

Our Yesterdays

2015
Alex and Sarah Chambers of Carlise, Iowa are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Rae Chambers.

She was born Friday, July 10, 2015 in Des Moines. Olivia weighed seven pounds, five ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches in length. Grandparents are Ray and Renota Chambers of Packwood, and Dave and Lori Dustin of Pleasantville. Great-grandparents are Jo Chambers of Packwood, and Dick and Janet Gregory of Fort Madison.

Kelsey Molkenenthin of Ollie, has been awarded an Associate in Applied Science degree in Business Administration and Financial Services from AIB College of Business.

Commencement exercises were held June 7 at Community Choice Credit Union Veterans Memorial Convention Center in Des Moines.

Donald Atwood will be celebrating his 90th birthday with an open house on Saturday, Aug. 8 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at Prairie View United Methodist Church.

His family invites everyone to come enjoy a light supper and birthday cake, and to bring a birthday card and a memory to share with Don as they celebrate his special day.

Don's actual birthday is August 11.

Manor House Care Center is honored to have many volunteers join the ranks in a wide variety of ways. Residents were doubly blessed to have Chelsea Lanphier, the granddaughter of Marolyn

Shirkey, share her talent of mint making with them on Thursday, July 16.

Chelsea, a 16-year-old from Pekin High School, learned to make mints from her Grandma Shirkey and she has made mints for weddings and baby showers as well as a 4-H project.

Chelsea showed her 4-H mint project at the Jefferson County Fair.

The Richland High School Alumni Tea was held July 18, 2015 at the Richland United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

There were 68 alumni and guests present. A business meeting was held and the tea followed.

Dean Elmore, from the class of 1955, gave the opening prayer. Officers for 2016 will be Shirley Niece, president; Jerry Nichols, vice president; Kathryn Robertson, secretary; and Jim Wolcott, treasurer.

The classes of 1945 and 1955 were honored. Evelyn (Sheridan) Small was the only attendee from the class of 1945. She told about events at school at that time.

There were six members of the class of 1955: Bradley Young, Janice (Nordyke) Underwood, Ann (Hoekstra) Snyder, Bernadine (Baker) Fornash, Joan (Baker) Olson, and Dean Elmore. Janice Underwood spoke for their class with memories that various classmates had sent about their high school days.

Other alumni honored were Janet (Hendrickson) Klein from the class of 1938 as being the oldest member present.

Two were honored from the class of 1939,

Clois (Derby) Talley and Maurice Tinnies.

The sign-in table had Janet (Hendrickson) Klein and her sister Lugene (Hendrickson) Krieger, 1940, welcome alumni members and guests.

The Woolson Friends Church ladies served refreshments.

Five Pekin softball players were named to the Southeast Iowa Super Conference softball teams.

Named to the SEISC North Division first team from Pekin was utility player Madelyn Baker.

Named to the second team from Pekin was catcher Sloan Reighard and outfielder Cassidy Tolle.

Receiving honorable mention from Pekin were Emily Bemis and Kaylee Linder.

The Panther baseball team got two wins in regional play before falling in the final game last Saturday to Lone Tree, 3-1.

Tuesday, July 14, the Panthers faced Tri-City in round one, where they came away with a 10-0 win.

Garrett Greiner was the winning pitcher, allowing only one hit in the five inning game.

Ryan Swanson was 1-2 at the plate with a home run and two RBIs. Jake Huff went 2-4 with a double and one RBI. Keaton Winn also had two hits in the game; while Cole Reighard, Trever Northup, and Keaton Baayen each had one. RBIs also came from Keaton Winn, Tanner Adam, and Keaton Baayen.

Pekin faced Keota in round two last Friday, July 17. The Panthers had a 13-5 win in the game.

Drew Wells was the starting pitcher, allowing one hit and two runs with one earned. Relief pitcher Tyler Copeland pitched five innings to earn the win for the Panthers.

Three home runs were hit by the Panthers in the game, two by Ryan Swanson and one by Cole Reighard. Swanson and Reighard, as well as Jake Huff, each had three RBIs. Trever Northup had two RBIs, and Keaton Winn had one. Reighard was 4-4 at the plate, while Jake Huff went 3-4 and Ryan Swanson was 2-2. Also getting hits for Pekin were Trever Northup and Joel Swanson.

Pekin faced off against Lone Tree in the regional final game played on Saturday. Pekin had beaten Lone Tree twice in the regular season, but the Lions managed to take down the Panthers in the final game, 3-1.

Keaton Winn was on the mound for the Panthers. He struck out 11 while walking only two, and allowing three hits and two earned runs.

Pekin only had two hits in the game, one from Jake Huff and one from Joel Swanson. Cole Reighard had the only Panther RBI.

1975

Don Niece was installed as the new president of the Richland Lions Club.

Other officers installed are first vice president, Clifford Pepper; second vice president, Lawrence Baker; third vice president, Leroy Robison; secretary-treasurer, Russell Band for his fifth term; Lion tamer, Ed Kerber; tail twister, Robert Sobaski; Amos Adam and Ray

Mourer, directors one-year; Keith Krewson and Sam Ritchie, directors two-years.

1960

There was a small twister at the P. J. Harken and C.C. Rogers farms during the rain and windstorm and some hail last week.

A windmill was blown down at the Harken farm and much damage to trees.

