'Grow A Row' in Fayette County

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

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

Black bear sightings on the rise in northeast lowa

Black bears in Iowa? Yep, it's a thing, and seeing one is likely to become more common.

Natural Resources (DNR) has been meeting with officials from local conservation boards, police departments, sheriff's offices and dispatchers from counties in northeast Iowa to discuss how to respond when black bears come strolling through later this spring.
"Bears emerge in the

spring looking for food, generally feeding on the early greens and don't really care about humans, they're just being a bear," said Vince Evelsizer, state furbearer and wetlands biologist with the Iowa DNR.

In Iowa, the spike in bear activity occurs in late May and June, which is the

breeding season when a few black bears are more likely to disburse from Minnesota and Wisconsin, where populations are much larger and growing. Minnesota has an estimated 16,000 black bears, while Wisconsin's population is around 24,000. "Black bears are not that

far from Iowa's border," Evelsizer said. "We typically have two to five bear sightings each year, which we believe are usually younger males. They are relatively timid and just looking for food and/or females. It's new and exciting but can lead to human-bear conflicts." Bears have been responsi-

ble for destroying bee hives and have been found on back decks and in back yards emptying bird feeders. If a bear does show up around the house, Evelsizer said to try to scare it from a safe distance because bears don't like loud noises. "Use loud noises, like yell-

ing at it, clapping two pieces of two- by- fours loudly, or banging pots and pans," he suggested. "Give bears plenty of space to move on and also take away food attractants.

"Do not feed bears as that rewards the bear for coming into town and associate's humans with food. Removing any outdoor pet food dishes, bird feeders, trash cans and grills into secure locations will help to avoid conflicts and encourages the bear to

move on." Meetings were held in

Dubuque and Fayette with city and county officials from Winneshiek, Allamakee, Clayton, Fayette and Dubuque counties, connecting officials who will likely be involved in one way or another when a bear appears "We don't want to block

this spring. the bear's travel, or back it into a corner," Evelsizer said. "If a bear climbs a tree to escape onlookers, it can jeopardize the safety of the bear

itself - you need to give it

In Oelwein, participants

plenty of space. Folks can enjoy seeing a bear, but from a safe distance. It's a neat thing

but give it space - as in 100

The Iowa Department of yards or more. "It would be nice, in an ideal world, that we would know when a bear is coming through ahead of time, to notify citizens so they can remove any attractants," he added. "Sometimes that happens, thanks to our citizens, area DNR staff and local partners, and that helps us track the bear's location oc-

> travel." Iowa has gone from having an occasional visiting bear, to more frequent visiting bears to now having two- to- four bears move in and over-winter. And could see more in

casionally to keep tabs on its

"Sightings are still of in-dividual bears," Evelsizer reported. "We haven't documented cubs or a breeding population yet."

Students from Drake University modeled habitat across Northeast Iowa favorable to black bears, as part of a capstone project, and determined that with its larger sections of timber, Northeast Iowa could support up to 1,100 black bears.

Black bears are native to Iowa, but had been eliminated by the late 1800s as the state was settled. Since the species was gone, black bears were not listed as a furbearer species by the Iowa legislature of the day and currently have no protection in the "The public is keenly inter-

ested in bears and we hope to be proactive with education and outreach as the bears move into the state," Evelsizer noted. "It's pretty exciting to think about that - there might be a bear in the woods. Some people love bears; some people are scared to death of bears and bear attacks, because of the amount of misinformation out there."

The DNR official said the biggest takeaway is that between 1900 and 2009, there was only one black bear fatality in Minnesota, none in Wisconsin, and two in Michigan. Bear attacks are extremely rare, and most incidents involved unsecured food sources, he said. We encourage Iowans to

give black bears space if they see one," Evelsizer closed. "It is a large, wild animal. Also, enjoy the sighting and continue to enjoy the outdoors. Residents in Minnesota and Wisconsin have learned to live with bears."

The Iowa DNR is a member of BearWise, a national organization that provides information on living responsibly with black bears around the home, when recreating in the outdoors, and more. For additional information, visit www.bearwise.

