

Cherokee County Veterans honored at recognition event



Tom Kohn, the Cherokee County Director of Veterans Affairs

The annual Cherokee County Veterans Appreciation Day event was held on Saturday, June 29 in Aurelia. The keynote speaker was State Senator Kevin Alons, pictured at left, and there were additional presentations made to the benefit of veteran attendees.

The meat for the meal was provided and prepared by the Cherokee County Pork Producers. Next year's event will be held in Cherokee.

Tom Kohn, the Cherokee County Director of Veterans Affairs, told the Chronicle Times that he wished to say "Thank you to all the volunteers and vendors that made this event great and thank you for the support of our Veterans."

"To care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow and his orphan"- Abraham Lincoln

Cherokee County Department of Veterans Affairs stands as a voice and an advocate for veterans and their families. We are dedicated to ensuring veterans, their dependents, and their survivors receive the full measure of county, state, and federal benefits to which they have earned. To that end, veterans are treated with compassion, integrity, dignity, and accountability.



Iowa Utilities Board approves permit for controversial Summit pipeline

Eminent domain can be used in Iowa, but project still needs approval in the Dakotas

by CLARK KAUFFMAN
Iowa Capital Dispatch

The Iowa Utilities Board gave its approval Tuesday for the controversial Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline and for the company to use eminent domain to acquire landowners' property.

The company hopes to begin construction next year with the goal of making the pipeline operational in 2026. The pipeline, which would be the largest of its kind anywhere in the world, would carry liquified carbon dioxide from ethanol plants in Iowa and surrounding states to a site in North Dakota, where the company hopes for re-consideration and approval of a previously denied permit.

The pipeline would cross more than 2,000 miles across five states, including nearly 700 miles in Iowa. In planning the pipeline, Summit has partnered with 57 ethanol plants and the company says it has signed voluntary easement agreements with 75% of the Iowa route's landowners.

In giving its approval to the project, the Iowa Utilities Board ruled that Summit cannot begin construction in

Iowa until the necessary permits are secured in South Dakota and North Dakota. The board also stated Summit will be able to use eminent domain in Iowa to force the sale of land from property owners who are opposed to the use of the property for the project.

In the wake of that decision, Iowa House Speaker Pat Grassley, a Republican from New Hartford, said the rights of Iowa landowners are the one of the "highest priorities" of House Republicans.

"This just further confirms what we already knew — that the Iowa Legislature must conduct a comprehensive review and update the state's eminent domain laws," Grassley said. "We will seek feedback from Iowans on the best way forward and in the meantime, I stand ready to assist my constituents however I can."

The Iowa House approved legislation the past two sessions that would have given landowners more leverage over pipeline negotiations. In 2023, the House passed a bill requiring pipeline companies to obtain voluntary easements for 90% of their routes before they could use eminent domain for the rest. This year, the House voted to allow landowners who are subject to eminent domain requests by carbon dioxide pipeline companies to challenge the legitimacy of those requests in court earlier in the permit proceedings. Neither bill advanced in the Senate.

The proposed pipeline has been the focus of intense public debate over the past 30 months, with farmers, environmentalists and pipeline safety advocates voicing their opposition. In August 2023, Summit was denied permits in North Dakota, and one month later it was denied permits in South Dakota.

In response to the board's

action, Food & Water Watch Policy Director Jim Walsh blamed Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds for a decision that he said will benefit corporations at the expense of Iowa's rural communities.

"Summit's carbon pipeline scam is nothing but a gift to Big Ag and the polluting ethanol industry," Walsh said. "The pipeline poses substantial risks to public safety and will do little to nothing to reduce climate pollution. Gov. Reynolds's administration is at the center of this decision, and the whole project is made possible by massive federal tax credits and subsidies for the dangerous and unnecessary carbon capture industry. While Summit stands to make billions, it is our climate and communities that lose out."

Summit: Approval a 'significant milestone'

In a written statement, Summit called the Iowa Utilities Board's approval "a significant milestone not for just Summit Carbon Solutions, but for the entire agriculture industry as it seeks access to new and emerging markets, like sustainable aviation fuel, by lowering ethanol's carbon intensity score."

Lee Blank, CEO of Summit Carbon Solutions, predicted the project's "momentum" will continue as the company pursues permit reconsideration in North Dakota and prepares to file a new South Dakota permit application in early July.

"We look forward to engaging with the state throughout this process and are confident in a successful outcome," Blank said of the South Dakota effort.

In the two and half years since the Iowa Utilities Board first began weighing Summit's permit application, the board has filed tens of thousands of

pages of testimony and exhibits, heard testimony from more than 200 witnesses, and considered 4,180 comments, objections, and letters of support for the project.

Utilities board members issue dissents

As part of the board's approval on Tuesday, Iowa Utilities Board Chairman Erik Helland issued a partial dissent in which he agreed with all of the findings and conclusions except for the condition that prohibits construction in Iowa until North Dakota and South Dakota have given their approval. Helland said such a condition essentially gives away the board's authority to another jurisdiction.

Board member Joshua Byrnes also issued a partial dissent, taking issue with the approval of a lateral route between the Quad County Corn Processors facility in Ida County and the Green Plains Shenandoah facility in Fremont County. Byrnes argued that portion of the route was not justified or proper.

Before the board gives its separate approval for construction permits, Summit will have to submit what the board called "numerous revised exhibits." The company will also have to secure and maintain a \$100 million insurance policy, and it will be required to compensate landowners for any damages that result from the pipeline's construction.

Walsh said that while Summit "has won this round in Iowa, this is not the end of the line. There are still decisions at the federal and state levels that will determine whether this dangerous pipeline is ever built. The IUB's approval of this dangerous project underscores the urgent need for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to update the outdated regulations for carbon dioxide pipelines before any other authorizations are issued."

Restocking homes after floods: Aunt Betty's to host free event in Aurelia to help flood victims

BY ERIN RYDGREN

Aunt Betty's in Aurelia will be hosting a "Restock Your Home" event this coming Friday, July 5th, and Saturday, July 6th, to aid those impacted by recent flooding. The event aims to provide essential items to those affected by the disaster.

The event will run from 10 am to 5 pm on both days and will offer a variety of free items, including clothing, household goods, bedding, and knick-knacks.

Donations Needed

The community is encouraged to donate usable items to support the cause. Anyone interested in donating can contact Pam Allen at 712-229-3156.

Focus on Children's Needs

There's a special effort underway to collect items specifically for children. Organizers are looking for donations of books, crayons, snacks, stuffed animals, and other age-appropriate items. They recommend donors create a designated "children's box," marked with a targeted age, for easy selection.

Large Item Donations and Pick-Up

Many residents in the town of Aurelia have generously offered to donate larger items like beds and furniture. Weather permitting, these items will be placed in residents' yards with a "free" sign for those affected by the floods to pick up.

This event is a collaborative effort between Aunt Betty's and the citizens of Aurelia to help area residents recover from the recent flooding.

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Community Calendar

Friday, July 5
•Summer Story Time at the Alta Community Library will start at 10:30 am.

Saturday, July 6
•Coffee and Conversations will be held at the Alta Community Library at 9 am

Tuesday, July 9
•Alta Community Library will hold a Pool Break Story Time at the Alta Pool at 2:45 pm
•Alta Community Library will have LEGO Club at 3:30 pm
•Alta Community Library will host Knit Night at 5:30 pm

Wednesday, July 10
• A community coffee will be held at the Aurelia Community Center at 9 am

Thursday, July 11
•Aurelia Kiwanis will meet at the Aurelia Community Center at 7 am.
•Aurelia American Legion will meet at the Aurelia Community Center at 7 pm.

Friday, July 10
•Summer Story Time at the Alta Community Library will start at 10:30 am.

If you know of an event going on in Aurelia and Alta communities and would like us to add it to our "Community Calendar" please contact Cindy Hanner at cindyh@ctimes.biz. (Events are subject to Editorial approval)

You are invited to a
Come & Go Bridal Shower
Honoring
Jenna Lundsgaard
Bride-Elect of
Gus Laursen
Saturday
July 13, 2024
4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
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ORDINANCE NO. 707
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AURELIA, IOWA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 92 "WATER RATES" AURELIA IOWA.

BE IT ENACTED BY the City Council of the City of Aurelia, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED.
Section 92.02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Aurelia, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

Chapter 92, Section 92.02 - RATES FOR SERVICE. Water service shall be furnished at the following monthly rates within city limits effective July 1, 2024.

Minimum monthly bill...\$33.00
Single rate for all usage...\$0.05 per cubic foot

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof

not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. WHEN EFFECTIVE.
This ordinance shall be in effect July 1, 2024.

