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Community CALENDAR

Sigourney Farmers Market
Wednesdays from 4 - 7 p.m. on the Sigourney Square June - September

Hats and More
Thursday, August 17, 11am at Barn Wired Hostess' for the day will be Jean Coffmam, Sandra Aldrich, Kay Grove
Hope to see you there

Sigourney Lewis Memorial Fountain Festival
Saturday, August 26, 5 - 10pm
On the Sigourney Square

Prisoners of War in Iowa
English Valleys History Center
108 N. Main St. in North English
Sunday, August 27, at 2:00.

Delta Days
Parade and Tractor Pull September 9
Church Service September 10

Free Grace United Grand Opening
September 17
Free Grace United, 107 E. Broadway St., What Cheer

Richland Harvest Time Rumble Car Show
Sunday, September 24, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Richland Town Square
Registration 8 - 12
Awards 3 p.m.

Sigourney American Legion Post #19
Meets 7:00 p.m. Third Tuesday of every month at Memorial Hall

Wilson Memorial Library
Mondays 10-6pm
Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays 10-5pm
Fridays Closed
Saturdays 8-12.

Richland Public Library
Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday: 2:30-6:00
Friday: Noon-5:00
Saturday: 10:00-1:00
Closed Sunday and Monday. For more information call the library at 319-456-6541.

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Senator Dickey Sued for Allegedly Forging Daughter's Signature

By Casey Jarmes | The News-Review

PACKWOOD - State Senator Adrian Dickey is currently being sued by his daughter, Korynn Dickey, for allegedly forging her signature. According to Korynn's petition, her father bought a vehicle for her in July 2020, when she was attending school in California. Adrian paid for the car in full. According to Korynn, this was a "no strings attached" gift. The vehicle was titled in Korynn's name. In Aug. 2020, Adrian filed an Iowa Department of Transportation Application for Notation of Security Interest, or as it is more commonly known, a Lien Application. Iowa required this Lien Applications feature the signature of the vehicle's owner, Korynn. Adrian Dickey instead printed his daughter's name on the application.

According to Korynn, this was without her knowledge or consent. Korynn also states that she was not indebted to her father and would not have consented to him paying for the vehicle if she had known he would place a lien on it. Korynn also alleges her father filled out a Title Application and a Damage Disclosure Statement on the car, both without her knowledge, both with forged signatures.

From 2020 to 2023, all registration and insurance costs for the vehicle were paid by Korynn's mother, Shawna Husted. On May 15 of this year, Korynn's vehicle was totaled in an accident. Shawna and Allen Husted, her husband and Korynn's adoptive



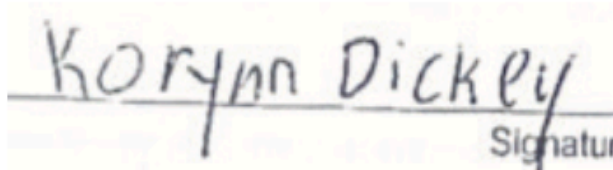
Adrian Dickey (Photo taken from Iowa.gov)



Korynn Dickey (Photo taken from Dickey's TikTok account, @469alldoiswhine)



Korynn Dickey's signature on the vehicle's title

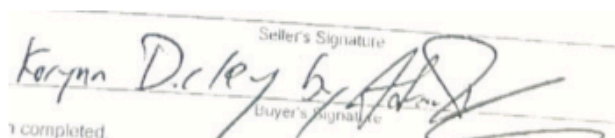


The signature on the Lien Application

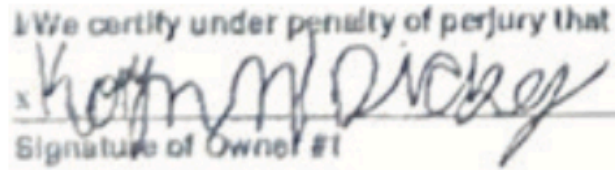
father, purchased a new vehicle for Korynn two days later, under the assumption that she would reimburse them with the money from the insurance settlement. However, when Korynn submitted an insurance claim, she learned that her father had placed a lien on her car. Because of this lien, the insurance money was paid to Adrian. Shawna and Allen Husted are also plaintiffs in this case and are requesting the Senator pay them the insurance money,

as well as damages and legal fees.