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

Each Friday in June, seeds may be picked up at the Oelwein Farmer's Market from 8-11a.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**

Voting Members
Craig Neuzil, Member (At Large)
Patricia Schissel, Member (Director, District 3)
Wendy Mihm-Herold, President (Director

Catny Sabelka, Member (Director District 1) Non-Voting Members

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

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

roll call took place: rresem. Cam, tricia 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:

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

current
balances in Capital and PPEL funds are, along with forecasting future revenues and expected

pected
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

tities
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

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The next regular meeting will be May 12,

The next regular incerning 15 at 5:30 pm.
A motion to adjourn was made at 5:52 PM. Motion made by: Craig Neuzil Motion seconded by: Patricia Schissel

Luther play opens **Thursday**

Luther College's Depart-ment 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.

SOUTH WINN CSD SPECIAL MINUTES

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

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

Manager

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

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 Sabel-ka, 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

Motion seconded by: Craig Comment of the Motion seconded by: Craig Comment of the Motion Second of the Motion seconded by: Cathy Sabelka Voting:

Motion seconded by: Cau,
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:

Motion seconded by:
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: Motion seco... Voting: Unanimously Approved Published in The Union May 7, 2025

FAYETTE COUNTY COURT NEWS March 26-April 1, 2025

SCHEDULED TRAFFIC:

Scheding:
Speeding:
Trinidad Chicas, 30, West Union, Tammy
S. Breshears, 57, Stockton, Mo., Kimberly A.
Coffelt, 48, Oelwein, Rogenea A. Torres, 59,
Evansdale, Douglas O. Johnson, 61, Westgate, Alaurah D. Alderson, 29, Prairie Du Chien Alaurai D. Alderson, 25, Prairie Du Chilei, Wiss, Abigail M. Block, 26, Oelwein, Patrick J. Sheltraw, 46, Redford, Mich., Alyson M. Recker, 24, Oelwein, Kyle W. Bruenning, 33, Waukon, Adam D. Novak, 41, Oelwein, Oakley R. Bandy Manchester, Suzanne M. Jurgensen, 55, Westgate, Tristan C. Dittmer, 28, Stanley, Felecia M. Flores, 42, West Union, Melodie L. White, 43, M. Flores, 4.2, West Union, Melodie L. White, 4.3, Volga, Lowell A. McKeeman, 5.7, Okewien, Trent A. Peters, 4.4, West Union, Dalbir S. Dhillon, 30, Windsor, OC, Tommy L. Spier, 5.9, Sumner, Bradley J. Opperman, 5.9, Sumner, Brian A. Sipley, 5.8, Fredericksburg, Brandon L. Schipfer, 3.9, Northfield, Ill., Lan S. Chang, 6.0, lowa City, Matthew D. Estades Martinez, 2.8, Des Moines, Thesean M. Nur. 5.2, West Union, Collie D. Stubbe. resa M Nev 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; Nicholas C. Olliney, 38, Waucoma, no valid driver's license; Mark A. Bontrager, 28, Hawkeve, failure to maintain or use safet Hawkeye, tailure 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, Summer, failure to maintain or use safety belts; Kevin L. Richards, 20, Summer, failure to waintain or use acfett, belte, Patrick E. Curen. maintain or use safety belts; Patrick E. Curran, 60, West Union, no valid driver's license: Lonnie M. Upton, 52, Elgin, use electronic communica-tion device; Derek R. Howard, 35, Ossian, failure to maintain or use safety belts; Elyse S. Phend Vasquez, 18, West Union, failure to maintain or vasquez, 16; was clinin; nature to maintain 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. 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. Binzer L. Moore, 44, Oelwein, second offense possession of controlled substance and marijua-na, child endangerment, order for arraignment. Stacey L. Mullinex, 42, Oelwein, first offense

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

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 complaint filed.

