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Clutier American Legion's newest member, Pfc. Avery Blocker, center, pictured with American Legion Auxiliary members including her grandmother Carolyn Bohnstengel (second from right) on Monday, May 26. Blocker, STC Class of 2024, received a handcrafted quilt from Legion Auxiliary members in recognition of her Legion membership. Also pictured, Legion Auxiliary members Tina and Diane Caloud (far left), and Collette Wiebbecke (far right) who made the quilt.

## Clutier American Legion Auxiliary honors newest Legion member with handcrafted quilt

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CLUTIER — Just ahead of Hora-Machacek American Legion Post 453's Memorial Day flag raising ceremony, Legionnaires and Auxiliary Unit members gathered with coffee and donuts inside the post home to honor their newest member, Pfc. Avery Blocker.

As part of the brief ceremony, several Legion Auxiliary members including Blocker's maternal grandmother Carolyn Bohnstengel, her great-aunt Diane Caloud, and third cousin Collette Wiebbecke presented Blocker with a patriotic-themed quilt embroidered with her name and military service information. While the quilt was presented on behalf of the Clutier Auxiliary Unit, Wiebbecke handcrafted the quilt.

Blocker, the daughter of Melanie Blocker of Tama and Tim Blocker of Toledo, graduated from South Tama County High School in 2024. She is currently serving as a member of the Iowa Army National Guard and resides in Clutier. Blocker joined The American Legion last December and is one of the Clutier post's youngest



Pfc. Avery Blocker, center, a member of the Iowa Army National Guard, participates in Memorial Day services this past Monday morning at St. Wenceslaus Cemetery in rural Clutier.

members.

When asked why she joined, Blocker said she was both inspired and encouraged to do so by her grandfather, Legionnaire Marvin Bohnstengel.

Following the ceremony, Blocker took her place in the Legion's honor guard as a flag bearer, participating in the post's annual Memorial Day services which are conducted at four

area cemeteries plus National Cemetery in Vining.

Membership in The American Legion is open to any U.S. veteran who has served at least one day of active military duty since December 7, 1941, and was honorably discharged, or is currently serving active military duty honorably. New members are always welcome and needed.

## Buena Vista Spring 2025 Dean's List

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STORM LAKE — Buena Vista University congratulates more than 545 students who were named to the Spring 2025 Dean's List. The Dean's List recognizes full-time students achieving a 3.5-grade point average or higher for the semester.

Area students include: Brittney Fisher, of Garwin; Triton Maddox, of Montour; Arianna Sprague, of Tama; and Marissa Spurlin, of Elberon.

## Kirkwood Community College graduates announced

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CEDAR RAPIDS — The 2025 Kirkwood Community College Commencement Ceremony was held at 10 a.m. on May 17 at the Alliant Energy PowerHouse in downtown Cedar Rapids.

Area students receiving degrees include:

Elberon — Mason Ward, Associate of Applied Science  
Toledo — Cec Dela Cruz, Diploma

## SUDOKU

3			1	6				
5					7	6		9
1	9			2				7
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		3	2		6	9		1
	1	4	8					
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			6			2	4	
4	3			8			7	6

Level: Beginner

### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

9	7	1	7	2	8	6	5	3	4
8	4	7	2	3	6	5	1	7	9
5	6	2	7	1	4	3	8	9	8
3	9	7	6	3	6	8	5	7	2
1	1	6	8	6	5	2	4	7	5
4	4	1	5	2	7	1	3	9	8
3	7	4	3	7	1	5	2	6	1
6	1	9	5	6	2	2	8	4	3
5	2	8	4	3	7	6	1	9	5
8	5	2	8	5	9	1	6	9	3

ANSWER:

## Legals

Board of Supervisors  
Minutes  
May 12, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:30 a.m. May 12, 2025. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland and 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka. 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel joined by Teams. Also, Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, and members of the public.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Jim Smith. Public comment time closed at 8:32 a.m.

Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve the minutes of the May 5th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with Ben Daleske, Tama County Engineer, to get a road projects report. Daleske also had a utility permit for the board chairman to sign. The permit is for Alliant Energy on 150th Street to C Ave. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Kupka to approve the board chairman to sign

the utility permit. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Daleske had a second utility permit for the board chairman to sign. The permit is for Consumers Energy on Abbott Ave. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to approve the board chairman to sign the utility permit. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the Safety Director/work comp position that will be vacant at the end of June. Garrison, current Safety Director, stated he would like direction on what to do with the property and duties. Doland stated Paul is drafting a skeleton outline for the position and that Ben, the county engineer, has taken over as chairman for safety. The board stated they would like Garrison to compile an itemized list of the safety property. The board will then at a future meeting discuss what should be done with the property. Garrison stated he has not found another job yet and will be around until the end of June unless he finds a job prior to that.

Doland stated the time has come and gone for applications for the Zoning/Weed Commissioner opening and there have not been any additional applications. Laura Wilson is currently in the position as interim Zoning/Weed Commissioner and is doing a good job. Turner confirmed that the veteran qualifications have been met. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve appointing Laura Wilson as the new Zoning/Weed Commissioner. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated there are Zoning and Board of Adjustment members who do not have staggered terms and that this needs to be corrected. He stated the two Board of Adjustment members and one Zoning member's positions that are coming due will need to be posted for 10 days to allow for applications. The Board of Supervisors will then interview applicants. Knebel stated right now Nancy Yuska and John Wagner both have terms due to expire in 2028. Knebel stated Yuska was brought onto the Board of Adjustment before Wagner. Knebel made a motion to move Nancy Yuska's term to expire on June 30, 2027, seconded by Hilmer. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Knebel made a motion to post the two open Board of Adjustment positions and one open Zoning Commission position by June 1st, seconded by Turner. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The treasurer would like the board to increase the amount she is able to deposit into the Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust, Des Moines (IPAIT) from \$5 million to \$10 million. She would like this increase due to receiving a higher rate with them and would like to be able to deposit more with them if the county has the

funds to do so. Motion by Turner, seconded by Hilmer to approve the following resolution. Discussion: Turner stated this is a good thing.

### RESOLUTION 5-12-2025A

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tama County Board of Supervisors hereby resolves to authorize the County Treasurer to deposit county funds in the following bank and set the amount as follows: Iowa Public Agency Investment Trust, Des Moines 10,000,000 Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 12th day of May, 2025. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Knebel stated Judi with Heartland Risk Pool was at the meeting last week to give an update on the renewal. Knebel stated the county's premiums are coming down. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to approve the Heartland Risk Pool renewal. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Turner discussed power over the Ethernet. He stated interviews for a new IT Director are going to be held tomorrow. He stated there are several options for switches and that he asked the ISAC group for their thoughts. He stated he will discuss the options further tomorrow.

There were no hiring freeze exemptions to act on.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$1,045,323.65. Discussion: Auditor Rohrs stated the reason the claims are so high this week are due to the bonds the county is paying for out of the Debt Service Fund. All voted aye. Motion carried.

None of the supervisors had any additional updates regarding committee meetings they have attended or things happening in their districts.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Karen Murty and Richard Arp. Public comment time closed at 9:04 a.m.

Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m. These minutes are intended to provide a summary of the discussions and decisions made during the Board of Supervisor meeting. For the most accurate and comprehensive record, please refer to the audio recording of the meeting that can be provided upon request at the auditor's office.

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### Board of Supervisors Minutes

May 13, 2025

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 a.m. May 13, 2025. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel;

4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland and 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka. Also, Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: There was no one present from the public to give comments.

Doland stated the board will go into closed session for discussion and possible action per Iowa Code 21.5.1 (c) regarding litigation in Bev Espenscheid v Board of Supervisors and Nextera v Board of Supervisors. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5.1 (c). Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. The Board went into closed session at 9:02 a.m. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, David Turner, Heather Knebel, Mark Doland, Curt Kupka, and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. Michael Reck and Haley Hermanson from Belin McCormick, P.C. joined the meeting by phone. Motion by Knebel, seconded by Turner to go back into open session. The Board came out of closed session at 10:19 a.m. Roll call vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Those present were Supervisors: Curt Hilmer, David Turner, Heather Knebel, Mark Doland, Curt Kupka, and Karen Rohrs, Auditor. No action was taken.

