

OBITUARY

**Delmar Lawrence McKay, Jr.**  
**January 31, 1937—June 1, 2025**

Delmar was the son of Delmar Sr. and Irene Beasley McKay. He grew up on a farm near Gibson, Iowa. He married Rachel Oldaker on 11/19/1960. He worked for Funks-G in the Forest City area. Delmar is survived by daughters Jene Miller, Raeanne Monk (Steve), Lorie McKay (Erik Acker), son-in-law David Hines, and grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Rachel, daughter Beth Hines, son-in-law Randy Miller, his three brothers, and parents. Memorials can be made to the What Cheer Opera House. A celebration of life will be held late summer.

Student charged with burglaries at Waldorf

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Globe Gazette

A Waldorf University student has been charged with ongoing criminal conduct and other crimes related to office break-ins at the college in May. Antwane Shylon Webster Jr., 19, New Albany, Indiana, is scheduled to be arraigned June 17 in Winnebago County District Court. In addition to ongoing criminal conduct, a Class B felony, Webster is charged with four counts of third-degree burglary, a Class D felony; one count of possession of burglar tools, an aggravated misdemeanor; and fourth-degree theft, a serious misdemeanor. Webster allegedly told the Forest City Police Department that he stayed in the

Waldorf Campus Center on May 15 or 16 after everyone left and then went into an office and found a master key. Later in the week, he reportedly went to the business office, found a cash box containing \$485, and used the money to pay for his summer housing bill. Webster allegedly entered the Waldorf Fieldhouse at 4 a.m. May 22 and used the master key to get into the cheerleading coach's office. He told the police he did not take anything from the office. Court documents state Webster also tried to access two Waldorf office computers but was unable to. Webster was a member of the Waldorf wrestling team this past season, according to the university's website.



ROB HILLESLAND, SUMMIT-TRIBUNE

Board Members Beth Clouse and Kim Severson, Board President Troy Thompson, and Board Secretary Sara Meinders are shown prior to the start of a school board meeting.

Board OKs transportation agreement, contracts

Four school board seats up for election in November

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The Forest City school board on June 9 approved the school district's annual inter-district transportation agreements. It allows neighboring districts to enter the district's borders for transportation purposes, up to a set amount of miles as agreed upon by each district. The following transportation agreements were approved by the board: One Mile for Clear Lake and two miles for Central Springs, Lake Mills, North Iowa, Algona, and Garner-Hayfield-Ventura. All the agreements are reciprocal. Superintendent Darwin Lehmann informed school board members that due to the inability to hire a full-time vocal music instructor for the 2025-26 school year, 18.95% (\$5,988.00) of the high school vocal music supplemental contract will be split apart to accommodate staffing needs. Since doing so requires approval by the Forest City Education Association (FCEA), the board approved a memorandum of understanding with the FCEA. Board Secretary Sara Meinders reviewed the upcoming November school board elections. Seats held by current school board members Andrew Fedders, Cody Hennigar, David Reese, and Beth Clouse are up for re-election this term. Nominations for open seats can be filed beginning Aug. 25 through Sept. 19. The following employee contracts and contract ad-

justments for 2025-26 were approved: **Employee Contracts**—Caleb Eckels, 9/10 Football Coach; Kent Jorgensen, MS Football Assistant Coach; Hannah Vaughan, HS Practice Volleyball Coach; Lucas Rayhons, MS Girls 7th Grade Basketball Coach; Jason Blaser, Sophomore Boys Basketball Coach; Melissa Shallberg, MS Vocal Music Instructor, MS Concerts, MS Honor Choirs, and MS Jazz Choir; Eli Lozano, Vocal Music Lessons Coach; Lynnea Frederickson—Smith, High School Assistant Drama (Musical); Linda Ferjak—All State Vocal Music Coach; Supplemental Pay, OpenSci Ed Grant Professional Development, Supplemental Pay, Teacher Quality Professional Development. **Employee Contract Adjustments**—Jeff Jerome, Head Baseball Coach to Co-Head Baseball Coach; Michael Bohl, Assistant Baseball Coach to Co-Head Baseball Coach; MaCoy Yeakel, 9/10 Football Coach to Assistant Football Coach; Tammy Lambert, HS Practice Volleyball Coach to Assistant Volleyball Coach; Ryan Faught, Assistant Wrestling Coach to Head Wrestling Coach; Melanie Olson, Paraeducator Incentive (for remainder of 2024-25 also); Emily Walker, Extended Contract and Supplementals for HS Vocal Music Instructor. In other business, the board approved: **■ Agreement** with the Forest City Rotary Club to use the north side of the district office exterior wall for a mural to be paid for and installed by the Rotary Club. **■ Educational services** entrepreneurship academy agreements for the 2025-26 school year with North Iowa Area Community College.