Korynn and the Husted's lawsuit accuses Adrian Dickey of four counts: Failure to Perfect Security Interest; Fraud; Civil Conspiracy; and Unjust Enrichment. In his Answer and Affirmative Defense to the lawsuit, Senator Dickey denies these accusations. He acknowledges that he signed the Lien Application, but claims that Korynn gave him permission to sign her name. The senator denies



The signature on the Damage Disclosure



The signature on the Title Application

signing the Damage Disclosure Statement or Title Application.

Adrian Dickey's district contains the counties of Keokuk, Jefferson, and Van Buren, as well as parts of Mahaska and Henry. "This lawsuit affects not a single constituent that I represent. Including my daughter, or my ex-wife, who live outside of SD44," Dickey wrote in a statement to the News-Review. "I am NOT guilty of a thing. I am a loving father,

who 3 years ago bought my daughter a safe and dependable vehicle for her to drive, while she was going to college in California. Documents will show that conversations took place between Korynn and I where she consented to me placing myself as a lien holder and that I would have to do the paperwork because she was going to school in California."

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New Documentary Covers the History of What Cheer

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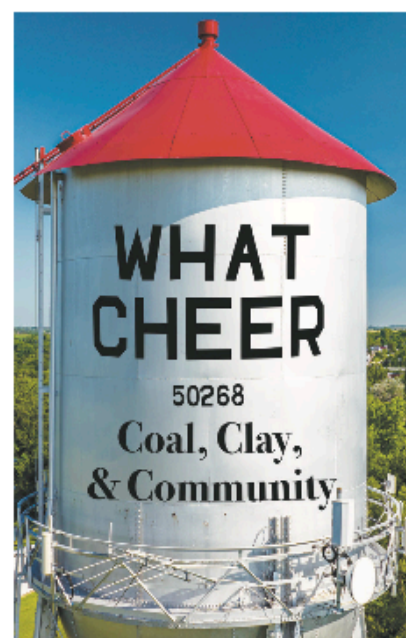
WHAT CHEER - A new documentary covering the history of What Cheer is set to premiere at the What Cheer Opera House. This documentary, titled "What Cheer: Coal, Clay, & Community," was directed by Jacob Glandon of Webster. Work on the documentary began in 2021, when Glandon was a student at William Penn and a professor recommended he do a project on the small town. Glandon initially planned to create a photo essay, but after speaking with the people of What Cheer, realized he needed to do a full-length documentary.

The documentary's trailer can be found on youtube, at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5asuFA5oOoc>. The trailer describes What Cheer as "a town filled with great history, forged by great people, both with triumph and perseverance. These are their stories and the stories of what it took to build this town, all starting with a dream and with action."

"What Cheer just has such a storied history. You know, when you look at the coal mines, to the clay products factory, to today there's the flea market, the opera house, the freedom rock. I mean, it's just always had some amazing stuff happening there," said Glandon. "So to me, it was kind of a no brainer to do that. Especially because I live 15 minutes away...We really have a lot of the highlights, both from what was prosperous a long time ago and what is prosperous now"

The documentary will be shown on August 18 and 19, at 7 p.m., followed by a Q&A with Glandon. The premiere will be a free will offering. Glandon also plans to sell DVDs of the documentary both at the premiere and at the flea market in October. He is also looking into getting it on a streaming service.



L to R: Jimmy Morlan, Barnwired Owner Amanda Snakenburg, Senator Joni Ernst, Gary Iosbaker

Senator Joni Ernst Tours Sigourney Businesses

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SIGOURNEY - Senator Joni Ernst visited Sigourney on Aug. 5 and was taken on a tour of local businesses by Keokuk County Economic Development (formerly known as SADC). The Senator stopped by In Pieces By Shawna, Misc. On Main, Barnwired, and Copper Lantern.

