

Audit report released for Sibley-Ocheyedan schools

Nolte, Cornman & Johnson P.C., released an audit report on Sibley-Ocheyedan Community School District in Sibley, IA.

Financial Highlights

The District's revenues totaled \$12,214,886 for the year ended June 30, 2024, a 1.23% increase from the prior year. Expenses for District operations for the year ended June 30, 2024 totaled \$11,960,622 a 5.14% increase from the prior year.

Audit Findings

Nolte, Corman & Johnson P.C. reported three findings found on pages 67 to 70

of this report. The findings address issues related to a lack of segregation of duties, the certified budget and questionable expenditures. Nolte, Cornman & Johnson provided the District with recommendations to address each of the findings.

Two of the three findings discussed above are repeated from the prior year. The Community School District's Board of Education has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the Community School District's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's website at https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports.

H-M-S scrimmages with Hinton gridders

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn and Hinton football fans had an early taste of high school football Friday night, when the two teams scrimmaged at Peterson Field.

The scrimmage began with one timed quarter of varsity play, followed by 10 plays by each JV offense. That format was repeated before each team had 90 seconds on the clock to simulate a two-minute drill.

Hinton scored twice during each varsity quarter and also during the final 90-second segment. The Blackhawks also scored once in each JV period. H-M-S's offense did not score. Isaac Schierholz had an interception on defense.

"We need to come out and be more ready to compete," Hawk coach Jeremiah Delzer said.

H-M-S hosts Okoboji on Aug. 29 to open the regular season. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

Isaac Schierholz (5) makes a good open-field tackle of Hinton's Micah Robins during the scrimmage hosted by H-M-S on Friday.



Sibley-Ocheyedan Community School District is seeking bids for snow removal. Specifications are available at the Superintendent's office. Bids due September 18, 2025

LAND AUCTIONS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025 120 AC MORE OR LESS Lyon County | Grant Twp | Section 3 1 mile west of Little Rock on Hwy 9 & 1 mile South on Log Ave. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025 TRACT 1: 149.29 AC +/- | TRACT 2: 130.9 AC +/- Osceola County | Wilson & Horton Twp | Sections 36 & 33 Tract 1: NE corner of Hwy 9 & 59 | Tract 2: 1 mi W of Ocheyedan on Hwy 9 Stalcup Ag Service FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT Kent Smith Cell # 712.299.2091 Office # 712.732.4811 stalcupag.com

Public notice

PUBLIC TEST OF VOTER EQUIPMENT The public test of Osceola County's voter equipment to be used on September 9, 2025, Sheldon Community School District and Sibley-Ocheyedan Community School District Special Election will commence at 9:00 a.m. on August 28, 2025, in the Osceola County Courthouse and will continue until completed. The public are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the county auditor's office at 712-754-2241 or rvantilburg@osceolacounty.org

NOTICE OF ELECTION All the qualified Electors of Osceola County, Iowa are hereby notified that Sheldon Community School and Sibley-Ocheyedan Community School Districts Special Election will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2025.

POLLS WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M. Voters in the Sheldon and Sibley-Ocheyedan Community School Districts ASHTON PRECINCT: Ashton Legion Community Building-321 3rd St., Ashton, IA HARRIS PRECINCT: (PLEASE NOTE PRECINCT LOCATION CHANGE) Ocheyedan Town Hall - 869 Main St., Ocheyedan, IA MAY CITY PRECINCT: (PLEASE NOTE PRECINCT LOCATION CHANGE) Ocheyedan Town Hall - 869 Main St., Ocheyedan, IA MELVIN PRECINCT: (PLEASE NOTE PRECINCT LOCATION CHANGE) Ocheyedan Town Hall - 869 Main St., Ocheyedan, IA OCHHEYEDAN PRECINCT: Ocheyedan Town Hall - 869 Main St., Ocheyedan, IA OSCEOLA 1 PRECINCT: Sibley Senior Center - 612 8th St., Sibley, IA OSCEOLA 2 PRECINCT: Sibley Senior Center- 612 8th St., Sibley, IA OSCEOLA 3 PRECINCT: (PLEASE NOTE PRECINCT LOCATION CHANGE) Sibley Senior Center- 612 8th St., Sibley, IA

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling place before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered such as voters registering to vote on Election Day and voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residence. A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification or prove residence if required 1) may have voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct, 2) prove identity and residence using Election Day Registration documents, or 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residence at the County Auditor's office by noon, September 15, 2025. Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification. For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residence visit: https://sos.iowa.gov/voter id or phone 712-754-2241.

