

# KIDS PIONEER DAY

Saturday, August 16th



Ellie, Clara, & Will With Stormy The Calf

**At Lake View's  
Log Cabin in  
the Museum Center  
Where Pioneer Life  
Can Be Experienced!**



Nancy Helps Barron, Meredith, and Marie Clean Laundry On A Washboard



Dave Emily & Steph  
Shell Popcorn



The One Room Schoolhouse  
Is Explained



Gentry Tries Out A Lasso



Paislee Washes Laundry Using  
A Washboard And A  
Hand-Cranked Wringer

## Sac County Quilt-A-Fair Scheduled for September 19-20 at Sac Co. Fairgrounds

You won't want to miss the 2025 Sac County Quilt-A-Fair on September 19-20. The show takes place on the Sac County Fairgrounds in Sac City and it includes two buildings full of gorgeous quilts of all genres. This is the 10th anniversary show; the first Quilt-A-Fair took place in 2007. Organizers hope that this year's show will be a special one for all the visitors to see.

Vintage quilts, Quilts of Valor, intricate paper piecing, beautiful batiks, scrappy sensations, interesting seasonal quilts, wall art, quilted bags, baby quilts...you'll find all of these and more displayed at the show. The quilters do a beautiful job of staging the quilts with small antique furnishings and household accessories. The quilt displays are the centerpiece of an excellent show.

Most of the quilt entries have already been registered. The entries in this show are not judged, but rather are displayed so that all can enjoy seeing them.

If you're looking for a great and varied group of vendors, you'll find them at the Quilt-A-Fair as well! Area quilt shops from north central and northwest Iowa will be represented, but vendors from other parts of the state have reserved spaces as well. Fourteen vendors will be in both buildings to showcase their patterns, fabrics, tools, and other quilt-related merchandise. If you need scissors or knives sharpened, there is a vendor who will provide that on-site service. The Quilt-A-Fair also provides a great opportunity to shop for gifts as well as personal wish lists. Quilters who want to learn some new techniques or find some new tools or notions will love shopping in the vendor booths. "The vendor list is exciting, because there is such variety in what they bring to share and what their specialties are," said Carolee Franzkowiak of Schaller, who has coordinated the communications with vendors. There will be demonstrations by vendors on the stage in the 4-H Building on both days of the show as well.

The 2025 Sac County Quilt-A-Fair will feature two speakers. Both will speak at 1:00 on the stage in the 4-H Building on their respective days. On Friday, September 22, Joyce Franklin of Winterset, Iowa, will present "Out of my Box." Joyce is the owner of Piece Works Quilt Shop and is a well-known quilting teacher as well. She will have a trunk show presentation featuring some of her art quilts. The Saturday speaker for the Quilt-A-Fair is Judy Martin of Grinnell, Iowa. Judy was Senior Editor and Designer for Quilters

Newsletter and Quiltmaker magazines for many years.

In 1987, Judy and her husband, Steve, launched their own publishing company, Crosley-Griffith. During her four-decade career, Judy has published 28 quilt books and more than 12,000 original designs. Her work has been highlighted at the National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky, and at many other national and regional shows. Her Quilt-A-Fair presentation will feature many of her Log Cabin quilts.

The Sac County Quilt-A-Fair not only showcases amazing quilts, speakers, and vendors, but there is also another very popular area called Bits and Pieces. This part of the show is like a garage sale or flea market for quilters, with bargains galore. Area quilters have found this is a great home for unfinished projects, quilts they have tired of, tools or patterns they no

longer use and fabrics that have languished in the stash. This year, there will even be a sewing machine or two for sale. You never know what treasure you might find there!

Any good fair includes tasty foods and the Sac County Quilt-A-Fair is no exception. A couple of food vendors will be on site to provide beverages, breakfast items, lunches, and snacks for the visitors. Both food vendors are area businesses: Rosie's Coffee Shop in Sac City and La Krave from Rockwell City. Both were vendors at the 2023 quilt show and received great reviews from visitors to the show.

This 10th anniversary show is also bringing back a feature from some of the earlier shows. A car show will take place on the fairgrounds on Saturday, September 20, for the enjoyment of the quilters and their family members. Vera Thomas of rural Early is hosting the car show and welcomes anyone who wants to bring a car to display. The cars will not be judged and no trophies will be awarded. This event allows the proud owners to show their treasured cars to others who are interested. Cars will park on the fairgrounds from 9:00 Saturday morning until about 4:00 in the afternoon.