Before the tour, Senator Ernst spoke with Sigourney Mayor Jimmy Morlan and KCED President and Sigourney City Councilman Gary Iosbaker about the problems the community is facing. Morlan brought up the city's lack of a police department,

saying that although the city receives coverage from the Sheriff's Department, they would prefer to have their own police department. Morlan explained that the city has prepared a "very good package" for a police officer and that the city was looking for an officer with four-five years experience to serve as chief. Once a chief is hired, Morlan hopes they will be able to hire and train other officers. Morlan stated that, although the city has been advertising the chief position, "nobody's responding."

Iosbaker noted that the city sits in a "challenging situation," saying that a 28E agreement with the Sheriff's Department would work fine

if the city had less than 1200 people, while the city would need a population of 2500 or more to have the tax base necessary to afford a police department. "Our path out has got to be industry," said Iosbaker. "We've got to find more businesses so that we can grow our tax base. That's our only real option."

Iosbaker stated KCED is working with the schools to encourage people to stay in the area and that they are currently helping a "very talented individual" launch a new technology business in Sigourney. He also noted that Sigourney has a housing

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"Documents will also show that she clearly understood a reason I was going to make myself a lien holder was to prevent her from selling the car for quick cash or trading it in on a vehicle that she could not afford. After all, I paid for the entire car, no one else has ever paid a dime for it. The car was involved in an accident and was totaled. Unfortunately the plaintiffs choose [sic] to go spend \$40,000 that they didn't have to buy a new car they couldn't afford, before they bothered to reach out to the person who had the title and was the lien holder of the vehicle."

"I always have, and I always will love my daughter, no matter how many harmful or hurtful things she says or does. At some point this young lady has to realize that there are consequences in life with decisions that are made and with words that are said. That is something that I have tried to instill in her her entire life, however, as you have seen with the other plaintiffs that were in this lawsuit, I've been doing this on my own for 20 years, and it is very difficult."

Also named as a defendant in the lawsuit is Jefferson County Treasurer Mark My-

ers. Myers is accused of facilitating criminal conduct by knowingly accepting forged documents. The News-Review reached out to Myers, who stated that his office has no way of knowing if signatures are forged, does not have the legal duty or ability to investigate the validity of signatures, and that there is no preexisting relationship between him and the Senator.

This is not the first time Senator Dickey's contentious relationship with his daughter has made headlines. In 2022, a TikTok by Korynn went viral, in which she states

that she is cutting off her relationship with her father over his policies on abortion and LGBT rights. The video shows Korynn holding a rainbow pillow, with a caption that reads: "I had to cut my dad off. See, I'm a bisexual Pisces and he is a Republican state senator who contributed to taking my rights as a woman away and the possibility of me being able to marry the girl of my dreams one day."

The video has received more than 400,000 views, 180,000 likes, and 1826 comments. In replies in the comment section, Korynn describes her father's policies as

"in humane" [sic] and states that she no longer claims him as a parent. Korynn's TikTok account currently lists her last name as Husted, rather than Dickey.

Korynn and the Hustedes have requested a jury trial. A hearing will be held Aug. 28 to consider Adrian Dickey's motion to dismiss the case and Jefferson County's motion to dismiss Myers as

a defendant. Senator Dickey is also currently facing legal troubles stemming from him allegedly blocking a road during RAGBRAI. According to the arresting officer, he told Dickey that he needed to move or otherwise would be taken to jail; Dickey argued with the officer, telling him to arrest him, and was subsequently arrested.

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shortage. Morlan brought up the area's lack of day care providers, noting that there is only one certified day care in town. Senator Ernst referred to this as a big issue, saying "In our rural communities, we just don't have enough daycare period."

Ernst brought up the "Small Business Child Care Investment Act," a bipartisan bill she partnered with Jacky Rosen (D-NV) to pass. This bill will allow nonprofits and churches to access low interest Small Business Administration loans so they can provide childcare. Under this bill, churches and non-profits will be bound by the same regulations as for-profit day care providers.

Ernst brought up the idea of the government subsidizing daycare salaries, something she has been asked about by daycare providers.

