

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS



## MARLEY MADSEN

Our Senior Spotlight is on Marley Madsen. She is the daughter of Lindsey and Eddie Madsen. She has a brother, Chet, 14, in eighth grade.

## Activities in School:

Basketball, softball, track, cross-country, NHS, large group speech.

## Favorite Foods:

Pasta, fruit.

## Favorite Music:

Folk, pop.

## Favorite TV:

"Criminal Minds."

## Favorite Movie:

"Hacksaw Ridge."

## Pet Peeves:

Cold weather.

## Greatest Influence:

My parents.

## Advice to Underclassmen:

Be kind to yourself and others.

## Most Memorable Moment:

Medaling sixth in the 4x8 and breaking the school record by .01 seconds at the 2A state track meet.

## Future Plans:

Attend the University of Iowa to double major in biology and pre-dentistry.



## AVERY WILSON

Our Senior Spotlight is on Avery Wilson. She is the daughter of Jamie and Jennifer Wilson. She has a brother, Jacob, 26.

## Activities in School:

Basketball, softball, FCA, FCCLA, Peer Mentoring, junior firefighter.

## Favorite Foods:

Chicken salads.

## Favorite Music:

Old music and Olivia Dean.

## Favorite TV:

"Dexter."

## Favorite Movie:

"Rudy."

## Pet Peeves:

Eating with your mouth full.

## Greatest Influence:

Michael Jordan.

## Advice to Underclassmen:

Don't wish the time away and appreciate every memory life gives to you.

## Most Memorable Moment:

Going to state basketball with my friends.

## Future Plans:

Attend a college, play basketball, major in something that will allow me to do sports media for NBA teams.

# FFA chapter takes members to State Leadership Conference



**Pictured are, front row: Isaac Nelson, Tegan Thompson, Nevaeh Brauhn, Annabelle Christensen, Emmalee Thompson, Karina Bloom, McKenna Fassler, Emma Unger. Back row: Kooper Bean, Michael Balder, Hunter Perry, Violet Sangwin, Kayley Hermstad, Hanna Weier and Isabella Holt.**

## ANNABELLE CHRISTENSEN

Sioux Central FFA Reporter

Seventeen Sioux Central FFA members went to the Iowa State FFA Convention April 19-21. They spent their time meeting new people from different schools, participating in different competitions and Meals for the Heartland, and hearing speakers and exploring the Iowa State University campus.

Karina Bloom, Emmalee Thompson and Andrew Nelson all received their Iowa FFA Degrees. Hanna Weier, McKenna Fassler and Emma Unger participated in biotech. Kayley Hermstad, Violet Sangwin, Nevaeh Brauhn and Karina Bloom did ag communications. Annabelle Christensen and Michael Balder participated in the delegate meeting. Kooper Bean, Isaac Nelson, Andrew Nelson and Tegan Thompson participated in poultry. Isabella Holt was in the choir and Hunter Perry played percussion in the band.

## CHINDLUND MOVES ON TO DISTRICT GOLF MEET



**With his third place finish, Luke Chindlund qualified to move onto district golf meet.**

## SPOONER TAKES MEDALIST HONORS IN MANSON



**Keely Spooner was medalist at the meet on May 7 in Manson. Keely shot a 46 to take the top honors. Sioux Central as a team placed second with a 215 to Newell-Fonda scoring a 197, followed by East Sac shooting a 220.**

## REBELS ARE STATEBOUND

The Rebel boys and girls heading to state competition has been decided.

The Sioux Central boys events include: Owen Mills in the 110 high hurdles and 400 hurdles; Jack Christian in the 800; Lucas Wernimont in the 3,200; Michael Buettner in the discus; Colin Christians in the high jump; and the distance medley relay team of Chase Heuton, Perry Spooner, Michael Buettner and Jack Christian. The alternate is Kase Glover.

Girls competing include: Sage Weber in the 3,000 run and the 1,500 run; Lily Johnson in the 100 dash; Karina Bloom in the 800 run; the 4x800 relay team of Karina Bloom, Nora Christian, Marley Madsen and Sage Weber; 4x400 relay team of Karina Bloom, Nora Christian, Avery Wilson and Marley Madsen; 400 hurdles, Marley Madsen; 4x100

relay, Peyton Waldstein, Reata Ayers, Avery Wilson and Lily Johnson; and the shuttle hurdle relay team of Kailee Laursen, Madison Wittmaack, Peyton Waldstein and Hanna Weier.

