wanted to continue her career. In addition to running track, Glosser will also be running cross country for Drake. Photo courtesy of Scott Jackson/The Ottumwa Courier.

Pekin girls show success at IATC meet

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review

AMES - The unofficial start to the track season showed just how much of a power they are going to be this year.

In her first 3,000 meter run of the season Pekin senior distance runner, Chloe Glosser was able to get a little bit of revenge, and start her senior season off right.

Running at the IATC indoor track meet in Ames, Glosser was able to win the 3,000 meter run event with a total time of 10:00.64. Not only was that the fastest time of the entire 1A field, Glosser was able to get a touch of retribution.

Finishing in second place was Council Bluffs St. Albert runner, Lili Denton. Denton is the only 1A runner who has bested Glosser the last two seasons. Last spring Denton beat Glosser at the class 1A State track meet in the 3,000 meter run. This fall Denton had bested Glosser at the class 1A State cross country meet.

Another Pekin senior, Anna Hadley, claimed another win for the Panthers. In the shot put event Hadley was able to have a best throw of 42-feet-4-inches to claim the win in the track meet. Her best throw was over three feet farther than the next closest finisher. Sophomore Taylor Moore was able to finish 15th with a best throw of 30-feet-6.25-inches.

In the 60 meter hurdles event junior Paislee Coleman was able to finish eighth with a time of 10.17.

Pekin's 4x800 relay team turned in a time of 11:02.04 to finish fifth overall in the meet.

Other event finishers for the Panthers at the IATC meet included Addison Smith finishing 34th in the 60 meter dash event with a time of 8.86.

In the 400 meter dash event Maddie Petrehn was able to finish 19th

overall with a time of 1:08.69.

The 4x100 relay team would finish 22nd with a time of 57.54. The Pekin girls 4x400 relay team turned in a time of 4:56.32 to finish 23rd in the meet.

Pekin had a pair of high jumpers at the event. Reese Brisby cleared 4-feet-7-inches

to finish 18th overall. Freshman Brin Lauderman was also able to clear 4-feet-7-inches. She finished 20th overall in the meet.

English Valleys junior Kailor Lown was able to finish seventh in the 60 meter hurdles event with a time of 10.15.



Pekin senior Anna Hadley prepares to throw the shot put during the 2025 class 1A State track meet held last May inside of Drake Stadium. Hadley won the IATC track meet on March 13 this year with a throw of 42-feet-4-inches. Photo by Mark Schafer

Bears boys run to fourth place finish at Central College

By Mark Schafer |
The News-Review

PELLA - Despite running against schools with double, even triple their enrollment, English Valleys showed up on Friday afternoon.

At the Central College indoor meet held on Friday, English Valleys finished fourth overall with 44.6 points. Pella won the meet with 101 points.

Because of the nice weather on Friday some of the events were moved outside.

In the 4x800 meter relay the Bears team of Isaac Frazier, Ben Axmear, Evan Koehn and Jack Osborn were able to win with a time of 8:54.38. They were able to beat a Boone team by over a second in the final time.

In the 4x200 meter relay the English Valleys relay team showed off their speed as Christian Tripses, Colton Mikesell, Deshon Anderson and Braydon Anderson were able to finish second overall with a time of 1:34.33.

Braydon Anderson made the most out of running outside for the Bears. He was able to finish second in the 200 meter dash with a time of 22.79. Christian Tripses finished 23rd with a time of 24.55. Junior Teagan Mast was 37th with a time of 25.14.

In the 4x100 relay event the English Valleys team of Deshon Anderson, Drew Fisher, Colton Mikesell and Braydon Anderson finished with a time of 46.39. That placed them fourth overall.

Another fourth place finish came from the 4x400 relay team of Teagan Mast, Ben Axmear, Cael Grove and Evan Koehn who finished with a time of 3:52.28.

Sophomore Braydon Anderson was able to finish fifth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.51 in the race. He tied New London's Gavin Strawhacker in the event. Senior Deshon Anderson was 23rd overall with a time of 12.02. Christian Tripses was able to finish 37th with a time of 12.31.

Jack Osborn was able to finish fifth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 52.33. Sophomore Evan Koehn was 25th overall with a time of 55.98.

Deshon Anderson was able to participate in the long jump event. He had a best leap of 19-feet-5.25-inches, which placed him eighth overall. Teammate Cael Grove was able to finish 19th with a jump of 17-feet-7-inches.

Everett Bender was able to finish 10th overall in the 110 meter hurdles. Bender was able to run with a time of 18.15. Bender also completed in the high jump. He finished 10th in that event with a leap that cleared 5-feet-5.25-inches.

Drake Offerman led the Bears in the 3,200 meter run with a time of 14:06.59. He finished 11th overall.

Kane Axmear led the Bears in the shot put with a best throw of 40-feet-2-inches to place 17th overall.

Hunter Offerman finished 34th in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:30.22.

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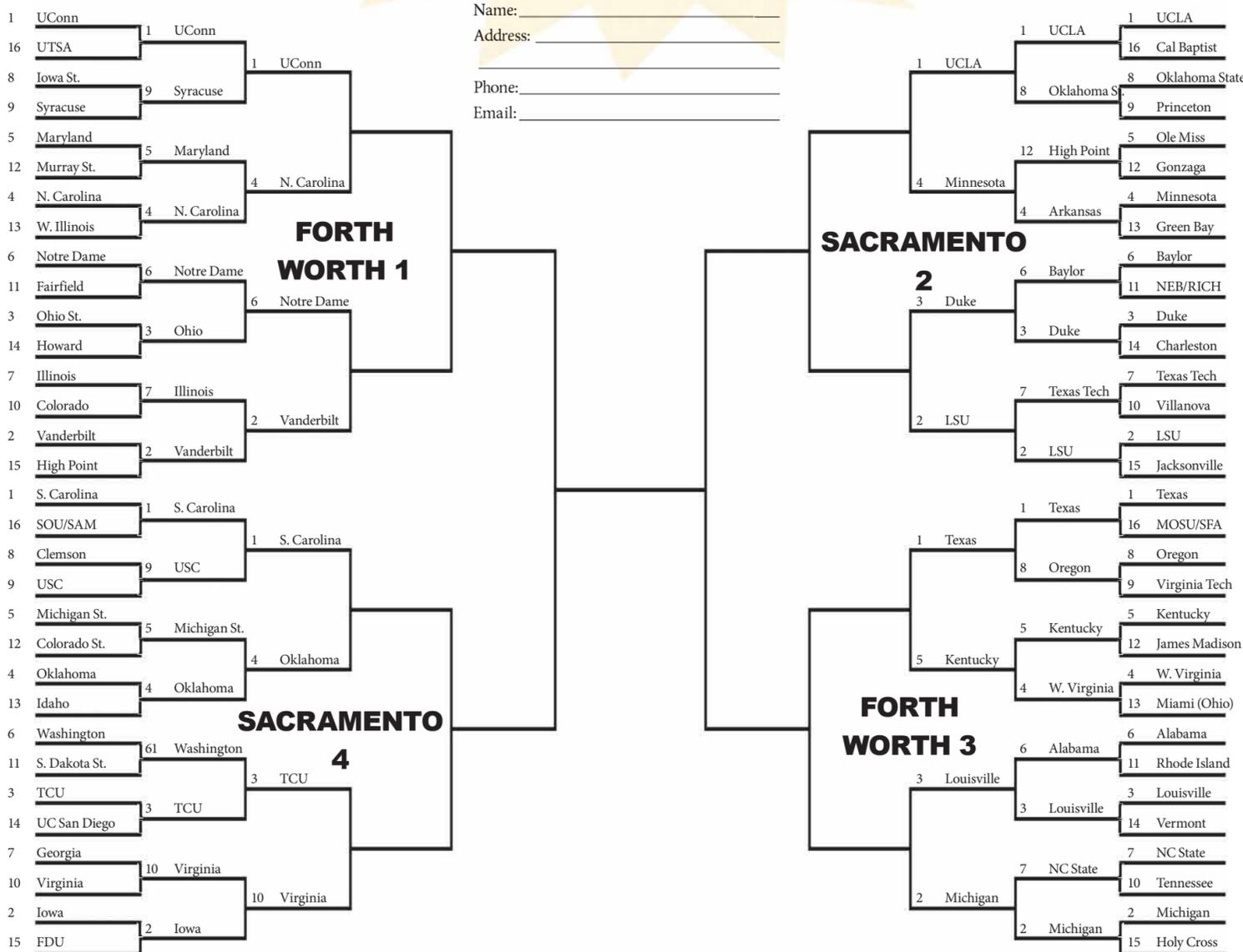
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COURT RECORDS

Civil
March 13th
Obligee: State of Iowa, Petitioner: State of Iowa EX REL, Respondent: Mikaylah S. Wagner, Respondent: Bryan A. Zylstra.
Defendant: Sheri A. Locke, Defendant: Parties in Possession, Defendant: Gary Dean Smith, Defendant: Mona Smith, Defendant: State of Iowa, Department of Revenue, Plaintiff: Pilot Grove Savings Bank.

March 16th
Defendant: Cory D. Dodd, Obligee: State of Iowa, Payee: Collection Services Center, Payee: Keokuk County, Petitioner: Katie L. Elliot, Petitioner: State of Iowa, Petitioner: State of Iowa EX REL.
Defendant: Keokuk County Exposition Inc, Plaintiff: Mindy Jo Davidson.
March 17th
Defendant: Luanne Little, Defendant: Lonnie Lee Stein, Plaintiff: Brian Heisel.

