

Meet your neighbors: Tyler Frank and Kayla Leichty

By Sharon Jennings

Meet Tyler Frank and Kayla Leichty, Winfield's newest residents. They recently moved into the former Ryan VanAuken home along with their furry friend Kenai, a 3-year-old female Rottweiler.

Tyler was born in Minot, North Dakota, and moved to Iowa in 2012 because his Dad had retired from the military and wanted to be closer to family. His parents are Bret and Heather Frank of Riverside, Iowa.

Tyler has three siblings, Brandon Vequam, who lives in Lone Tree, Iowa, and Skyla Frank and Bentley Frank, both residents of Riverside. Tyler is a 2015 graduate of Highland High School and currently works for a company called Enersys as a Field Service Representative (FSR). Prior to his current job, Tyler worked at Wilkison Recast Inc. in Riverside pouring concrete.

Kayla was born in Iowa City, and raised both there and in Wayland. Her parents are Kurt and Beth Leichty, residents of Wayland. Kayla also has three siblings: Taylor Clason (Leichty) of Marion, and Kasen and Morgan Leichty, both of Wayland.

Kayla is a 2017 graduate of WACO High School.

"I went to the University of Iowa for two years, then transferred to Mount Mercy University where I graduated with my Bachelor of Science in Nursing. (BSN)," she said.



Kayla Leichty and Tyler Frank are pictured with their dog, Kenai. (Photo submitted)

Kayla currently works at the University of Iowa Health Care.

Though Kayla has lived her whole life in Iowa, Tyler is more of a traveler.

"I've lived in North Dakota, Missouri, and Alaska before settling in Iowa," said Tyler.

"We met shortly after high school and reconnected a couple years ago on social media and began dating in December 2024," explained Kayla when asked how they met.

"I bought my house on April 9 and moved here because it is a nice and quiet town," explained Tyler. Kayla added, "When Tyler and I viewed the house, we felt like it was the perfect

fit for us. I used to live in a small town and enjoyed the community. It's a nice change from previously living in the busy cities of Iowa City and Cedar Rapids."

Kayla's list of previous employment includes Halcyon House, Washington County Hospital, Mercy in Cedar Rapids and St. Luke's as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)/Patient Care Technician (PCT).

"I started my nursing career in Emergency Room at St. Luke's Hospital," she said. "I now work at the U of I in the Procedure Suite."

The procedure suite refers to the place where a variety of medical procedures occur, often involving sedation or

anesthesia. It is similar to an operating room, but maybe more focused on specific procedures such as biopsies or lumbar punctures.

When asked what they feel are the pros and cons of living in small town USA, Tyler replied, "The people are nice and the town is quiet." Kayla answered, "The pros of living are the neighbors know each other." If they feel there are any cons, none were mentioned.

To add to his world travels, Tyler has been to both North and South Dakota, Canada, Colorado, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Texas and Mexico.

Kayla reported, "I've only traveled a few places, but plan to travel more. I have been to Missouri, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Florida, Texas, Washington D.C., Punta Cana [Dominican Republic] and Mexico." (Did she say "Only?")

Tyler lists his hobbies as hunting and fishing. Kayla enjoys spending time with friends and family, adding, "I also enjoy Cricuting, which is a smart cutting machine (Cricut) that allows you to specialty cut items with certain materials for at-home projects."

Kayla said that her advice to young people is to "find a mentor and later be a mentor. Mentors help you go from novice to expert."

We welcome Kayla and Tyler to Winfield and look forward to having them as part of our community. Thank you for sharing your story with us.



Iowa Sen. Adrian Dickey speaks during the ceremony Tuesday, June 3 at the Packwood Fire Station where Gov. Kim Reynolds (left) signed SF627 into law, establishing financial incentives for volunteer firefighters, EMS and law enforcement reserves. (Melissa Robison/The Union)

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pend on their service and self-sacrifice in the case of unexpected emergencies," Gov. Reynolds said in a press release. "These everyday heroes are pillars of Iowa communities, and it is vital that we honor their service and reward their dedication. I'm thankful to our legislators and key stakeholders for getting this bill across the finish line."

In one of his "Dickey Dispatch" columns from February, Sen. Dickey explained that the LOSAP bill would establish a small retirement plan for volunteer fire departments based on the number of years their volunteers serve. He wrote that, if these volunteers were paid for their service, it would cost Iowa taxpayers over \$1 billion annually.

