

‘Grow A Row’ in Fayette County

Fayette County Master Gardeners and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach in Fayette County encourage farmers and gardeners to grow a little extra food this year.

Grow A Row for Fayette County—Backyard Gardeners Fighting Hunger” is a campaign to encourage residents to grow and share extra food in 2025. The campaign is an effort to address food challenges and rising food prices, as more people are finding themselves needing a little extra help keeping nutritious food on the table. This program aims to improve access to fresh vegetables for those using county food pantries.

“The time to act is now,” said Deb Kahler, office and program director and Master Gardener coordinator, ISU Extension and Outreach, Fayette County. “As farmers and gardeners are beginning to plant gardens, now is a perfect time to make plans to plant more to share,” “We are looking to increase donations to our local pantries this year with your help.”

“Whether you’re an experienced farmer, or looking to try gardening for the first time, we hope you’ll sign up

and join us in growing—and sharing—a little more food this year,” added Fayette County Master Gardener Hannah Frederick.

ISU Extension and Outreach in Fayette County is spearheading this project with the help of a SNAP-Ed program Growing Together Mini-Grant. The local Master Gardener group will help coordinate collection of donations and distribution of produce.

In the West Union area, donations should be taken to the Donation Garden located behind the Bank 1st drive thru between 8-9 a.m. each Tuesday.

In Oelwein, participants may deliver produce before 9 a.m. Tuesdays or noon on Fridays at the Kitchen Cupboard, or at the Plentiful Pantry on Mondays at 9:30 a.m., Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. or Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

Anyone interested in receiving free garden seeds to be used for growing produce for “Grow A Row for Fayette County” is invited to stop in from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday, May 19, at the Fayette County Extension Office in Fayette; from 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, May 20, at the West Union

Donation Garden, located behind the Bank 1st drive thru in West Union; from 8-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 21, at the Plentiful Pantry in Oelwein.

Each Friday in June, seeds may be picked up at the Oelwein Farmer’s Market from 8-11 a.m., while supplies last. Free seeds to be used in growing produce for “Grow A Row for Fayette County” will be given out to volunteer growers signing up during those times.

To learn more about “Grow A Row for Fayette County,” call Kahler at ISU Extension and Outreach in Fayette at 563-425-3331.

SOUTH WINN CSD MINUTES

Attendance
Craig Neuzil, Member (At Large)
Patricia Schissel, Member (Director, District 3)
Wendy Mihm-Herold, President (Director District 2)
Cathy Sabelka, Member (Director District 1)

Non Voting Members
Kris Einck, Superintendent
Jasen Halverson, Principal PK-8
Brennan Williams, Principal 9-12
Kris Smith, Board Secretary /SBO Business Manager

I. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance
The South Winneshiek CSD Board of Education held a work session on April 30, 2025, in the boardroom in Calmar. The work session was called to order at 5:00 PM.

II. Roll Call
After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call took place: Present: Cathy Sabelka, Patricia Schissel, Craig Neuzil and Wendy Mihm-Herold. Absent: Ron Hemesath

III. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve agenda as presented.
Motion made by: Craig Neuzil
Motion seconded by: Patricia Schissel
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

IV. Work Session
1. District Financial Discussions
Discussion took place about maximum bonding capacity for the district and what the current

balances in Capital and PPEL funds are, along with forecasting future revenues and expected ongoing expenditures.

2. Future Direction Discussions
Discussion took place about a potential partnership with NICC and using some of their facilities to house a high school. Mr. Einck and Mr. Williams had taken a look at the facilities

to see if they would meet the needs for high school classes. Discussion also took place about the potential to renovate the current high school and what that might look like. No formal plans have been created for this. Discussion indicated the need for an architect to develop a design and to create a basis of what the cost might be.