Absentee ballots are available in the County Auditor's office during regular business hours, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday-Friday, until Monday, September 8, 2025.

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling place has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the County Auditor's office at the telephone number or e-mail address listed below. Telephone: 712-754-2241 E-mail address: rvantilburg@osceolacounty.org.

The Osceola County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections does hereby certify that the listing below is representative of the ballot which the voters will cast their votes at

the Sheldon Community School and Sibley-Ocheyedan Community School Districts Special Election held on September 9, 2025. The following public measures will appear on the ballots in the specific jurisdictions:

Voters in the Sheldon Community School District

Public Measure QJ SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?

Shall the Board of Directors of the Sheldon Community School District, in the Counties of O'Brien, Osceola, Sioux, and Lyon, State of Iowa, for the purpose of purchasing and improving grounds; constructing schoolhouses or buildings and opening roads to schoolhouses or buildings; purchasing of buildings; purchase, lease or lease-purchase of technology and equipment; paying debts contracted for the erection or construction of schoolhouses or buildings, not including interest on bonds; procuring or acquisition of libraries; repairing, remodeling, reconstructing, improving, or expanding the schoolhouses or buildings and additions to existing schoolhouses; expenditures for energy conservation; renting facilities under Iowa Code Chapter 28E; purchasing transportation equipment for transporting students; lease purchase option agreements for school buildings or equipment; purchasing equipment authorized by law; or for any purpose or purposes now or hereafter authorized by law, be authorized for a period of ten (10) years, to levy annually, a voter-approved physical plant and equipment property tax not to exceed One Dollar Thirty-Four Cents (\$1.34) per One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) of the assessed valuation of the taxable property within the school district commencing with the levy for collection in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, or each year thereafter? YES NO

Voters in the Sibley-Ocheyedan School District

Public Measure QP SHALL THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC MEASURE BE ADOPTED?

Shall the Board of Directors of the Sibley-Ocheyedan Community School District in the County of Osceola, State of Iowa, be authorized for a period of ten (10) years, to levy and impose a voter approved physical plant and equipment tax not to exceed ONE DOLLAR and THIRTY-FOUR CENTS (\$1.34) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of assessed valuation of the taxable property within the school district, and be authorized annually, in combination, as determined by the board, to levy a physical plant and equipment property tax upon all the taxable property within the school district commencing with the levy of property taxes for collection in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and to impose a physical plant and equipment income surtax upon the state individual income tax of each individual income taxpayer resident in the school district on December 31 for each calendar year commencing with the 2025 calendar year, or each year thereafter, (the percent of income surtax not to exceed TWENTY percent (20%) to be determined by the board each year), to be used for the purposes permitted by Iowa law? YES NO Certified: Rochelle Van Tilburg Osceola County Auditor Commissioner of Elections

Have a safe holiday weekend! Community Food Pantry Wednesday, Sept. 3 10 a.m.-Noon and 5-6 p.m. at the Ocheyedan United Methodist Church 687 3rd Street, also by appointment call 712-461-0178. Donations accepted at Ocheyedan UMC, 712-758-3152. * This Food Pantry will occur the first Wednesday of every month. Open to everyone!

Enjoy Time With Family & Friends! Try our Delicious Aged Ribeye! Along with all our other steaks, prime rib, seafood and sandwiches. You can also place your order online at www.1015steakco.com 1015 STEAK COMPANY Open at 11 a.m. Monday-Saturday 712-754-3540 Sibley, Iowa

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GO HAWKS! THE OCHEYEDAN PRESS-MELVIN NEWS Wednesday, August 27, 2025, Ocheyedan, Iowa 51354 4

Melvin city council minutes

The Melvin City Council met Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. Those in attendance were Mayor Paul Heitritter, Jeff Sorensen, Amy Baker, Chris Michelson, Mike Wrynja, and Brandon Sezler. Also in attendance was Mike Juber.

Mayor Paul Heitritter called the meeting to order. Mike Wrynja made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2025 meeting. Amy Baker seconded. All Ayes.