State track meet events are held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

## TWIN LAKES FINAL STANDINGS

The boys and girls track teams Twin Lakes Conference final standings have been released.

Southeast Valley boys won the conference title with 169 points. Sioux Central was second with 117.

The Sioux Central Rebels girls track team won the Twin Lakes Conference title with a win of 89 points; Alta-Aurelia came in second with 83 points.

Sioux Central girls coach Nathan Anderson was named Coach of the Year.

## COMING EVENTS

- A Memorial Day program will be held at Lone Tree Cemetery at 10 a.m. (In case of rain, it will be moved to First Lutheran Church.) A Maid-Rite lunch will follow at the church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- The Sioux Rapids Area Historical Association will host a program at the Historical Theatre by Marilyn (Beck) Brooks at 1:30 p.m.
- The Sioux Rapids Area Historical Association will meet Tuesday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m.; due to Memorial Day on Monday.
- A bridal shower for Katrine Cadman, bride-elect of Nick Wittmaack, will be given Saturday, May 30, from 3-5 p.m. at Riverside Evangelical Free Church in Linn Grove. The couple is registered at Walmart, Target, Amazon and at knot.com/katrineandnick, and would take Costco gift cards. Please bring your favorite recipe to share with the bride.
- LifeServe Blood will be in Sioux Rapids on June 23 from 2:30-6 p.m. at 810 Birch St. in Sioux Rapids.
- The Sioux Rapids Food Pantry is open on the third Saturday each month at First Lutheran Church from 8-10 a.m. Contact Dolly Huffman at 712-260-0447.

## DAYS GONE BY

## 10 YEARS AGO

- The Sioux Central girls track team put together a weekend for the record books. They became the 2016 state runner-ups in track.
- The Hanson family kicked off the Summer Reading Programs with a family show which included juggling and a unicycle.

## 20 YEARS AGO

- Farm Credit Services of America presented Sioux Central FFA with handbooks as a way to support youth in agriculture by giving back to the community.
- Samantha Halverson was named the state champ in discus, throwing 128-5.

## 30 YEARS AGO

- Charlie Jacobson, his daughter, Erica, and wife, Bonnie, all graduated on the same day.

## 40 YEARS AGO

- One of the first scholarships given by an individual was awarded to Dean Whitaker. He was the recipient of the Dr. Suzanne E. Bales scholarship for \$250. Jay Bales set up a scholarship fund under the name of his late daughter.

## 50 YEARS AGO

- Lorie Hicks placed first in the district high jump with 5-2 setting a school record. The distance medley relay team also set a new school record a 4:33.6. They were Kim Puls, Wendy Nelson, Lorie Hicks and Kim Bertness.

## CLIMATOLOGY BY KEITH STOEBER

Date	High	Low	Precip
May 10.....	66	32	0
May 11.....	71	31	0
May 12.....	77	32	0
May 13.....	78	47	0
May 14.....	78	46	0
May 15.....	78	47	0
May 16.....	92	47	0.41
May 17.....	81	47	0.01
May 18.....	80	55	0.64

## LEGAL

**SIoux RAPIDS BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ON THE CONSIDERATION OF VARIANCES REQUESTED FOR PROPERTY AT 805 RIVERVIEW DRIVE, SIoux RAPIDS, IOWA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A CARPORT**

Pursuant to the Requirements of Article XX of the Sioux Rapids Zoning Ordinance the Zoning Board of Adjustment will conduct a public hearing on June 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 100 Front Street, Sioux Rapids, Iowa. The purpose of the hearing is to consider a Zoning Variance Application made by Emil & Karen Liko for property located at 805 Riverview Drive, Sioux Rapids, Iowa. The property's parcel identification number is 0307164001 and the brief tax description is 04-00 SIoux RAPIDS CORP. RIVERVIEW ADD. & LOTS 5 & 6. The property is Zoned R-1.

The purpose of the hearing will be to hear a request from the applicant for a variance from the requirements of Sioux Rapids Zoning Code ARTICLE V Section 5.5 which establishes setback requirements and outside of the authorized location of accessory buildings requirements as per Article XII, Section 12.5, Subsection 4 and Article XIII, Section 13.2, Subsection 2.

Written comments are accepted and should be addressed to Amanda Caraway, City Clerk, 100 Front Street, Sioux Rapids, Iowa 50585. All interested persons are encouraged to attend this public hearing. For additional information, or to make arrangements for special accommodations, please contact the City Clerk at 712-283-2737.