The Senator was adamant that the government should not. "No way, no how," she said. "I'm sorry, we're the federal government. You do not want us hiring your daycare providers. No. And you know, the strings that would come attached to that, the level of requirements the federal government would put on that, you would never be able to afford them anyway."

Iosbaker found this encouraging and said that rural towns need autonomy. Ernst stated child care should be handled by states and local partners, stressing the importance of flexibility. Ernst and Morlan both blamed the difficulties childcare providers face on regulations, which they see as preventing businesses from turning a profit. Ernst brought up attempts to loosen these regulations by the Iowa legislature, which resulted in mass outcry from

those in the childcare industry, who see these regulations as essential for keeping children safe. Ernst still advocated loosening regulations, saying it should be up to daycare providers to decide how many children they want to watch at a time. "It's not a complete answer, but sometimes regulations shouldn't be over the top, but we do need to make sure our children are safe," said Ernst.

Ernst also spoke with the owners of the businesses she visited and asked them about their biggest challenges. Shawna Bensmiller, owner of In Pieces by Shawna, said

it was hard to find working capital and funding to start her small business. She also noted the difficulties of starting a business while working full-time and struggles she'd had with getting in contact with the Small Business Association. Melissa Bird, owner of Misc. On Main, said that it was hard to find trained staff when she first bought the business and that they currently have to fight hard to maintain their customer base. Bird stated their customer service and ability to work with people keeps customers coming back.

Obituaries

Sarah Beatty

1937-2023

Sarah Lois Beatty, 86, died August 3, 2023, at the Manor House in Sigourney Iowa. She was born February 22, 1937, to Frank M. and Lois Elizabeth (Gibbons) Beatty in Sigourney, Iowa.



Sarah Lois Beatty

Sarah graduated from Sigourney High School in 1955 and she graduated from the University of Iowa. She was a lifelong student of learning. Sarah was active in the Republican Party and the Farm Bureau. She enjoyed driving and looking at her crops. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Sigourney, the Presbyterian Woman and P.E.O.

She was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Lois Beatty.

Memorials may be made to an organization or charity of your choice in Sarah's name. Funeral service was held Sunday August 6, 2023 at the Holm Funeral Home. Visitation prior to service from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Burial at Sixteen Cemetery. Arrangements Holm Funeral Home Sigourney.

Obituaries

Myra Peiffer

1931-2023

Myra Arlene Peiffer, 92, died August 7, 2023 at the English Valley Care Center in North English, Iowa. She was born May 4, 1931 to William and Ethel (Parrish) Appleget in Waseca Township in Minnesota. She attended school in Minnesota and when the family moved to Iowa she went to school West of Hayesville. Myra graduated from Sigourney High school in 1948. She was a secretary for a short time for ISEA. On February 9, 1950 she married Richard John Peiffer at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Harper. Myra and Richard lived and farmed on the home place near South English since 1950. They celebrated the homestead becoming a Century Farm in 2019. She was a member of Holy Trinity Parishes - St. Mary's Keota and the Altar and Rosary Society serving as an officer.



Myra Arlene Peiffer

She was preceded by her parents, husband Richard, two daughters Karen Strawn and Ann Genkinger, son Jay Peiffer, grandson Willis Strawn, siblings Richard Appleget, Wilmer Appleget, Charles Appleget, Viola Withworth, and Laurena Hammes, son-in-law Roger Fry.

She is survived by four daughters Susan (Allen) Fredrickson of Alta, Meri (Jeff) Peterson of Alta, Lisa (Chris) Cowan of Ankeny, Jayne (Larry) Orris of Washington, daughter-in-law Connie Peiffer, son-in-law Calvin (Vicki) Genkinger and Bill Strawn, of South English, 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren.

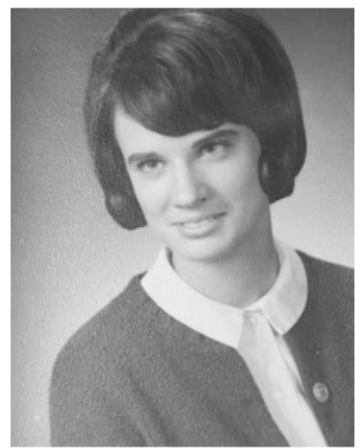
Funeral Mass will be Wednesday August 9, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Holy Trinity Parish - St. Mary Catholic Church in Keota. Visitation one hour before the service. Burial at St. Elizabeth Cemetery in Harper. Arrangements Holm Funeral Home, Sigourney.