Passed by the Council this 17th day of June, 2024, and approved this 17th day of June, 2024.
Dennis Weathers, Mayor

ATTEST:
Stephanie McSparran, City Clerk
First Reading: June 17, 2024
Second Reading: waived June 17, 2024
Third Reading: waived June 17, 2024
I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. 707 on the 3rd day of July, 2024.
City Clerk
(AS07-03/L#47)

June 17, 2024	
The Aurelia City Council met in regular session on June 17, 2024. Mayor Weathers called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with roll call as follows:	
Council Members Present: Bruce, Johnson, Fassler, Nelson, Redig	
Council Members Absent: none	
Also Present: Steph McSparran, Mark Sangwin, Kim Huseman, Justin Vondrak, Brooke Noble, Ron Rice	
Redig made motion to approve consent agenda, second by Fassler. Roll call vote: "aye": Redig, Nelson, Fassler, Johnson, Bruce "nay": none. Absent: none. Motion carried.	
Minutes of previous meeting	
Clerk/Treasurer & Investment Reports/Bills Payable	
MAY REVENUES	
Property Taxes	\$55,312.94
Local Option Sales Tax	\$12,987.72
Use of Money & Property	\$2,154.50
Road Use Tax	\$11,023.66
Water Utility	\$18,658.88
Sewer Utility	\$15,460.16
Landfill/Garbage	\$10,038.95
Storm Water Utility	\$478.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,128.80
Other Fees & Charges	\$1,450.00
Licenses & Permits	\$61.00
Other Grants/Reimburse	\$3,314.51
TOTAL	\$132,069.12
MAY DISBURSEMENTS	
General Fund	\$87,671.57
Road Use	\$10,618.32
Special Revenues	\$4,757.15
Water Utility	\$18,421.06
Sewer Utility	\$11,948.00
Sanitation Utility	\$9,724.95
Expendable Trust	\$603.51
TOTAL	\$143,744.56
JUNE COUNCIL - BILLS PAYABLE	
Aurelia Electric utilities	\$3,959.64
Aurelia Utilities garbage customers	\$4,634.50

Aurelia Lumber keys,doorstop,salt	\$47.49
Aurelia Pool start up cash	\$60.00
AgState fuel	\$685.04
AJs Repair LLC street sweeper repair	\$149.75
AT&T Firstnet cell phone,hotspot	\$177.37
ACCO pool buoy,rope	\$437.67
Barb Radke reimburse comm center	\$75.00
Bomgaars bulbs, fittings, shop tools, floor jack	\$716.00
Builders Sharpening mower parts and repairs	\$93.21
Cardmember Services fuel, books, summer reading supplies, pool supplies	\$855.97
Cherokee Co Solid Waste monthly assessment	\$5,090.45
Cherokee Chronicle Times annual subscription	\$82.00
City of Movable code enforcer fees	\$206.05
Clover pos fees cc	\$74.09
Connor Beeck Window Cleaning window cleaning cc	\$50.00
First Financial pos fees cc	\$27.85
Foundation Analytical water testing	\$33.00
Hawk-I Electric troubleshoot sewer pump	\$194.22
HomeServe water,sewer loss ins	\$1,157.20
I & S closeout w/www project, preliminary	\$3,962.84
Iowa Finance Authority water/www project SRF loan payment	\$47,372.55
Iowa One Call locates	\$58.95
Jack Galvin reimburse comm center	\$225.00
Julius Cleaners mats cleaning	\$53.12
Modern Heating air conditioner repair	\$516.16
Nuvera phone,internet svc	\$1,051.95
One Office paper,adding machine tape, postage meter ink	\$211.09



Nancy C. Weatherman
Funeral Services for Nancy C. Weatherman age 85 of Aurelia will be Wednesday, July 3, 2024 at 2:00 PM at the St. John Church in rural Peterson, IA, with Pastor Bruce Rapp officiating. Burial will be at the Church Cemetery, adjacent to church.
Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the church.
The Redig Funeral Home in Aurelia is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary

rangements,
Nancy Carolyn Sickels was born February 11, 1939, at Cromwell, IA, the daughter of Ernest Theodore and Nellie Margaret (David) Sickels.
She attended school in Cromwell graduating from the Cromwell High School. On August 29, 1959
Nancy married Lyle Christian Weatherman in Dakota City, NE.
To this union she became the proud mother of Debra, Roger Janet and Larry.
She worked alongside of her husband while they farmed, then became a CNA at the Long House in Spencer and later worked as a home health care aid for Cherokee County.
She was an active member of St. John's Church in rural Peterson as long as her health permitted. Nancy was a Girl Scout Leader when her girls were young and enjoyed bowling, gardening and crafts.
Nancy died on Sunday, June 30, 2024 at the Accura Healthcare of Aurelia, where

she had been a resident since March 15, 2021.
Preceding Nancy in death were her parents, and husband Lyle on May 24, 2006. And by two brothers and their wives: Melvin (Mildred) Sickels, Robert (Linda) Sickels.
Survivors include her children and their wives: Debra (Dale) Saathoff of Peterson, IA, Roger (Kathy) Weatherman of Sutherland, IA, Janet (Lynn) Laursen of Aurelia, Larry (Tina) Weatherman of Bedford, VA. Eight grandchildren: April (Jamein) Butler, Rachel (Chad) Lyman, Jesse Weatherman, Christopher Laursen, Elizabeth (Andrew) Perry, Erin (Chris) Wiley, Evan (Kirsten) Laursen, step-grandchildren Jeff (Taylor) Carter, Dustin (Kimberly) Orange, and Jamie Jessee, eleven great grandchildren and three step great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren, nieces and nephews other relatives, and the staff and volunteers of the Accura Healthcare facility where Nancy was lovingly taken care of.

Monthly Blood Donation

Monthly Blood Donation "Thank-You":
"I have AML leukemia. I received a pint of your blood. I wanted to thank you for your donation. It made a big difference."
For over 15 years, Aurelia and surrounding communities have supported the local blood bank, LifeServe Blood Center, with at least six blood donation opportunities per year. Over the course of June,

one blood drive was hosted to support the 150+ local hospitals that LifeServe Blood Center serves. We successfully collected 29 units of blood that has the ability to save up to 87 local lives!
Congratulations to our milestone achievements:
BRANDON BROCK - 2 Gallon
ROBERT MIKOS - 5 Gallon
SUSAN KRUEGER - 7 Gallon
KEITH GLIENKE - 13 Gallon

Save MORE in 2024! Our blood drive schedule is here!
Aurelia Community Center (1:30pm - 5:30pm)
Thursday, August 15th
Thursday, October 24th
Thursday, December 19th
Thanks to everyone who came out to show their support. Be sure to text 'LIFE-SERVE' to 999-777 to make your next appointment and we look forward to seeing you next time!

NW Iowa Research Farm Field Day, Windbreak Workshop is July 2

Joseph Lensing and Eric Weuve will work with farmers in northeast and north central Iowa, respectively

SUTHERLAND, Iowa - The annual field day at Iowa State University's Northwest Research and Demonstration Farm will be held Tuesday, July 2, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the farm, 6320 500th St., Sutherland. An optional Windbreak Management Workshop will follow lunch at 1 p.m.
The field day will focus on challenges and opportunities in the crop markets, a recap of navigating nitrogen during the wet spring, soybean cyst nematode management tips and other timely agronomic topics.
"Farmers and agronomists can plan for a full day of learning at the research farm," said Leah Ten Napel, field agronomist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "We believe the day will provide a great deal of education and networking time for everyone in attendance."
Registration opens at 9 a.m., with the program beginning at 9:30 a.m. with "Markets in 2024: Opportunities and Challenges," led by Chad Hart, crop marketing specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.
Following Hart, in-field learning will address:
"Navigating Nitrogen," led by Richard Roth, nitrogen specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach
"Soybean Cyst Nematode Management," led by Greg Tylka, Morrill Professor with Iowa State, and director of the Iowa Soybean Research Center
"Timely Agronomic Topics for the 2024 Growing Season," led by Gentry Sorenson and Leah Ten Napel, field agronomists with ISU Extension and Outreach
One NM, one IPM and two CM CCA credits will be available for the morning field day. At the completion of the morning field day, a complimentary noon lunch will be served.
Following lunch at 1 p.m., an optional windbreak management workshop will begin. The workshop will be led by DNR district forester Sarah Bell and O'Brien County district conservationist Andrew Koehlmoos. One and one-half CM CCA credits will be available for the afternoon workshop.
Attendance at the morning and/or afternoon field day is free and open to the public. Registration is not required.
Complimentary morning refreshments are sponsored by Security State Bank, with lunch sponsored by O'Brien County Ag Supply, J&K Insurance, C-S Agrow and 5th Gen Ag.
For more information, contact Gentry Sorenson at 641-430-6715 or gentrys@iastate.edu or Leah Ten Napel at 712-541-3493 or lre@iastate.edu