V. Adjournment
The next regular meeting will be May 12, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:52 PM.
Motion made by: Craig Neuzil
Motion seconded by: Patricia Schissel
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

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FAYETTE COUNTY COURT NEWS

MARCH 26-APRIL 1, 2025

SCHEDULED TRAFFIC:

Speeding:
Trinidad Chicas, 30, West Union, Tammy S. Breshears, 57, Stockton, Mo., Kimberly A. Coffelt, 48, Oelwein, Rogene A. Torres, 59, Evansdale, Douglas O. Johnson, 61, Westgate, Alannah D. Alkison, 29, Prairie Du Chien, Wis., Abigail M. Block, 26, Oelwein, Patrick J. Sheltzaw, 46, Redford, Mich., Alyson M. Recker, 24, Oelwein, Kyle W. Bruening, 33, Waukon, Adam D. Novak, 41, Oelwein, Oakley R. Bandy Jr., 66, Manchester, Suzanne M. Jurgensen, 55, Westgate, Tristan C. Dittmer, 28, Stanley, Felicia M. Flores, 42, West Union, Melodie L. White, 43, Volga, Lowell A. McKenman, 37, Oelwein, Trent A. Peters, 44, West Union, Dalbir S. Dhillon, 30, Windsor, OC, Tommy L. Spier, 59, Sumner, Bradley J. Opperman, 59, Sumner, Brian A. Sipley, 58, Fredericksburg, Brandon L. Schipfer, 39, Northfield, Ill., Lan S. Chang, 60, Iowa City, Matthew D. Estes Martinez, 28, Des Moines, Theresa M. Ney, 52, West Union, Collin R. Stubbs, 50, Elkader, Jacob H. Ferch, 31, Charles City.

Others:
Horatio C. Richmond, 22, Arlington, two counts of failure to obey traffic control device; Trinidad Chicas, 30, West Union, no valid driver’s license; Nickson C. Olliney, 38, West Union, no valid driver’s license; Mark A. Bontrager, 28, Hawkeye, failure to maintain or use safety belts; Leah D. Trusty, 29, Oelwein, operation without registration card or plate; Corey W. Moser, 51, West Union, failure to maintain or use safety belts; Mathew A. Urban, 21, Oelwein, failure to obey traffic control device; Kerry E. Richards, 53, Sumner, failure to maintain or use safety belts; Kevin L. Richards, 20, Sumner, failure to maintain or use safety belts; Patrick E. Curran, 60, West Union, no valid driver’s license; Lonnie M. Upton, 52, Elgin, use electronic communication device; Derek R. Howard, 35, Ossian, failure to maintain or use safety belts; Elyse S. Phend Asquez, 18, West Union, failure to maintain or use safety belts; Blake T. Spence, 18, Cedar Falls, failure to maintain registration plate; Rojas F. Garcia, 54, Nashville, Tenn., passing contrary to highway sign or marking.

CRIMINAL:
Ronald E. Utt, 34, Oelwein, driving while barred, sentenced to five days in jail, pay fine of \$855 plus interest and court costs.

Binzler L. Moore, 44, Oelwein, second offense possession of controlled substance and marijuana, child endangerment, order for arraignment.

Stacey L. Mullinix, 42, Oelwein, first offense possession of methamphetamine and marijuana, child endangerment, order for arraignment.

David L. Coffelt Jr., 37, Oelwein, first offense possession of methamphetamine and marijuana, child endangerment, order for arraignment.

Mark L. Schroeder, 48, Fort Dodge, second offense possession of controlled substance, driving while barred, order for arraignment.

Aster M. Thompson, 42, Waterloo, third-degree theft, criminal mischief, order for arraignment.

Peyster K. Combs, 19, Lake Mills, third-degree theft, criminal mischief, order for arraignment.

Carrie R. Haas, 46, Strawberry Point, third-degree theft, criminal mischief, order for arraignment.

Samuel A. Cain, 34, West Union, first offense sex offender — registration violation, order setting initial appearance.

Jennifer J. Herman, 42, Coralville, third or subsequent offense possession of marijuana, driving while barred, order for discovery.

Jennifer L. Herman, 43, Hawkeye, third or subsequent offense possession of marijuana, order for discovery.

Matthew T. Burnell, 48, Hawkeye, third or subsequent offense possession of marijuana, order for discovery.