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Gov. Kim Reynolds poses with members of the Packwood Fire and Rescue Department Tuesday, June 3. (Melissa Robison/The Union)



The crowd cheers as Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds signs a bill into law to establish financial incentives for volunteer firefighters, EMS and law enforcement reserves on Tuesday, June 3 at the Packwood Fire Station. (Photo courtesy of the Office of Kim Reynolds)

LEGAL NOTICES

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025

At 9:00 a.m., Chairperson Richard Young called to order in regular session a meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors which took place at Orchard Hill. Items on the agenda included the following: Pledge of Allegiance, approval of agenda, public comment related to agenda items, General Assistance policy change, discussion and possible action regarding contracts for the Engineer's Office Construction, discussion and action regarding change requests for Orchard Hill Building 2 and 3, Department Head comment, adjourn.

Supervisors Bob Yoder, Jack Seward Jr., and Marcus Fedler were also present. Stan Stoops was absent.

Other individuals in attendance included Kaiti McCain with the State of Iowa, County Attorney Nathan Repp, County Engineer Jacob Thorius, Outreach Director Joe Williams, Ambulance Director Jordan Wright, and Board of Supervisors Administrative Assistant Amber Williams. Various other individuals listened and/or watched remotely via Zoom.

Young led the individuals assembled in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. All motions were passed unanimously unless noted otherwise.

On motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to approve the agenda as published.

There was no public comment.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board approved a change in the General Assistance policy to increase the allowable income to 150% of the Federal poverty guideline level. This results in an allowable yearly income of \$23,475.00 for individuals and \$48,225.00 for a family of four to be eligible to receive benefits from General Assistance. There was an initial intent to have this match the amount of increase to the Veterans Affairs assistance program; however, the VA program is set at 200% of the Federal poverty guideline level. After discussion, the income level of 150% was approved by the Board for the purpose of the General Assistance policy.

Three contracts regarding construction of the new Washington County Engineers building were presented to the Board. The contracts were approved as follows:

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board approved, and authorized the Chairperson to sign, the contract with Christner Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$818,929.00 for general trade services.

On motion by Seward, seconded by Fedler, the Board then approved, and authorized the Chairperson to sign, the contract with Winger Contracting, Co. in the amount of \$301,185.00 for mechanical services.

Supervisor Fedler presented change request orders for work at Orchard Hill buildings two and three. On motion by Fedler, seconded by Seward, the Board approved, and authorized the Chairperson to sign, a change order in the amount of \$488.61 to relocate microphone wires in the Board of Supervisors chambers. A second change order to perform concrete slab and sidewalk work around the buildings was approved in the amount of \$278.25. Motion was made by Fedler, seconded by Seward, to approve, and authorize the Chairperson to sign the second change order.

During Department Head comment, County Engineer Thorius informed the Board that work has begun on the Wellman bridge project with the bridge deck being started. Thorius estimated the project to be complete in 1.5 months.

At 9:21 a.m. on motion by Yoder, seconded by Fedler, the Board voted to adjourn.