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## LEGAL

### SIoux RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MAY 13, 2026.

The regular meeting of the Sioux Rapids City Council was called to order Mike Katschman on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Mike Katschman, Mike Gunderson, Lacy Garberding, Susan Pierce, Kevin Thompson, and Christy Wernimont. No one was absent. Amanda Caraway, Andrew Wetrich, Holly Miller and other community members were also in attendance.

A motion was made by Wernimont, seconded by Thompson, to approve the agenda. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Thompson to open the Public Hearing for Proposing Vacating Part of Hillside Street, it was seconded by Gunderson at 6:31pm. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. City Council discussed the proposed vacating of part of Hillside Street. The part is north on Mark and Mandy Neeley's property. The property on the other side belongs to Evertek and the City has talked with them, and they are not interested in that piece of property. A motion was made by Garberding to adjourn the Public Hearing for Proposed Vacating of Part of Hillside Street at 6:33 pm, it was seconded by Wernimont. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gunderson seconded by Thompson to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes from April 8th, and April 22nd, 2026, meetings, and the financial reports from the month of April, claims list for the month of April, along with the IPAIT statements, and BV County Sheriff's Report. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

## APRIL 2026 CLAIMS

-Ipers-\$0.04 -Ipers:-Ipers-\$20.00 -March Late Fee:-Ipers-\$22.00 -Ipers Interest/Pentalty:37727-United States Post Office-\$194.04 -April Ub Billing:37731-Herlin Reyes-\$17.69 -Deposit Refund-Treasurer State Of Iowa-\$595.17 -State Withholding Tax-Treasurer State Of Iowa-\$476.75 -February 2026 Sales Tax-Treasurer State Of Iowa-\$470.82 -March 2026 Sales Tax:37729-Iowa Lakes Electric Co-operative-\$1,095.00 -Utilities:37728-Iowa Lakes Regional Water-\$56.00 -Utilities:37730-Alliant Energy-\$5,226.04 -Utilities:37713-Morrow Contracting-\$31,429.50 -Sewer -Catalyst Grant:37714-Foam Worx Insulation Llc-\$13,820.50 -Sewer -Catalyst Grant - Spray Foam Basement Walls:37712-Reiling Custom Concrete-\$14,750.00 -Sewer -Catalyst Grant - Tuck Pointing:37711-Simmering-Cory/Iowa Certificati-\$2,000.00 -Grant Administration Service -Sioux Rapids Health Clinic:37715-

Elan Financial Services-\$1,005.82 -Library Books And Program Supplies And City Shop Supplies:37755-Elan Financial Services-\$1,550.80 -Imfoa Trip, Pool Supplies And Library Program Supplies:37716-Graves Construction Co, Inc-\$90,541.01 -Sioux Rapids Health Clinic:37737-Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield-\$91.44 -37737-Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield-\$2,900.45 -Health Care May:-Treasurer, State Of Iowa-\$1,169.47 -February 2026 Excise Tax:-Treasurer, State Of Iowa-\$1,117.02 -March 2026 Excise Tax:37749-Heartland Tire-\$176.19 -Replace Tire On Trailer:37738-Town & Country Disposal, Inc.-\$5,794.81 -Contract Trash & Recycling - March 2026:37759-Amanda Caraway-\$261.30 -Mileage 7 Meals @ Imfoa Conference:37743-Ra Rentals - 5-\$675.00 -Tractor Rental For Grass Seed Plant- Park:37757-Arnold Motor Supply-\$97.36 -Street Sweeper Parts:37752-Gfe Leasing-\$216.62 -Copier Contract - May 2026:37756-Bomgaars-\$274.47 -Shop Supplies:37756-Bomgaars-\$40.00 -Brad's Clothing Allowance:37746-Menards-\$155.24 -Shop Supplies:37746-Menards-\$79.99 -Tool:37746-Menards-\$426.70 -Equipment/Supplies:37746-Menards-\$19.93 -Supplies:37746-Menards-\$652.26 -Pool Set Supplies:37748-Ja Dept Of Insp. App, & Lice-\$150.00 -Food License - Pool:37739-The Daily Reporter-\$29.66 -Legal Notice - Grant Administrator:37739-The Daily Reporter-\$9.89 -Legal Notice - Hillside Vacating Lot:37739-The Daily Reporter-\$25.04 -Legal Notice - Variance - Cowell:37739-The Daily Reporter-\$23.72 -Legal Notice - Tax Levy Minutes:37739-The Daily Reporter-\$199.02 -Legal Notice - Notice Of Public Hearing Budget Fy 2027:37739-The Daily Reporter-\$26.36 -Legal - Special Meeting 2/26/26:37753-Foundastion Analytical Lab-\$1,077.25 -Testing:37748-Advanced Network Professionals-\$55.35 -Office Phone:37758-Advanced Network Professionals-\$51.60 -Email Hacked:37747-Macqueen Equipment, Inc.-\$1,099.52 -Street Sweeper Parts:37745-Mike Katschman-\$41.00 -Mileage To Ia Lakes Corridor Workforce Housing Conference:37742-Rehab System Llc-\$2,200.00 -Clean And Televising Beech Street:37751-Harold Rowley Recycle Center-\$6,358.00 -#4 Quarterly Payment Operations Assessment:37751-Harold Rowley Recycle Center-\$2,419.13 -Landfill Invoies - March:37744-North Lake Truck Repair-\$5,041.43 -Fixing Plow Truck - Sterling:37740-Sioux Lumber-\$263.24 -Supplies:37760-Ag State-\$428.46 -Fuel For Street Department:37760-Ag State-\$211.40 -Fuel For Water Department:37741-Sioux