Defendant: Chad W. Baker, Defendant: Emily Baker, Defendant: Elite Concrete Coatings LLC, Plaintiff: Pro-Line Buildings Co. of Iowa Inc.
Scheduled Traffic
March 13th
Defendant: Timothy Joel Deegan, Plaintiff: State of Iowa, Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.
March 15th
Defendant: Allan Michelle Araizalira, Plaintiff: State of Iowa, Speeding 55 or Under

Zone (11 thru 15 over).
Defendant: Hayden Roy Bensmiller, Plaintiff: State of Iowa, Operating Non-Registered Vehicle.
March 16th
Defendant: Holly Dail Garber, Plaintiff: State of Iowa, Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.
Defendant: Holly Dail Garber, Plaintiff: State of Iowa, Dark Window or Windsheild.
Defendant: Amanda Michelle Kiefer, Plaintiff: State of

Iowa, Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.
March 17th
Defendant: Teresa Dawson, Plaintiff: State of Iowa, Operation without Registration Card or Plate.
Defendant: Willie D. Miller, Plaintiff: State of Iowa, Fail to Report Harvest of Deer or Turkey.
March 18th
Defendant: Paul Lamon Klassy, Plaintiff: State of Iowa, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (

6 thru 10 over).
Criminal
March 13th
Defendant: Dawson Wade Keller, Payee: Keokuk County, Payee: Lucas County Sheriff's Office, Plaintiff: State of Iowa.
March 17th
Defendant: Dru Austin Glandon, Plaintiff: State of Iowa.
Domestic
March 19th
Defendant: Dru Austin Glandon, Plaintiff: Misty Lynn Glandon, Motion for Continuance.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

March 9th
Warranty Deed, Thomas A. Bates, Kathleen A. Bates, Amy D. Halleran, William D. JR. Halleran, PT Sigourney Original Plat Sigourney, Lot: 3 Block: 08.
Special Warranty Deed, Barry Joe Denny, Charles Richard Denny, Trudy Jo Denny, Jody Leigh Kleinschmidt, NW SE 07-75-12, Parcel AUD PAR A, PLAT 2026-0079.
March 10th
Trustee Warranty Deed, Wilmer E. Steinhart, Trustee, Katherine E. Steinhart, Steinhart Revocable family trust, Eric Steinhart, Julie A. Steinhart, SW SE 27-75-11.
Warranty Deed, Andrew C. Striegler, Belinda L. Strie-

gle, Eli Kinsinger Trustee, Eli Kinsinger Trust, Ruth Kinsinger Trustee, Ruth Kinsinger Trust, UNDIVIDED 1/2 Interest to Each Trust In NE SW 36-77-11, SE SW 36-77-11.
March 11th
Court Officer Deed, Patty L. Hiemstra Estate, Rocky B. Hiemstra Co Executor, Renee L. Hiemstra Co Executor, Rocky B. Hiemstra, Undivided 1/2 Interest in PT SW 04-76-12, PT NW SE 04-76-12, SW SE 04-76-12, PT SE 05-76-12, NE NW 09-76-12, NW NW 09-76-12.
Trustee Warranty Deed, Rocky B. Hiemstra Co Trustee, Renee L. Hiemstra Co Trustee, Hiemstra Family Trust, Rocky B. Hiemstra, Un-

divided 1/2 Interest in PT SW 04-76-12, PT NW SE 04-76-12, SW SE 04-76-12, PT SE 05-76-12, NE NW 09-76-12, NW NE 09-76-12.
Deed Quit Claim, IPE 1031 REV 578 LLC, Farmers Hen House LLC, SW SE 13-76-10, NW SE 13-76-10, PT SE SW 13-76-10, NE SW 13-76-10, EXCEPT PLAT 2024-1222.
Deed Quit Claim, Anthony James Latcham, Joy Lynn Latcham, Jared D. Lyle, Angela J. Lyle, Nonexclusive Easement for driveway purposes in PT SE NE 10-74-13.
Court Officer Deed, Roland Leigh McCreedy Estate, Marsha J. Parker Co Executor, Roberta J. Nimocks Co Executor, J R Gretter Inc, NE NE 31-74-11, SE NE 31-74-11, NE

SE 31-74-11.
March 12th
Warranty Deed, Darrell L. Alderson, Lori J. Alderson, Clifford Martin, Lot: 01 SE SW 35-76-13 Parcel AUD PAR B, PLAT 2022-1961.
Warranty Deed, Darrell L. Alderson, Lori J. Alderson, Clifford Martin, Bonita Martin, PT Lot: 01 SE SW 35-76-13, Lot: 05 SE SW 35-76-13, PLAT B4 P 61, EXCEPT PLAT 2022-1961.
Warranty Deed, Clifford Martin, Bonita Martin, Matthew A. Krapfl, Lot: 01 SE SW 35-76-13, Parcel AUD PAR B, PLAT 2022-1961, PT Lot: 01 SE SW 35-76-13, Lot: 05 SE SW 35-76-13, PLAT B4 P61, EXCEPT PLAT B423

P1, EXCEPT PLAT 2022-1961.
Survivor Spouse, Douglas J. Brown-Deceased, Luanne W. Brown, PT Lot: 03 SE NE 27-74-10, PLAT B2 P145.
Trustee Warranty Deed, Nancy S. Williams Trustee, Kathleen L. Williams Trust, Aaron Craig Sieren, Jeri Anne Sieren, NE NW 14-75-13, NW NE 14-75-13, SW NE 14-75-13, D02 Lot: 02 NW SE 14-75-13.
Trustee Warranty Deed, Nancy S. Williams Trustee, Kathleen L. Williams Trust, Dwight W. Duwa Trustee, Dwight W. Duwa Revocable Trust, Junella W. Duwa Trustee, Junella E. Duwa Revocable Trust, PT SE NE 09-74-12, PT SW NE 09-74-12.

March 13th
Court Officer Deed, Luanne Brown Ward Estate, Luanne Ward Brown Estate, Mckensey Anne Bainbridge Executor, Jesse Pedrick, Felicity Pedrick, PT Lot: 03 SE NE 27-74-10, PLAT B2 P145.
Change of Title, Samuel S. Gillies SR., Samuel Scott Gillies SR., Allison J. Gillies, SW NW 17-74-13, Parcel AUD PAR A.
Warranty Deed, Duane E. Roland, Connie L. Roland, Nancy S. Williams Trustee, Kathleen L. Williams Trust, NE SW 24-75-13, SE NW 24-75-13, NE NW 24-75-13, SW NE 24-75-13, Lot: 02, NW NE 24-75-13, Lot 02: SW SE 13-75-13, PLAT B2 P49, PT SE SW 13-75-13.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of What Cheer • Claims 3.10.2026

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WAPELLO RURAL WATER 3450.86
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City of What Cheer • Receipts & Disbursements

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GENERAL FUND, \$1967.32.....
ROAD FUND, \$6735.73.....
DEBT SERVICE, \$0.00\$0.00
TRUST & AG, \$539.90\$42.50
GARBAGE FUND, \$7018.00
.....\$6223.00

WATER FUND, \$8751.20
SEWER FUND, \$5607.92
LOCAL OP SALES TAX, \$6306.20\$9635.00
LIBRARY, \$614.06\$1184.11
TOTAL, \$37540.33\$53856.77
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sigourney CSD • Bid for Concrete

SIGOURNEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - SIGOURNEY, IOWA ADVERTISING FOR BIDS - NOTICE OF LETTING

Three-Phase (3 Section) JrSr High Parking Lot Pavement Improvements
Full Bid document can be found on our website: www.sigourney-schools.com, under Bids/Equip Sales tab.

Project Identification: JrSr High School (back) Parking Lot Areas, Itemized Bids for Concrete Replacement and Alternate Bids.

1. Phase I (Section 1): June - July, 2026 (Back of lot with Weight Rm Expansion wall and concrete floor) *Please specify a specific total amount (\$) for the "weight room extension" area within the Phase I section.

2. Phase II: (Section 2) June - July, 2027 (Middle Section)

3. Phase III: (Section 3) June - July, 2028 Entry and North near Building
4. Alternate A - Entire Lot (July 31, 2026) at 8+ inch thickness, #4 rebar/ re-rod on 24-inch centers, 4,000 psi compressive strength at 28 days, and air entrainment for durability.

5. *Alternate B (update) - Each section using the C-4 Mix at 6 inches with rebar/re-rod at 24 inches on center.

All bidders must have proper equipment and staff power to complete any and all sections within a 30-day time span. Upon completion of Phase I the District will accept modified (updated) bids from

the awarded bidder for the remaining sections to accommodate cost increases experienced in the market. Project Map also provided upon request.

Project Location: Sigourney JrSr High School (back parking lot areas) 907 East Pleasant Valley Street, Sigourney, Iowa 52591

Bids To: SCS District Office, 909 East Pleasant Valley Street, Sigourney, Iowa 52591

Primary Contract: Kevin Hatfield, Superintendent of School, 641-622-2025 kevin.hatfield@sigourney-schools.com

Submission Deadline: Thursday, March 26, 2026, 3:30 PM
Submissions include: Digital documentation (via email and attachments) and paper copies of all products, warranties, and licensure Type of Bid: Concrete Flatwork - Only Licensed, Insured, Bonded, Experienced Concrete - experienced, full equipped Pavement Company Bids will be accepted.

District Visit (Required): Contact Mr. Kevin Hatfield, Superintendent of Schools, or Mr. Jason Shifflett, Director of Buildings and Grounds to coordinate a physical inspection, walkthrough, and question process.

The District will consider sealed lump sum bids for the prescribed parking lot itemized bids (sections) Bid Opening Date: Friday, March 27, 2026 Bid Time: 3:30 PM
Location: District Office, 909 E. Pleasant Valley Street, Sigourney, IA.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of What Cheer • Minutes 3.10.2026

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday March 10th 2026

The What Cheer City Council met in regular session at City Hall, Tuesday March 10th 2026. Mayor Darrell Wilkening called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Council Members answering roll call were: Sandra VanPatten, Dwight Danner, Donna Rogers, Frank Calvert, and Lisa Bracklesberg. Also, present was April Dumermuth, Brandon Bell, Joanie Baker, Carl Hampton, and City Clerk Melanie Vermillion.