Obituaries

Rebecca Robbins

1948-2023

SALT LAKE CITY, UT—Rebecca Lucille Robbins, age 74, passed away on February 7, 2023, at the University of Utah hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was born on August 12, 1948 in Ottumwa, Iowa to Ethel M. Wright and Frances A. Bender. She was the youngest of 6 siblings and grew up in the farming community of Keswick, Iowa. Rebecca graduated as Salutatorian from the Tri-County High School, where she played basketball and edited the school paper. She also won the school's English award, early recognition of her lifelong love of reading.



Rebecca Lucille Robbins

She loved learning and education. After high school, she went to the University of Iowa, where she graduated in 1970 with a B.A. in Political Science and a Certification in Secondary Education. Her career in teaching would have to wait though - she was off to have adventures in Los Angeles. She received a second degree while in L.A., graduating with a B.S. in Business Administration, Accounting in 1978 from California State University, Long Beach.

She married in 1979 and in 1981, her first child, Catherine was born. Catherine was soon followed by a baby boy, Christopher in 1983. The family moved from LA to Utah in 1984. She was also a stepmother to her husband's other children, Evan, Seth, and Gwen. She was a devoted mother, attending every soccer and baseball game. Her children fondly remember her teaching them basketball, which both played in middle school and Christopher in high school. She was an avid crafter, sewing Halloween costumes, quilts, and cross-stitching masterpieces. She was devoted to her family in Iowa, returning each summer to the family homestead for a reunion with her parents, siblings, and many nephews and nieces.

Once her children got a bit older, Rebecca returned to school, this time for a Masters Degree in Special Education in 1996. She loved helping children and she taught special education at Emerson Elementary and Backman Elementary until her retirement.

After retirement, she found an amazing community within her condominium and loved her time spent there with neighbors. Peggy, her next-door neighbor, and Rebecca were great friends. They would be over to each other's places all the time and even their cats were best friends. She continued to travel with her sisters and during the pandemic they played bridge on Zoom weekly. She loved word games and crossword puzzles, reading, and politics.

Rebecca is survived by her two children, Christopher Robbins and Catherine Mesgar, and four of her six siblings, Joan Burke, Janice Bender, Elizabeth Bender and Bob Bender. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ethel and Francis Bender and her brother Gene Bender.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, at Powell Funeral Home in Sigourney. Burial will be at a later date in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Sigourney. Powell Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Sigourney is caring for Rebecca and her family. Tributes may be made at www.powellfuneralhomes.com.

**Celebration of Life: Aug. 12 at 2 p.m.
POWELL FUNERAL HOME
SIGOURNEY**

Obituaries

Edmund Reed

1938-2023

Edmund Richard Reed, age 85, of Winterset, Iowa, formerly of Keota, Iowa, passed away Wednesday, August 2, 2023, in Winterset.



Edmund Richard Reed

Funeral services were held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, August 5, at the Jones & Edan Funeral Home. Calling hours began 2:00 p.m. Friday at the Jones & Edan Funeral Home where the family was present to receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 Friday evening. Interment took place at Reed family farm in rural Washington County. Memorials have been established for various children's organizations. Online condolences may be sent for Edmund's family through the web at www.jonesfh.com.

