

# Our Yesterdays

**1965**  
This year the 1965 Crisco Award to the outstanding Home Economics student goes to Denise Gott. She was selected by her Home-making teacher out of 12 eligible senior girls. Denise has completed three years of homemaking at the secondary level and has been outstanding academically each year. Her class achievements have always been carried over to the home life. She placed with her wool winter coat in the district division of the national "Make it With Wool" contest held in Mt. Pleasant last fall.  
Six pupils have perfect attendance so far this year in third grade. They are Dennis Sobaski, Donna Neff, Deborah Leppert, Denise Leppert, Lyle Greiner, and Deanna Spray.

**1985**  
Tom and Kathryn Hoskins are the proud parents of a baby daughter. Pheobe May arrived May 14 weighing seven pounds, three ounces.

She has three sisters to welcome her home: Carrie, age eight and a half, Amanda, age seven, and Dollie, age two. Grandparents are Tom and Beverly Hoskins of Richland and Robert and Phyllis Gott of Ollie. Great-grandmothers are Rada Hawley of Ollie, Cecile Coffin of Richland, and Maude Hoskins of Parkview Care Center in Fairfield.  
Linda and Vern Reiner of Fairfield are the parents of a baby boy, Eric James, who weighed six pounds, 15 ounces, born May 12 at Jefferson County Hospital. Baby Eric has a sister, Lindsay, age two. Local grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weller of Fairfield and Mr. and Mrs. Garry Deitrich of Ollie.  
Carl and Mary Conger of Packwood received work of the birth of a great-granddaughter, Megan Teal, born May 8, at St. Louis, Missouri to Gary and Kathleen Teal. She weighed five pounds and 13 ounces.  
David and Gloria Cowguill of Cedar Rapids

have a baby son, Andrew Jay, eight pounds, born May 17. This is the couple's first child, and the first grandchild for the proud grandparents, Jay and Mary Cowguill of Packwood.  
Jim Silvers, son of David and Cathy Silvers of Ollie, celebrated his 9th birthday on May 20 with supper, ice cream and Cake, served at his home. Present were Latissha and Michael, his sister and brother; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schultz; Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schultz, Jeremy and Jared; Mrs. Anna Schultz of Ollie; and Mrs. Ruby Silvers of Packwood. On Wednesday, the 22nd, his parents and Latissha took Jim and four classmates for pizza and skating. Those going were Chad Ingle, Matt Parsons, Scott Dickey, and Chad Gillam.  
Jo Chambers of Packwood, along with her sisters Rose Hendricks and Colee Hospers, both of rural Fairfield, took their sister-in-law, Benna Coop to lunch on June 1 to the Silver Dragon Restaurant in

Fairfield. Benna is leaving to join her husband Bernard in Austin, Texas, on the weekend of June 8. Also going will be their daughters Kristen and Kim. Another daughter, Sherry, who is employed in Ottumwa is also going.  
Nancy Maeder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Maeder of Richland, has been awarded a Pre-Ministerial Scholarship to attend Central College this fall. Maeder is a 1985 graduate of Pekin Community High School where she played softball and was active in band and chorus. She was also a member of the National Honor Society.  
**2000**  
Graduation parties were held for Ollie area graduates. Whitney Snakenberg and Jon Schuttlefield held theirs Saturday evening at the Ollie Community Building. Sunday, Roger and Beverly Winn hosted a party for their granddaughter, Faith Harbison of Richland, at the Winn home in Ollie. Nicole Baker and Kurt

Power held theirs at the Ollie Community Building, and Amy Reinier held hers at the Ollie Masonic Hall. Sandra Molkenthin was honored at the home of her parents, Robert and Gail Molkenthin. Amy Shy was honored by her parents, Jim and Pat Morgan.  
Jane Hall had a heart catheterization at the University of Iowa Hospitals last Tuesday. Sue Gill, Peg Sobaski, and Jean Green went up and brought her home Thursday. They stopped at the Washington Hy-Vee and got caught in the tornado warnings. The sirens went off two times before they finally were able to come home.  
Mary Wolcott took Mabel Wolcott and Doris McCracken to Burlington on Saturday to go shopping.  
Susan Ulin took Edith Nordyke to Iowa City for an eye appointment on Thursday. Susan and Brian took Edith out on Saturday night for her birthday at the Catfish Place. Susan attended church at the Methodist