Dustin G. Harger, 42, Cedar Rapids, violation of probation, hearing for initial appearance.

Cris M. Brehme, 42, Arlington, violation of probation, sentenced to inpatient treatment.

Lawrence E. Robbins, 40, Decorah, two counts of second-degree sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of a minor — cause to engage in act, motion to dismiss.

David Lee R. Smith, 63, Mount Pleasant, violation of probation, order for continuance.

Jacob W. Jeanes, 36, Westgate, violation of probation, order for continuance.

Dean W. Beck, 48, Guttenberg, third or subsequent offense domestic abuse assault, possession of contraband in correctional institution, third or subsequent offense possession of marijuana, false imprisonment, order for trial scheduling conference.

Garry J. McNamara, 28, Castalia, first-degree burglary, first offense domestic abuse assault — display or use of weapon, order for continuance.

Alicia Richio, 36, Oelwein, third or subsequent offense possession of controlled substance, order for continuance.

James I. Mason III, 30, Oelwein, two counts of third or subsequent offense possession of controlled substance, hearing for initial appearance.

Steve A. Evans, 69, West Union, controlled substance violation, motion for continuance.

Luther play opens Thursday

Luther College’s Department of Visual and Performing Arts will present Joy Wilkinson’s play, “The Sweet Science of Bruising,” Thursday-Saturday in the Center for the Arts’ Jewel Theatre. Performances start at 7:30 p.m.

Set in 1869, the play follows four women as they are drawn into London’s underground world of female boxing. Controlled by men and constrained by corsets, each woman finds an unexpected freedom in the boxing ring.

Due to the depiction of violence and other material that some might find disturbing, the play is recommended for ages 14 and up.

For more information, call 563-387-1357.

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Kris Smith, Board Secretary /SBO Business Manager

I. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance
The South Winneshiek CSD Board of Education held a special board meeting on April 30, 2025,

in the boardroom in Calmar. The meeting was called to order at 5:53 PM.

II. Roll Call
Roll call took place: Present: Cathy Sabelka, Patricia Schissel, Craig Neuzil and Wendy Mihm-Herold. Absent: Ron Hemesath

III. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve agenda as presented.
Motion made by: Patricia Schissel
Motion seconded by: Craig Neuzil
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

IV. Receive Visitors
Mihm-Herold welcomed visitors.

V. Old Business – None

VI. New Business

1. Approve Steam Traps
Motion to approve steam traps from CH McGuiness for \$11,048.10.

Motion made by: Craig Neuzil
Motion seconded by: Cathy Sabelka
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

2. Authorization for Architectural Services
Motion to authorize Superintendent Einck to seek architectural services to explore options for additions or renovations to the high school in Calmar.

Motion made by: Craig Neuzil
Motion seconded by: Cathy Sabelka
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

VII. Adjournment
A motion to adjourn was made at 5:55 PM.

Motion made by: Patricia Schissel
Motion seconded by: Craig Neuzil
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FAYETTE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID W. BIERMANN, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR021008 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS To All Persons Interested in the Estate of David W. Biermann, Deceased, who died on about April 27, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on May 2, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of David W. Biermann, deceased, bearing date of July 5, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Matthew Biermann and Lindsey Crain have been appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to contest 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 after the forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and claims 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 May 2, 2025.
Matthew Biermann, Executor of Estate
312 N85th Avenue
Fayetteville, IA 52704
Lindsey Crain, Executor of Estate
1301 Robinwood Drive
West Plains, MO 65775
Jeremiah W. White, ICIS#: AT0008373
Attorney for Executors
ELWOOD, O'DONOHUE, BRAUN & WHITE, LLP
125 N. Vine Street, P.O. Box 475
West Union, IA 52175
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FAYETTE CO. ZONING BOARD NOTICE

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FAYETTE CO. ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the Fayette Co. Zoning Board of Adjustment at the Fayette Co. Courthouse, West Union, IA on **Tues., May 13, 2025 at 7:30 PM.**

#752, Ronald Hageman, Waucoma, IA is requesting variance to move an existing garage to a yard other than a rear yard. Affected property is Parcel #0206400008 in the SE¼, SE¼, SE¼, Sec. 06, Auburn Twp. in an Agricultural Zoning District at 18048 Scenic Rd., Waucoma, IA.