ATTEST: s/ Tamera S. Stewart,
Washington County Auditor
4IMP/INT INC supplies 835.53
4M PLUMBING & HEATING service 2,273.46
ACE N MORE supplies 721.26
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL HLTHCARE service 16,322.26
AHERS & COONEY PC service 2,658.20
ALL AMER TERM PEST CONTROL service 860.00
ALLEGIAN TECHNOLOGY software 46.43
ALLIANT utilities 11,050.17
ALTORFER MACHINERY parts 6,181.95
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES equipment 629.00
AMBER ARMBRUSTER reimb 217.21
ARMSTRONG HEATING repair 190.00
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY parts 1,141.41
AT & T service 2,232.09
ATCO INTERNATIONAL service 180.05
ATT MOBILITY data 88.63
B&B PROPANE jo 1,911.23
BAILEY OFFICE OUTFITTERS supplies 4,598.12
BAKER PAPER supplies 551.96
BONNIE LINS reimb 303.80
BOUND TREE supplies 447.20
BRIGHTTREE HOME HLTH & HOSPICE software 2,981.00
BROOKHART ELECTRIC INC service 1,501.79
BROWNS SHOE FIT uniform 410.39
BUSINESS FORMS & supplies 76.44
CALHOUN BURNS & ASSOC service 15,181.45
CARA SORRELLS reimb 199.36
CARL A. NELSON & CO renovation 39,638.54
CARMAN DAVIS reimb 750.40
CARRIE RICH reimb 400.00
CARRIER ACCESS IT service 146.25
CASH N CARRY CHEMICALS Herbicides 583.50
CDW GOVERNMENT equipment 6,191.21
CENTRAL IOWA DETENTION SERVICE 223.08
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING INC Supplies 533.00
CENTURYLINK service 20,654.32
CHRISTNER CONTRACTING INC renovation 31,843.07
CINTAS service 349.81
CITY OF KALONA utilities 106.60
CITY OF WASHINGTON utilities 5,525.75
CITY OF WEST CHESTER utilities 1,044.36
CJ COOPER service 275.00
CJS OIL CO fuel 290.39
CLAIM MD subscription 100.00
CLIA LAB PROG fees 248.00
CONSOLIDATED MANAGEMENT CO meals 16,356.29
CONSUMERS COOPERATIVE fuel 694.00
CONTINUOUS TOUCH service 479.96
CONVERGINT TECHNOLOGIES LLC service 4,192.94
COPY SYSTEMS INC contract 91.37
CRITICAL HIRE service 25.00
CULLIGAN WATER COND water 374.56
CUMMINS SALES & SERVICE service 854.51
DANIEL STIGERS fees 200.00
DAVID GUHL well 700.00
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA claims 6,682.00
DEREK PORSCH reimb 80.26
DIANE WALDSCHMIDT reimb 467.60
DONS TRUCK SALES parts 172.09
DOUDS STONE LLC roadstone 180,290.80
EASTERN IA CHIROPRACTIC CENTRE service 270.00
EASTERN LIGHT & POWER utilities 2,010.60
ELLIOTT BULK SERVICES, LLC fuel 40,190.01
EMS DETERGENT SERV supplies 204.25
EQUATEK INTERACTIVE subscription 10.00
ESRI INC maint 21,975.00
ETHAN HANSEN reimb 103.28
FOUNDATION 2 detention 466.50
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES INC service 2,533.00
GEORGE MOORE cistern 400.00
GERRIER SIGN signs 45.00
GORDON FLESH COMPANY contract 324.73
HCC LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY premium 2,851.44
HEALTHCARE FIRST survey 110.44
HISTORIC RESOURCES GROUP, INC. service 2,520.00
HIWAY SERV CTR parts 64.67
HOLIDAY INN AIRPORT lodging 403.20
HYGIENIC LABORATORY kits 785.00
IA APCO registration 100.00
IA ASSN OF CO COMM VET SERV OF dues 60.00
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACAD service 150.00
IA PRISON IND signs 8,828.35
IA ST MEDICAL EXAMINER fees 2,076.40
IGRAPHIX INC supplies 60.00
IMAGING SPECTRUM supplies 306.92
IMPRESSIONS COMPUTERS maint

