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aircraft takes off with some accumulation of ice, not very much, but some accumulation of ice on the wings," Siemann said.

Recently, Siemann said the airport can't properly store certain aircraft because of the size of the hangar. Given the increase of jet traffic at the Arthur N. Neu Airport, Siemann shared concerns of a similar accident possibly happening at the local airport if they can't store the planes inside of a hangar.

According to Kooiker, the FAA will be looking at the city for financial support as they move along with the project.

"In order to do that, I felt it was necessary for the council to consider and then decide whether they want to approve this project or not," Kooiker said.

The federal share requested for the hangar project is \$174,000, according to the "go letter" from the FAA.

Council member Jeff Cayler asked if this figure would go towards the engineering portion of the project. Kooiker confirmed the money will be used for this portion.

Kooiker said this phase is the first part of the project, with plans to continue as engineering starts.

"It's pretty important for us to approve whether we're interested in being involved with this project," Kooiker said.

Over a month, Kooiker reported there were around 700 landings at the local airport after contacting Don Mensen, co-owner of Carroll Aviation.

The Carroll Airport Commission has contracted with Carroll Aviation, owned by Don and Amy Mensen, to run the daily operations of the airport.

Cayler said he met with Don Mensen a week before the meeting, stating he didn't know an exact number of aircraft arriving at and leaving the airport.

Council member Deb Koster said she also heard a similar response when she met with Mensen. Koster said the numbers should be more accessible to justify the city spending this amount of money towards a new hangar.

"I just need to know some number so we can let the people of Carroll know," Koster said. "You've got to quantify that dollar that we're taking from our LOST money."

Koster and council member Jason Atherton voted no.

CONTEST

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South Central Calhoun and Southeast Valley.

Performance categories are Expository Address, Video-casting, Reviewing, Public Address, Spontaneous Speaking, Original Oratory, Literary Program, Poetry, Prose, Improvisational Acting, Solo Musical Theater, Radio News Announcing, Storytelling and Acting.

Kuemper has hosted contests a number of times in recent years, and Gute says the school has had a strong turnout of volunteers to make that possible.

For Saturday's contest, he said, there will be about 50 volunteers handling a variety of duties — keeping the hallways quiet, guiding people around the building, announcing performances as room chairs, keeping time for performances, and sorting ballots.

Gute adds, "Kuemper coaches are lucky to have an administration that always supports us and our students. We have a great facility for hosting IE speech, and we've always had excellent support from volunteers and patrons. Hosting at Kuemper also keeps travel times short for the schools in the southern part of the Northwest District. We've told the state we're always willing to host a district contest any time they ask."

More information can be found on the Kuemper speech website <https://sites.google.com/kuemper.org/kuemper-catholicspeech/home>.

Midwest Heritage Bank files to merge with Iowa Savings Bank

FOR THE CARROLL TIMES HERALD

Midwest Heritage Bank, FSB, based in West Des Moines, filed an application to acquire Carroll-based Iowa Savings Bank on Feb. 11, 2026.

Midwest Heritage is a full-service financial institution headquartered in West Des Moines and is a subsidiary of Hy-Vee. Midwest Heritage Bank offers personal and business banking, investments, and insurance services.

The merger, pending regulatory approval, involves merging Iowa Savings Bank into Midwest Heritage Bank, with plans for the existing offices to continue operating.

According to a public notice in the Carroll Times Herald, the merger allows for public comments, which can be filed until March 15, 2026, with the Director for Licensing in Denver, Colo.

AMERICAN LEGION

Scholarships awarded to Schenkelberg, Reising

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Maurice Dunn American Legion Post in Carroll recently awarded \$500 scholarships to two 2025 graduates, Hailey Schenkelberg from Kuemper Catholic High School and Lucas Reising from Carroll High School.

The Legion awards scholarships to a graduate from each school based on applications that include career goals and post-secondary education and/or training plans as well as a brief essay describing "what about America makes you proud and how you see yourself exhibiting that description beyond high school."

The scholarships are presented after students successfully complete their first term of post-secondary school or training.

Schenkelberg, daughter of Justin and Jean Schenkelberg, is attending Iowa State University where she's pursuing a degree in psychology. She plans to go on for a master's and possibly doctorate and become a mental health therapist. She said her goal is to own a mental health clinic.

Schenkelberg began her essay, "America makes me proud for many reasons, but the main reason is because of the freedom of speech given to its citizens. Many countries around the world only have news censored

by their government. You would only be given the story the leaders wanted you to hear, and never know if it is the truth. In America, not only is the news uncensored, but we also have the right to express our opinions. We have social media platforms that allow anyone to do this at any time, peaceful protests are allowed, and voting gives citizens a say in their representatives."

Reising, son of Jason and Shannon Reising, plans to become a heavy duty diesel mechanic for Van Wall Equipment. He's attending Northeast Iowa Community College.

Reising wrote, "As a proud American who values the principles of service, community, and perseverance, I am deeply inspired by the legacy of the American people, and those who came before me. The only reason I stand here in the great country today is because of my ancestors, and their belief in the life a true American can live. Those who have come before me have paved the way for me to live the life they saw possible. For what they have done I am forever grateful, and I will keep that hope alive for the rest of my life, along with the people that will come after me."

The applications were judged by members of the Legion scholarship committee.



PHOTO BY LARRY DEVINE

Hailey Schenkelberg, a 2025 Kuemper Catholic High School graduate and daughter of Justin and Jean Schenkelberg, receives \$500 American Legion scholarship from Randy Nieland, a member of the Legion's scholarship committee.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Lucas Reising, a 2025 Carroll High School graduate and son of Jason and Shannon Reising, receives \$500 American Legion scholarship from Randy Nieland, a member of the Legion's scholarship committee.

STUDENTS

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PHOTO BY LARRY DEVINE

Playing their cards in Uno game at Adams Elementary are second graders Calvin Kennebeck and Penny Thorn and Adams third graders Paige Quam and Za' Miyiah White.



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At Adams Elementary School, (from left) Fairview second grader Jessa Wordekemper reads a book with Adams third grader Ta'Miaa Pinnick.

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