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AgState fuel	\$685.04	Ryan Discher Trucking rock for alleys	\$874.59
AJs Repair LLC street sweeper repair	\$149.75	SCE, LLC jet plugged line at lagoon	\$282.00
AT&T Firstnet cell phone,hotspot	\$177.37	Shield Technology annual software support	\$260.00
ACCO pool buoy,rope	\$437.67	The Storm Lake Times legal publications	\$194.81
Barb Radke reimburse comm center	\$75.00	Unity Point Clinic drug testing \$42.00	
Bomgaars bulbs, fittings, shop tools, floor jack	\$716.00	Vector commercial liability ins	\$505.00
Builders Sharpening mower parts and repairs	\$93.21	Verizon cellphones	\$127.43
Cardmember Services fuel, books, summer reading supplies, pool supplies	\$855.97	VisualEdge IT copier contract	\$100.56
Cherokee Co Solid Waste monthly assessment	\$5,090.45	Walmart office,pool,summer reading supplies	\$327.05
Cherokee Chronicle Times annual subscription	\$82.00	TOTAL:	\$75,577.22
City of Movable code enforcer fees	\$206.05	Nelson made motion to open public hearing Resolution 24-10 "A Resolution Amending the Proposed Code of Ordinances, by Amending Chapter 92 "Water Rates" Aurelia, Iowa, second by Johnson. All members present voting "aye." Motion carried.	
Clover pos fees cc	\$74.09	Justin Vondrak from Vondrak Law Firm spoke to the council about his services.	
Connor Beeck Window Cleaning window cleaning cc	\$50.00	Nelson made motion to approve Justin Vondrak as new attorney for the City of Aurelia, second by Bruce. All members present voting "aye." Motion carried.	
First Financial pos fees cc	\$27.85	Brooke Noble gave a report on the pool.	
Foundation Analytical water testing	\$33.00	Public Works report was given.	
Hawk-I Electric troubleshoot sewer pump	\$194.22	Sump pump drain extension proposal was discussed. Will discuss this more at the July council meeting when we have more information.	
HomeServe water,sewer loss ins	\$1,157.20	Redig made motion to order new flags and flagpoles, second by Bruce. All members present voting "aye." Motion carried.	
I & S closeout w/www project, preliminary	\$3,962.84	Purchasing a new tree for the city park was discussed.	
Iowa Finance Authority water/www project SRF loan payment	\$47,372.55	No police report was given.	
Iowa One Call locates	\$58.95	Parking Ordinance was tabled until	
Jack Galvin reimburse comm center	\$225.00		
Julius Cleaners mats cleaning	\$53.12		
Modern Heating air conditioner repair	\$516.16		
Nuvera phone,internet svc	\$1,051.95		
One Office paper,adding machine tape, postage meter ink	\$211.09		

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Call MidAmerican at 888-427-5632 if you think flooding will impact your home or business. MidAmerican can temporarily disconnect gas and electric service for your own safety. Once we can confirm the situation is safe, we will reconnect your service at no charge.

If necessary as a safety precaution, MidAmerican may disconnect your gas service, electric service, or both, in an emergency. We take this measure to ensure the safety of our customers or employees during an imminent flood, or if it is requested by local officials. We will notify you in advance as soon as possible if we need to disconnect your service for any reason.

Any MidAmerican customer who has any questions or concerns about how flooding may impact their gas or electric service should call MidAmerican at 888-427-5632, 24-hours a day.

Gas customer flood safety tips

If MidAmerican turns off your gas service, an employee will do so at the gas meter. For safety reasons, we will lock the meter to prevent any attempts at restoring service unsafely. No one but a

MidAmerican service technician should attempt to turn on natural gas service.

If your gas service has been turned off during this emergency, MidAmerican will notify you once it's safe to begin restoring service. We will attempt to restore gas service as soon as possible.

Do not attempt to relight pilot lights in gas appliances or equipment, such as a water heater, furnace or clothes dryer. Your basement must be free of standing water before MidAmerican can safely restore your gas service.

Gas service restoration will require a MidAmerican technician to inspect your gas service and appliances to ensure we can safely restore service. In certain cases, county or city rules may first require an inspection by a licensed professional.

If customer gas appliances or equipment have been exposed to water, the customer will be required to arrange for a plumbing or heating/air conditioning contractor to inspect the appliance or equipment before MidAmerican can safely reconnect service.

Electric customer flood

safety tips

Switch off your circuit breakers before flooding occurs. If it looks like floodwaters may rise high enough to cover electrical outlets, deactivating your circuit breakers can help prevent electrocution or other safety risks. If your electrical box is located in the basement, it is critical not to enter the area if there's standing water.

Unplug appliances in your basement and, if possible, move them to a higher floor. If water has not reached your basement, but you suspect it might, move as many appliances as you can to an upper floor. Do not touch or attempt to unplug an electrical appliance if the floor is damp or if you're standing in water.

If your electric service has been turned off during this emergency, MidAmerican will notify you once it's safe to begin restoring service.

If a customer's electrical wiring has been exposed to water, the customer will be required to have a licensed electrician inspect the premises before MidAmerican can safely restore electric service. In certain cases, a county or city may have certain inspection requirements.

Lessons for Independence Day: Pulling Together Keeps America's Promise

BY U.S. SENATOR CHUCK GRASSLEY

Americans this week will observe Independence Day. Growing up, it seemed like the Fourth of July packed a summer of activities into a single day. I looked forward to the annual parade in Cedar Falls and watched fireworks coming from Island Park on the bluff above the Cedar River.

The American flag waved prominently along the parade route and the entire community gathered shoulder-to-shoulder, proud and grateful to celebrate the blessings of freedom together.

I've always enjoyed learning about our nation's founding history. As an Iowa farm kid, I thought about Patrick Henry's declaration, "Give me liberty, or give me death!" and how hometown heroes carried the torch of freedom to help liberate Europe from the Nazi regime. Around the kitchen table, my family discussed public affairs and politics. My parents talked about the freedoms we enjoy in America - to own property, open a business, worship without fear of persecution and vote in free and fair elections.

My parents taught me not to take Independence Day for granted. The founding patriots put their lives and livelihoods on the line for the American experiment. This fragile experiment continues today, 248 years later. Our self-governing society is bound by the four corners of our nation's founding charters: liberty, freedom, equality and justice.

We are united by our identity as Americans; not by creed, ethnicity, crown or bloodlines.

The 56 individuals who signed the Declaration of Independence had everything to lose yet felt they had even more to gain. They boldly proclaimed, "to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor" that "these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their

Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

In his Farewell Address, President George Washington called on Americans to unite around our shared ideals proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence and enshrined in the Constitution. Against a backdrop of growing ideological and regional divisions, Washington's wisdom stands the test of time: "The name of American, which belongs to you in your national capacity, must always exalt the just pride of patriotism..."

In the last month, I've witnessed Iowans pulling together with "indissoluble" resilience, as inspired by our nation's first president. Iowa recently has experienced catastrophic natural disasters, with historic flooding, tornados and severe storms damaging homes, businesses and public infrastructure in dozens of counties. The relief and recovery efforts now underway reflect Iowans' selflessness and willingness to embrace civic responsibility.


Neighbors and strangers have pulled together to power through whatever comes their way. During my recent visits in Greenfield and Spencer, I saw gut-wrenching damage to homes from an E-4 tornado; flash floods overtook Main Streets, cars and homes. Families and business owners shared with me the impacts they've suffered in the aftermath of these natural disasters. They also recounted the tremendous support they've

received from across our state. Emergency response teams and volunteers sprung to action, providing meals, shelter, clothing, diapers, over-the-counter medications, batteries, sump pumps, and more.

Despite piping hot rhetoric in public discourse, which fuels algorithms and click-bait online, my hope for America isn't dampened. The community spirit that flourishes in Iowa during challenging times tells me the cornerstone of our republic remains strong. When French Minister Alexis de Tocqueville wrote Democracy in America in the 19th century, he praised the work ethic, self-confidence and civic associations that strengthened American communities. These characteristics have underpinned our American culture and economy for more than 200 years and continue to present day.

History teaches us we must never forget the gift of our founding nor yield to ambivalence about America's promise. It is our civic responsibility to pave a stronger, better, brighter future for generations to come.

I know it's possible. In two years' time, I look forward to celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence with a renewed commitment to civic connections. As a society, let's commit to furthering America's pursuit of Happiness and demonstrating the love of neighbor Iowans have shown leading up to this Independence Day.



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Seven tips to help with planning for student loans

BY JIM SCHIPPER

Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corporation Board Member

Many families turn to federal and private student loans, like those offered by ISL Education Lending, to cover remaining college costs after savings, earnings and other financial aid. But the options for college financing can be confusing.

Here are seven tips for finding the right loans for your family.

1. Understand the difference between federal and private loans. Federal student loans are provided by the federal government and are offered based on the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid filed by college students. Private student loans, on the other hand, are offered by private lenders.