Barn quilts adorn most of the buildings on the Sac County Fair Grounds and they are abundant throughout Sac City and the rest of the county for those who are interested in a self-guided barn quilt tour. Maps will be available at the show. The Quilt-A-Fair started as an extension of the Sac County Barn Quilt project, and it helps provide maintenance funding for the barn quilts and signage throughout the county.

One day admission to the Quilt-A-Fair is \$8.00; two-day admission is \$12.00. There are no other costs to visitors except for food. At the end of each day of the show, a couple of lucky visitors will even receive a gift basket filled with a variety of items. Sac City is home to a quilt shop and several gift and specialty shops if visitors want to explore the downtown area. The community also features many pieces of public art that visitors can enjoy.

You can follow the Sac County Quilt-A-Fair Facebook page for continuing information about the show. Information is also available on [www.barnquilts.com](http://www.barnquilts.com). Sac County is definitely the place to be on September 19-20. The 10th anniversary Sac County Quilt-A-Fair is shaping up to be another blue-ribbon event.

### End of Summer Sale

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## ESC Jr./Sr. High Principal Tedesco updates school board

East Sac County Junior/Senior High Principal Tony Tedesco gave an update of summer happenings and activities to the ESC School Board during their August 18 meeting.

Tedesco reported that 18 staff members attended the Professional Learning Communities at Work Conference, taking in sessions on collaborative culture, data-driven decision making, and strategies for addressing student learning gaps. Their key takeaways included: the importance of focusing on essential standards; using data to drive decisions and instruction; and developing intervention and enrichment plans that are responsive and flexible. He said the conference generated excitement and a shared vision for building a culture of continuous improvement in the school.

After that conference, staff met to develop a plan for implementing those practices, including establishing collective commitments and team norms; scheduling regular collaboration times during the school year; and training all staff on the PLC process during the school's professional development days.

Tedesco said they are starting a school-wide intervention period three days per week during the current advisor period. A digital scheduler will allow teachers to request specific students for targeted support. Students not requested will report to a study hall for independent work. The goal is to ensure that all students receive timely, targeted intervention or enrichment based

on those needs.

Tedesco reviewed some of the bigger policy changes for the year. Cell phone policy has received the most publicity, due to a new state law on the use of cell phones in school. Tedesco said the new policy outlines how East Sac County will be a cell phone free environment, "which emphasizes minimizing distractions during instructional time, cuts down on cyber bullying/harassment, improves in person social interaction and hopefully improves mental health with a break from their devices during our school day."

He noted that the Class of 2029 has an increased credit requirement for graduation, increasing from 38 to 54. As part of this, the physical education credit increased from 1/8 to 1/2 credit per semester. "The rest of the increase is to ensure that students take on a full academic course load while in our school and work to be prepared for life after high school."

The junior high will have a new Tier 2 Academic Support Plan. Tedesco wrote, "In response to growing academic needs, we are implementing a Tier 2 intervention model for junior high students. Students who have not met key standards during the school year will engage in online coursework tailored to those specific areas. This model ensures that students demonstrate proficiency before advancing to the next grade level, providing targeted support and accountability."

## Lake View City Council approves resignation

The Lake View City Council held a short meeting on August 18, with a light agenda to work through.

The work works report, submitted by Jason Butler and presented by interim city administrator John Gibson, noted routine activities for the department.

Police Chief George Athan had a quick report, noting by August 18, there had been 208 calls for service. He said he was getting things ready for back to school.

Interim City Administrator noted water line work for construction by the Dockit, which the city contacted nearby residents to let them know of the service disruption while that work was taking place.

He said there were some things that are being worked on at the Lake View Community Center, including HVAC issues. He said he has been in contact with the contractors to get to the bottom of the issues, and is waiting for answers.

The council approved the resignation of Officer Colton Selk, who is taking a position with the Sac County Sheriff's Office. In his resignation letter, Officer Selk wrote, "This decision hasn't been an easy one. Working here has meant more to me than just a job - it's been a place where I've grown, been challenged, and felt truly supported. I'm incredibly thankful for the relationships I've built, the trust you've shown in me, and the many experiences that have helped shape both my career and my char-

acter."

There was only one building permit on the agenda. Brian Shipley is putting a storage shed on 103 East Shore Drive. The contractor for the project is Old Hickory Buildings, with an estimated cost of \$3,299.

The council held a public hearing on a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement. No comments were received. The loan is for \$348,000, at an interest rate of 0%, payable in three years. It will pay for planning, design, construction improvements and extensions to the water utility.