Peyten K. Combs, 19, Lake Mills, third-degree theft, criminal complaint filed.

gree theft, criminal complaint filed.
Carrie R. Haas, 46, Strawberry Point, third-degree theft, criminal complaint filed.
Samuel A. Cain, 34, West Union, first offense sex offender — registration violation, order set-ting initial appearance. Anthony J. Taylor, 42, Coralville, third or subsequent offense possession of marijuana,

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

subsequent offense possession of marijuana, or-der for discovery.

Matthew T. Burnell, 48, Hawkeye, third or 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

counts of second-degree sexual abuse, sexual exploitation of a minor — cause to engage in act, David Lee R. Smith, 63, Mount Pleasant, vio lation of probation, order for continuance.

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

Dean W. Beck, 48, Guttenberg, third or sub-sequent offense domestic abuse assault, possessequent offense domestic abuse assault, posses-sion of contraband in correctional institution, third or subsequent offense possession of mari-juana, false imprisonment, order for trial sched-uling conference. Gary J. McNamara, 28, Castalia, first-degree

burglary, first offense domestic abuse assault — display or use of weapon, order for continuance. Alicia Ricchio, 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 con-trolled substance, hearing for initial appearance. Steve A. Euans, 69, West Union, controlled

substance violation, motion for continuance

Robert J. Blackford III, 30, Arlington, controlled substance violation, failure to affix drug stamp, gathering where marijuana is used, order of arraignment.

Bradley J. Etgeton, 28, Fairbank, second-degree sexual abuse, indecent contact with a child, order for arraignment.

gree sexual abuse, indecent contact with a child, order for arraignment.

Cody R. Smith, 38, Arlington, second-degree kidnapping — armed with dangerous weapon, assault while displaying a dangerous weapon, first-degree harassment, order for arraignment.

Sharnel A. Voshell, 42, West Union, third or subsequent offense possession of controlled substance, order of arraignment.

Nancy J. Bradshaw, 44, Oelwein, two counts of third or subsequent offense possession of controlled substance, gathering where controlled substances are used, sentenced to no more than five years in prison, suspended, pay fine of \$3,075 plus interest and court costs, suspended.

Joseph G. Kane, 26, Maynard, willful injury — causing bodily injury, order for continuance.

John S. Clark, 56, Oelwein, controlled substance violation, written plea of guilty filed with clerk.

CIVIL:
State of Iowa ex rel v. Tabitha R. Smith, child support, decree or final support order.
Credit Acceptance Corporation v. Melissa A. Stearns et al., contract — debt collection, original notice filed. Isaiah Cecil H. Duffield v. State of Iowa, post-conviction relief, petition filed.

OWI:

Ryan A. Kennon, 37, Maynard, first offense OWI, sentenced to two days in jail, pay fine of \$1,250 plus interest and court costs.

Blaze P. Gaede, 24, Fayette, first offense OWI, sentenced to two days in jail, pay fine of \$1,250 plus interest and court costs.

Michael D. Westcott, 32, West Union, first offense OWI, sentenced to two days in jail, pay fine of \$1,250 plus interest and court costs.

Jacob D. Bush, 38, Oelwein, first offense OWI, order of arraignment.

Jose A. Rosales, 40, Oelwein, second offense OWI, order of arraignment.

Sarah J. Rose, 39, Elgin, first offense OWI, order for arraignment.

order for arraignment.
Thomas F. Lacroix, 26, Clarksville, first offense OWI, order for discovery.

SMALL CLAIMS:

Jor R. Fink v. Tiffany M. Kitchens, of Oelwein. Default judgment filed for plaintiff for \$6,500 plus interest and court costs.

LVNV Funding v. Malvin A. Holden, of West Union. Default judgment filed for plaintiff for \$885.35 plus interest and court costs.

Bank of America v. Dalene S. Gosse, of Oelwein. Money judgment disprised with prain.

wein. Money judgment, dismissed with preju-

dice.

Banklowa v. Cheryl A. Stroud, of Oelwein.
Default judgment filed for plaintiff for \$257.07
plus interest and court costs.