Rogers motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Bracklesberg. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Mayor Darrell Wilkening gave his Mayors Report. He let the council know that Alliant Energy will have their contractors back in town working on gas lines in the next couple

weeks. The new vinyl fencing at the park was damaged, it has since been repaired. The mayor will be meeting with the county supervisors about getting into a contract to maintain Briny Street east and west and Section St east and west. This will be addressed at the April meeting. No action by the council.

During audience comments April Dumermuth asked the city if they would enforce the city code about having chickens and farm animals within the city limits, as she is dealing with these issues in her neighborhood.

The new code books were given out to the councilmembers with the understanding that they must be returned to the city clerk at the end of their term or at a resignation.

Calvert made a motion to appoint Carl Hampton as a city code enforcer. Bracklesberg seconded the

motion. Roll Call: Van Patten, Aye; Bracklesberg, Aye; Danner, Nay; Calvert, Aye; and Rogers, Aye. Motion Carried.

Discussion was made on campers being used as living quarters, not action taken at this time by the council.

Van Patten made a motion to increase the minimum water rate \$3.50 and increase the minimum sewer rate \$3.50, going into effect on the April billings. Bracklesberg seconded the motion. Roll Call: Rogers, Aye; Bracklesberg, Aye; Danner, Nay; Van Patten, Aye; and Calvert, Aye. Motion Carried.

Danner made a motion to adopt a resolution 26-03-01 to set a special meeting on the public hearing on the proposed property tax levy on March 24th at 7pm. Calvert seconded the motion. Roll Call: All in favor. Motion Carried.

Danner made a motion to adopt a resolution 26-03-02 to set a public hearing on the 2026-2027 City Budget on April 14th at 7:15pm. Calvert seconded the motion. Roll Call: All in favor. Motion Carried.

Van Patten motioned to table the discussion of a new employee handbook until the council has time to review the old handbook. Bracklesberg seconded the motion. All in favor.

Dumpsters being kept within the city limits discussion was tabled by Danner, seconded by Van Patten. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Danner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm, seconded by Bracklesberg.

Darrell Wilkening, Mayor
Melanie Vermillion, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Keokuk Co • PH Proposed Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
County Name: KEOKUK COUNTY County Number: 54

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 4/6/2026 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: Keokuk County Courthouse - 101 S. Main, Sigourney, IA - 1st floor, Boardroom
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the County Auditor. A copy of the supporting detail will be furnished upon request. County budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals

Average annual percentage changes between "Actual" and "Budget" amounts for "Taxes Levied on Property", "Other County Taxes/ TIF Tax Revenues", and for each of the ten "Expenditure Classes" must be published. Expenditure classes proposing "Budget" amounts, but having no "Actual" amounts, are designated "NEW".

County Website (if available)
keokukcounty.iowa.gov

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Table with 6 columns: Budget 2026/2027, Re-Est 2025/2026, Actual 2024/2025, AVG Annual % CHG. Rows include REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES, EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES, and Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30.

Table with 2 columns: Proposed property taxation by type, Proposed tax rates per \$1,000 taxable valuation. Rows include Countywide Levies*, Rural Only Levies*, Special District Levies*, TIF Tax Revenues, and Utility Replacement Excise Tax.

Explanation of any significant items in the budget or additional virtual meeting information:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Indian Hills Community College • PH Budget Estimate

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ESTIMATE
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 INDIAN HILLS CC

The Board of Directors of INDIAN HILLS CC in the counties of APPANOOSE, DAVIS, DECATUR, HENRY, IOWA, JEFFERSON, KEOKUK, LEE, LUCAS, MAHASKA, MARION, MONROE, POWESHIEK, VAN BUREN, WAPELLO, WASHINGTON, WAYNE in Iowa will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 4/13/2026 Meeting Time: 04:00 PM Meeting Location: Perkins Conference Room, Indian Hills Community College 525 Grandview Ave Ottumwa, IA 52501

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

Table with 7 columns: Resources, General Funds FY 2026/2027 Budget, Plant Funds FY 2026/2027 Budget, Bonds & Interest Funds FY 2026/2027 Budget, Total of All Funds FY 2026/2027 Budget, FY 2025/2026 Re-Estimated Budget, FY 2024/2025 Audited Actual. Rows include Taxes Levied on Property, Tuition, State Aid, Total Resources, Expenditures, and Ending Fund Balance.

Estimated Total Tax Rate per \$1000 Valuation 1.16107

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Keokuk Co BOS • Special Session 3.10.2026

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS MARCH 9, 2026

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in special session, Tuesday, March 10, 2026, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber, Christy Bates, County Auditor and Robyn Smelter, Elections Designee.

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

First tier canvass of the March 3, 2026, Special Keota School Election was held. Those present pro-

ceeded to canvass. No changes were made to the unofficial results of the Public Measure election.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 9:05 a.m. The above and foregoing information is a summary of the minutes taken at the above indicated meeting. The full and complete set of minutes is available at the Keokuk County Auditor's Office and www.keokukcounty.iowa.gov.

Approved _ Disapproved _
Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Keokuk Co BOS • Minutes 3.9.2026

KEOKUK COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS MARCH 9, 2026

The Keokuk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session, Monday, March 9, 2026, in the Board Room of the Courthouse. Present were: Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber, and Christy Bates, County Auditor.

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

Met with Engineer McGuire regarding Keokuk County Highway Department. An overview was provided of Washington DC meeting - met with Environmental Protection Agency, House of Transportation and Infrastructure, Federal Highway Administration and National Association of County Engineers groups. The application for Keokuk County's Community Project Funding request for pavement improvements to County Route V45 from Highway 92 to Highway 22 was submitted with the inclusion of 35 letters of support from land and business owners.

Conservation Director Reighard was present to listen in on the meeting discussion held with the RP15 Policy Specialist regarding Strength, Weakness, Analysis, Trail (SWAT) regarding Keokuk County. McGuire will be attending ISAC meetings in Des Moines this Wednesday through Friday.

Various Board and Committee reports were held. Wood attended the SWAT meeting. Weber attended a Decat meeting. Hadley had no scheduled meetings last week.

Discussion of old/new business and public comment was held. Aaron Hinna, House Representative candidate, stopped to relay the importance of being involved as a reason for running for said position and inquired what some of the biggest hurdles are involving the State. Boards responses were taking local control from counties, limitation of growth, unfunded mandates and reduction or elimination of credit revenue sources. Also discussed were the pipelines, the safest means of oil transportation, and whether CO2 should be sequestered.

Met with Denise Ballard regarding Iowa Governmental Health Care Plan (IGHCP) July 1, 2026 renewals. Keokuk County utilizes a partial self-funded health plan that relates to cost savings. Other renewals discussed were dental, life & vision. Formal approval will take place on Monday, March 10, 2026.

On vote and motion Hadley adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m. The above and foregoing information is a summary of the minutes taken at the above indicated meeting. The full and complete set of minutes is available at the Keokuk County Auditor's Office and www.keokukcounty.iowa.gov.

Approved _ Disapproved _
Michael C. Hadley, Daryl Wood, Kevin Weber

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Delta • Notice of Sale

CITY OF DELTA PUBLIC NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Delta will offer the following property for sale via sealed bid beginning Wednesday, March 18th, 2026 and ending April 18th, 2026. Full property description can be found on the Beacon-Schnieder website.

Property: 408 N. Center St. Buyer will be responsible for the

winning bid price and the legal fees for property transfer upon completion of legal documentation. The property is being sold as is. Purchaser will be responsible for any back financial obligations associated with the property including but not limited to property tax, city assessments, etc.

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PROBATE

Naoma Fern Houser ESPR038671

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

Naoma Fern Houser, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR038671

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Naoma Fern Houser, Deceased, who died on or about January 30, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on March 10, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Naoma Fern Houser, deceased, bearing date of October 18, 2002, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Marilea L. Greenlee was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated March 11, 2026. Marilea L. Greenlee, Executor of Estate

853 Basswood Lane Iowa City, IA 52246

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 March 25, 2026

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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Sigourney • Minutes 3.18.2026

SIGOURNEY CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

The following are summarized minutes of the regular council meeting on March 18, 2026.

The Sigourney City Council met in regular session in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, with Mayor Pro-Tem McLaughlin presiding and the following Council members answering roll call: Schultz, McLaughlin, Hannam, Chmelar, Goldman and Conrad. Others present were: Steve Shettler, with Steve Shettler Media; Casey James, The News Review; Don Northup, Public Director I; Brent Gilliland, Public Works Director II; Jerry Wohler, Kadie Conrad, Deputy City Clerk; and Ashley Fry, City Clerk.