Federal student loans have an annual limit based on year of college and may have interest subsidized, or paid, by the government while the student is in school. Generally, private student loan amounts are limited to the amount required to cover the remaining cost of attendance as certified by the school. While they may qualify on their own for federal student loans, traditional-age college students often need creditworthy cosigners for a private loan.

The U.S. Department of Education also offers federal loans for parents—the federal PLUS Loan. Many private lenders offer an alternative with family and

parent loans for those who want to borrow in their own names to assist a student.

Interest accrues daily on all education loans from the date they are disbursed to the school.

2. Think about the total cost of repayment before applying for or accepting a student loan. The time to understand the total debt of principal, fees and potential interest is before accepting a federal loan or applying for a private one. Generally, to help ensure that student loans can be successfully repaid, ISL Education Lending advises that total college debt for all years of college be no more than a realistic starting salary for the student's desired career.

3. Choose federal student loans first. ISL Education Lending recommends that students accept subsidized and unsubsidized federal Direct Loan Program student loans before considering private student loan options. Federal student loans typically have better rates, repayment assistance and protections than other loans, including other types of federal loans.

4. Research private student loan options. When federal student loans are not enough to cover the full cost of attendance, students may turn to private loan options, such as those offered by ISL Education Lending. Because the offerings by multiple lenders have different features, and some specific details may be difficult to find, it can be difficult to compare them to each other. In general, students and families should consider:

Interest rates.

Keep in mind that few applicants qualify for a lender's best advertised rate.

Length of repayment. Stretching loan payments over more years may result in lower monthly payments, but it may also cost more in the end due to daily interest accrual.

Fees, such as origination fees, prepayment penalties or late payment fees.

Repayment options and assistance. Compare the options for making payments during college to keep overall repayment lower, opportunities to delay payments in times of financial hardship, and loan forgiveness or co-signer release options, among other features.

5. Compare loans for parents carefully. Financial aid notifications often include federal parent PLUS loans. If parents or other adults are considering taking on debt to help a student with college costs, the features of the federal parent PLUS loan should be compared to those of private loans for parents. Because these loans generally cannot be transferred to the student later, borrowers should be aware of their repayment obligations as well as the features listed above for private student loan comparisons.

The same care should be used when calculating the total cost of repayment for parent loans as when considering student loans.

For example, for the 2024–2025 academic year, the interest rate for federal PLUS Loans is 9.08%, which is high-

er than the rates on federal loans for students. While the U.S. Department of Education does not provide an APR for the Federal Direct Loan PLUS Program, the interest rate combined with the upfront fee of 4.228% on a \$10,000 loan translates to a 10.10% APR.

The ISL Education Lending College Family Loan offers fixed interest rates of 3.95% APR to 8.01% APR with no upfront or origination fees. The highest rate for a College Family Loan that enters repayment immediately is 7.85% APR. On a \$10,000 loan with a 10-year term, this difference in APR means that a borrower who makes monthly payments on time will save approximately more than \$1,500 over the life of a 7.85% APR College Family Loan compared to a federal PLUS Loan.

6. Complete application, disclosure and certification forms promptly. The student should follow instructions from the college to accept any federal student loans.

If a private loan is necessary, the Social Security number of both the applicant and the student will be needed. The lender will also require names and contact information of references to contact in the future if the borrower is unreachable. Traditional college-age students may also need to have the names and contact information of one or two cosigners, who will complete an application after the student submits the initial application.

Be prepared for the lender to request a credit report for

the applicant and cosigner. You may also be asked to provide paystubs or tax returns for underwriting purposes, and the college will likely need to certify the loan amount.

After a private loan is approved, the applicant will need to accept the loan and review final disclosure documents and a self-certification form. Completing all these steps promptly will ensure the loan funds are sent to the college in a timely manner.

7. Know when to refuse or cancel a loan offer. If a student is offered more in federal student loans than is truly needed, or federal parent loans that are unwanted, some or

all of the funds may be declined. The student should follow instructions in the offer notification or financial aid portal to decline a full or partial offer; the college financial aid office can also assist.

A private loan offer can be refused after approval if the interest rate offered isn't suitable. If circumstances change after a loan has been accepted but before the funds have been sent to the college, the loan amount may often be canceled or reduced without consequences.

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Alta-Aurelia Community School District

Board of Directors Regular Meeting Monday, May 17th, 2024 at 6:00PM

Alta-Aurelia High School

1009 S Main Street, Alta, IA 51002

BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Board Vice President Jennifer Kasky called the meeting to order at 6:02pm with the following Board Members present: Katie Meyer, Brad Rohwer, and Nicole Weathers. Also, in attendance were Superintendent, Denny Olhausen, and School Business Official, Samantha Kopfmann.

WELCOME VISITORS

Ben Schekirke, Taylor Boeckholt, Belinda Shea, Michael Pertzborn II, Mark Glienke, Bob Mickelson, Ashlyla Soodsma, and Mackenzie Ungerer.

COMMUNITY COMMENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS

A thirty minute allocation was given with a three minute cap for each individual to raise their concerns.

PRESENTATIONS

Borrowing from SAVE/PPEL Funds - Matt Gillespie reviewed the district's capacity for borrowing from PPEL/SAVE and the possible options for funding future projects.

Insurance Rates - Mike Pertzborn II, Stille, Pierce, & Pertzborn and Mark Glienke, GOES Insurance Mike Pertzborn reviewed the 2024-2025 EMC Insurance renewal with the board. Worker's Compensation claims have been increasing over the last three years so there is a concern on rates going forward and eligibility with EMC. Mark Glienke spoke on making a return to work plan and implementing processes to help reduce claims. EMC will not insure the 101 West 5th Street Alta Old High School building. The cost to find another provider to insure the Alta Old High School building will approximate cost over \$50,000 which is significantly higher than EMC's rate.

District Career and Academic Plan (DCAP) - Belinda Shea

Belinda Shea shared the District Career and Academic Plan (DCAP) for 2024-2025. The DCAP outlines the following: District Team Members, District Statement Summary, Course Planning, Work-Based Learning, Essential Components of ICAP, FAFA Advisement, and District Integration. Mrs. Shea briefly reviewed each section.

APPROVE AGENDA

Rohwer moved, seconded by Weathers to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote Brad Rohwer, aye, Katie Meyer, aye, Jennifer Kasky, aye, and Nicole Weathers, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Reports

Superintendent's Statement and Report -Denny Olhausen

Mr. Olhausen updated the board on the Assistant Transportation Director and sharing the Transportation Director with Storm Lake Community School. Mr. Olhausen explained the new legislation requirements of building square footage and capacity that is required to be on the school website by July 1st, 2024. Mr. Olhausen also shared updates on both the high school gym and Alta Elementary parking lot projects.

Aurelia Elementary/Alta-Aurelia Middle School - Taylor Boeckholt

Mr. Boeckholt is getting settled in at Aurelia Elementary and Alta-Aurelia Middle School. He shared that summer school has begun and is going well. Mr. Boeckholt did not make significant changes to the handbook this year as he would like to have a year in the principal position before making any changes. Mr. Boeckholt has sent emails to survey how things are going and what changes, if any, the staff would like to see in the future.

Alta-Aurelia High School Principal - Ben Schekirke

Mr. Schekirke conducted end of year meetings with employees. Mr. Schekirke made a few changes to the 2024-2025 student handbook that he shared with the board. He informed the board the summer custodial work

has begun.

Alta Elementary Principal - Tim Scott (Not Present)

The report indicated FastBridge data from Spring testing. Olympic Venture summer learning program will start Monday through Thursday 8:30am to 12pm July 8th to July 26th at Alta Elementary. This will allow the students to eat breakfast and lunch at the school. There are also plans for some educational field trips for summer school. The custodial staff has started summer cleaning and maintenance.

School Business Official - Samantha Kopfmann

Mrs. Kopfmann expressed gratitude to United Bank of Iowa for increasing the operating fund interest. Mrs. Kopfmann shared reporting that is due throughout the summer for the end of the fiscal year and end of the second semester.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Open Positions

- Assistant HS Football (24-25)
- HS Boys Golf (24-25)
- JH Boys Basketball (24-25)
- JH Girls Basketball (24-25)
- JH Track (2025)

b. Talking Points

- Alta Old High School and Central Office

1. Bob Mickelson from ISG reviewed the facility conditions report with the board. ADA code compliance is a significant issue with substantial financial implications.