At the Rogers' farm, a new steel corncrib only two years old was twisted out of shape, the roof blown loose and also twisted out of shape. A large tree was blown down on the Rogers' yard causing much damage to fences and other trees in the yard. Other minor damage was done.

In a special non-official meeting of members of the town council, certain measures in regard to widening Highway 77 through the town of Richland were discussed.

Proposal by the state highway commission is to give Richland a street of nearly sixty feet wide and to be paved.

No definite action was taken by the council pending a meeting with state officials.

Work on Highway 77 from Richland north to the junction of Highway 92 is hoped to be completed this year.

Fire destroyed the home occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Merle Lankford and son Keith, six miles southeast of Richland.

The house and all contents were a complete loss.

The house was on the Junior Winters farm to which the Lankford's had moved earlier this

year.

1940

Jake Hendrickson bought the late Billy Hall property in the southwest part of Richland, and Superintendent C.E. Tharp the R.O. Wright property where he and Mrs. Tharp now reside.

Louie Egbert has bought the lot and barn back of the Leonard Cox home and will build a house upon it soon. Louie and his wife have resided in the Frank Moyer house for the past year. This has been sold to Mike Starr.

The Byers Bros shows are here and getting underway for Big Days. From appearances they are a well equipped and clean bunch of folks.

The activities will begin with a ball game played on Pringle Field between the Ottumwa Merchants and our own Merchants Team.

Lester Van Dyke is driving a brand-new De Lux Chevrolet. He recently upgraded from the Model A he had been driving.

Dr. Chester Demaree formerly of Packwood and Mrs. Demaree have moved into the Wm Hall property in the southwest part of Richland.

Leo Paxson reports his oats threshed averaged 70 bushels. They were a new strain of Boon oats developed by the Iowa State College.

Two fire alarms were sounded last week. One was in Bob Morgan's apartment in the Thompson house, the other the pool hall awning. Only slight damage.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS July 21, 2025

At 8:30 A.M., Chair Dimmitt called the 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 Ledger, seconded by Drish that the minutes for the July 14th, 2025 meeting be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with the Courthouse Maintenance Supervisor. Supervisors discussed and considered a generator for the Courthouse server. Ledger motioned to approve Live Wire checking into quotes using natural gas. Drish seconded. All "Aye". Motion carried.

The board discussed and considered carpet in basement meeting room and new tile in 2nd floor bathroom. Drish motioned to approve Maintenance Supervisor to get quotes. Dimmitt seconded. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with the County Engineer. The Board discussed and considered 2026 update of bridge postings. Ledger motioned to approve. Drish seconded. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors discussed and considered fiscal year 2026 Secondary Roads Fund Transfer. It was moved by Joe Ledger, seconded by Susie Drish that the following amount be authorized to be transferred during the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Transfers are to be made monthly and shall not exceed in total for the year \$1,120,000 from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund. All "Aye". Motion carried.

The Board discussed and considered Subdivision of Lot 1 of Parcel A. It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Ledger that the following resolution be approved:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF

JEFFERSON COUNTY, IOWA WHEREAS, a two lot subdivision, being part of the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 2, Township 73 North, Range 9 West of the 5th P.M., Jefferson County, Iowa has been this day filed with the Secretary of the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County, Iowa, by the proprietors of said subdivision, for approval by the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County, Iowa and WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors have examined said Plat and the proofs filed therewith, and being fully advised as to the provisions of Chapter 354, Code of Iowa, 2024 as amended, finds that said plat, as filed, meets all requirements of the Statutes and the Jefferson County, Iowa, Zoning Ordinances, said real estate being located in A-1 Agricultural District, and that all things required by this Board have been done and performed by the proprietors of said subdivision; now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County, Iowa, that the attached final plat of Lot 1 of Parcel "A" be, and the same is, hereby expressly approved and the Chairman and Secretary are hereby directed to certify this Resolution which shall be affixed to this plat. Passed this 21st day of July, 2025. Lee Dimmitt, Chairman; Board of Supervisors, Jefferson County, IA Christy Conner, Secretary I, Christy Conner, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County, Iowa, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was passed by the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County, Iowa, on this 21st day of July, 2025.

Christy Conner County Auditor and Secretary

Board of Supervisors, Jefferson County, Iowa

The Board met with the Ambulance Director.

The board met with Ryan Reinier and Wesley Todd with AFLAC.

Supervisors discussed property taxes at 703 S Maple, Fairfield.

The Board discussed and considered ISACS dues for fiscal year 2026. Drish motioned to approve payment. Ledger seconded. Ayes: Ledger & Drish. Nays: Dimmitt.

Supervisors discussed and considered Teacher of the Year Fundraiser sponsorship. Discussion was tabled.

The board discussed and considered payment of legal fees. Discussion is tabled until next meeting.

Committee Reports: Drish attended Maasdam Barns and SEMCO meetings. Ledger attended RAC, Maasdam Barns, Tracilon Thursday, and McElhinny House Generations Over Dinner. Dimmitt had no reports.

Public comments: None

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Ledger to allow the claims against the county in the amount of \$128,545.60 and to direct the county auditor to issue checks against the various funds of the county in payment of the claims allowed. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Ledger, seconded by Drish to adjourn. All "Aye". Motion carried.

ATTEST: Christy L. Conner County Auditor

Lee Dimmitt Chairman, Board of Supervisors

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