Public Comments: There was no one present from the public to give comments.

Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

These minutes are intended to provide a summary of the discussions and decisions made during the Board of Supervisor meeting. For the most accurate and comprehensive record, please refer to the audio recording of the meeting that can be provided upon request at the auditor's office.

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### CLOSED SESSION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE SOUTH TAMA COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Community School District of South Tama County met on May 6, 2025 for a Closed Session at the Partnership Center, Tama, Iowa at 12:30 p.m.

On call of the roll the following were present: Elizabeth Dolezal via Google Hangouts, Rick Hopper, Joe Hanus, and Beth Wiese. Absent: Megan Thiessen Quorum Present. Also present were: Superintendent John Cain, Board Secretary Katie Mathern, and Mike Kovalerchik.

Motion by Wiese, second by Hanus to approve the agenda. All Ayes. The motion carried. Motion by Wiese, second by

Hanus to enter into closed session at 12:32 p.m. pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j): To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate, but only when premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the board would have to pay for the property, or in case of a sale reduce the price the board could receive for the property. Motion by Wiese, second by Hanus to come out of Closed Session at 1:29 p.m.

Motion by Wiese, second by Hopper to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Dolezal, Board President  
Katie Mathern, Board Secretary  
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### Notice of Sheriff's Levy and Sale

### IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TAMA COUNTY

Case #: EQCV008252  
Civil #: 25-000394  
Special Execution

### AMERIHOME MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC VS. KATIE S KLEIN AND PARTIES IN POSSESSION

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant(s) Real Estate Personal Property.

To satisfy the judgment. The Property to be sold is Described Below On attached sheet: LOTS SIX (6) AND SEVEN (7), BLOCK ONE (1), MCROBERTS FIRST ADDITION TO TOLEDO, IOWA

Property Address: 300 S EAST ST, TOLEDO, IA The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows: Sale Date 07/08/2025 Sale Time 09:00 Place of Sale TAMA COUNTY COURTHOUSE - 1ST FLOOR, 100 W HIGH ST, TOLEDO, IA 52342

Homestead: Defendant is advised that if the described real estate includes the homestead (which must not exceed 1/2 acre if within a city or town plat, or, if rural, must not exceed 40 acres), defendant must file a homestead plat with the Sheriff within ten (10) days after service of this notice, or the sheriff will have it platted and charge the costs to this case.

This sale not subject to Redemption.

Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if acceptable.

Judgment Amount

\$ 82,423.59

Costs

\$ 22,881.59

Accruing Costs PLUS

Interest

\$ 15,197.56

Sheriff's Fees Pending  
Date: 5/16/2025

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TAMA COUNTY SHERIFF

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### PUBLIC NOTICE THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT TAMA COUNTY

### N THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

GARY R. MANFULL, DECEASED  
CASE NO. ESPR007322

### NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of GARY R. MANFULL,

Deceased, who died on or about March 26, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on May 9, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of GARY R. MANFULL, deceased, bearing date of June 1, 2011, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Maria K. Veren f/k/a Maria K. Manfull 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 May 9, 2025.

Maria K. Veren  
f/k/a Maria K. Manfull  
Executor of Estate  
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Melbourne, IA 50162

Eric R. Bidwell  
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## Tama County Humane Society's Pet of the Week



### MEET TACO

This two-year-old cutie came to us as a stray, but he's quickly won our hearts with his playful personality and eagerness to learn. Taco is all about the squeaky toys-if it squeaks, it's his favorite! He's also very foodmotivated, which makes training a breeze.

Taco is still getting the hang of life indoors and would thrive with someone who's ready to guide him as he continues to learn. He's smart, curious, and always up for a treat (or two).

If you're looking for a loyal buddy with a goofy streak and tons of potential, Taco might just be your perfect match!

Visit the  
Tama County Humane Society  
on Saturdays from 9 am - Noon  
1406 E. 5th St., Tama  
or call 641-481-7001  
to make an appointment

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