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

Conrad moved, seconded by Goldman, to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda: Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of March 4, 2026; Council Account Payable Claims in the amount of \$292,133.88; City Clerk Financial Reports, Payroll Expenses, ACH and Monthly Transfers for the month of February 2026; Resolution No. 2026-03-08 Providing Temporary Closing of Downtown Streets;

Sigourney Fire Department Contract; Resolution No. 2026-03-09 Tax Exemption for Dave Fisch at 215 E Elm Street, Sigourney, IA 52591; Quarter 1 Midwest Benefits Payment in the amount of \$150.00; Credit Card Report and Set time and place for the April 1, 2026 Regular Council Meeting at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Conrad moved seconded by Hannam to approve the Sigourney Municipal Swimming Pool Policies and Procedures that were reviewed. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Schultz moved seconded by Hannam to approve the paint options for the Water Tower Rehabilitation project scheduled for this summer include Tank White, Black, and Safety Yellow. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Conrad moved seconded by Hannam to approve a date and time to be set for a public hearing to consider the proposed closure of West North Street. The hearing is scheduled for May 6, 2026, at 6:00 PM at City Hall. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

Conrad moved, seconded by Chmelar, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote Ayes: 6

The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.
Connie McLaughlin, Mayor Pro Tem
Ashley Fry, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Sigourney • February 2026 Claims

REVENUES:	Treasurer, State of Iowa - Excise Tax
General - \$23,876.89	\$1,380.57
Memorial Hall Restoration - \$3,042.90	Treasurer, State of Iowa - Sales Tax - \$2,889.08
Library - \$9,334.67	Visa - Supplies - \$326.62
Road Use - \$18,201.47	Watson Technologies- Services - \$5,000.00
Employee Benefits - \$466.69	Brent Gilliland - Cell Phone - \$40.00
Housing - \$4,828.71	Randy Hemsley - Cell Phone - \$40.00
CLG Historic Preservation - \$57.91	Don Northup - Cell Phone - \$40.00
Local Options Sales & Services Tax - \$92,182.67	Logan Northup - Cell Phone - \$40.00
Tax Increment Finance - \$33.92	Jonathon Utterback - Cell Phone - \$40.00
Lewis Memorial Fountain - \$69.06	gWorks Monthly Fees - \$190.35
Year 2044 Anniversary - \$201.14	US Postmaster - Utility Bills - \$490.73
Restricted Gifts - \$12,505.30	Transfers / Expenses - \$132,047.71
Debt Service - \$1,452.30	Payroll (1/19/2026-2/1/2026) - \$22,441.89
Water Utility - \$48,520.95	Payroll (1/5/2026-1/18/2026) - \$38,738.97
Water Sinking - \$6,750.00	Medical Partial Self - Fund - \$212.71
Water Improvement - \$3,000.00	February 2026 Other Checks Issued Total - \$203,918.63
Water Project - \$4,913.27	
Utility Deposit - \$300.00	
Sewer Utility - \$50,263.08	
Sewer Sinking - \$29,485.00	
Sewer Improvement - \$1,000.00	
Sewer Project - \$7,542.74	
Sewer Surcharge - \$5,129.20	
Sanitation - \$23,398.00	
Medical Self-Funding - \$1,600.00	
February 2026 Revenue Total - \$348,155.87	
Other Checks Issued:	

Current Year Final Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2027
General Fund Levy 1 1,912,827	1,912,827	1,923,168
Instructional Support Levy 2 189,878	189,878	191,422
Management 3 413,435	413,435	475,834
Amara Library 4 0	0	0
Voted Physical Plant and Equipment 5 243,894	243,894	258,730
Regular Physical Plant and Equipment 6 80,553	80,553	83,903
Reorganization Equalization 7 0	0	0
Public Education/Recreation (Playground) 8 0	0	0
Debt Service 9 0	0	0
Grand Total 10 2,840,587	2,840,587	2,933,057

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Sigourney • Claims 3.18.2026

CITY OF SIGOURNEY MARCH 18, 2026	H&M Farm & Home Supply- Supplies
Access Systems- Services- \$1,641.38	\$96.51
All American Pest Control- Services- \$248.00	Hutchinson Salt Company, Inc- Services- \$27.74
Alliant Energy- Services- \$16,876.04	Mid-American Publishing Corp- Services - \$58.80
Arnold Motor Supply- Supplies- \$306.02	Schroeder Graphics & Signs- Services- \$200.00
Atwood Electric Inc.- Services- \$65.22	SEMCO Landfill- Services- \$1,619.10
Bailey Office Outfitters- Supplies- \$31.38	Southeast Iowa Clerks Association- Services- \$20.00
Column Software - Services- \$147.04	Vermeer- Supplies- \$183.21
Dakota Supply Group- Supplies- \$440.00	Windstream- Services- \$5.99
	Total - \$29,213.38

Current Year Final Property Tax Rate FY 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Rate (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Rate FY 2027
Grand Total Levy Rate 11.79232	11.38315	11.75344

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pekin CSD • Minutes and Claims 3.9.2026

PEKIN SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Organizational Meeting
Pekin School Media Center, Packwood, IA 52580
March 9, 2026 – 6:00 pm
Board members present: Josh Arendt, Kortney Baumberger, Linda Brock, Mike Davis, Ray Fear, JD Olinger
Absent: Sherry Bemis
Also present: Dave Harper, Kaye Gilbert, Aaron Deutsch
I. Opening
A. President Mike Davis called the meeting to order and acknowledged a quorum.
B. Adoption/Approval of Agenda
Ray Fear moved to approve the agenda with the amendment to move the Exempt Session after adjournment. Seconded by Linda Brock. Motion carried 6-0.
1. Public Forum
No speakers present.
I. Consent Agenda
A. Minutes
The minutes of the February 9, 2026 regular meeting and the February 23, 2026 work session.
B. Finance Report
Business Manager Gilbert submitted a current financial report of the district.
C. Payment of Bills and Credit Card
General Fund March bills - \$169,727.77; General Fund February LH Prepaid Bills - \$21.77; General Fund Late Batch - \$0. General Fund Mastercard - \$869.46; Management bills - \$16,358.75; Day Care bills - \$0; PPEL bills - \$27,224.32; PPEL February LH Prepaid - \$2,247; SAVE bills - \$0; Debt bills - \$0; Scholarship bills - \$1,000; Activity bills - \$21,447.13; Activity Prepaid - \$1,870.04; Hot Lunch bills - \$14,172.91.
D. Open Enrollment Requests
OE-In:
K. Weinhold 5th from Fairfield
G. Morris K from Fairfield to Pekin HSAP
R. Morris 1st from Fairfield to Pekin HSAP
B. Morris 3rd from Fairfield to Pekin HSAP

R. Berg 2nd from Keota to Pekin HSAP
G. Berg 4th from Keota to Pekin HSAP
OE-Out:
E. Kerkove K to Cardinal
E. Personnel Report
Resignations
Gunner Mohs HS Football Assistant; Jordan Crow JH Head Volleyball; Frosty Striegel JH Head Wrestling
New Hires
McKenna Winegarden, Custodian; Chelsey Gillum, Paraeducator; Melinda Francis, Paraeducator; Kacie Erwin, Assistant JH Softball; Paige Smith, Assistant HS Volleyball
Transfers/Volunteers
Nicole Meacham from JH Assistant Softball to JH Head Softball; Jordan Crow from JH Head Volleyball to Volunteer HS Volleyball; Josey Sieren from JH Head Football to Assistant HS Football
Josh Arendt moved to approve the following consent items. Seconded by JD Olinger. Motion carried 6-0.
IV. Non Action Items
A. Special Guests
None.
V. Non Action Discussion Items
A. Bus Purchase
Mr. Harper updated the board the possibility to purchase two (2) additional buses before next school year. Transportation director is getting quotes and planning to bring recommendations in April.
B. Computers
Mr. Harper updated the board on the timing for purchasing student chrome books. Planning to bring recommendation in April.
C. Cameras
Mr. Harper updated the board the sale of old cameras no longer being used by the Yearbook or Photography groups. They will be listed on Gov Deals.
VI. Action Items
A. Relay Services Agreement
Ray Fear moved to accept the Relay Services Agreement as presented. Seconded by Kortney Baumberger. Motion carried 6-0.
B. Substitute Teacher Rate
Linda Brock moved to accept the

increase in the Substitute Teacher Rate for the 2026-2027 School Year from \$130 to \$160. Seconded by Josh Arendt. Motion carried 6-0.
C. Auditor Approval
Ray Fear moved to accept the three year auditor bid for Anderson Larkin as presented. Seconded by JD Olinger. Motion carried 6-0.
D. Exterior Cameras
Ray Fear moved to approve the Exterior Cameras bid from MCG for \$19,872 as presented by Superintendent Harper. Seconded by Josh Arendt. Motion carried 6-0.
E. NWEA Map Growth
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F. Edmentum
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G. Edmentum Academy
Linda Brock moved to approve the NWEA Map Growth bid for \$5981.25, the Edmentum agreement for \$5380.50, and the Edmentum Academy for \$8000 as presented. Seconded by Kortney Baumberger. Motion carried 6-0.
H. Wrestling Room Heaters
Ray Fear moved to approve the purchase of wrestling room heaters as presented. Seconded by Josh Arendt. Motion carried 6-0.
I. Solar Area Seeding
JD Olinger moved to approve the solar area seeding project up to \$7,000. Seconded by Linda Brock. Motion carried 6-0.
J. Gravel Shop Area
Linda Brock moved to approve graveling the shop area bid by Bill Slaney for \$7000. Seconded by Ray Fear. Motion carried 6-0.
K. Tuck Pointing
Josh Arendt moved to approve the tuck-pointing project by H3 Masonry as presented. Seconded by JD Olinger. Motion carried 6-0.
L. IXL
Ray Fear moved to approve the IXL agreement as presented. Seconded by Kortney Baumberger. Motion carried 6-0.
M. Preschool
JD Olinger moved to approve the preschool curriculum in the amount of \$8,613 as presented. Seconded by Kortney Baumberger. Motion carried 6-0.
N. TLC Handbook

Ray Fear moved to approve the TLC Handbook as presented. Seconded by Josh Arendt. Motion carried 6-0.
VII. Administrative Reports
The Superintendent, Secondary Principal, Elementary Principal, Business Manager, Athletic Director, Tech Director, Transportation Director, and Maintenance Director presented their administrative reports to the board.
VIII. Items for the Next Board Meeting
• Budget Hearing Dates – March 23 for the first public hearing and April 13 for the second hearing.
• Regular Board meeting – April 13 IX. Adjournment
Kortney Baumberger moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Seconded by Linda Brock. Motion carried 6-0.
General Fund..... **Amount**
MASTERCARD..... 869.46
AIRGAS USA, LLC..... 909.04
ALLIANT ENERGY..... 16,179.26
ALPHA MEDIA, LLC..... 500.00
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES..... 1,900.71
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC..... 349.83
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC..... 21.77
GRAINGER..... 134.00
NALCO WATER..... 571.94
OTTUMWA RADIO..... 3,579.00
PEPPER J.W. & SONS..... 304.79
AHLERS & COONEY P.C..... 304.00
ALL AMERICAN TERMITE & PEST CO..... 190.00
ARNOLD MOTORS SUPPLY..... 980.96
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR STATE OF IOWA..... 625.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, PTN..... 3,139.00
CLAYTON RIDGE CSD..... 6,354.11
COLLEGE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT..... 4,249.35
CRESCENT ELECTRIC..... 379.30
DAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS..... 1,051.00
LISA DEN HARTOG..... 101.36
ELLIOTT BULK SERVICES LLC..... 6,522.10
FESLER AUTO MALL..... 463.35
GREAT PRAIRIE AREA EDUCATIO..... 30,865.31