CONSENT ITEMS

a) Minutes

b) Financial Reports

i) Account Balances

(1) Activity Balances

(2) Revenue Summary

ii) Bills

c) Open Enrollments

d) School Board Policies:

i) Review of School Board Policies

e) Personnel Items

i) Hires

(1) Ashley Lovell—Alta Elementary

Special Education

(2) Jose Salazar—Alta-Aurelia High School Spanish

(3) Keith Connolly—Assistant Buildings and Grounds

(4) Mark Shea—Work Based Learning Coordinator

(5) John Stange—JH Football Coach

(6) Terrin Bern—JH Volleyball Coach

(7) Kara Nielsen—JH Volleyball Coach

ii) Resignations

(1) Sherie Van Berkum—Alta Elementary Behavior Interventionist

(2) Rory Payne—Assistant Boys Track Coach

(3) Mark Henningsen—Head Boys Golf Coach

Meyer moved, seconded by Weathers to approve the consent items. Roll Call Vote Brad Rohwer, aye, Katie Meyer, aye, Jennifer Kasky, aye, and Nicole Weathers, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

Rohwer moved, seconded by Meyer to approve the 2024-2025 Student Handbooks as presented. Roll Call Vote Brad Rohwer, aye, Katie Meyer, aye, Jennifer Kasky, aye, and Nicole Weathers, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Weathers moved, seconded by Rohwer to table the action plan for the Alta Old High School/Central Office. Roll Call Vote Brad Rohwer, aye, Katie Meyer, aye, Jennifer Kasky, aye, and Nicole Weathers, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Meyer moved, seconded by Rohwer to approve the Alta track resurfacing project bid from Midwest Tennis and Track for \$57,225 from PERL funds. Roll Call Vote Brad Rohwer, aye, Katie Meyer, aye, Jennifer Kasky, aye, and

Nicole Weathers, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Rohwer moved, seconded by Weathers to approve the 2024-2025 EMC insurance renewal with the additional \$5 million coverage in the amount of \$2,902. Roll Call Vote Brad Rohwer, aye, Katie Meyer, aye, Jennifer Kasky, aye, and Nicole Weathers, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Rohwer moved, seconded by Meyer to approve the 2024-2025 school fees as presented. Roll Call Vote Brad Rohwer, aye, Katie Meyer, aye, Jennifer Kasky, aye, and Nicole Weathers, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Weathers moved, seconded by Meyer to approve the 5 year Time-Clock Plus Renewal. Roll Call Vote Brad Rohwer, aye, Katie Meyer, aye, Jennifer Kasky, aye, and Nicole Weathers, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Rohwer moved, seconded by Weathers to approve the 28E Agreement with ICC Career Academy. Roll Call Vote Brad Rohwer, aye, Katie Meyer, aye, Jennifer Kasky, aye, and Nicole Weathers, aye. 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Rohwer moved, seconded by Weathers to approve the 2023-2024 yr, 5.08

GALVA-HOLSTEIN COMM. SCHOOL, OE FY24, 9,959.10

GALVIN, RANDY, MEAL REIMBURSEMENT, 30.97

GARBAGE HAULING SERVICE, INC., GARBAGE HAULING, 739.20

IFCSE, 2024 Iowa FCS Educators Conference, 200.00

IOWA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS, MEMBERSHIP, 250.00

IOWA CENTRAL COMM. COLLEGE, MVH SCHOOL BUS TRAINING, 750.00

J. W. PEPPER, Memorial Day Song & Homecoming Song, 12.99

KUENY CHIROPRACTIC, DOT PHYSICAL, 125.00

LANGUAGE TESTING INTERNATIONAL, INC, SPANISH CLASS, 30.00

LOCKWOOD, LORRIE, mileage between buildings, 171.52

LYTLE, SARAH, 2ND SEMESTER MILEAGE, 146.33

M AND S HVAC SERVICES, LLC, HS Hall Classrooms were too warm., 763.00

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, UTILITIES, 104.81

NAHNSEN, JAMIE, May 2024 Mileage, 83.75

NUVERA, INTERNET, 776.48

OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY OF WEBSTER COUNTY, Repairs on garage door in Aurelia, 801.44

PERFECTION LEARNING, Library Books, 623.14

PITNEY BOWES INC, POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE, 116.66

POWER SOLUTIONS, Key cards, 580.50

PRAIRIE LAKES AEA 8, PRE-SCHOOL LAMINATION, 112.60

RAY'S MIDBELL MUSIC, INSTRUMENT SUPPLIES, 4796

RIVERSIDE TECHNOLOGIES INC, ICN COMMUNICATIONS, 824.00

SANITARY SERVICES, CLEANING SERVICES, 228.70

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OF IOWA, D. OLHAUSEN MEMBERSHIP DUES, 605.00

SCHOOL SPECIALTY, cumulative folders, 44.05

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TEACHERGEEK INC, TAG Stem Cart, 8,248.00

TELRITE CORPORATION, TELEPHONE BUS BARN, 246.23

TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES, stock replacement, 125.89

VERTICAL COMMUNICATIONS INC, TELEPHONE, 315.10

WELLS, BARBARA, ACCOMPANIST, 150.00

WERNER, AMELIA, Mileage, 98.89

WIELAND, DENNIS, MEAL REIMBURSEMENT, 75.08

FUND NUMBER, 10, 71, 887.65

Checking Account ID, 10, Fund Number, 24, PERL

CARDMEMBER SERVICE, Little League Equipment, 2,011.35

CENTER SPORTS, Pitching Mounds Youth Aurelia, 118.21

CITY OF ALTA, LIMESTONE, 35.00

Fund Number, 24, 2,164.56

Checking Account ID, 10, Fund Number, 33, LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX & COOLING, New Toilets, 1,468.59

CARDMEMBER SERVICE, New Nail Drag for Youth Field in Aurelia, 1,109.00

I & S GROUP, INC, PARKING LOT - SCHOOL ASSESSMENT, 5,187.61

JENSEN BUILDERS LTD, HS GYM REPAIRS, 42,170.31

M AND S HVAC SERVICES, LLC, Elem. Teachers Lounge mini split AC, 5,209.94

Fund Number, 33, 55, 145.45

Checking Account ID, 10, Fund Number, 36, PPEL

ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, RENTAL OF TECHNOLOGY, 2,675.44

JOURNEYED.COM, INC, Microsoft Office, 916.80

KONE INC, Yearly Kone Elevator Contract, 3,291.36

PILOT ROCK, MEMORIAL BENCH, 887.00

PITNEY BOWES INC, POSTAGE MACHINE LEASE, 250.53

VISTA PAINTS, ALTA BASEBALL FIELD PAINT, 96.85

Fund Number, 36, 8,117.98

Checking Account ID, 10, Fund Number, 40, DEBT SERVICE

UMB BANK, N.A., BOND FEE, 600.00

Fund Number, 40, 600.00

Checking Account ID, 10, Fund Number, 65, FITNESS CENTER

ALTA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, 107.79

AURELIA MUNICIPAL UTILITIES, UTILITIES, 438.71

LAKESHORE CANVAS & LEATHER, Recover Bench Pads in Alta Fitness Cente, 225.00

Fund Number, 65, 771.50

Checking Account ID, 10, 138,687.14

Checking Account ID, 21, Fund Number, 21, ACTIVITY FUND

ALL AMERICAN SPORTS CORP., Football Practice Padding, 998.85

ALTA-AURELIA COMMUNITY SCHOOL, PETTY CASH FOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL GAMES, 1,120.00

ACTIVITY, PETTY CASH FOR BASEBALL/SOFTBALL GAMES, 1,120.00

AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR DANCE FUNDRAISER, 520.50

AURELIA GOLF CLUB, BOYS/GIRLS GOLF, 800.00

BEACON ATHLETICS, steel mop for field work - SHIPPING, 31.00

BRIAR CLIFF UNIVERSITY, JACK BLOOM SENIOR CLASS SCHOLARSHIP, 100.00

BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY, AFTER PROM SCHOLARSHIP, 100.00

BUNJES, CAROL, junior class prom meal, 1,673.15

BYERS, JILLIAN, REIMBURSEMENT FOR PRACTICE ROUNDS, 115.74

CARDMEMBER SERVICE, Ticket to Park at Adventureland, 22.47

CARDMEMBER SERVICE, Practice round for sub state, 494.10

CARDMEMBER SERVICE, Fees and Carts for Practice Round, 4,008.69

CARDMEMBER SERVICE, Caseys Senior Breakfast, 2,023.47

CARDMEMBER SERVICE, BOWLING FOR PBIS, 503.31

CHIZEK, TRAVIS, SOFTBALL OFFICIAL, 130.00

CROW, RICHARD, JVV/SOFTBALL OFFICIAL, 130.00

CUTLER, WILLIAM, BASEBALL OFFICIAL, 145.00

DEHOYAS, NATE, BASEBALL OFFICIAL, 145.00

EDDIE, STEVE, JVR/JVV BASEBALL OFFICIAL, 205.00

EPIC SPORTS, Socks for Softball Team, 206.83

Look Who's Stitching?

BY NANCY J. NIEBUHR DYSLIN

Fair time is the right time to come together to connect and to learn from each other. Learning, laughing, challenging, stretching, and supporting are all the big squishy words that I actually experienced through my 4-H experience. But 4-H is so much more than just finishing a fair project or two!