270.00
IRENE MCDOWELL reimb 94.50
JACKIE BROWN reimb 529.20
JASPER CO SHERIFF service 67.40
JENIFER ROBERTS reimb 1,017.80
JET PHYSICAL THERAPY service 4,889.50
JOAN SIERNEN fees 473.08
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL parts 876.06
KALONA CO-OP TELE internet 2,503.74
KALONA TIRE tires 2,675.70
KAREN DONALDSON refund 84.00
KARLAS KLEANING cleaning 405.00
KARRI FISHER reimb 26.60
KCII ads 237.28
KELTEK INC install 1,745.96
KEN GINGERICH rent 200.00
LEETS REFRIGERATION service 342.00
LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING disposals 1,826.84
LINN CO SHERIFF service 47.90
LORI HOBSCHIEDT reimb 59.50
MAIL SERVICES renewals 913.46
MCMASTER CARR SUPPL parts 109.38
METAL CULVERTS parts 13,494.00
MILWEST WHOLE parts 1,283.67
MOSBY VEVY CO supplies 140.88
MP CLOUD TECHNOLOGIES software 599.00
NATL SHERIFFS ASSN dues 2,280.00
NEXTRAN TRUCK CENTERS parts 1,756.44
ONE SOURCE service 22.00
OREILLY AUTO PARTS parts 2,667.31
PAUL TOWNER fees 577.80
PAYGROUND INC fees 242.23
PENN CARE INC supplies 4,391.30
PETTY CASH petty cash 23.27
POWELL FUNERAL HOME transport 1,450.50
PRINTERS WORKSHOP earlthones 820.51
QUADIENT FINANCE USA postage 894.00
QUILL CORP supplies 143.60
RAPIDS REPROD parts 1,454.42
RICHARD YOUNG reimb 21.90
RIVER BEND RACE PRODUCTIONS service 450.00
ROLLING HILLS CONSULTING SERV service 1,500.00
RONDA STAUFFER SOBASKI service 150.00
RYAN DIAGNOSTICS INC kits 452.00
SAFE HIRING SOLUTIONS service 51.15
SANDRA LOVETINSKY registration 22.52
SECRETARY OF STATE ncoa 304.21
SEMCO service 55.35
SEWARD DEAN STOCK service 500.00
SHELBY HILL reimb 240.10
SHELLEY REED-WULF reimb 225.53
SHOTTEKIRK - WEST BURLINGTON parts 199.21
SINCLAIR TRACTOR-WASH parts 45.19
SIRCHIE ACQUISITION COMPANY LLC supplies 79.70
THE NEWS publications 1,359.13
THE WATER SHOP INC salt 46.85
THRYV ads 116.85
TOWN & COUNTRY VET CLINIC vet 125.90
TRANSIT WORKS supplies 187.96
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES software 5,379.54
ULINE supplies 123.98
UMB BANK bond 600.00
US CELLULAR cell phone 4,875.88
US POST OFFICE Stamps 730.00
US POSTAL SERV postage 2,168.30
USIC LOCATING SERVICE LLC service 400.00
VERIZON WIRELESS data 120.03
VIRGINIA MILLER reimb 227.50
VISA supplies 1,310.87
VISA WASH STATE BANK supplies 153.19
WAEWORKS/HEALTH EQUITY fees 33.75
WALMART CARD supplies 299.39
WAPELLO RURAL WATER ASSOC service 66.50
WASH AUTO CENTER repair 5,826.73
WASH CO AUDIT reimb 12,500.00
WASH CO HOSPITAL supplies 669.88
WASH CO SECONDARY reimb 9,985.16
WASH CO SHERIFF service 80.20
WASH LUMBER & HOME CENTER supplies 17.96
WASH RENTAL blade 20.99
WASHINGTON DISCOUNT TIRES tires 6,409.77
WELLMAN CO-OP TELEPHONE ASSN phone 270.92
WELLMARK/WAGWORKS claims 116,940.52
WEMIGA WASTE INC service 100.00
WEX BANK fuel 106.37
WILSONS TOWN & COUNTRY repair 95.00
WINDSTREAM phone 1,206.84
WMPF publications 1,305.56
WOODRUFF CONSTRUCTION renovation 331,166.30
ZARNOTH BRUSH WORKS INC parts 733.75

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. ESPR008370 THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY D. LEICHTY, Deceased
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Dorothy D. Leichty, Deceased, who died on or about April 13, 2025: You are hereby notified that on May 28, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Dorothy D. Leichty, deceased, bearing date of April 26, 2006, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Loran Leichty was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Dated June 3, 2025.
Loran Leichty, Executor of Estate
3231 Quince Ave
Wayland, IA 52654
Katie E.M. Luian, ICIS#: AT0005126
Attorney for Executor
Washington Law Office, LLP
211 West Washington Street
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Washington, IA 52535
Date of second publication the 12th day of June, 2025.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. ESPR008363 THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DENNIS G. WHITE, Deceased
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Dennis G. White, Deceased, who died on or about April 25, 2025: You are hereby notified that on May 20, 2025, the undersigned was appointed Administrator of the estate. Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on May 20, 2025.
Carol Madsen
Administrator of the Estate
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Washington, IA 52535
Washington Law Office, LLP
Kathryn J. Salazar, Attorney for Administrator
211 West Washington Street
P.O. Box 867
Washington, IA 52535
Date of second publication: 5th day of June, 2025

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The Washington Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 6:00pm on **Tuesday June 10, 2025** in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 215 E Washington Street. Items on the agenda will include: reviewing and possible approval of site plans, plats of survey, and general discussion items. There will be time for the public to make comments if they have any questions for the Commission.