#753, Candis & Lester Wickenhauer, Chaska, MN are requesting a variance from the front setback of 100' to 60' for the construction of a house. Affected property is Parcel #0436100011 in the SW ¼, NE¼, NW¼, Sec. 36, Clermont Twp. in an Agricultural Zoning District at 25824 Alberta Rd., Clermont, IA.

Pursuant to Section 335.6 of the 2025 Code of Iowa, applications are on file in the Zoning Administrator's office in the Courthouse.

Any interested party may attend this hearing.

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HAWKEYE COUNCIL MINUTES

Hawkeye City Council Minutes
April 28, 2025 7:00pm.

At 6:00 p.m., Mayor Kelly asked for roll call: Kelly, Curtis, Schultz, Schnur, Sunnes & Oakland were present.

A motion by Curtis, second by Campbell to approve the agenda. MC. A motion by Schnur, second by Campbell to open the public hearing on the proposed FY 2025 budget amendment at 7:01pm. All ayes so moved. There were no comments or questions at this time. At 7:05 pm a motion by Oakland, second by Sunnes to close the public hearing. All ayes so moved.

At 7:05 pm a motion by Schnur, second by Oakland to open the public hearing on the proposed FY 2026 budget. There were no comments or questions at this time. At 7:10 a motion by Schnur, second by Curtis to close the public hearing and to go into regular session. All ayes so moved.

Resolution 2025-18 for the FY 2025 budget amendment was approved with a motion by Schnur, second by Oakland. All ayes so moved.

Resolution 2025-19 adopting the FY 2026 budget was approved with a motion by Curtis, second by Schnur. Roll call vote: Curtis, Schnur, Oakland, Sunnes and Campbell ayes so moved.

Motion by Schnur, second by Campbell to approve a sewer easement in the field by the lift station. All ayes so moved.

Building permit at 202 N. Moore St was approved with a motion by Curtis, second by Sunnes. All ayes so moved.

Building permit at 229 W. Wilbur St was approved with a motion by Campbell, second by Curtis. All ayes so moved.

Motion by Schnur, second by Oakland to fund Hawkeye Businessmen's Association \$2000 for their Fun Day event. All ayes so moved.

At 7:06 pm a motion by Curtis, second by Schnur to adjourn. All ayes so moved. The next regular scheduled city council meeting will be May 5th at 6:00 pm in the Hawkeye City Hall.

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West Union, Fayette County, Iowa
Monday, April 21, 2025

The Board of Supervisors of Fayette County, Iowa, met on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., at the Fayette County Supervisors' office.

The roll was called showing the following Supervisors present and absent:

Present: Bruce Lehmann, Jeff Bunn & Alex Popenhagen

Absent: -None-

Motion was made by Bunn and seconded by Popenhagen to approve the current agenda.

On roll call, all voted aye, none nay, and the motion was carried.

Motion was made by Bunn and seconded by Popenhagen to approve the minutes from the Monday, April 14, 2025 meetings. On roll call, all voted aye, none nay, and the motion was carried.

The Board met with Kevin and Pam Cline to answer questions for them regarding the rental of property at 129 South View, West Union, Iowa.