County tax levy funds vital EMS providers

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Winnebago County EMS employees continue to provide lifesaving work because of the EMS tax levy that voters approved several years ago. A number of the EMS care providers' salaries are funded through the countywide tax levy. Currently the county employs four full-time paramedics, three part-time paramedics, one full-time AEMT, three part-time AEMTs, and two full-time EMTs for a total of 13 employees. This group provides ALS coverage for Winnebago County seven days a week and 24 hours a day. Most nights and weekends now have a second ALS provider working as a backup. Between the full-time AEMT and EMTs, each volunteer service in the county has three to four shifts per week covered by a county employee, according to county officials. They note that the hard work and dedication of so many people to create, shape, and grow this essential county program needs to



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Winnebago County currently has 13 employees whose salaries are funded by the countywide EMS tax levy. They include Spencer Armstrong—CCP, April Gambell -Paramedic, Sam Kahler—EMT, Doug Hanna—AEMT, Mac Kahler—CCP, Joe Klukow—CCP, and Jessica Cahoon - AEMT. Others not pictured are Jon Cahoon—AEMT, Ethan Curry—Paramedic, Jacob Ehret—Paramedic, Adrian Macpherson—AEMT, Angie Shackleton—EMT, and Jason Smith - CCP. the county program is to ease the burden on local services by assisting with daily and monthly tasks like truck checks and inventory organization. As such, Winnebago County is helping to keep its rural EMS services running. A hope is it will inspire even more people to volunteer in their communities. Winnebago County currently has 13 employees whose salaries are funded

Summit struggles to get pipeline easements

Many voice opposition to Gov. Reynolds' veto of HF 639

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The Iowa Sierra Club Chapter in a June 10 news release alleges "unsigned easement" maps show widespread opposition for Summit's proposed carbon pipeline. The Sierra Club notes that Iowa landowners have withstood months of attempts to pressure them into signing voluntary easement agreements along Summit's Phase 2 route. However, filings indicate Summit could have as few as 22% percent of easements signed voluntarily along the route. In order for the Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC) to schedule a hearing on Summit's 15 petitions for a hazardous carbon pipeline, Summit must file a list of parcels where the use eminent domain is required. It is officially called an Exhibit H list. In late May, the IUC ordered Summit to give an update on how many easements it needs for each lateral (segment of pipeline) and an update on when it will complete its Exhibit H filings. Summit needs to obtain 1,742 easements along its Phase 2 route as of June 10, at least 1,360 parcels had not signed voluntary easements, according to the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club cites the fact that landowners and rural communities impacted by carbon pipelines have been fighting for property rights protections at the Capitol for four years. To date, at least 46 counties, 33 cities, and dozens of local entities have submitted objections to the IUC about the use of eminent domain for private profit projects like Summit's. House File 639, a bill to protect property rights was sitting on Governor Kim Reynolds desk awaiting a signature when the Sierra Club issued its news release. However, Governor Reynolds vetoed HF 639 the next day. "These filings send a strong message to every elected leader in Iowa that we do not want this project, we do not want Summit's hazardous carbon pipeline," said Kathy



Reynolds



ERIN MURPHY, THE GAZETTE

While Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds speaks from the podium, Jess Mazour, coordinator of Conservation for the Iowa Chapter of the Sierra Club, holds a sign protesting the use of eminent domain for carbon capture pipelines, during a bill-signing ceremony in the Iowa Capitol rotunda in Des Moines on April 9, 2024.



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A sign protesting the installation of a Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline stands on a farm in Lake County, S.D., on March 10, 2025.

Stockdale, a Hardin County impacted landowner on Summit's Phase 1 and Phase 2 routes. "How can Governor Reynolds look at these maps and not realize that the Iowans who voted her into office need her help? She needs to sign HF 639 now." "These maps speak volumes about how Iowans feel about property rights," said Greene County landowner Mike Henning. "We deserve protection from for-profit private companies like Summit who want to use the powers of government to take our land. Governor Reynolds needs to sign HF 639 into law to protect our property rights." Almost immediately upon Reynolds' veto of HF 639, public statements condemning the veto were released. Iowa House Speaker Pat Grassley said, "this veto is a major setback for Iowa." Grassley sent a request to all House members to sign a petition to reconvene the legislature in a

special session to override the governor's veto. "It is a setback not only for landowners who have been fighting across Iowa, but for the work the House of Representatives has put in for four years to get legislation like HF 639 passed," Grassley said. "We will not stop fighting and stand firm on our commitment until landowners in Iowa are protected against eminent domain for private gain." The Libertarian Party of Iowa also denounced Reynolds' veto of HF 639, calling it an "unconscionable betrayal that will allow corporations to steal Iowa family farms through government force." "Governor Reynolds just signed the death warrant for Iowa family farms," said Jules Cutler, Chair of the Libertarian Party of Iowa. "While she talks about Iowa values, she's handing over the keys to bulldozers that will destroy century-old homesteads for corporate profit. This is govern-

ment-sanctioned theft, plain and simple." The Iowa Cattleman's Association said in a short release that it remains committed to private property rights in Iowa. "The Iowa Cattlemen's Association appreciates the work and consideration of our elected officials on this legislation and remains fundamentally opposed to the use of eminent domain for private entities," it said in the release. However, the ICA also called the bill complicated and encompassing multiple chapters of Iowa Code. It called for continued efforts to address the issue. "The Iowa Cattlemen's Association will always vigorously fight for our rights as landowners," stated ICA President Rob Medberry. "We appreciate the Legislature's work to support private property rights and share the governor's goal to protect landowners. We look forward to continued work on this issue."