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CLASSIFIED RATES:

Classifieds ads and thank you ads: 25 cents per word with \$5.00 minimum; Half price each additional time.

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Ads must be paid when placed.

FOR SALE

For Sale: 2009 Harley Davidson Sportster 883L-8700 miles, excellent condition. Bedford, 402-651-4814.

5-14-2tp

WANTED

Wanted: Paperback book-8.5x11, about ¾” thick titled, “Our 49<sup>th</sup> State”, author Darrell Thompson from Gravity. Written late 1950s. 660-442-6556, jhhagee@yahoo.com

5-14-4tp

NOTICE

Bedford Mini Storage. 5x10-\$26.75 mth., 10x10-\$42.80 mth., 10x15-\$48.15 mth. 10x20-\$64.20 mth. 10x25-\$69.55 mth. Call (712) 523-2414.

8-4-tfc

SERVICES

GARBAGE SERVICE

Country or rural Pickup available. Call Josh Weed at 712-523-3116

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2025 MOWING SEASON BIDS

The Gravity City Council will be accepting sealed bids for the 2025 mowing season for the City of Gravity. All bids must be received prior to 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. The bids will then officially be opened and read aloud at the scheduled Gravity City Council Meeting.

Mowing and trimming includes the following: Gravity City Park, around the Gravity Community Center (Weeds must be kept from under the deck and out of the parking space in front of the Community Center and also from the gravel behind the Community Center), around the Maintenance Shed and along the highway to the 4-H sign, along the north side of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and around the flower garden and pop can cage on Main Street and north to the corner.

Please mail sealed bids along with proof of insurance to City of Gravity, PO Box 186, Gravity, IA 50848. Envelopes must clearly be marked with the words “2025 Mowing Season Bid”.

Please contact City of Gravity at 712-537-2553 or email [cityofgravity@yahoo.com](mailto:cityofgravity@yahoo.com) with any questions.

The City reserves the right to accept or deny any and all bids.

4-23-4t

• FOR SALE •

Mick Ware’s

• Tools

• Electronics/Electrical supplies

• Radios/Communication supplies

United Christian-Presbyterian Church

Saturday, May 17 | 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Statewide Classifieds

Class Action Lawsuit

IF YOU HAD KNEE OR HIP REPLACEMENT SURGERY and suffered an infection between 2020 and the present time, you may be entitled to compensation. Call Attorney Charles H. Johnson 1-800-535-5727

Miscellaneous

Does your basement or crawl space need some attention? Call Thrasher Foundation Repair! A permanent solution for waterproofing, failing foundations, sinking concrete and nasty crawl spaces. FREE Inspection & Same Day Estimate. \$250 off ANY project with code GET250. Call 1-866-554-1730

Miscellaneous

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 5-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-855-954-5087 today to schedule a free quote. It’s not just a generator. It’s a power move.

Miscellaneous

Safe Step. North America’s #1 Walk-In Tub. Comprehensive lifetime warranty. Top-of-the-line installation and service. Now featuring our FREE shower package and \$1600 Off for a limited time! Call today! Financing available. Call Safe Step 1-844-376-4154

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-Bedford Hy-Vee

-New Market Town & Country Convenience Store

-Bedford Times-Press

Public Notice

Regular meeting of the Water Works Board of Trustees was held Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Hullinger, Trustees Godden and Sawyer, Clerk Thompson, Deputy Clerk Dougherty, Public Works Director Worl, and Water Op. Pace.

Trustee Godden moved and Sawyer seconded approval of the April 1, 2025 meeting minutes. 3 ayes, mc.

Late claims for April: MidAmerican Energy Electric .....278.63

Treasurer St of IA sales tax Sales tax .....2659.99

USDA Loan pmt .....9617.00

Claims: Bedford Building Supply Water deposit refund .....124.99

The Bedford Times Press Checks.....254.71

Card Services Envelopes w/postage.....383.78

Copy Systems Inc Copies/prints .....82.02

Frontier Phone.....150.71

Microbac Laboratories Inc Testing.....54.75

Metering & Technology Solutions Meter bottoms .....192.48

MidAmerican Energy Electric .....222.56

Motor Inn Truck service.....82.00

SIRWA purchased water .....12,856.50

Taylor County Engineer Fuel 293.89

UPS shipping.....40.62

HD Supply, Inc. Chem keys.....1179.24

USDA Debt pmt.....9617.00

Trustee Sawyer moved and Godden seconded approval of the claims against the Water Works. 3 ayes, mc.