LVNV Funding v. Jessenia Alvarado, of
Hawkeye. Default judgment filed for plaintiff for
\$1,036.90 plus interest and court costs.

GreenState Credit Union v. Allen D. Gardner,
of Oelwein Default judgment filed for plaintiff

GreenState Credit Union v. Allen D. Gardner, of Oelwein. Default judgment filled for plaintiff for \$2,180.92 plus interest and court costs.

LVNV Funding v. Paul R. Fay, of Clermont. Default judgment filed for plaintiff for \$1,326.40 plus interest and court costs.

LVNV Euroling v. Pricipile K. Smith of West.

plus interest and court costs.
LVNV Funding v. Priscilla K. Smith, of Westgate. Money judgment, order setting trial.
LVNV Funding v. Keith A. Slater, of Oelwein.
Money judgment, order for judgment.
Equity Trust Company v. Alan W. Woods et al, of Maynard. Forcible entry landlord/tenant, order for judgment. order for judgment.

Crown Asset Management v. Wendy S. Lar-

son, of Clermont. Original notice filed demanding \$6,149.95 plus interest and court costs.

Alan H. Seabrooke et al v. David E. Buchholz, of Fayette. Original notice filed demanding \$1,400 plus interest and court costs.

Capital One v. Angel R. Hovatter, of Oelwein.
Original notice filed demanding \$4,050.45 plus interest and court costs. interest and court costs.

Bodensteiner Implement Company v. Ricky
L. Baker, of Oelwein. Original notice filed demanding \$1,119.20 plus interest and court costs.
CitiBank v. Kindee S. Durnan, of Wadena.
Original notice filed demanding \$4,786.26 plus
interest and court costs.

Original notice lines demanding \$3,00000 printerest and court costs.

CitiBank v. Caitlin M. Swaney, of Oelwein.

Original notice filed demanding \$3,595.93 plus interest and court costs. Capital One v. Jackie M. Wegner, of Oelwein. Original notice filed demanding \$2,932.34 plus

interest and court costs. DKA Properties v. Steven H. Beach et al. of Oelwein. Original notice filed demanding pos-session of property at 121 Third Avenue S.E. Mercy Hospital of Franciscan Sisters v. Sonja Sammons, of Oelwein. Original notice filed demanding \$1,179.03 plus interest and court costs.

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID W. BIERMANN, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR021008 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL

OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS.

OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS To All Persons Interested in the Estate of David W. Biermann, Deceased, who died on or about April 27, 2025: You are hereby notified that on May 2, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of David W. Bier-mann, 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 amounted Executors of the section. have been appointed Executors 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

after be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors
having claims against the estate shall file them
with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allow-ance, 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 May 2, 2025

Matthew Biermann, Executor of Estate 312 N85th Avenue Fayetteville, AR 72704 Lindsey Crain, Executor of Estate 1301 Robinwood Drive West Plains, MO 65775 Jeremiah W. White, ICIS#: AT0008373 Attorney for Executors ELWOOD, O'DONOHOE, BRAUN & WHITE, LLP 125 N. Vine Street, PO Box 475 West Union, IA 52175 Date of second publication May 14, 2025 Published in The Union

FAYETTE CO. ZONING BOARD NOTICE

FAYETTE CO. ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing to be held by the Fayette Co. Courthouse, West Union, IA on Tues., May 13, 2025 at 7.30 PM.

#752, Ronald Hageman, Waucoma, IA is requesting a variance to move an existing garage to a yard other than a rear yard. Affected property is Parcel #0206400008 in the SE¼, SE¼, SE½, Sec. 06, Auburn Twp. in an Agricultural Zoning District at 18048 Scenic Rd., Waucoma, IA. #753, Candis & Lester Wickenhauser, Chas

ka, MN are requesting a variance from the front yard 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. **Published in The Union**

HAWKEYE COUNCIL **MINUTES**

Hawkeye City Council Minutes
April 28th, 2025, 6:00p.m.
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

so moved.