As I dial back the time machine of memories, back 47 years...some memories come into sharp focus. Look who's stitching in this photo?

(insert the quilting bee photo from the Cherokee Daily Times, July 28, 1977. You may be able to get a better quality photo from Ruby P. files at paper archives)

I am lucky to have had the chance to be a part of an actual quilting bee, in the Aftonettes 4-H Club in 1977.

The quilt was a club project raffled at Cherokee County fair time, including the silhouettes, names, and dates of the US presidents stitched with care by the members of our club.

We used a large quilting frame so all could work on it together.

The pioneer women of Afton township must have been smiling down on us. This club was established in 1924 as the Afton League of the Four-Leaf Clovers. And here we were 53 years later making a quilt, similar to the way they would have done it together.

Our leaders in 1977 were Mrs. Barb Mummert, Mrs. Connie Allen, Mrs. Loreen Watts, and Mrs. Michele Plagman. Because of their hard work and encouragement, we had a great experience together!

We met many times in the Afton Township Community

Building, north of Aurelia. Barb and Connie also opened their homes for meetings also.

Sitting and stitching in our 4-H quilting group between Gayle Mummert (Nelson) and Audrey Felten (Gustafson) I was thinking the caption from my head could be "pioneer women were saints for making big hand stitched bed quilts for their families".

The only way to completely appreciate the detailed and delicate work on a hand stitched quilt is to create one!

I later completed a smaller one in 2006, completely hand cut and hand stitched when our daughter Kelsey Louise left for college, known as an "empty nest quilt".

My teacher was a proud grand-daughter of Merle Haggard, who adored teaching the pioneer method of quilting.

I learned that quilting really is more than just a reason to make blankets, it is a way to pause, reflect, and ponder the blessings and challenges of life for a bit at a slower pace while you try to make each stitch EXACTLY the SAME

length while avoiding poking your finger with the very sharp and slender hand-held quilting needles!

Recording progress every step of the way in my 4-H record book was a big pain, but one can learn a great deal about oneself by writing things down along the way.

I LOVE to look back on how I learned to do new things in my permanent record book!

In my records, it cost \$3.51 to make the bib shorts and \$2.32 to make the blouse that I am wearing with my loyal dog King by my side! The Garden exhibit and macrame purse were proudly grown and hand made by me.



The purse cost \$1.88; \$1.58 for 2 balls of hemp cord, and \$.30 for the burlap lining.

For my mapped-out garden, I spent \$3.02 on my seeds and plants for my 312 square foot garden in 1972.

These 4 projects were my first in 4-H and I was pleased to get 3 blue ribbons on them.

I learned a dear lesson about summer time management that I wrote about in my record book.

Eventually I finished my purse, but I didn't get it done in time for the judging at the fair.

I wrote in my book "One important thing I learned was to start on your 4-H project as soon as possible because I didn't have time to finish it until after the fair."

In addition to the pride of the ribbons, I valued the experience of talking directly to an adult judge to present my project and describe the process to plan and complete them.

No Mom or Dad to answer, just me and the judge! That is all part of the judging process. I understand that record books rarely get done any more in the 4-H process, but mine is one of my most valued prized possessions to this very day!

The Story of the 4-H year is the way a member wraps up a

4-H record for the year.

Here's mine from 1972: "...We had some interesting meetings with fun roll calls and talks about new things.

Then we said good bye to the seniors at the senior tea. We gave a short skit on how time flies after you graduate!

I participated in it by playing the piano between scenes. Next we had our tour for the year. It was lots of fun.

First, we went to Aalfs manufacturing in Le Mars, Iowa where they made jeans and overalls.

We went on to Sioux City for the Police and Fire Station. It was really neat. We got locked up in jail and were in the paddy wagon. They had a fake fire alarm for us at the fire station. We found out they use the same kind of stretchers at a fire in Sioux City as they do on the TV show, Emergency.

Next we went to Jolly Time popcorn factory. We each got a free sack of popcorn, a pin, and a postcard.

Next we had all day workshops for a moneymaking project, a bake sale, and a variety of articles like quiet books, aprons, yardstick holders, etc.

By this time everyone was thinking about the fair and deciding what projects to do!"

As our daughter grew up, 4-H became important to her

also because she could spread her wings and try new things sewing, performing, photography, painting furniture, you name it, the sky is the limit now.

If you can imagine it, you can craft a project around it.

The Lucky Aces is the club that we (Mark and I) had the pleasure to lead here locally in Minnesota when Kelsey was growing up.

And I still get my hands in the community work of 4-H and our local fair by helping with the floral judging, because you see....

I'm not done learning yet, and I am pretty sure I never will be!

4-H is more than a club, it's a habit, a very, very good habit to have your whole life long!

The 4-H motto never goes away from my being....

Is my head in this? - Where's my heart?

Can I use my hands to get personally involved?

Can I keep healthy my whole life, so I can use myself for clearer thinking, heart for loyalty, hand for larger service, health for better living, for my club/community/county and world?

Good luck this summer and enjoy those 4-H exhibits and the members that completed them at your local fair!



OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 with Rick Mongan, Duane Mummert, Cheryl Ellis and Dave Skou present. Bryan Petersen was absent. Erin Rydgren, Chronicle Times, represented the press. Steve Zarr, Julie Rudisill, Trapper Rudisill, Justin Pitts, Audrey Pitts, Rhonda Thompson, Brett Galahan (Invenery), Stephanie Zarr and Sarah Tracy were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Ellis, Skou, Mummert, Mongan; Nays – none; Abstentions – two.

Chairman Mongan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Mummert to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Skou to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Skou to approve the claims for payment as presented. Motion carried.

A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office and online.

Claims Approved June 11, 2024: Deb Agnitsch Elec Hrs 200.00 AgState Cherokee Agronomy Fuel 21,334.10 Bev Alesch Elec Hrs 217.50 Alliant Energy Fees 732.66 Vestis Supp 83.76 ASCENDANCE TRUCKS, LLC Parts 224.86 Aurelia Historical Society Approp 625.00 Aurelia Library Approp 2,392.50 Adventure Staffing Serv 2,899.40 Caryn Barry Elec Hrs 227.00 Bekins Fire & Safety Services Serv 1,327.10 Mary Berger Elect Hrs 200.00 Bierschbach Equipment Parts 162.56 Donna Bird Elec Hrs 218.00 Blaine's Culligan Supp 207.20 Boji Portable Toilets Inc Serv 200.00 Bomgaars Supp 248.93 Janene Braunschweig Elec Hrs 225.00 Builders Sharpening & Serv Parts 489.99 Linda Burkhardt Elec Hrs 175.00 CAASA Approp 1,250.00 Cherokee Area Economic Develop Approp 49,375.00 Calhoun Burns Associates, Inc Serv 13,476.50 Karin L Cedar Reimb 27.00 Central Bank Supp 5,673.42 Certified Testing Services Inc Serv 265.00 Champion Electric, Inc Serv 306.73 Cherokee Co Emergency Services Approp 25,000.00 Cherokee County Fair Alloc 6,250.00 Cherokee County EMS Assoc Approp 2,500.00 Cherokee County Engineer Fuel 3,213.28 Cherokee County Hazmat Approp 2,389.50 Cherokee County Sheriff Fees 98.00 Cherokee County Solid Waste Alloc 22,688.33 Cherokee State Bank Flex/Merp Flex/Self Fund 1,091.22 Cherokee Library Approp 3,850.00 Cherokee Regional Medical CTR Contract 28,250.00 Cherokee Regional Medical CTR Approp 48,468.75 Cherokee Rural Water Serv 247.10 Cherokee State Bank Fees 150.00 City of Aurelia Serv 600.00 City of Marcus Serv 253.07 City of Meriden Serv 25.00 City of Quimby Serv 63.00 CJ Cooper & Associates Serv 50.00 Cleghorn Library Approp 2,392.50 CML Telephone Coop Serv 2,514.85