H & M FARM & HOME SUPPLY..... 29,471.32
HICKENBOTTOM, INC..... 45.79
INDIAN HILLS COMM. COLLEGE..... 120.00
IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK..... 517.30
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF INSPECTIONS, APPEALS AND LICENSING..... 25.00
IOWA SCHOOL FINANCE INFORMATION SERVICE..... 468.00
JOHNSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT..... 11,621.46
JOHNSTONE SUPPLY..... 80.04
KALONA COOPERATIVE TECHNOLOGY CO..... 357.33
KCII..... 113.52
ANDREA KIEFER..... 379.68
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES LLC NW7128..... 110.10
MID-AMERICAN RESEARCH CHEMICAL..... 199.19
OMNISITE..... 290.00
OSKALOOSA COMM. SCHOOL DISTRIC..... 32,769.13
OTTUMWA COMMUNITY SCHOOL..... 37,027.79
OTTUMWA GLASS..... 119.50
RED LION RENEWABLES..... 1,459.12
ROTO-ROOTER..... 251.00
SAFE DRIVER SOLUTIONS..... 1,000.00
SHETTLER MEDIA INC..... 300.00
SARAH VAUGHN..... 195.00
WAPELLO RURAL WATER..... 556.97
DALE WICKENKAMP..... 391.02
RELAY HUB LLC..... 1,663.89
..... 170,619.00
Management Fund..... **Amount**
SU INSURANCE COMPANY..... 16,358.75
Scholarship Fund..... **Amount**
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE..... 1,000.00
PPEL Fund..... **Amount**
UNITED GREENHOUSE..... 2247.00
WINGER CONTRACTING CO..... 880.00
CDW GOVERNMENT INC..... 621.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING..... 2,310.00
GREAT PRAIRIE EDUCATION..... 9,800.00
JOHNSON FITNESS AND WELLNESS..... 12,992.00
MARCO..... 621.32

Activity Fund..... **Amount**
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES..... 1,472.08
THE BARN LLC..... 3,877.49
WALMART BUSINESS..... 450.79
MASTERCARD..... 1,607.89
MASTERCARD..... 975.00
MASTERCARD..... 185.13
MASTERCARD..... 359.89
MASTERCARD..... 88.96
BAKER, BRIAN..... 128.24
BECKER, CHRIS..... 104.16
BLAKELY, BRENT..... 97.91
CAPPS, RICK..... 106.92
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GENDRON, THOMAS..... 137.03
NORTHRUP, TREVOR..... 108.27
PEDERSEN, KEVIN..... 107.11
PLECKER, MIKE..... 112.14
SCHEUERMANN, TROY..... 164.35
SYLVESTER, BRIAN..... 141.05
TAYLOR, TIM..... 113.50
VORHIES, CAMERON..... 151.49
WEBER, PAT..... 184.03
BONNETT WHOLESALE FLO-RISTS, INC..... 501.00
CARDINAL COMM. SCHOOL..... 71.96
ELITE AWARDS..... 456.33
ELITE SPORTS..... 1,931.50
FAMILY, CAREER & COMM LEADERS..... 14.00
GRANT RANCH..... 1,100.00
IOWA HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH ASSN..... 297.00
LUCYS SOIL SOURCE INC..... 6,649.11
NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATIONS..... 688.00
SEI SUPER CONFERENCE..... 721.00
..... 23,317.17
Nutrition Fund..... **Amount**
ANDERSON ERICKSON DAIRY CO..... 2,627.51
EMS DETERGENT SERVICES..... 419.30
MARTIN BROTHERS DISTRIBUTING..... 11,126.10
..... 14,172.91
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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • PH School Budget Summary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed ENGLISH VALLEYS School Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027

Location of Public Hearing: English Valleys Elementary School Board Room	Date of Hearing: 04/08/2026	Time of Hearing: 06:30 PM		
The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 26/27 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.				
	Budget 2027	Re-est. 2026	Actual 2025	Avg % 25-27
Taxes Levied on Property	1 2,933,057	2,840,587	2,633,284	% 5.5
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2 117,651	113,473	179,554	% -19.1
Income Surtaxes	3 172,956	173,197	181,112	% -2.3
Tuition/Transportation Received	4 540,750	540,800	522,560	
Earnings on Investments	5 195,400	210,350	212,065	
Nutrition Program Sales	6 105,000	90,000	89,912	
Student Activities and Sales	7 125,100	130,100	121,487	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8 193,500	194,500	196,757	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9 0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	10 3,448,364	3,445,344	3,331,886	
Instructional Support State Aid	11 10,290	0	0	
Other State Sources	12 727,000	726,600	730,546	
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13 27,980	27,980	27,661	
Title I Grants	14 95,000	100,000	111,008	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15 555,000	555,000	560,104	
Total Revenues	16 9,247,048	9,147,931	8,897,936	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17 2,000	0	0	
Transfers In	18 280,000	281,800	286,333	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19 0	0	0	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20 0	2,000	49,924	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21 9,529,048	9,431,731	9,234,193	
Beginning Fund Balance	22 4,884,637	5,413,788	5,398,469	
Total Resources	23 14,413,685	14,845,519	14,632,662	
*Instruction	24 6,355,500	6,147,100	6,044,294	% 2.5
Student Support Services	25 0	0	0	
Instructional Staff Support Services	26 140,000	105,789	97,201	
General Administration	27 191,000	181,000	181,025	
School Administration	28 295,000	300,000	294,409	
Business & Central Administration	29 310,500	294,000	288,113	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30 660,000	627,600	615,195	
Student Transportation	31 393,000	512,000	344,835	
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A 1,989,500	2,020,389	1,820,778	% 4.5
*Noninstructional Programs	32 340,000	402,500	355,504	% -2.2
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33 800,000	665,000	243,541	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34 280,000	280,000	280,050	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35 169,167	148,893	186,843	
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A 1,249,167	1,093,893	710,434	% 32.6
Total Expenditures	36 9,934,167	9,663,882	8,931,010	
Transfers Out	37 295,000	295,000	286,333	
Other Uses	38 0	2,000	1,531	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39 10,229,167	9,960,882	9,218,874	
Ending Fund Balance	40 4,184,518	4,884,637	5,413,788	
Total Requirements	41 14,413,685	14,845,519	14,632,662	
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		11.75344		

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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • PH Proposed Property Tax Levy

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
Proposed ENGLISH VALLEYS Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Location of Public Hearing: English Valleys Elementary School Board Room	Date of Public Hearing: 4/8/2026	Time of Public Hearing: 06:00 PM
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present oral or written objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed budget.		

	Current Year Final Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2027
General Fund Levy	1 1,912,827	1,912,827	1,923,168
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Management	3 413,435	413,435	475,834
Amara Library	4 0	0	0
Voted Physical Plant and Equipment	5 243,894	243,894	258,730
Regular Physical Plant and Equipment	6 80,553	80,553	83,903
Reorganization Equalization	7 0	0	0
Public Education/Recreation (Playground)	8 0	0	0
Debt Service	9 0	0	0
Grand Total	2,840,587	2,840,587	2,933,057

	Current Year Final Property Tax Rate FY 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Rate (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Rate FY 2027
Grand Total Levy Rate	11.79232	11.38315	11.75344

Property Tax Comparison

	Current Year Property Taxes	Proposed Property Taxes	Percent Change
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000/\$110,000	559	576	

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Sigourney CSD • PH School Budget Summary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Proposed SIGOURNEY School Budget Summary
Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027

Location of Public Hearing: Sigourney Jr/Sr High School Library, 907 E. Pleasant Valley, Sigourney, IA 52591 | Date of Hearing: 04/08/2026 | Time of Hearing: 06:00 PM

The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 26/27 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.

	Budget 2027	Re-est. 2026	Actual 2025	Avg % 25-27
Taxes Levied on Property	1	2,836,071	2,618,685	2,573,898 % 5.0
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	47,243	46,917	47,744 % -0.5
Income Surtaxes	3	168,166	56,999	27,880 % 97.0
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	850,000	864,500	838,929
Earnings on Investments	5	153,200	154,000	174,778
Nutrition Program Sales	6	250,000	250,000	180,431
Student Activities and Sales	7	281,000	271,000	260,220
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	101,000	99,500	274,680
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0
State Foundation Aid	10	4,595,689	4,653,469	4,543,014
Instructional Support State Aid	11	16,737	0	0
Other State Sources	12	802,000	795,000	791,027
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13	57,763	57,763	7,664
Title I Grants	14	180,000	177,000	117,851
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	415,000	437,000	528,472
Total Revenues	16	10,693,869	10,461,833	10,366,588
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	0	0	0
Transfers In	18	520,031	736,121	746,801
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	0	0
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	0	0
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	11,213,900	11,197,954	11,113,389
Beginning Fund Balance	22	4,515,299	4,541,331	8,654,085
Total Resources	23	15,729,199	15,739,285	19,767,474
*Instruction	24	6,280,000	6,008,000	6,237,500 % 0.3
Student Support Services	25	150,000	175,000	133,242
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	565,000	530,000	558,055
General Administration	27	365,000	353,000	250,512
School Administration	28	380,000	375,000	380,306
Business & Central Administration	29	265,000	244,000	207,865
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	879,000	858,000	778,957
Student Transportation	31	372,600	322,000	328,832
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A	2,976,600	2,857,000	2,637,769 % 6.2
*Noninstructional Programs	32	575,000	575,000	489,411 % 8.4
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	450,000	130,000	4,145,744
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	520,031	736,121	740,796
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	208,033	181,744	238,122
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A	1,178,064	1,047,865	5,114,662 % -52.0
Total Expenditures	36	11,009,664	10,487,865	14,479,342
Transfers Out	37	520,031	736,121	746,801
Other Uses	38	0	0	0
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	11,529,695	11,223,986	15,226,143
Ending Fund Balance	40	4,199,504	4,515,299	4,541,331
Total Requirements	41	15,729,199	15,739,285	19,767,474
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		11.49381		

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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • Work Session 3.11.2026

THE MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION OF THE ENGLISH VALLEYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MARCH 11TH, 2026.