Trustee Godden moved and Sawyer seconded approval of the monthly income/expense and clerk’s reports. 3 ayes, mc.

Resolution 2025-A accepting public improvements was introduced. Chairman Hullinger moved and Godden seconded approval of Resolution 2024-A. Ayes: Godden Sawyer, Hullinger. Nay: none, mc.

Being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Godden moved and Sawyer seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:07 p.m. 3 ayes, mc.

William Hullinger, Chairman Tammy L. Thompson, City Clerk

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND ACCEPTANCE OF SEALED BIDS ON PROPOSED SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT 400-408 MAIN STREET, NEW MARKET, IOWA

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 364.7 of the Code of Iowa that the City of New Market, Iowa, will hold a public hearing on May 22, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall, 512 Main Street, New Market, Iowa, on the proposed sale of five pieces of Real Property located at or near 400-408 Main Street, New Market, Iowa, legally described as: Lot 12 in Block 11 of Original Town of New Market, Taylor County, Iowa Lot 11 in Block 11 of Original Town of New Market, Taylor County, Iowa Lot 10 in Block 11 of Original Town of New Market, Taylor County, Iowa Lot 9 in Block 11 of Original Town of New Market, Taylor County, Iowa And Lot 8 in Block 11 of Original Town of New Market, Taylor County, Iowa locally known as 400-408 Main Street and also known as Parcel #1607011012000, #1607011011000, #1607011019000, #1607011009000, and Parcel #1607011008000, respectively. These parcels are adjacent to one another and will be sold together.

Notice is also given that the City of New Market will receive SEALED BIDS for the sale of these properties using a “Bid for City-Owned Property” form that is available from the City Clerk. A minimum bid of \$10,000 is established for the sale of these five parcels with an understanding that the winning bidder will receive \$8,000 back from the City if a commercial building is completed on the parcels within two years of the sale being approved by the city. The New Market City Council will consider the use(s) the bidder intends to make of the Real Property, the potential increase in the property tax base of the community, and the ability of the bidder to complete the planned commercial construction when determining the winning bid. The City of New Market reserves the right to waive any and all informalities, to reject any bid, accept any bid deemed to be in the City’s best interests, and to negotiate terms with the selected

City of New Market – Mowing Notice

Warmer weather is just around the corner! So here’s a timely reminder of the mowing requirements.

Under Chapter 50 of the City Code any property within the City, whether vacated or non-vacated, is required to be mowed any time the vegetation reaches a height of more than eight (8) inches by the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the month in April, May, June, July, August, September, and October of each year.

If the City finds a property in violation of this chapter, one (1) letter and a copy of this chapter will be sent by regular mail to the property owner and or tenant. This letter will require immediate and continued compliance. Any property owner/tenant that violates the provisions of this chapter will be given one (1) notice per season. The City will be authorized to respond to additional violations without additional written notice being given.

Any property owners that have failed to mow their properties, thus allowing them to be mowed by the city, will be billed at the following rate per occurrence. Mowing and trimming at \$100.00 per hour per employee (1 hour minimum) plus a \$100.00 surcharge.

Improve Vegetable System Weed Management with Tarping

Alaina Friesleben, Ajay Nair

Managing weeds is one of the greatest challenges for vegetable growers, accounting for significant yield loss each year. While cultivation and herbicide use can combat weed growth, over time, these methods can cause soil erosion issues and human health concerns.

A new resource from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach offers guidance on an excellent weed management alternative: tarping.

“Tarping to Improve Weed Management and Reduce Tillage in Vegetable Systems” outlines methods of tarping use and provides information on tarp implementation and installation.

Publication co-author and graduate research assistant in the ISU Department of Horticulture, Carly Strauser, noted its benefits.

“Tarps can provide many of the same functions tillage does, such as killing weeds or decomposing cover crops, making it great for no-till systems. They

Bedford School Auction

Follow this link to learn more about bidding and purchasing, etc.