Motion was made by Bunn and seconded by Popenhagen to approve the following claims:

AgVantage FS Supplies 3295.68 2

Alere Toxicology Services, Inc Service 25.00 1

All States Ag Parts Supplies 338.71 1

Allamakee-Clayton REC Utilities 491.63 2

Allenergy Utilities 1021.63 1

Alpine Communications Service 1572.56 2

Amazon Capital Services Supplies 722.10 3

Timothy or Amanda Arthur Well Abandonment 400.00 1

Ashley's Complete Cleaning Service 75.00 1

Becker Hardware Supplies 14.49 1

Fayette County Road Dept Service 1479.69 1

Brady I. Block Reimbursement 118.2 1

Bodensteiner Implement Supplies 2907.90 1

Central Tank Coatings Service 1200.00 1

CenturyLink Phone Service 114.54 1

Chosen Valley Testing Service 18000.00 1

Kevin & Pamela Cline Rent 2900.00 1

Consolidated Energy Supplies 21389.54 1

Cooper's Energy Services 2083.38 1

Crop Systems Supplies 121.81 2

Croell Redi-Mix Supplies 3276.00 1

Judy & Charles's Firestone Supplies 325.66 1

Cynthia A. Decker Well Renovation 515.70 1

Dept. of Justice Service 309.90 4

Direct TV Utilities 3095.76 1

Double D Enterprise LLC Supplies 2000.00 1

Savannah D Dudley Reimbursement 101.00 1

Earthgrains Baking Co., Inc. Supplies 522.00 3

East-Central Iowa Rural Ele Utilities 42.00 1

Easton Water Service 215.75 1

Fastenal Company Supplies 154.69 1

Fayette County Attorney Service 309.90 4

Fayette County Recycling Fees 17022.99 1

Homestead Pest Control Service 747.24 1

Fayette Co. Sheriff Fees 497.20 3

Fay Co. Solid Waste Fees 33482.31 1

Fayette County Transfer Station Supplies 35.20 1

Jill Ford Service 283.50 1

G & C Tire Supplies 200.00 1

GFC Leasing — WI Service 341.34 1

Gierke-Robinson Co Supplies 320.81 1

Wingfoot Best Control Service 841.25 1

Gordon Fleisch Company, Inc Service 14.73 1

Grainger Supplies 42.78 1

Gundersen Clinic LTD Service 42.00 1

Gundersen Palmer Lutheran Pass Through 39645.46 4

Gunderson Palmer Lutheran Hosp Fees 138.00 1

Harmon Company Fuel 171.26 1

Harland Lubricants & Chemical Supplies 22946.46 1

Nicholas J Hatlan Reimbursement 266.46 1

Hawkeye Interconnect Service 301.87 1

Hawkeye Metal Supplies 157.50 1

Hawkeye Telephone Service 4236.63 2

Connie Holder Service 40.00 1

Hygienic Laboratory Supplies 100.50 1

Hygienic Laboratory Supplies 579.50 1

Iowa Communications Network Service 452.00 1

Iowa County Recorder's Assn Dues 155.00 1

Iowa Dept of Public Safety FE 2103.00 1

Iowa Emergency Mgmt Assn Dues 155.00 1

Iowa Prison Industries Supplies 990.00 1

IA Sec of State, State Reg Fee 30.00 1

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Meeting
The Fayette County Civil Service Commission will meet on May 28, 2025 at 2 p.m. at the Fayette County Sheriff's office, West Union, Iowa for updates.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR FAYETTE COUNTY IN RE MARRIAGE OF TODD MELVIN ALBRIGHT AND SHANNON ELIZABETH ALBRIGHT

UPON THE PETITION OF TODD MELVIN ALBRIGHT, Petitioner, AND CONCERNING SHANNON ELIZABETH ALBRIGHT, Respondent.

Case No. CDDM003071 ORIGINAL NOTICE

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the Clerk of this court naming you as the respondent in this action, which petition prays for dissolution of marriage. The attorney for the petitioner is Jeffrey E. Clements, whose address is 15516 N Tradedrive Dr - Unit 2, Spirit Lake IA 51360. That attorney's telephone number is (563) 422-3545; email: jcllements12@gmail.com. You are to serve a petition or answer on or before the 30th day of June, 2025, within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer with the Clerk of Court for Fayette County, at the county courthouse in West Union, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

You must file your Appearance and Answer on the Iowa Judicial Branch Efile System, unless the court has excused you from filing electronically (see Iowa Court Rule 16.302). Register for the Efile System at www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/ Efile to file and view documents in your case and to receive notices from the court. For general rules of