Food Center-\$20.76 -Library Program Supplies:37750-Hawkins Inc-\$450.75 -Chemicals For Water Plant:37750-Hawkins Inc-\$551.37 -Chemicals For Waste Water Plant:37754-Fidelity Sec Life Ins Co-\$74.13 -37754-Fidelity Sec Life Ins Co-\$34.94 -Vision Care - May:-Trionfo Solutions, Llc-\$222.83 -Std, Ad&D, Life Insurance -:-Trionfo Solutions, Llc-\$102.91 -Std, Ad& D, Life Insurance:37761-Gregg Ries-\$100.00 -Water Deposit Refund From Simple City Act #10320001:37762-Evertek, Inc.-\$75.48 -Library Internet-Community State Bank-\$36.48 -Service Charge:Total-\$198,799.15 :-

## APRIL 2026 RECEIPTS

General-\$ 91,110.06:Ieda Grant Health Clinic-\$ 10,783.01:Ieda Catalyst Grants-\$ 0.00:Road Use-\$ 8,600.08:Employee Benefits-\$ 10,561.34:Emergency Fund-\$ 0.00:Local Option Sales Tax-\$ 9,562.72:Valley Heights-\$ 0.00:Fema-\$ 0.00:Fema-Flood 2024-\$ 0.00:Debt Service-\$ 14,124.58:Capital Improvement-\$ 0.00:Multi Purpose Facility-\$ 0.00:Cap Outlay - Police Veh-\$ 0.00:Water-\$ 24,980.35:Water Meter-\$ 1.42:Water System Improvements-\$ 0.00:Riverview & Evans Project-\$ 0.00:Neptune Water Meters-\$ 0.00:Usda Grant Water Well-\$ 0.00:Sewer-\$ 15,262.04:Garbage-\$ 13,893.76:Storm Water-\$ 2,135.60:- Total\$ 201,014.96.

Kayla Koenig asked that the City post the agenda more places than just the three required. Tanya with Lehr Insurance presented City Council with Flood insurance quotes for the different facilities that Sioux Rapids owns.

Amanda discussed the issue with Dave Johnson's water bill with City Council. Dave was unable to make the meeting, however Dave went through over 89,000 gallons of water because of a water leak, as a result his bill is just over \$900.00. Dave asked Council if he could set up a payment plan paying \$50.00 a month plus his regular bill. Garberding moved to accept this payment plan, however if a payment is missed shut off will happen right away and add two more payments at the end of the plan to cover any late fees, it was seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson, Pierce, and Wernimont Nays: Thompson. Absent: None. Motion passes.

Jen and Chris Prior came as asked that the City would be willing to reopen part of Walnut Street that is access to the parcel that they are in the process of purchasing. The city use to maintain the road so it may take some clean up and clearing out trees to turn it into a road again. Council decided that they needed more information before a decision could be made,

so Public Works will do some research and find out what needs to be done and report back next month.

Gunderson moved to approve Resolution No. 929 - Vacating Part of Hillside Street, it was seconded by Thompson. Roll being called Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson, Pierce, Thompson, and Wernimont. Nays: none. Motion passes.

Amanda Caraway presented to Council with an application or RFP for the Community Catalyst Grant that they can use to put out into the Community. Council discussed it and wanted to make some changes, to come back and approve next month.