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

Others present: Superintendent Curt Rheingans, Carrie Burdick, Ashley Dickey, Tami Marsh

The work session was called to order at 5pm.

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

Administration discussed that the asbestos is currently being mitigated from the board room. Administration discussed bids for the epoxy floor for all elementary classrooms.

Administration also discussed getting bids for painting the classrooms. The board discussed their desire to take out all carpet in classrooms and replace with epoxy flooring.

Administration discussed with the board that they will advertise for bids to install the whiteboards. The board discussed costing for each classroom update.

The board continued discussion on the possible replacement of the press box. Administration discussed finding out about building codes and possibly having an engineer look at the project.

A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Forrest to adjourn at 5:59pm. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • February 2026 Claims

Amazon Business,Drama Supplies,.....	391.63	170.13
Atlantic Coca-Cola,Concessions Supplies,.....	582.77	160.00
Rich Baker,Basketball Official,.....	114.47	160.00
BMO Harris Commercial Card,lodging fees,.....	170.13	160.00
Chad Bryant,Basketball Official,.....	160.00	160.00
Ray Carley,Basketball Official,.....	107.50	160.00
Mike Christner,Basketball Official,.....	160.00	160.00
Phil Cottrell,Basketball Official,.....	160.00	160.00
Dan Craig,Basketball Official,.....	110.00	160.00
Matt Dicoico,Basketball Official,.....	160.00	160.00
Elite Sports,Girls Basketball Uni,.....	153.00	160.00
English Valleys Activity Fund,concessions transfer,.....	554.26	173.08
Maurice Fleming,Basketball Official,.....	173.08	160.00
Freeman Foods,ffa supplies,.....	686.72	160.00
Freese Jay,Basketball Official,.....	1462.50	160.00
Mark Heddon,Basketball Official,.....	160.00	160.00
Highland Community School Dist,HS B Wrestling Fees,.....	170.00	160.00
Hillcrest Academy,Cross Country Fees,.....	150.00	160.00
Kelby Homeister,Basketball Official,.....	160.00	160.00
Iowa High School Speech Assn.,Large Group State Sp,.....	143.88	160.00
General Account,February ~ 2026,.....	122.00	160.00
J.W. Pepper & Son INC.,Music Supplies,.....	279.23	160.00
Collin Jacobsen,Basketball Official,.....	160.00	160.00
Stephen Janssen,Basketball Official,.....	110.00	160.00
John Koehn,Basketball Official,.....	270.00	160.00
Louisa-Muscatine High School,wrestling tourney fe,.....	100.00	160.00
Max Matthias,Basketball Official,.....	160.00	160.00
Scott Metz,Basketball Official,.....	107.12	160.00
Jim Packingham,Basketball Official,.....	160.00	160.00
Jose Placencia,Basketball Official,.....	140.09	160.00
Dave Shemanski,Basketball Official,.....	108.67	160.00
Tiffany Thiessen,Basketball Official,.....	219.04	160.00
Town & Country,Concessions Supplies,.....	1163.74	200.00
Wapello School District,Wrestling Entry Fees,.....	200.00	160.00
Wilton Schools,JV B Wrestling Entry,.....	85.00	160.00
Loren Wood,Basketball Official,.....	160.00	160.00
Activity Account,** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL ** ,.....	9090.95	160.00
Class Construction Account,February ~ 2026,.....	122.48	160.00
Menards - Iowa City,Construction Supply,.....	122.48	160.00
Multi County Oil,Construction Supply,.....	21.40	160.00
Class Construction Account,** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL ** ,.....	750.00	160.00
Equitable,Tsa/Ira/Annuities,.....	485.00	160.00
Freeman Foods,FCS Supplies,.....	736.56	160.00
Grant Wood AEA,special ed fees,.....	1567.90	160.00
Great Prairie Area Education Agency,shared librarian,.....	1750.00	160.00
HD Supply Formerly Home Depot Pro,Custodial Supplies,.....	1622.79	160.00
Heinemann,Elem Math supplies,.....	1156.98	160.00
HLV Community School District,open enrollment,.....	21338.15	160.00
Horace Mann,Tsa/Ira/Annuities,.....	1540.00	160.00
ING USA Annuity & Life Ins.Tsa/Ira/Annuities,.....	820.00	160.00
Iowa City Community School District,open enrollment,.....	3414.10	160.00
Iowa Communications Network,ICN Fees,.....	551.16	160.00
Iowa County Auditor,elecction fees,.....	993.95	160.00
Iowa Public Employee Ret Sys.,IPERS,.....	46890.71	160.00
Iowa Valley Community School,desks/chairs,.....	3000.00	160.00
ISFIS,Background Checks,.....	64.00	160.00
J.W. Pepper & Son INC.,HS Music Supplies,.....	142.24	160.00
Jaytech Inc.,maintenance fees,.....	473.25	160.00
Jostens Inc.,Diplomas fees,.....	203.20	160.00
Liberty Hardwoods,Ind Arts Supplies,.....	2079.15	160.00
Library World Inc.,Elem Library Renewal,.....	540.00	160.00
Lifetime Coatings LLC,flooring deposit,.....	2790.00	160.00
Marengo Farm & Home,Custodial Supplies,.....	33.61	160.00
Tami Marsh,tech maintenance fee,.....	4200.00	160.00
McCloud Services,Pest Control,.....	66.13	160.00
MCI,phone,.....	110.40	160.00
Menards - Iowa City,Ind Arts Supplies,.....	169.72	160.00
Mid-Prairie Comm. School,open enrollment,.....	237428.16	160.00
Midwest Alarm System,fire alarm monitorin,.....	414.54	160.00
Montezuma Community Schools,open enrollment,.....	42676.25	160.00
Multi County Oil, Gas Diesel,.....	2364.48	160.00
New Century FS,LP,.....	2040.20	160.00
North English Co-Op Tele Co-Phone,.....	615.03	160.00
City Of North English,Water,Sewer,.....	788.83	160.00
thyssenkrupp Elevator Corp.,elevator maintenance,.....	314.59	160.00
Opaa! Food Management,lunch supplies,.....	124.40	160.00
Polk County Sheriff's Office,Other Deducts W/H,.....	1004.96	160.00
Premier Furniture & Equipment,furniture,.....	1613.98	160.00
Quill Corporation,office supplies,.....	263.90	160.00
RevTrack,revtrack fees,.....	344.52	160.00
Roggentien Electric,equipment repair,.....	217.79	160.00
S & S Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning,sewage pump,.....	3315.00	160.00
School Bus Sales,Bus repair parts,.....	1063.33	160.00
Sigourney Community School Dis,open enrollment,.....	35143.49	160.00
T I P Rural Electric Coop,electricity,.....	3947.72	160.00
The Joy of Music,Music Therapy fees,.....	80.00	160.00
The News-Review,Legal Notice,.....	286.71	160.00
Treasure State Of Iowa,State Income Tax,.....	6918.00	160.00
Tri-State Automatic Sprinkler,sprinkler system rep,.....	2068.00	160.00
U.S. Cellular,Phone,.....	395.05	160.00
Voya,Tsa/Ira/Annuities,.....	2410.00	160.00
White State Bank,wire fees,.....	15.00	160.00
Williamsburg Community School,open enrollment,.....	273116.59	160.00
Williamsburg Lumber Store,Custodial Supplies,.....	28.80	160.00
Woodman Controls,tech support fees,.....	276.74	160.00
General Account,** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL ** ,.....	883291.38	160.00
Insurance Account,February ~ 2026,.....	44894.65	160.00
Seabury & Smith INC IA Fiduciary,premiums,.....	60274.29	160.00
TASC,premiums,.....	1874.98	160.00
Insurance Account,** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL ** ,.....	62149.27	160.00
Nutrition & Food Service Acct,February ~ 2026,.....	1426.22	160.00
English Valleys General Fund,p/r transfer,.....	1426.22	160.00
Mid West One Bank & Trust,deposit slips,.....	118.31	160.00
Opaa! Food Management,December Contract Se,.....	43350.12	160.00
Nutrition & Food Service Acct,** BANK ACCOUNT TOTAL ** ,.....	44894.65	160.00
** DISTRICT TOTAL ** ,.....	999570.13	160.00

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PUBLIC NOTICE
English Valleys CSD • Minutes 3.11.2026

THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ENGLISH VALLEYS BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON MARCH 11TH, 2026.

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

Others present: Superintendent Curt Rheingans, Carrie Burdick, Ashley Dickey, Tami Marsh

The meeting was called to order at 6:02pm.

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

Katie Taukei read the Mission Statement

- Regular Business- Consent Agenda
 - Approve Minutes of Meetings Held
 - Approve Payment of Activity Bills
 - Approve Payment of Bills
 - Receive Secretary/Treasurer's Financial Report for the Month Ending 2/28/26
 - Receive and Take Action on Resignations - Bob Barrick, HS Volleyball
 - Receive and Take Action on Staff Contracts
 - Samantha Dean, English
 - Al Mews, Assistant Football
 A motion was made by Taukei, seconded by Forrest to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote. Schaefer aye, Voss aye, Forrest aye, Taukei aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Voss to approve the Shared Superintendent Agreement for 2026-2027 with Iowa Valley. Motion carried.