Donna Conaway Elec Hrs 217.50 Connections Area Agency Approp 500.00 Christina Cruz Elec Hrs 216.00 Crysteel Manufacturing, Inc Parts 361.07 Dearborn Life Insurance Co Life Ins 3,493.11 Dickinson Bradshaw Serv 1,306.50 Dickinson County Sheriff Fees 84.00 Dixon Construction Co Serv 3,418.20 DoorPro Serv 255.42 Doug Dreckman Elec Hrs 67.00 Barb Dreckman Elec Hrs 218.00 Kelly Ebel Reimb 51.00 Elan Financial Services Supp 5,560.94 Electronic Services System Serv 2,084.47 Evertex, Inc. Serv 400.00 Family Crisis Centers Approp 1,250.00 Rhonda Fassler Elec Hrs 214.50 Karen Ferris Elec Hrs 213.00 Kathy Fick Elec Hrs 212.50 Brian Flikeid Serv 225.00 Cindy Glienke Elec Hrs 258.00 Dale Glienke Per Diem 65.50 Gary J Goebel Safety 22.60 Cindra Goodburn Elec Hrs 202.00 GovConnection, Inc. Supp 3,138.79 Graham Tire Storm Lake Parts 1,168.00 Grainger Parts 3,661.15 Grand Meadow Heritage Approp 625.00 Jeannette Grant Elec Hrs 69.00 Hallett Materials Gravel 395.51 Marcia Henke Elec Hrs 226.50 Dave Hickman Elec Hrs 218.00 Holzhauser Ford Cherokee, Inc. Serv 865.07 I-State Truck Center Truck 500.00 Iowa Department of Revenue Sales Tax 285.50 ISCTA Fee 250.00 Jacks Uniforms & Equipment Clothing 7.95 Janitor's Closet, Ltd Supp 120.73 Susan Kerns Elec Hrs 212.50 Alfred Kerns Elec Hrs 212.50 Leon Kloetz Elec Hrs 80.00 Ryan R Kolpin Parts 285.00 Vicki Lynn Kolpin Elec Hrs 200.00 Lynne Lauck Serv 288.00 Carol Leidahl Elec Hrs 200.00 Loughlin Law Firm Fees 575.00 Mail Services, LLC Postage 702.41 Marcus Ambulance Fund Alloc 8,500.00 Marcus Fair Approp 1,600.00 Marcus Historical Society Approp 625.00 Marcus Library Approp 2,392.50 Marcus News Publ 933.88 Martin Marietta Materials Supp 8,853.10 Matheson Tri-Gas Inc. Supp 488.37 Susan McCannon Elec Hrs 200.00 Nancy McLaughlin Elec Hrs 217.50 Wenck, Michael Rent Payment 200.00 Mid American Energy Serv 184.21 Midwest Technology Services Serv 1,290.00 Midwest Wheel r Companies Parts 18.18 Ashley Miller Serv 600.00 Brenda Miller Elec Hrs 224.00 Jodi B Mongan Reimb 198.44 Motor Parts Sales Parts 401.23 Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co Parts 5,589.63 Northern Iowa Construction Supp 21,500.10 Northside Tire Serv 1,260.76 Nuvera Serv 66.88 One Office Solution Supp 1,165.48 Pilot Rock Sign Shop Supp 255.00 PJ Greufe & Associates Serv 1,500.00 Plymouth County Sheriff Fees 87.26 Point C Health Caf Admin Fees 82.50 Quimby Library Approp 2,392.50 Barbara Jean Radke Elec Hrs 257.00 Amanda Richardson Elec Hrs 216.00 Jen Ryan Serv 432.00 Cynthia Sanow Elec Hrs 214.50 Rhonda Saxon Elec Hrs 69.00 SCE, LLC Parts 41.86

Kenneth D Schlenger Safety 171.15 Schneider Geospatial, LLC Serv 5,388.00 Secretary of State Notary Dues 30.00 SHI International Corp Supp 2,897.40 Siouland Regional Transit Approp 7,670.25 Solutions, Harris Local Gov't Serv 3,865.67 Jacqueline M Stephens Serv 289.50 Cindy Stevenson Elec Hrs 217.50 Debbie A Stevenson Travel Reimb 336.25 Barb Steward Serv 450.00 Sunset Law Enforcement Supp 411.40 T & L TOOLS Supp 125.00 Tama County Sheriff Fees 43.90 Deb Taylor Elec Hrs 234.50 Ten Corp Inc Service 3,000.00 Thomson Reuters-West Fees 651.11 Julie Todd Elec Hrs 208.00 Shannon Trapp Elec Hrs 232.00 Triple C Pest Control Serv 110.00 Truck Center Companies Parts 738.50 Verizon Wireless Serv 842.07 Visual Edge IT Inc./Counsel Serv 451.63 Kathy Wankum Elec Hrs 259.00 Elizabeth R Warnke Reimb 367.66 Washta Library Approp 2,392.50 Diane Weathers Elec Hrs 208.00 Kim Whittaker Elec Hrs 200.00 Brian Winterhof Elec Hrs 69.00 Beth Winterhof Elec Hrs 224.00 Janice Wilcombe Elec Hrs 69.00 Woodbury County Sheriff Fees 113.00 Ziegler Inc Supp 1,918.27 Grand Total 382,282.87

Mongan called for comments from the public. Julie and Trapper Rudisill asked what the county is doing to remedy the ongoing nuisance at 1587 510 th Street, Cherokee. The county paid to have the lot cleaned up but now numerous vehicles, tires and debris continue to pile up on the lot. Adjoining property owners are very concerned with the continued accumulation of debris and would appreciate some assistance with resolving this ongoing issue. Sarah Tracy, Zoning Administrator, reported that she had spoken with the County Attorney and the County Treasurer was going to research if the property was or was not on the delinquent property tax sale. The Rudisill's reported that they had contacted the DNR and a letter was going to be sent to the property owners. After a lengthy discussion, the supervisors scheduled the topic for the June 25 th agenda so it can be discussed with all parties involved including the County Attorney, Treasurer, Sheriff, Zoning, Environmental Health and Board of Supervisors.

Steve Zarr, Survey Engineering Technician, presented utility permits for consideration.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Mummert to approve an underground construction on county right of way application for MidAmerican Energy in Section 35 of Cedar Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Ellis to approve an underground construction on county right of way application for Evertex in Sections 2, 3 and 5 of Liberty Township. Motion carried.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Skou to approve an underground construction on county right of way application for Evertex in Section 31 of Diamond Township. Motion carried.

Rhonda Thompson, Hopkins Insurance, presented the county's July 1 st renewal from Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) for auto, property and liability insurance coverage with a \$292,173.00 premium (27.91% increase). Thompson reported that the increase is a combination of total valuations of county property and vehicles increasing by 3 million while ICAP implemented an annual built in inflation valuation increase of 10% on all buildings and business personal property.

The supervisors requested additional quotes for higher deductibles and will consider the policy renewal at their next meeting.

Thompson presented the county's worker's compensation insurance policy renewal for 2024/2025. The county's total premium for workman's compensation insurance decreased by \$12,027.00 due to the mod factor maintaining at .95 and a 25% discount for longevity and loss experience.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Mummert to renew the Iowa Municipalities Workers Compensation Association (IMWCA) insurance policy for 2024/2025 with a \$67,803.00 premium. Motion carried.

Kaitlin Letsche, Election Manager, presented the results of the June 4, 2024 Primary Election.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Mummert to certify the canvass of the 2024 Primary Election results as presented. Motion carried with election results as follows: Cherokee County Election Turnout of 23.28% with 1,887 of 8,106 registered voters casting a ballot (1,785 Republican ballots, 8 Libertarian ballots and 94 Democratic ballots). There were no provisional ballots cast.

U.S. Representative - District 4 Republican: Randy Feenstra – 1,065 votes Democratic: Ryan Melton – 83 votes Kevin Virgil – 654 votes Scattering of write ins – 0 votes Scattering of write ins – 4 votes Libertarian: no candidate Scattering of write ins – 2 votes State Representative - District 5 Republican: Zachary M. Dieken – 1,033 votes Democratic: no candidate Scattering of write ins – 12 votes Scattering of write ins – 4 votes Libertarian: no candidate Scattering of write ins - 0 votes State Representative - District 13 Republican: Travis M Sitzmann – 293 votes Democratic: no candidate Noah Wieseler - 102 votes Scattering of write ins - 0 votes Scattering of write ins – 1 vote Libertarian: no candidate Randy Feenstra write ins – 1 vote County Supervisor - District 1 Republican: Chad Brown – 421 votes Democratic: no candidate Rick Mongan - 456 votes Scattering of write ins – 6 votes Ray E Mullins II - 450 votes Phil Stowater - 381 votes Scattering of write ins – 1 vote Libertarian: no candidate Scattering of write ins - 2 votes County Supervisor - District 2 Republican: Bryan Petersen – 1,506 votes Democratic: no candidate Scattering of write ins –18 votes Scattering of write ins – 2 votes Libertarian: no candidate Scattering of write ins - 1 vote County Supervisor - District 5 Republican: Matthew Aguirre Jr. – 117 votes Democratic: Stephanie Zarr - 80 votes Shane Bellefy - 782 votes Scattering of write ins – 0 votes Craig Schmidt - 551 votes Timothy R. Wych - 236 votes Scattering of write ins – 4 votes Libertarian: no candidate Scattering of write ins – 1 vote County Auditor Republican: Kris Glienke – 1,524 votes Democratic: no candidate Scattering of write ins – 22 votes Scattering of write ins – 2 votes Libertarian: no candidate Scattering of write ins - 1 vote County Sheriff Republican: Derek Scott – 1,457 votes Democratic: no candidate Zachary L. Smith - 316 votes Derek Scott – 17 write in votes Scattering of write ins – 1 vote Scattering of write ins – 9 votes