Church with her mother on Sunday.  
**2005**  
Sam and Irene Ritchie attended preschool graduation for Tyler Derwin in Des Moines, they also attended one of his T-ball games.  
Wayne and Iola Parsons, Tim and Nancy Parsons, and Dennis and Rita Eastman enjoyed supper together on Thursday at Applebee's in Ottumwa to celebrate anniversaries.  
Alisa Meacham hosted a birthday party for her daughter Mindy on May 20. Mindy and a friend from college came home for her brother's graduation.  
Dale and Rosie Sassen met their friends, the Miller's, at Kalona for lunch on May 17. In the afternoon they visited Edith Morrow at the Jefferson County Hospital.  
Bob and Nancy Winn had some of Bob's Vietnam buddies as guests recently. They came to hunt turkeys. Nancy treated them to home-made rhubarb pie.

# Area News Briefs

**AREA FOOD PANTRY INFORMATION**  
The area food pantry is in the Richland Methodist Church in Richland. For anyone needing help go to the Fellowship Hall door that is located on Richland St. on the west side of the church. Food pantry hours of operation are Tues. and Wed. 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Thur. 5-7 p.m. Office phone 319-456-2251, emergency contact 641-919-5573. This is a Partner Agency with the Food Bank of Iowa.  
**KEOKUK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
The Keokuk County Historical Society is open Wednesdays and

Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Arrangements for visiting other days can be arranged by calling 641-622-3005, please leave a message and your call will be returned. Come see our museum or do genealogy research.  
**RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM**  
The Richland Public Library will be hosting the Summer Reading Program for kids going into Kindergarten through 5th grade. Children age 5 and younger must have an adult attend the program with them. This program will be on Tuesdays from 1 — 2 p.m. starting on June 3

and ending on July 22.  
**HEDRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM**  
The Hedrick Public Library will be hosting the Summer Reading Program for kids beginning June 4. It will be held Wednesdays, June 4, 11, 18, 25, and July 3 from 2-3 p.m.  
**RICHLAND CITYWIDE GARAGE SALES, FRIDAY, JUNE 6 AND SAT., JUNE 7**  
Richland Citywide Garage Sales will be Friday, June 6 and Saturday, June 7, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Times may vary for individual garage sales. If you want to

sign your garage sale up, text Felicity at 563-451-3682 with your address, dates and times to get on the list. Maps will be available at the Bp station.  
**HEDRICK CITYWIDE GARAGE SALES, FRIDAY, JUNE 6 AND SAT., JUNE 7**  
Hedrick Citywide Garage Sales will be Friday, June 6 noon-6 p.m. and Saturday, June 7 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Times may vary for individual garage sales. If you want to sign your garage sale up for the map, contact City Hall before noon Thursday, June 5 with your address, dates and times. Maps will be available at the Bp station.

**HEDRICK SHOP AND ROCK THE BLOCK, FRIDAY, JUNE 6**  
Hedrick Shop and Rock the Block will be Friday, June 6 from 4-8 p.m. along Hedrick Main Street. First, stop at the Hedrick Savings Bank to get your shopping bag. Then check out all the great vendors! Live music from 4:30-7:30, continue the night at Pigtail Charlies!  
**RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING, MON., JUNE 9**  
The Richland City Council will meet in regular session on Monday, June 9 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.  
**PACKWOOD CITY COUNCIL**

**MEETING, TUE., JUNE 10**  
The Packwood City Council will meet in regular session on Tuesday, June 10 at 7 p.m. in the Packwood Fire Station Community Room.  
**HEDRICK PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS**  
The Hedrick Public Library hours: Mondays 2-6 p.m., Tuesdays -1-5 p.m., Wednesdays Noon-4 p.m., Thursdays 2-6 p.m., Friday 2-6 p.m.  
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**JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS**  
May 27, 2025  
AAI 8:30 A.M., Chair Dimmitt called the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order. The meeting was held in the First Floor meeting room of the Jefferson County Courthouse.  
Board members present were: Lee Dimmitt, Chairman; Susie Drish, Vice-Chairman; Joe Ledger, Supervisor.  
It was moved by Drish, seconded by Ledger that the minutes for the May 19th, 2025 meeting be approved. All "Ayes". Motion carried.  
Supervisors met with Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor.  
Supervisors met with the County Engineer.  
The board discussed and considered upgrading Tamarack Ave from Level B to Level A. Drish motioned to approve the upgrade. Ledger seconded. All "Ayes". Motion carried.  
**RESOLUTION**  
BE IT RESOLVED, by the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors that the following wage rate and classification for Secondary Road Department full time employee shown below be effective June 1, 2025.  