The following library bills were approved by their board and paid by the city clerk:

Diane Ellens Wage	\$457.25
IPERS	\$83.70
ILRW	\$43.50
Jennifer Douma Wage	\$18.00
Premier	\$74.82
Book Systems	\$795.00
Windstream	\$73.72
Alliant	\$96.25

The following bills were paid in vacation by the city clerk:

Jennifer Douma	\$1,032.72
IPERS	\$392.55
Tim Drenkow	\$13.50
Postmaster	\$122.00
Town & Country	\$1,810.85
Raveling Inc.	\$105.00
Press Inc.	\$368.79
Rural Water	\$2,605.74
Iowa DNR	\$25.00
Windstream	\$137.25
Cooperative Energy	\$172.41
Alliant	\$959.87

The following bills were presented for payment:

Mark Mayer	\$899.76
Peggy Sorensen	\$215.14
ILRW	\$43.50
Osceola County Treasurer	\$1,546.00
Foundation	\$16.50
David Henningson	\$100.00

Benz Contracting	\$420.00
Iowa One Call	\$14.40
Mastbergen Repair	\$60.22
Melvin Rebuilders	\$2,560.77
Osceola County Rural Water	\$2,486.72
Windstream	\$147.13

Bills: Motion made by Amy Baker to pay the bills. Seconded by Mike Chris Michelson. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chris Michelson and seconded by Amy Baker to approve the monthly financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Street Repairs: Set a date whenever it dries up. Mayor Heitritter got an estimate to redo the roads and it was \$14,000 to do 240 x 18 feet.

Water: Need to know if we are going to charge as a city to turn water back on. \$75 to have it reconnected after shut off and when bill is paid in full. Look at the empty houses that are late and go back to see when water was actually used and charge for actual usages.

Junk/Junk Vehicles & Dangerous buildings: Mayor Heitritter is going to talk to our attorney about the right way to go about residents with junk vehicles and dangerous buildings. Discussed sending a letter to residents in which this pertains to and give them so many days to get things cleaned up.

Friendly reminder to all residents that the 125th celebration is coming up next summer and to start making the town and your residence look the best they can.

Amy Baker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Brandon Sezler. All Ayes
Jennifer Douma, Paul Heitritter
City Clerk
General.....\$7,235.16
Water.....\$5,461.89
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....\$12,697.05

Osceola REGIONAL HEALTH CENTER AN AVERA PARTNER WE ARE ONE OF 22 ACROSS THE NATION TO RECEIVE THIS 5 STAR RATING! NRRS 5 Outpatient Schedule SEPTEMBER 2025 QUESTIONS? CALL 712-754-5300 Behavioral Health ANN KONDA.....BY APPT: 712-754-5329 AMANDA TEN NAPEL.....BY APPOINTMENT Blood Mobile.....September 25 Direct Labs.....BY APPOINTMENT: 712-754-5358 Ear, Nose & Throat Clinic NORTHWEST IOWA ENT.....September 11 Foot Care Clinic (OCHS).....September 4, 18 General Surgery Clinic DR. BRANIGAN.....September 30 DR. HELMINK.....September 16, 23 DR. MORRISON.....September 8, 15, 29 DR. RICKER.....September 9 DR. SLATTERY.....September 2 Immunization Clinic (OCHS).....BY APPT: 712-754-4611 Infusion Services.....BY APPOINTMENT: 712-754-5323 (CHEMOTHERAPY, STEROID THERAPY, ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY, IRON, ELECTROLYTE, ETC.) Ophthalmology Clinic DR. INT' VELD.....September 3 Orthopedic Clinic DR. BRAAKSMA.....September 10 DR. RIERSON.....September 29 Pain Clinic JESSE HYDE.....September 9, 10, 24 Planet Heart.....September 2, 16 Podiatry Clinic DR. BELLEZZA.....September 4, 18 SomniTech Sleep Studies.....BY PHYSICIAN REFERRAL Urology Clinic DR. LINDAMAN.....September 17 Wound Care NATHAN PETERS.....September 5, 12, 19, 26 Wound/Ostomy Care BRENDA WALSH.....September 4, 11, 18, 25 Northwest Iowa Surgeons are available at Osceola Regional Health Center every Tuesday Jeffre Helmink MD, FACS Jason Keonin MD, FACS Jaren Ricker MD Patrick Slattery MD, FACS Benjamin Branigan MD www.osceolarhc.org