The board entered discussion on appointing a board member to Steven Axmear's vacant seat. Susan Schaefer read the following information:

Before the board begins their discussion of how best to fill the vacant seat, we would like to thank each of you who have applied to fill the vacancy.

We have all received your completed questionnaires and have had time to read your responses. Serving on the board involves more than showing up for a meeting on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. There are always documents to review before each meeting and there are also times when a special meeting is called because it would be best not to wait until the next regular meeting. As you know, we, along with Iowa Valley, just hired a new superintendent. That process involved a few special meetings and many documents to study ahead of time. We also have been having work sessions to plan what projects we want to undertake in the next five years.

A very important point we want you to know is that the board does not run the day-to-day operations of the school. We have people that we trust in various positions that do that. If someone comes to you with a school related issue it is not your job to solve the problem. Your job is to steer them to the person who is closest to the concern, such as the teacher if it's that kind of concern.

To preserve the board's neutrality to hear and decide upon these matters, the board does not investigate or become involved in student disciplinary matters or employment matters that may come before it and would require the board to serve in it's quasi-judicial role.

As the governing board of the school district, the board has four duties to perform: legislative duty, executive duty, evaluative duty and quasi-judicial duty. Whoever is appointed will learn what each of these duties entails.

We would like to give each of you time to answer this question: "Tell us about your desire to serve on the board."

Thank you again for your interest and please remember this is now board discussion time.

Ashley Dickey addressed the board and expressed her desire to serve the community that she resides in.

Fred Huebner was the other applicant, but was unable to attend the meeting that evening.

A motion was made by Voss, to appoint Fred Huebner to the fill the vacant seat. The motion was seconded by Taukei. Roll call vote. Voss aye, Taukei aye, Forrest nay, Schaefer nay. The motion did not pass.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to appoint Ashley Dickey to the fill the vacant seat. Roll call vote. Forrest aye, Taukei aye, Voss nay, Schaefer aye, 3-1 Motion carried.

Ms. Dickey will be given the oath of office at the April regular board meeting.

The board discussed bids received to refinish the Gene's Gym floor and the elementary gym floor. The low bid was submitted by Hillyard for \$5,200. A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Taukei

to approve the bid from Hillyard to refinish Gene's gym floor and elementary gym floor. Motion carried.

Administration discussed with the board the 2026-2027 school budget. There were no changes from last meeting. The state set the SSA at 2%. The District's new money would be \$34,308.

A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Forrest to set the 1st budget hearing for April 8th, at 6pm. Roll call vote. Forrest aye, Voss aye, Taukei aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Voss, seconded by Forrest to set the 2nd budget hearing for April 8th, at 6:30pm. Roll call vote. Forrest aye, Voss aye, Taukei nay, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

The board discussed the Participation Agreement for Natural Gas consortium. A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to approve participation in the Natural Gas consortium program. Roll call vote. Voss aye, Taukei aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Voss to approve to discontinue the ELL Shared Teacher Agreement. Roll call vote. Voss aye, Taukei aye, Forrest aye, Schaefer aye. Motion carried.

President Schaefer opened the public hearing for the FY27 School Calendar at 6:44pm. There were no verbal or written comments received. President Schaefer closed the public hearing at 6:45pm.

The board discussed the 2025-2026 School Calendar. Mr. Rheingans discussed that the calendar presented is the calendar that the teachers voted in favor of. The board discussed adding more days for snow days to the calendar. The board discussed they wanted to see the final calendar, not the pending calendar before it was approved. A motion was made by Taukei, seconded by Voss to table consideration of the FY School calendar. Motion carried.

The board discussed making up snow days. The board discussed getting the students done on May 22nd. Administration informed the board that there were enough hours built into the calendar to accommodate that. The board discussed having the teachers make up days by May 26th, May 27th, and then forgive the May 28th. The board discussed allowing the same for non-certified.

A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Taukei to approve to have May 22nd continue to be the last day for students, with full instruction through May 20th; teachers and staff making up snow days on May 26th and May 27th and forgiving May 28th; and approving the same structure for non-certified, forgiving one day. Roll call vote. Forrest aye, Taukei aye, Voss nay, Schaefer aye. 3-1 Motion carried.

The board discussed a request from East Marshall to join the SICL. The board discussed pros and cons of them joining. The board will eventually vote during a future meeting, directing the Superintendent how to vote.

Information and Discussion Items: Open Enrollment Out Acknowledgements

- Amelia McKusker- Online School Cam
- Harper Von Ahsen-Williamsburg-Move in
- Drystan Walker-Williamsburg for 2026-2027
- Eliiahna Klewlin- Mid Prairie HSAP
- Dorian Scruggs- Mid-Prairie HSAP
- Willa Lorman- to Iowa Valley
- Ezequiel Gomez Voss- 1st grader to CCA
- Emersyn Gomez- K to CCA
- Open Enrollment in Acknowledgement
 - Sawyer Edwards- Williamsburg moved back
 - Casen Morrow- Tri County 2nd Grade
 - Harper Morrow-Tri County 4th grade
- Superintendent Communications Legislation Update - Discussed possible new legislation on PE requirements.
- The board discussed upcoming negotiations.
- The board discussed increasing preschool to five days a week.
- The board discussed beginning conversations about starting a daycare.
- The board discussed starting an online school.
- The board also discussed moving the June 10th board meeting to the morning at 10am.
- Next Regular Meeting - April 8th, 2026 at 6pm.
- A motion was made by Forrest, seconded by Voss to adjourn at 7:49pm. Motion carried.

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Speech Team Success for English Valleys at Individual State

English Valleys students achieved outstanding results at the Individual Events (IE) State Speech competition at Vinton-Shellsburg on Saturday, March 14, showcasing their talent, hard work, and dedication.

Several students earned Division I ratings, including Betsy Wells (Poetry), Kaylee Frazier (Poetry), Kaylynne Hoylman (Prose), Ellie Patterson (Poetry), and Miley Clubb (Prose).

Others received Division II ratings, including Ambryn Hoylman, Phoenix Sorden, McKenna Rugg, Davis Burdick, Jack Osborn, and Aliza Walker. Tyler Wiseman also delivered a strong performance.

Congratulations to all our students for representing English Valleys with excellence and pride!



Ray Fiedler Speaks to English Valleys Students on Safety and Awareness

Students at English Valleys middle and high school had a unique learning opportunity on Wednesday, March 18, as the EV Student Council hosted guest speaker Ray Fiedler. The presentations focused on raising awareness about human trafficking and helping students better understand how to stay safe, especially in today's digital world.

Fiedler delivered two separate presentations, tailoring each to be age-appropriate for middle school and high school audiences. His goal was to ensure students could clearly understand the risks associated with social media and learn practical ways to protect themselves.

Ray Fiedler currently serves as the Coordinator for the Iowa Office to Combat Human Trafficking within the Department of Public Safety's Division of Intelligence and Fusion Center. In his role, he trains both public and private organizations on recognizing and preventing human trafficking. He also works to certify hotels in compliance with Iowa law, builds partnerships across agencies, and assists in investigations by sharing critical information related to trafficking cases.

Before taking on this role, Fiedler spent 28 years as a Special Agent with the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation. His career began in Clinton, where he worked at the casino for four years before transferring to Fort Dodge. There, he spent 24 years in the Major Crimes Unit, investigating serious offenses such as homicide, kidnapping, sexual assault, burglary, and other felony-level cases.

In addition to his investigative work, Fiedler has extensive experience providing training on topics including elder abuse, sexual assault investigations, officer-involved shootings, and active armed encounters.

The EV Student Council organized the event as part of its ongoing efforts to promote student safety and awareness. By bringing in an expert like Fiedler, the school aimed to equip students with knowledge that can help them make informed and safe decisions both online and in their everyday lives.



Official FFA Jackets for EV Students Made Possible by Hills Bank

Students in the English Valleys (EV) FFA chapter are celebrating a meaningful milestone after recently receiving their official FFA jackets, marking their commitment to agricultural education and leadership.

The jackets were awarded to new FFA members who successfully completed their first full year in the organization. Official FFA jackets are worn by active members of the National FFA Organization, symbolizing their involvement and dedication.

The chapter extended a heartfelt thank you to Hills

Bank for its generous support in purchasing the jackets for members. The contribution ensures that more students can fully participate in FFA experiences and proudly represent their chapter.

The iconic blue and gold FFA jacket is more than just an article of clothing. It symbolizes dedication, service, and the development of leadership skills within the agricultural community. For many students, putting on the jacket for the first time is a memorable moment that signifies the beginning of new opportunities and personal growth. With continued support from community partners like Hills Bank, EV FFA members are well-equipped to grow as the next generation of leaders in agriculture.



Kailor Leaps into the IATC Championships

Kailor L. had an impressive performance at the IATC Indoor Championships at Iowa State University on March 13. Competing in the 60-meter hurdles, she ran in the preliminaries and successfully qualified for the finals. In the final, Kailor finished 7th and set a new personal record with a time of 10.15 seconds.

Congratulations to Kailor on this impressive achievement. We can't wait to see what the rest of the season brings!



STATE TESTING

Monday, March 30 –
Thursday, April 2

— ISASP Testing is —
★ Starting Soon ★



Showing cattle. Photo courtesy of Metro Creative Connection

4-H County Council sponsoring IJBBA Open Cattle Show with Two Rings of Competition on April 18

WASHINGTON - Washington County 4-H County Council will be sponsoring an Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association (IJBBA) sanctioned open cattle show on Saturday, April 18 at the Washington County Fairgrounds. This is the 17th year of hosting the event. Over the years, the show has expanded to hosting two show rings and increased prize money. Exhibitors will have the opportunity to participate in two shows on this one day at one location. There will be two judges and rings running a back-to-back schedule.