Gibson told the council there had been several requests through open meetings for making copies needed to be increased. The council approved new rates for: black and white copies up to legal size - 20 cents per side; color copies up to legal size - 75 cents per side; black and white larger than legal size - 40 cents per side; color larger than legal size - \$1.50 per side; copies on cardstock, letter size - 15 cents; copies on card stock, ledger size - 30 cents. If they provide their own paper, the above prices are reduced by 10 cents per sheet.

The council planned on a work session on August 25. On that agenda: discussion of Camp Crescent five year upgrade plan; discussion of planned unit development process; discussion of contractor fees for the dump for concrete and trees; discussion of building inspection; and discussion of Sac County Endowment grant.

## ESC Elementary Principal Halbur reports staff and building are ready for the new school year

East Sac County Elementary Principal Becky Halbur told the ESC School Board that the staff and building are ready for their 2025-26 school year during her report at the August 18 school board meeting.

"The custodians have done an excellent job preparing the building for the start of school. The cafeteria was painted with the consistent colors the district is using and a Raider Logo put up on the wall going to the gym. We also have a new rug in our entrance with the Raider Logo. We've updated some technology. I have a large screen and access to the camera system in my office. We also have some new screens in classrooms that will be easier to use. All the locks in the building were updated for safety. This is especially important as I learned in a training this summer that in all shootings, an active shooter has never gotten through a locked door. The building was thoroughly cleaned and looks AMAZING! Scott Stone and his team are to be commended for their work!"

In July, Halbur said she and 13 staff members attended "Engaging Learners" training in Pocahontas, put on by the Iowa Department of Education. "Our team learned and practiced multiple strategies to support student movement and discourse, ways to do formative checks for understanding, extend student thinking, support students learning from their mistakes, and different ways to collect evidence of learning to the standards. Our teachers were engaged during the learning and are excited to apply this to their instructional practices."

Halbur and East Sac County Junior/Senior High Principal Tony Tedesco attended an emergency response training in Bondurant in early August, by the Iowa Governor's Bureau of Safety, conducted by The "I Love U Guys" Foundation. "We had the opportunity to learn about The Standard Response Protocol (SRP) as well as The Standard Reunification Method. (SRM) The SRP by The "I Love U Guys" Foundation is a well-established, structured

emergency response framework built on clear, standardized actions and directives. It's supported by regularly updated guidance and diverse training models designed to advance preparedness, consistency, and coordination across all stakeholders. Given this training, we did add two response protocols to our Emergency Operations Plan. (see the highlighted section of the plan). We will be using signage from the training so that we can more effectively communicate during an emergency. We will have training for staff so that everyone knows the five response protocols and their responsibilities within each protocol. We will also be meeting with local law enforcement to coordinate the communication of the SRP so that we enhance communication in the event of an emergency incident."

Halbur told the board that two new teachers start the year at East Sac Elementary. They have been getting integrated into East Sac County, learning about the resources available and other training.

A new program for the kindergarten, called Slow Start, is being used this year, said Halbur. It's designed to support young learners as they begin their formal education journey. By gradually introducing students to the school environment, routines, and expectations, this approach fosters a positive, comfortable, and emotionally safe transition for both students and families. The kindergarteners will have an open house on the first day of school, August 25, so the student and families can meet teachers and staff, tour the building, etc. This is to build rapport and reduce anxiety. On the second and third days, August 26 and 27, the students will have half of the students in the class, to allow for small group interaction and get them comfortable in the environment. Then on Thursday, all students attend classes.

Superintendent Nate Hemiller commented that the Slow Start is a good idea for getting those new students adjusted slowly during the first week of school.

## Voters will be asked to approve increase in PPEL

The East Sac County School Board will be asking voters in the district to approve an increase in the voter approved physical plant and equipment levy (PPEL) when they vote on November 4.

Voters in the district approved the PPEL in 2020, for \$1 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation; the maximum they could have asked for is \$1.34. This approval was good for 10 years starting in 2022 and running until 2032, before voters would have to consider it again.

Superintendent Nate Hemiller said that with the recent building additions and other projects, the funding is getting tight for maintaining the school facilities. Inflation has also played a factor.

With the board's approval, the school district will ask voters to increase the PPEL by 34 cents, to \$1.34 per \$1,000 valuation.

According to the language the school board approved, the funds would be used for: "the purchase of purchasing and improving grounds; constructing schoolhouses or buildings and opening roads to school-

houses 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."

If approved, it would be authorized for five years, starting with collection in fiscal year ending June 30, 2027.

Superintendent Hemiller said that work is being done to put together committees to help get the message out about the PPEL.