Employee	Current Rate	Title	Pay Step	Base Wage	Certs	Lgnty	Total Rate
Rick Giberson	\$25.45	EO	12	A	\$25.45	0.10	\$25.55
Ken Cronk	\$31.73	EO	14	F	\$31.28	0.35	\$31.83

Passing this 27th day of May, 2025. Ledger motioned to approve rate increase. Drish seconded. All "Ayes". Motion carried.  
AYES:                         NAYS:  
Lee Dimmitt                 None  
Susie Drish  
Joe Ledger  
Attest:  
Christy Conner, Jefferson County Auditor  
The board met with the Ambulance Director.  
Supervisors discussed and considered purchase of communications system to match PD, SO, and FD. Ledger motioned to move forward with purchase. Drish seconded. All "Ayes". Motion carried.  
It was moved by Susie Drish, seconded by Joe Ledger that Michelle Manning be appointed to the Veteran Affairs Commission effective July 1, 2025, for a term of 3 years. This term ends June 30, 2028. All "Ayes". Motion carried.  
Supervisors discussed and considered resolution hiring Casey Miller as a Universal Clerk in the Jefferson County Treasurer's Office.  
**RESOLUTION HIRING UNIVERSAL CLERK IN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE**  
WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 331.903 states that the number of deputies, assistants, and clerks for each office shall be determined by the board and the number and approval of each appointment shall be adopted by a resolution recorded in the minutes of the board, and  
WHEREAS, Jefferson County Treasurer desires to hire a Universal Clerk, therefore,  
BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County, Iowa, that the Jefferson County Treasurer is authorized to hire a Universal Clerk, and  
BE IT ALSO RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County, Iowa, that Casey Miller is hired as a Universal Clerk, in the Jefferson County Treasurer's Office at a rate of \$38,400 per year effective June 2nd, 2025.  
Passed and approved this 27th day of May, 2025.  
AYES:                         NAYS:  
Susie Drish                 None  
Lee Dimmitt  
Joe Ledger  
ATTEST:  
Christy Conner  
Jefferson County Auditor  
Dimmitt motioned to approve resolution. Ledger seconded. All "Ayes". Motion carried.  
The board discussed and considered hiring Emma Althoff for Summer Naturalist Intern, Jefferson County Conservation at a rate of \$15.00/hr effective Mid-May through Mid-August 2025. Drish motioned to approve. Ledger seconded. All "aves". Motion carried.  
The board discussed and considered wage increase for Dain Nelson, Jefferson County Conservator to \$170.00/hr effective May 2025. Drish motioned to approve pay increase. Ledger seconded. All "aves". Motion carried.  
Supervisors discussed and considered HR contract with INCS. Drish motioned to approve fixed monthly fee billed quarterly for July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 for a total of \$5400.00 Ledger seconded motion. All "aves". Motion carried.  
Committee Reports: Drish reported that Extension Council is preparing for fair. Ledger attended Ambulance open house, received a call on 110th project, attended Traction Thursday, and Mock Trial with 5th graders. Dimmitt attended Early Childhood meeting, 10-15 transit, and RPA.  
Public Comments: None.  
It was moved by Ledger, seconded by Drish to allow the claims against the county in the amount of \$965,087.47 and to direct the county auditor to issue checks against the various funds of the county in payment of the claims allowed. All "Ayes". Motion carried.  
A budget work session was held.  
It was moved by Ledger to adjourn. Drish seconded. All "Ayes". Motion carried.  
ATTEST:  
Christy L. Conner  
County Auditor

Lee Dimmitt, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

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