This event is open to youth of all ages up to 21. This is a great opportunity for youth to compete against youth from other counties, work more with their cattle, gain experience showing and have fun.

To exhibit at this show, there are no requirements to be a member of the IJBBA or a member of 4-H. However, members of the IJBBA will receive points. To see all IJBBA show rules visit <http://ijbba.com/rules-ijbba/>.

Pre-registration is available and encouraged at <https://tinyurl.com/SpringPreview2026> After April 1 cost per animal per ring entry fee is \$40. Make checks payable to Washington County Extension. Proceeds from this 2026 fundraising event will be used by the 4-H County Council to rebuild the county fair champion boards and

add an additional board to accommodate all of the 4-H classes at the county fair. They will also use proceeds to support their youth activities throughout the year like Jr Lock In and Clover Connection.

Check-in and day of registration is set for 7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. Ring 1 will begin at 11:00 a.m. with the Ring 2 starting immediately after that first class finishes in Ring 1. Supreme Champion will receive \$350.00 and Reserve Champion will receive \$250.00 for both market and breeding animals. All 1st-3rd place in the class will have cash awards.

Health papers are required on all animals. Tattoos will be checked. If intending to show in breed division registration papers are required. Generators are recommended if fitting out of personal livestock trailers or tents, but not required as the cattle barn and wash racks will be open. A livestock supply and equipment trailer will be on the grounds. In conjunction with this event, there will be a 4-H Pancake Breakfast from 7:00-10:30 a.m. in the lower level of Dallmeyer Hall on the fairgrounds and a lunch food booth available as well.

Questions regarding registration, sponsorship or other additional questions please contact Amy Green at amygreen@iastate.edu or 319/653-4811.

2025 Annual Report Keokuk County Soil and Water Conservation District

2025 District Activities

JANUARY

Andrew J. (AJ) Neff was elected Chair and Clinton Mikesell was elected Vice Chair. Members for 2025 are Gary Bates, Donald Millikin, and David Klein. Sharon Fritchen was appointed Secretary. Donald Millikin and David Klein were appointed Co-Treasurers. Assistant Commissioners appointed are Nick Beinhart and Nick Hammes.

The District Financial Policies were reviewed and approved. The EEO, Iowa Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist and the Unfunded Cooperative Agreement Memorandum of Understanding were reviewed. The 5 Year Resource Plan was reviewed.

David Klein and Clinton Mikesell started their new four-year term as District Commissioner.

FEBRUARY

Five scholarship applications were received.

MARCH

The 2024 annual report was published in the News-Review.

Poster Contest 2025 theme is "Home Is Where the Habitat Is". The poster contest

information was given to the schools.

Created a Resolution for CDI on "Updating/Revise Necessary Job Descriptions to Allow Overtime".

APRIL

100 pin oak tree seedlings were delivered to the 5th grade students.

75 posters were completed for the annual CDI poster contest. Posters were received from Tri County and English Valleys Community schools.

Three EQIP and three CSP contracts were approved.

MAY

The Virginia F Striegel Conservation \$500.00 scholarship was awarded to Isaac Striegel. Four \$250.00 Keokuk SWCD scholarships were given to Ava Greiner, Reagan Claranhan, McKinley Chittick and Jonathan Wheeldon. Isaac's application forwarded to regional competition.

Clinton and Tracy Mikesell were nominated and submitted for the 2025 Iowa Environmental Leader award.

JUNE

The CDI Resolutions were reviewed and voted on.

Annual Site Financial visit was completed on June 5.

Eight more EQIP contracts

were approved.

JULY

IFIP 3M FY26 initial allocation of \$60,924.00 was received.

FY26 REAP Practices funding in the amount of \$9,190.35 and FY26 REAP-Forestry Practices funding in the amount of \$2,808.72 were received.

Clinton and Tracy Mikesell were selected to receive the 2025 Iowa Environmental Leader award for Keokuk County.

AUGUST

Clinton and Tracy Mikesell accepted the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader award at the Iowa State Fair on August 13.

The District treasury audit was completed.

SEPTEMBER

Received 1M funding in the amount of \$3,000.00.

Fall supplemental 3M IFIP allocation of \$182,772.00 was received.

The 45th Annual 6th Grade Tent Campout was held on September 12, with 49 students and 19 sponsors participating.

The Quad District soil judging contest was held on September 23 and host-

ed by Poweshiek County. Keokuk County results are as follows: Senior Team 1st Place - Sigourney. Rex Flynn, Sigourney placed first in the Individual Senior division and Klayton Wehr, Sigourney, placed second in the Individual Senior division.

OCTOBER

The 2025 CDI Regional and State Poster Contest winners selected were Easton Mercer, Tri-County school, was the regional Division 4 (7th - 9th grade) winner. Hailey Brackelsberg, Tri-County High School, was the regional Division 5 (10th-12th grade) winner.

The USDA government shutdown on October 1, 2025, and state employees worked at the Extension Office and the Public Library.

NOVEMBER

The USDA government shutdown ended November 12, 2025.

DECEMBER

USDA is still on a hiring freeze, no District Conservationist has been hired since Larry Stevens' retirement on December 27, 2024. Only Acting District Conservationist's from other counties have filled in.

The Keokuk County Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to provide the 2025 annual report of conservation accomplishments. Conservation requires effort on the parts of many to improve our environment. Staff ready to assist you are:

District Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners

Andrew J. (AJ) Neff, Chair East Lancaster Twp.
Clinton Mikesell, Vice Chair English River Twp.
Gary Bates, Member Prairie Twp.
David Klein, Member East Lancaster Twp.

Donald Millikin, Member Benton Twp.
Nick Beinhart, Assistant Commissioner Keota
Nick Hammes, Assistant Commissioner Sigourney
Field Office Personnel
Brooke Guthrie and Mary Brand Acting District Conservationist - NRCS
Sharon Fritchen Conservation Assistant - IDALS-DSCWQ
Hilary Lanman State Conservation Technician - IDALS-DSCWQ
Jason Gritsch Private Lands Wildlife Technician - IDNR

2025 State FISCAL YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

Statewide WQI Cover Crop Acres Applied, 8,680.72 ac 79 producers
West Fork Crook Creek Watershed Cover Crops, 1,433.1 ac 6 producers
Cedar Creek Watershed Cover Crops, 1,630.85 ac 4 producers
Tile Outlet Terraces/Basins, 17,104 ft 19 producers

Summer Incentive Acres for Terraces/Basins, 35 ac 2 producers
Ponds/Grade Stabilization Structures, 4 no. 4 producers
Farmstead Windbreaks, 2 no 2 producers
Forage & Biomass Plantings, 119.89 ac 4 producers
CRP Plans written for FSA, 3,349.78 ac 187 contracts

Commissioner/District IM Expenses

This 1M budget allows for payment of district commissioners' and assistant commissioners' expenses incurred while performing their duties. The budget also provides dollars for certain office supplies used to carry out the duties of the district. The funds are appropriated by the State Legislature. 1M FY25 Fund Allocation (July 1, 2024) \$3,000.00
Interest Balance + 5.69
Commissioner and Assistants Expenses - 861.00
State Association Dues Reimbursement - 1,000.00
Postage -325.83
Office Supplies, Postage, Printing, Education... - 813.17
Balance (June 30, 2025) \$ 5.69
Commissioners Revolving Fund:
The district's operating

expenses and miscellaneous expenses come out of this account. Balance (January 1, 2025) \$22,403.52
Receipts
Scholarship donation (1) 500.00
Soil Judging Contest Reimbursements 247.20
Donation 50.00
Total for Receipts \$797.20
Expenses
Poster Contest Awards 180.00
Trees for 5th Grade Students 120.00
Environmental Leader Award 33.00
Campout 368.82
Scholarship (5) 1,500.00
Total Disbursements (2,201.82)
Balance (December 31, 2025) \$20,998.90

3M Iowa Financial Incentives Program (IFIP) Cost-Share

(Provided by the State of Iowa through June 30, 2025)

1 Approved Project	\$8,565.58
1 Completed paid project... ..	- 6,000.00
1 Completed paid project... ..	- 1,600.00
Returned to IDALS 6-30-2025	- 965.58
Balance 6-30-2025	\$0.00
SF512 Forage & Biomass Plantings Allocation (2024-2025)	\$285,994.74
1 Approved Forage & Biomass planting	- 57,048.72
4 Approved Forage & Biomass Incentive 2-	- 47,672.34
4 Completed Forage & Biomass plantings paid (119.89 ac)	- 150,550.02
2 Completed Forage & Biomass Incentive 2 paid (86.79 ac)	- 30,723.66
Balance 6-30-2025	\$0.00
IFIP Summer Incentive Allocation (2024-2025)	\$7,000.00
2 Completed paid Summer Incentive Acres (35 ac)	- 7,000.00
Balance 6-30-2025	\$0.00
SF 512 WQI Grade Stabilization Structures Allocation (2024-2025)	\$228,759.50
4 Completed paid projects (4 no)	-176,809.50
1 Approved project
Balance 6-30-2025	- 51,950.00
Balance 6-30-2025	\$0.00
REAP Forestry Practices Allocation (F/NG) (2024-2025)	\$4,431.33
1 Completed paid project..
Balance 6-30-2025	- 1,600.00
Returned to IDALS 6-30-2025	- 2,831.33
Balance on 6-30-2025	\$0.00
REAP Practices (P) Allocation P (2024-2025)	\$4,040,679.88
2025 - 1 completed LWPP projects	7,592.15
2018 - 2024 - 8 completed LWQP livestock loan projects	1,155,330.42
2005 - 2024 - 189 completed LWPP loan projects
Balance 6-30-2025	2,877,757.31
Total Loans Obligated and Completed since 2005

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