Libertarian: no candidate Derek Scott – 3 write in votes Scattering of write ins – 1 vote County Treasurer To Fill A Vacancy Republican: Jodi B. Mongan – 1,477 votes Democratic: no candidate Scattering of write ins – 44 votes Scattering of write ins – 4 votes – Libertarian: no candidate Scattering of write ins - 2 votes Motion by Mummert, seconded by Ellis to certify the June 4, 2024 Primary Election Nomination List fooffices of each political party. Motion carried with nominated candidates as follows: Democratic Offices County Board of Supervisors District 1 – No Candidate County Board of Supervisors District 2 – No Candidate County Board of Supervisors District 5 – Stephanie Zarr County Auditor – No Candidate County Sheriff – No Candidate County Treasurer To Fill A Vacancy – No Candidate Libertarian Offices County Board of Supervisors District 1 – No Candidate County Board of Supervisors District 2 – No Candidate County Board of Supervisors District 5 – No Candidate County Auditor – No Candidate County Sheriff – Derek Scott County Treasurer To Fill A Vacancy – No Candidate Republican Offices County Board of Supervisors District 1 – No Candidate County Board of Supervisors District 2 – No Candidate County Board of Supervisors District 5 – Shane Bellefy County Auditor – Kris Glienke County Sheriff – Derek Scott County Treasurer To Fill A Vacancy – Jodi B. Mongan

The supervisors reviewed results of a post-election audit called by the Secretary of State in all 99 counties.

A five-member board consisting of absentee board members met at the Cherokee County Courthouse on Monday, June 10, 2024 to verify the votes cast at the #6 Quimby Precinct during the June 4, 2024 Primary Election. The Cherokee County Auditor and Election Manager were also in attendance to observe the process. The audit team hand counted the votes cast for the offices of District 4 United States Representative and County Board of Supervisors District 1 on the 136 ballots cast at the Quimby polling site on election day. The team's hand counted results were then compared to those reported by the ballot tabulator results tape generated at the polls on election night and found the results matched exactly. Extensive testing of the ballot tabulators is conducted by the Auditor's Office in advance of every election to assure that the tabulators are accurately recording the votes from the paper ballots.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Mummert to certify the 2024 Primary Election Post-Election Audit results of the hand count of 136 ballots cast in the #6 Quimby Precinct for the offices of District 4 United States Representative and County Board of Supervisors District 1 which exactly matched the results tape of the ballot tabulating machine on election day. Motion carried.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Ellis to approve Resolution #2024-09 Inter-Fund Operating Transfer of \$1,000,000.00 from Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Road Fund effective June 11, 2024. Roll call vote: Ellis-aye, Mummert-aye, Skou-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Mummert to approve Resolution #2024-10

"2024/2025 Salary Resolution" setting salaries and wages of all employees of Cherokee County effective July 1, 2024. Roll call vote: Ellis-aye, Mummert-aye, Skou-aye, Mongan-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Mummert to appropriate the 2024/2025 fiscal year budget at 100% for all departments. Motion carried.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Skou to approve a "Cherokee County Provider and Program Participation Agreement" for fiscal year 2025 county funding of covered services provided by Aurelia Library for the benefit of Cherokee County citizens and individuals. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Skou to approve a "Cherokee County Provider and Program Participation Agreement" for fiscal year 2025 county funding of covered services provided by Aurelia Historical Society for the benefit of Cherokee County citizens and individuals. Motion carried.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Mummert to approve a "Cherokee County Provider and Program Participation Agreement" for fiscal year 2025 county funding of covered services provided by Cherokee County EMS Association for the benefit of Cherokee County citizens and individuals. Motion carried.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Ellis to approve a "Cherokee County Provider and Program Participation Agreement" for fiscal year 2025 county funding of covered services provided by Grand Meadow Heritage Society for the benefit of Cherokee County citizens and individuals. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Skou to approve a "Cherokee County Provider and Program Participation Agreement" for fiscal year 2025 county funding of covered services provided by Mid Sioux for the benefit of Cherokee County citizens and individuals. Motion carried.

Motion by Mummert, seconded by Skou to approve a "Cherokee County Provider and Program Participation Agreement" for fiscal year 2025 county funding of covered services provided by the Marcus Trails Project for the benefit of Cherokee County citizens and individuals. Motion carried.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Ellis to approve a "Cherokee County Provider and Program Participation Agreement" for fiscal year 2025 county funding of covered services provided by the Grainery, Cherokee, effective June 21 – 25, 2024; pending DRAM Insurance approval. Motion carried with Mummert abstaining.

Motion by Ellis, seconded by Skou to approve a temporary alcohol permit requested by Mud on Main for providing bar service for a wedding at the Grainery, Cherokee, effective June 21 – 25, 2024; pending DRAM Insurance approval. Motion carried with Mummert abstaining.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

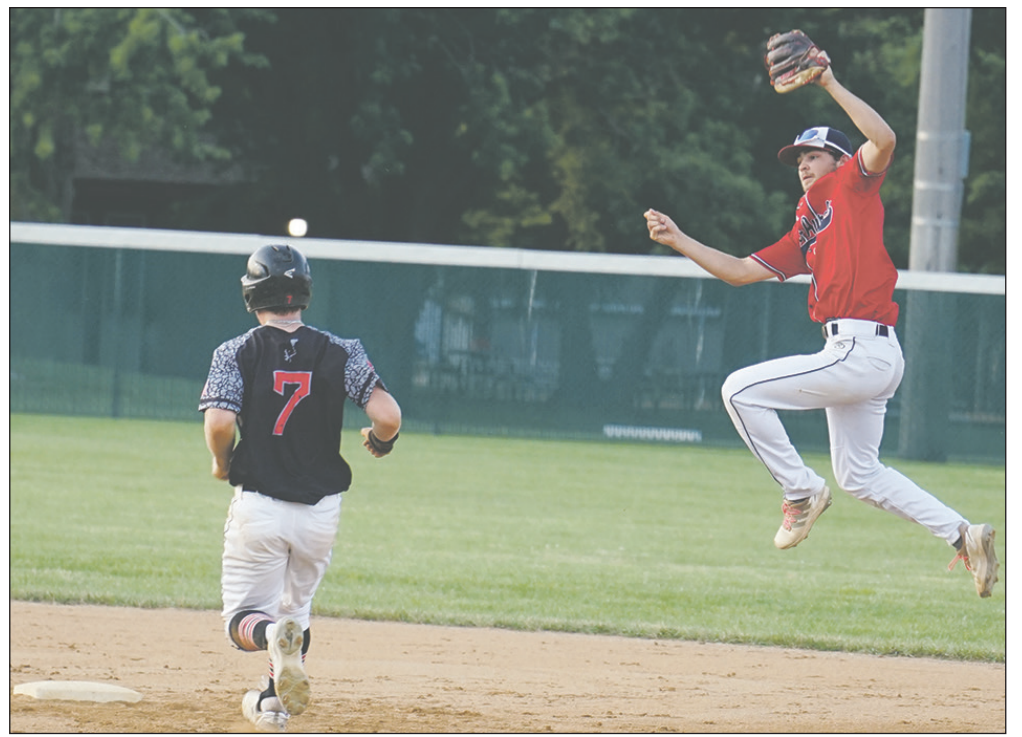
There being no further business, Chairman Mongan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Ellis to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

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Rick Mongan, Chairman ATTEST: Kris Glienke, County Auditor (AS07-03/L#580)

SPORTS



Alta-Aurelia shortstop Camden Reinert leaps to catch the throw as Spirit Lake's Jackson Knutson steals second base last Friday. AURELIA STAR photo by JAMIE KNAPP



Alta-Aurelia's Gavin Sleezer prepares to tag Spirit Lake's Luke Schneider during a pickoff play at first base during last Friday's game. AURELIA STAR photo by JAMIE KNAPP

Alta-Aurelia's Jaxson Page executes a bunt during last Friday's game against Spirit Lake. AURELIA STAR photo by JAMIE KNAPP



Warrior Baseball

Warriors 5
Spirit Lake 9

BY JAMIE KNAPP

Alta-Aurelia jumped out to a 5-0 lead after the first inning, but Spirit Lake scored nine unanswered runs after that to come away with a 9-5 win over the Warriors last Friday at Alta.

The Indians plated four runs in the second and five in the seventh to take control.

Alta-Aurelia (18-7) had seven hits in the game. Cale Brechwald led the way with two. Gavin Sleezer, Camden Reinert, Peyton Meyer, Gabe Olsen and Maddux McCoy each added one hit.

Meyer drove in two runs while Reinert, Olsen and Jaxson Page each had one RBI.

Meyer took the loss in relief. He allowed two hits and five runs, one of which was earned, walked three and struck out none in two-thirds of an inning. Brayden Marshall started and gave up seven hits and four runs, walked four and struck out four in six innings.

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