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Sergeant Bluff Public Library offers something for everyone!

(SBA) - September is National Library Card Sign-up Month, and Sergeant Bluff Public Library, 503 4th St., invites area residents to join the fun by getting-or using—their library cards.

Free to anyone who lives in Sergeant Bluff and to students (and their families) who attend Sergeant Bluff-Luton Com-

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WEEKLY FUEL **REPORT**

Gas prices ease in most states ahead of transition to winter

(SBA) - The nation's average price of gasoline has fallen 3.6 cents over the last week and stands at \$3.12 per gallon, according to GasBuddy® data compiled from more than 12 million individual price reports covering over 150,000 gas stations across the country.

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5 DAY WEATHER

HIGH: 78° | LOW: 49° HIGH: 81° | LOW: 54°







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sbadvocate@sb-advocate.com www.sergeantbluffadvocates.com A treasure trove of Sergeant Bluff's history

Preserving the Stories That Built a Community By Timothy Loftus, Editor & Publisher | Sergeant Bluff Advocate Newspaper

One of two

original vases

crafted to hold

Sgt. Charles Floyd

the remains of

from the Lewis and

Clark expedition. Made

by the Holman Pottery

Loess Hills near the brickyard

factory using clay from the

in Sergeant Bluff, the vases

were ultimately too small to

accommodate Floyd's bones.

Two larger vessels were later

properly contain his remains,

which are now buried beneath the Floyd Monument.

created by the Holman's to

(SBA) - In the heart of Woodbury County, the Sergeant Bluff Public Mu-

seum stands as both a guardian and storyteller of a community's past. For residents, it is far more than a collection of artifacts. It is a living connection to the people, struggles, and triumphs that shaped this corner of northwest

Iowa. For visitors, it offers a gateway into the region's story, reaching back to the days of exploration along the Missouri River and

following the steady growth of a town that has always cherished its small-town roots while looking confidently to the fu-

Sergeant Bluff's

very name is tied to American history. The city was named for Sergeant Charles ed daily life. Community

Floyd, a member of the famed Lewis and Clark Expedition. Floyd holds the sol-

emn distinction of being the only member of the Corps of Discovery to die during the journey. His death in 1804 near present-day Sioux City left a lasting mark on the region. His resting place atop a bluff overlooking the Missouri River inspired the name of the community that would later rise nearby. That connection to a defining chapter of the American story remains central to Sergeant Bluff's identity.

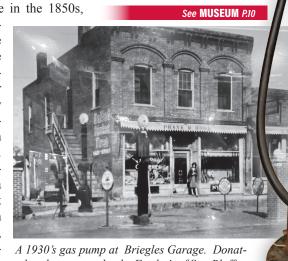
Sergeant Bluff began to take shape in the 1850s,

when pioneers were drawn to the fertile Missouri River valley by promthe ise of rich farmland. Families settled the area built and new lives on the frontier,

where farming dominat-

life revolved around cooperation, perseverance, and faith, forming the backbone of a resilient and close-knit settlement.

As the railroad expanded through the region, growth accelerated. The small settlement evolved into a recognizable town, becoming a vital hub for agriculture and commerce. In 1853, the Iowa Legislature renamed Wahkaw County to Woodbury County, designating Sergeant Bluff as its first county seat due to its strategic location and growing importance. By 1854, Sergeant Bluff had become a thriving center of fron-



ed to the museum by the Fymbo's of Sgt. Bluff.

Construction to Begin in Sergeant Bluff, Delivering Sustainable Energy to the Rural Community

(0.6 MW) solar installa-

tion in Sergeant Bluff, Iowa. As a member community of the Municipal Energy Agency of Nebraska (MEAN), the City of Sergeant Bluff and its

Municipal Utilities are taking a practical step toward a more sustainable and locally powered future.

"From day one, the city of Sergeant Bluff has been an exceptional partner," says Sandhills Energy Executive Vice President Raki Giannakouros. "It's always great to work with a city

(SBA) - Sandhills En- that's committed to prog- early on, the City of Serrgy is commencing con- ress and sustainability, and geant Bluff played a key struction on a 600-kilowatt the City of Sergeant Bluff role in promoting the projhas already displayed great

community leadership and public engagement."

Moving Toward Energy Independence

Sergeant Bluff has long recognized the importance of renewable energy and was proactive in joining MEAN's multi-community solar initiative. By embracing this opportunity ect within the community,

ensuring residents understood long-term benefits of affordable, reliable, and locally sourced solar power.

"The City has been working since 2019 to get

a solar park project developed in the community," says Mayor Jon Winkel. "By partnering with MEAN and Sandhills Energy, we've positioned our community at the forefront of renewable energy adoption, so we're

See SOLAR P.13

SB-L Girls Tennis Repeats as Conference Champs, Qualifies for State

(SBA) - The Sergeant Bluff-Luton Girls Tennis team continues to dominate the Fall 2025 season, clinching their second consecutive Missouri River Activities Conference (MRAC) title and improving to an impressive 10-1 record.

On Tuesday, September 9th, the Warriors were crowned MRAC Champions for the second year in a row at Sioux City North High School. Camryn Glass led the charge with an individual conference title in singles, while the doubles team of Carley Rooney and Stella Britton earned runner-up honors in a competitive doubles field.

Freshman Clara Britton showed resil-

ience in her tournament debut, bouncing back after a first-round loss to Heelan's 3rd seed, Aila Friis. Clara battled her way to the consolation championship, ultimately placing 6th overall in singles.

On Wednesday, September 17th, 9th-ranked SB-L traveled to

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