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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, Schnur, Sochnur, Rolcall 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 move forward with attorney recommendations for sewer infiltration at 108 N. First St. All ayes no moved.

v Clerk, Ginger Wander. Published in The Union May 7, 2025

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 Su-

The roll was called showing the following Su-pervisors 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.

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 Vine, 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
Alliant Energy Utilities 1021.63 4
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

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Ashley's Complete Cleaning Service 75.00 1
Becker Hardware Supplies 14.49 1
Black Hills Energy Utilities 2893.38 4
Brady L Block Reimbursement 11.82 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
Cooley Pumping LLC Services 200.00 1
Copy Systems Inc. Supplies 3276.00 1
Cy & Charley's Firestone Supplies 325.66 1
Judith A. Decker Well Renovation 515.70 1
Dept. of Justice Service 309.90 4
DirecTV 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 Road Dept Service 747.24 1
Fayette County

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 Hometown Pest Control Service 100.50 1 Hygienic Laboratory Supplies 579.50 1 Iowa Communications Network Service 452.00 1 Iowa Comty Recorder's Assn Dues 200.00 1 Iowa Dept of Public Safety Fee 2103.00 1 Iowa Prison Industries Supplies 990.00 1 Iowa Prison Industries Supplies 990.00 1 I A Sec of State, State Regist Fee 30.00 1 Nicholas I Hatlan Reimbursement 266.46 1

CLERK OF COURT

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ELGIN COUNCIL MINUTES

The Elgin City Council met in special session Monday April 28, 2025, at the Kohler Memorial Building meeting room. Mayor Knobloch called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Councilmemthe meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Councilmembers Wenger, Ellis, Christianson, and Wedo were present. Councilmember Wachal was absent. Motion to approve the agenda by Christianson, 2nd by Wedo, vote 4-0 carried. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by a guest. In new business, Clerk Wander shared with the Council some of the issues and errors with the finance and utility billing software that the city migrated to in February 2024. Discussion was held on options with the current software and how to hold them accountable. The council discussed another software option and asked Clerk Wander to bring additional information to the next regular meeting. Motion by Christianson to direct the clerk to check on more information, 2nd by Wedo, vote 4-0 carried. Discussion was held on and ways to prevent individuals from bringing prohibited items and dumping them at the city dump. Brandon Torkelson shared the foul poles have been installed at Cappers Ball Diamond, and a big thank you to City staff for cleaning up the ball diamond and bringing in more gravel. Motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm by Wedo, 2nd by Wenger, vote 4-0 carried. The next regular meeting will be held Monday May 5th. Submitted by City Clerk, Ginger Wander.



Oeiwein Fubilishing Company Fubilications 491.473
Sumner Implement Supplies 392.93 1
Palmer Lutheran Health Center Services 22.00 1
Performance Foodservice Supplies 2983.40 2
Polk County Sheriff Fee 57.40 1
Postmaster Supplies 616.00 1
Prairie Farms Dairy Supplies 952.42 2
Quillin's West Union Supplies 984.74 3
Ricoh USA, Inc Service 67.92 2
Shad K Roys Reimbursement 194.15 1
Sadler Power Train, Inc Supplies 991.88 1
Sam's Club Supplies 124.76 1
Saur & Saur Real Estate, LLC Rent 1800.00 1
Saur and Saur Reimbursement 393.4.1 1
Tracic L Schmitt Reimbursement 88.00 1
Christopher J Schveiger Reimbursement 301.55

Scott Pharmacy Supplies 30.35 1
Spath & Rose Lumber Supplies 23.96 1
State Medical Examiner's Off Fee 7551.00 1
Storey-Kenworthy Company Supplies 1038.23 5
Strahm Hardware Supplies 98.48 1
Superior Welding Sup. Co. Supplies 353.07 1
Thomson Reuters — West Supplies 180.89 1
Torkelson Motors Inc Service 4822.97.0 2
Truck Country of Iowa Supplies 481.98 1
ULINE Supplies 27.00 1
Fayette County Union Publications 271.56 2
United States Cellular Cell Phone Service 189.78

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United States Cellular Phone Service 1976.74 4