Kayla Koenig presented a letter that she had to City Council of questions she had for the city leadership. Mayor and Council then discussed the letter and asked as many questions as possible out of her letter.

Thompson moved to approve Ordinance No. 477 - Amend Water Rate - 2nd Reading, it was seconded by Gunderson. Roll being called Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson, Pierce, Thompson, and Wernimont. Nays: none. Motion passes.

Gunderson moved to approve Ordinance No. 478 - Amend Solid Waste Rate - 2nd Reading, it was seconded by Thompson. Roll being called Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson, Pierce, Thompson, and Wernimont. Nays: none. Motion passes.

Thompson moved Casey's General Store Liquor License violation to the Attorney General, and it was seconded by Garberding. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Garberding moved to approve the Amended Liquor License for Dollar General because of change of owners, and it was seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Gunderson moved to approve the Retail Tobacco License Renewal for Dollar General effective 07/01/2026, it was seconded by Wernimont. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Courtney Morales, the City Swimming Pool Manager presented to City Council that she has 13 lifeguards for the season, and after some discussion City Council and the manager decided to keep prices the same as last year for the pool season.

There was no motion for Resolution No. 930 - Approving Change Order No. 4 for the Sioux Rapids Health Clinic Rehabilitation Project and it was tabled until May 27th meeting.

There was no motion for Resolution No. 931 - Approving Pay Application No. 4 for the Sioux Rapids Health Clinic Rehabilitation Project and it was tabled until May 27th meeting.

Thompson moved to accept the Engagement Agreement with Ahler's & Cooney for our Bond Attorney for the USDA Grant/Well Project, it was seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Amanda Caraway presented to City Council the projected schedule for the well bidding and drilling which was provided by SEH our Engineer for the project, and it was moved by Thompson to approve this timeline, and it was seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Garberding moved to approve Resolution No. 932 - Setting Date and Time for Public Hearing on a Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment, it was seconded by Gunderson. Roll being called Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson, Pierce, Thompson, and Wernimont. Nays: none. Motion passes.

Garberding moved to approve Resolution No. 933 - Setting Date and Time for Public Hearing on a Long-Term Maintenance Plan for Converted Buyout Parcels, it was seconded by Wernimont. Roll being called Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson, Pierce, Thompson, and Wernimont. Nays: none. Motion passes.

Thompson moved to approve Resolution No. 934 - Setting Date and Time for Public Hearing on Submission of a Application to IEDA for CDBG-DR Funding, it was seconded by Wernimont. Roll being called Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson, Pierce, Thompson, and Wernimont. Nays: none. Motion passes.

Thompson moved to approve Resolution No. 935 - Set Dates for Bid Opening and Public Hearing, it was seconded by Gunderson. Roll being called Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson, Pierce, Thompson, and Wernimont. Nays: none. Motion passes.

Andrew Wetrich presented to City Council a quote from CIT for locating some missing manholes. City Council discussed it and decided that this service was not required at this time.

Thompson moved to accept the Agreement for Maintenance & Repair of Primary Roads in Municipalities, (this agreement is with the

Iowa DOT), it was seconded Wernimont. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Thompson moved to accept the Report from Simmering-Cory/Iowa Codification, it was seconded by Pierce. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The City Council went over Tristan Cowell Variance Application and the recommendation from Board of Adjustments. It was moved by Thompson to approve Tristan Cowell's permit based on his new plan with the Board of Adjustment recommendation included, it was seconded by Pierce. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Brianna and Stefan Sontag came to City Council to request drawing lines on a parcel that they have purchased. Council said that they would investigate it.

Garberding moved to approve payment to Simmering -Cory/Iowa Codification for two invoices, one for \$1,050.00 for the 2025 Review of Building permits and variances, and the other for \$1,225.00 for the 2026 Review of Building permits and variances, it was seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Wernimont moved to approve payment to Community State Bank in the amount of \$33,513.00 for the GO Bond for the Municipal Building Note, it was seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Wernimont moved to approve payment to Bomgaars in the amount of \$2,119.98 for grass seed, to reseed the City Park, it was seconded by Thompson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Gunderson moved to approve payment to Iowa Financial Authority in the amount of \$81,320.00 for the annual payment for Water Treatment Plant Bond, it was seconded by Wernimont. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried.

The next regular city council meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm at City Hall, 100 Front Street.

Thompson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: All; Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

ATTEST: Amanda Caraway, City Clerk  
/s/ Mike Katschman, Mayor  
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