




Above image: A pair of geese check out the playground at Bicknell Park.



Left image: A squirrel climbs a tree on Cottonwood Trail.



Right image: The male mallard along Cottonwood Trail stares down the camera making sure the photographer doesn't get too close to his mate.



Left image: A female mallard shows off her blue feathers, called a speculum, on her wing. The female was spotted just off Cottonwood Trail alongside the Des Moines River.



Right image: A male mallard turns his head to monitor the photographer as he poses for a photo at Cottonwood trial.



Two geese wade in the Des Moines River looking for their next meal near Bicknell park.

Wildlife photography by Kylie Portz. To see these photos or more images from our gallery, visit www.humboldtnews.com.

WHAT'S PLAYING?

April 18 - April 24

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chise does is allow us (MEC) to operate within the city and to place our facilities within the road right of way. Franchises are good for 25 years.”

With the franchise, the city gains certain rights. The right of indemnification which holds the city harmless for an issue arising from MEC equipment or services.

MEC also agrees to take care of the cost of moving any of the gas and electrical facilities and equipment.

MEC also agrees to repair to the same or better any area they are working on including pavement and grassy areas.

This was the first reading of both Ordinances 297 and 298. Three public hearings are required before they can be vot-

ed on and passed.

The next reading will be held on Wednesday, May 14 at 7 p.m.

A revenue purpose statement is required with the switch from local option sales tax to franchise fees.

The council passed resolution 2025-01 approving and adopting a revenue purpose statement for expenditure of fee revenues from proposed electric and natural gas franchise fees.

The resolution resolves the following:

- That the “Revenue Purpose Statement for the Use or Expenditure of Electric and Natural Gas Franchise Fee Revenues for

the City of Dakota City, Iowa” (“Revenue Purpose Statement”) attached hereto, is hereby approved and adopted and

- That the City Clerk shall publish the Revenue Purpose Statement, which publication shall be made in a legal newspaper of general circulation in the City.

The Revenue Purpose Statement reads: Pursuant to the provisions of Section 364.2, subsection (4)(f) of the Code of Iowa, the City of Dakota City, Iowa hereby establishes the following purposes allowed under Iowa Code Section 384.3A, subsection (3) (e), (f) and (g) for which franchise fee revenues from its electric and natural gas franchises with MidAmerican Energy may be used or expended, said purposes which may be narrowed after public hearing: Public safety, including the equipping of fire, police, emergency services, sanitation, street, and civil defense departments; the establishment, construction, recon-

struction, repair, equipping, remodeling, and extensions of public works, public utilities, and public transportation systems; and the construction, reconstruction, or repair of streets, highways, bridges, sidewalks, pedestrian underpasses and overpasses, street lighting fixtures, and public grounds, and the acquisition of real estate needed for such purposes.

In other action:

The council set the dates and times for the following:

- Street Work bids, May 14, 7 p.m.
- Budget Amendment FY 25 public hearing, May 14, 7 p.m.
- Budget Adoption Public Hearing, FY 26, April 23, 7 p.m.
- Plow truck bids and request for proposals, sealed bids are due by May 14.
- Sewer maintenance lining quotes are due by May 14.
- Tabled discussion until next month on purchase or repairs on city-owned pickups.

Ag-Focused PD workshops return this summer

The Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation (IALF) is excited to announce a new series of professional development workshops designed specifically for Iowa educators. These dynamic workshops aim to enhance educators’ skills in integrating agricultural concepts into their curriculum.

Throughout the summer, educators across the state will have the opportunity to attend engaging two-day workshops hosted at various locations statewide. These workshops, facilitated by IALF, will showcase how agriculture can serve as a rich, real-world context for teaching core subjects like science, social studies, language, arts and math using concepts that are tied to Iowa Core Standards.

“Participants will walk away with hands-on strategies, classroom-ready lessons, and valuable resources they can put to use immediately,” said Kelly Foss, IALF Executive Director. “We want to inspire teachers to engage students in meaningful learning through the lens of agriculture.”

Each workshop includes on-site experience, such as farm or agribusiness tours, paired with a day of practical, classroom-focused application. All workshops are free to attend, with optional license renewal and graduate-level credit available for an added fee.

Workshop Dates & Locations

- * June 9-10, Independence, Iowa; Adventures Through Agriculture
- * June 12-13, Albia, Iowa; Agriculture is All-Encompassing
- * June 18-19, Eldridge, Iowa; Conservation and Technology in Agriculture
- * July 1-2, West Des Moines, Iowa; The Science of Food Preservation
- * July 14-15, Peosta, Iowa; The Science of Food and Processing Agricultural Product
- * August 5-6, Wall Lake, Iowa; The Science of Specialty Agriculture in Western Iowa

To learn more and register, visit <https://www.iowaagliteracy.org/tools-resources/general/professional-development>.

These workshops are made possible thanks to the generous support of IALF’s partners, including the Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, Iowa Pork Producers Association, GROWMARK, Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa Beef Industry Council, Iowa Turkey Federation, and Corteva Agriculture.

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Creek Enterprise requested approval to dig a 130-foot trench and a small 6x4x5 foot pit to place 130 feet of fiber near the intersection of IA 3 and States, Avenue, Thor.

The last order of business for the Supervisors was to accept and place on file the MMP short form for BBF1 (Nick and Steph Bowden) #70296.

Easter Buffet

Sunday, April 20 • 10:30AM-2PM

Brunch Mains

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BISCUITS & GRAVY
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Brunch Sides

BACON
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The annual Humboldt High School Junior/Senior Prom took place on Saturday, April 12, at Humboldt High School. Senior girls who took time out to pose for a photo, from left: Meg Zweibohmer, Paige Nelson, Mya Essing, Jasmine Fusco and Kaitlyn Nelson. Photo by Kate Sievers.

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