John Deere Financial Supplies 2056.27 5
Kerndt Brothers Savings Bank Service 41.78 1
Nathan Lein Reimbursement 192.50 1
Letter Werks Sign City LLC Supplies 355.00 1
Linn County Sherif Service 32.20 1
Lou's Gloves Supplies 870.00 1
Mail Services, LLC Renewal 6985.50 1
Mailing Services, Inc Service 4156.32 1
Martin Bros. Dist. Supplies 4623.16 4
Martin Equip of IA-II Supplies 127.10 1
McKee Foods Corporation Supplies 474.59 2
MCM Consulting Group, Inc Service 2400.00 1
McKee Foods Corporation Supplies 984.00 1
Mick Service 1382.41 6
Meyer's Custom Chevy Supplies 984.00 1
Midwest Collision Center Service 420.00 1
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Midwest Wheel Co. Supplies 2472.02 1
Mitko Service 328.48 1
Myers-Cox, Co Supplies 883.45 1
NAPA Auto Parts Supplies 54.79 1
NEIA Mechanical Service 1479.69 1
NEIT Phones, LLC Service 958.95 1
Northern Safety Co, Inc Supplies 2627.37 1
Oelwein Publishing Company Publications 491.47 3
Sumner Implement Supplies 392.93 1

West Union Hardware Supplies 24.99 1
WEX Bank Fuel 3211.57 2
Zarnoth Brush Works, Inc. Supplies 551.25 1
Ziegler Inc. Supplies 1047.29 1
On roll call, all voted aye, none nay, and the motion was carried.
The Board met with Joel Fantz, County Engineer, for a secondary roads update.
The Board had a brief discussion regarding the County Handbook.
Tyron Matthews, Jail Administrator, gave a jail report update. Tyron Matthews, Jail Administrator, gave a jail report update.

Marty Fisher, County Sheriff, gave a brief update regarding an ordinance.

Motion was made by Popenhagen and seconded by Bunn to adjourn the meeting. On roll call, all voted aye, none nay, and the motion was carried

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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. Published in The Union May 7, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

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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 AND CONCERN 'IN ALBRIGHT, Petitioner, AND CONCERN ING SHANNON ELIZABETH ALBRIGHT,

ING 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 office of 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 Tradewind Dr – Unit 2, Spirit Lake IA 51360. That attorney's telephone number is (563) 422-3545; email: Jclements12@msn.com.
You must serve a motion or answer on or You must serve a motion or answer on or before the 3rd day of June, 2025 and, 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.

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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 and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Rules of Electronic Procedure in chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules at www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/ACO/CourtRulesChapter/16. pdf. Court filings are public documents and may contain personal information, refer to Division VI of chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules and to the Iowa Judicial Branch website at www.iowacourts.gov/for-the-public/representing-yourself/protect-personal-information/.

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Wedo, vote 4-0 carried. Discussion was held o the current tech support services for the city, quote was shared from Decorah Tech, Counc suggested getting a quote from NEIT in Mono na. Motion to table by Ellis, 2nd by Christianson vote 4-0 carried. Motion to approve a tobacc permit renewal for Guppys by Wedo, 2nd by Christianson, vote 4-0 carried. Discussion re sumed on the purchase of a used fire truck from Simon in Farley, Iowa, with the city's portion being \$77,681.41. The fire department will use association funds and township funds to pay for the other half, as well as an additional \$6,500 for painting since the truck is currently white. Mo-tion to approve and direct the Clerk to begin the bonding process by Wenger, 2nd by Wedo, vote 4-0 carried. Discussion continued on the bids re-ceived for the old 1974 Chevy C-750 truck, and ceived for the old 19/4 Chevy C-730 truck, and the current scrap pricing being \$140/ ton. Mo-tion to approve sale to the highest bidder Greg and Kenny Johnson for the amount of \$1,575.00 by Christianson, 2nd by Wenger, vote 4-0 car-ried. In open session it was discussed to bring in more gravel to put around the recycling bin and ways to prevent individuals from bringin



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