<https://www.purplewave.com/search/Bedford%20Community%20SchoolsCommunity%20Schools>

Bidding ends May 27, 2025.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of New Market

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW MARKET, IOWA BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO WATER CHAPTERS 90, 91 & 92 .

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the New Market City Council proposes to adopt Ordinance #256 setting forth a proposal to amend Chapters and sections 90.01-92.10 of the New Market Iowa Code of Ordinances, described as follows:

90.06 COMPLIANCE WITH PLUMBING CODE. The installation of any water service pipe and any connection with the water system shall comply with all pertinent and applicable provisions, whether regulatory, procedural or enforcement provisions, of Division 4, Plumbing Rules and Regulations, of the State Building Code.

90.09 TAPPING MAINS

4. Location Record. An accurate and dimensional sketch showing the exact location of the tap shall be filed with the Superintendent in such form as the Superintendent shall require. A tracer wire is required with installation of poly pipe.

90.10 INSTALLATION OF WATER SERVICE PIPE. Water service pipes from the main to the meter shall by Type K copper or poly pipe. The use of poly pipe requires additional installation of a tracer wire. The use of any other pipe material for the service line shall first be approved by the Superintendent. Pipe must be laid sufficiently waving, and to such depth, as to prevent rupture from settlement or freezing.

90.11 RESPONSIBLY FOR WATER SERVICE PIPE. The last sentence shall read: There shall be a corporation connecting to the main with 3/4” or 1” K copper, buried to 5 feet deep, running from the water main to a curb box with a stop and waste, 3/4” or 1” K copper from the curb box into the meter pit to a shut-off valve placed inside the structure.

90.13 CURB VALVE. There shall be installed within the public right-of-way a main shut-off valve on the water service pipe and a meter pit of a pattern approved by the Superintendent. The shut-off valve and meter pit shall be constructed to be visible and even with the pavement or ground.

90.19 CROSS CONNECTION: BACKFLOW PREVENTION. When the Public Works Director concludes that a possible cross connection exists in a private residence, business or industry, or that a backflow condition could result, that customer will take action deemed appropriate or install devices approved by the Public Works Director to correct this problem. All costs will be borne by the owner, and any violations of this provision will result in immediate termination of City services until the problem is corrected. Testing of Backflow Prevention assemblies shall be made following the Manufacture’s specifications.

91.04 LOCATION OF METERS. All meters shall be located in the meter pit so that they are easily accessible to meter readers and repairmen and protected from freezing.

91.05 METER SETTING. The property owner shall provide all necessary piping and fittings for proper setting of the meter including a valve on the discharge side of the meter. Meter pits are required with approval of the Superintendent and shall be of a design and construction approved by the Superintendent.

92.04 BILLING FOR WATER SERVICE.

4. Door Knocker Fee. Bills not paid by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month after their due date shall receive a five-dollar (\$5.00) fee added to their account. A door knocker will be hung on their door with a final notice of service scheduled to disconnect on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

5. Customers shall be billed a service fee of \$2 per month to be held in a reserve fund for future repair needs. The service fee shall be raised by 3% with inflation each fiscal year on July 1.

92.10 TEMPORARY VACANCY. A property owner may request water service be temporarily discontinued and shut off at the curb valve when the property is expected to be vacant for an extended period of time (Maximum of 5 months turned off). There shall be a ten dollar (\$10.00) fee collected for shutting the water off at the curb valve and a ten dollar (\$10.00) fee for restoring service. During a period when service is temporarily discontinued as provided herein there shall be no minimum service charge. The City will not drain pipes or pull meters for temporary vacancies.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Ordinance #256 at 6:45 PM in the City Hall, 512 Main Street, New Market, Iowa on May 22, 2025, and will thereafter consider adopting Ordinance #256 as set forth in said proposal.

Persons interested in the proposal will be given the opportunity to express their views at the public hearing. Full copies of Chapters 90-92 are available from the City Clerk’s Office.

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due to excess heat.

Ajay Nair, professor and chair of the Department of Horticulture at Iowa State University, shared the findings of the study in the resource.

“Spring temperatures in the north central United States are typically not warm enough to terminate weeds via solarization,” he said. “Clear tarp treatments and no-tarp control treatments required cultivation to terminate weeds prior to planting the cash crop, whereas black and white tarps did not.”

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