Edmund was born July 14, 1938, near Wellman, Iowa, the son of Walter and Margaret (Hammes) Reed. He attended school in Keota, Iowa, where he graduated from Keota High School in 1956. He was united in marriage to Janice Samuelson on August 22, 1959, in Washington, Iowa. Edmund farmed all of his life in the Keota area. He enjoyed spending time with his family and especially enjoyed traveling the world and telling others about the love of Jesus Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Janice Reed of Winterset, Iowa; son, Stanley (Sammie) Reed of South English, Iowa; son, Scott (Teresa) Reed of Corydon, Iowa; daughter, Susan (Perry) Stover of Winterset, Iowa; 13 grandchildren; and many great grandchildren. Edmund is also survived by his sister, Rose Ellen Stelton of Washington, Iowa; brother, James (Arbie) Reed of Washington, Iowa; brother, Dan (Mary) Reed of South English, Iowa; and sisters-in-law, Marcella Reed and Audrey Reed of Washington, Iowa.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sons, Richard Reed in 1985, and Stephen Reed and his wife Melody in 1986; grandson, Judah in 1998; siblings, Eugene Reed, Cletus Reed, Hubert Reed, Joanne Luttenegger; and brothers-in-law, Harold Luttenegger and Howard Stelton.

**Services: Aug. 5 at 10 a.m.
Visitation: Aug. 4 from 5-7 p.m.**

PUBLIC NOTICE	
City of New Sharon • Minutes and Claims 8.2.2023	
NEW SHARON CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING Wednesday August 2, 2023 These are draft minutes and have not been approved by the City Council prior to publication. The New Sharon City Council met in regular session on Wednesday August 2, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. Meeting called to order with Mayor Jeff Long and the following members answering roll call: Tom German, Ben Hansen, Ron Wyatt, Justin Stout, Larry Applegate. Others in attendance were Russ VanRenterghem, Kevin Lamberson and Lisa Munn. 1. Roll Call answered by: German, Hansen, Applegate Stout, Wyatt 2. Consent Agenda: Motion made by German and seconded by Wyatt to approve the following consent agenda items. 07/19/2023 minutes 08/02/2023 agenda 08/02/2023 distributions pending AYES: German, Stout, Wyatt, Hansen, Applegate NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None 3. Public Comments: None 4. Requests from the Community: None 5. Public Hearings: None 6. Resolutions and Motions A. Motion made by Wyatt and seconded by German to approve purchasing a Phillips 55" TV in the amount of \$268.00 and mount in the amount of \$47.58 from Walmart.com. AYES: German, Hansen, Stout, Wyatt, Applegate NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS: None 7. Ordinances: none	8. Department Reports A. Water Report- none B. Sewer Report- none C. Street Report- none D. Park Report- council agreed to go ahead with tree removal bid from Bremen in the amount of \$3230.00. Will put on next agenda but want to get our name on the list. E. Police Report- none F. Mahaska Sheriff Report- Russ said fair went smooth, Kevin with the help of an officer of the Mahaska Conservation saved a life this afternoon. G. Cemetery Report- sold some lots H. City Clerk Report- health insurance renewals completed, I Pads are ordered, election papers and ad for council and mayor seats up for election. I. City Attorney Report- none J. Fire Department Report- none K. Library Report- in packets L. Zoning Committee- not meeting at this time 9. Departmental Requests: none 10. City council Information: A. Ben Hanson asked about deaf and blind child signs for his street. Lisa said the deaf child signs are ordered did not know we needed blind child signs so will check on those also. B. Ron Wyatt asked about advertising for deputy city clerk. Lisa will put ad in Town Crier, News Review and on Facebook and website. 11. Mayor Information: A. Jeff Long said that he would not be at the August 16 th meeting so Larry Applegate will lead that meeting. 12. Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, it was moved by Hansen
and seconded by Wyatt to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. All in favor, Meeting adjourned. Lisa Munn, Certified Municipal City Clerk Jeff Long, Mayor	CITY OF NEW SHARON DISTRIBUTIONS PENDING 08/02/23 NAME -FUND -DESCRIPTION -AMOUNT Payroll -general -payroll wages..... \$4,051.70 Payroll -general -payroll wages..... \$3,790.76 Verizon -police -hot spot.....\$40.01 Mid American Energy -general -utilities.....\$2,811.66 Amazon Business -library -library books.....\$160.40 Econo Sign -road use -stop signs.....\$185.01 Globe Life -employee benefits -payroll deduct health insurance.....\$267.32 Iowa DNR -sewer -NPDES permit.....\$210.00 Iowa Prison Industries -police -golf cart permit stickers.....\$53.16 Mahaska Rural Water -sewer -software sewer rate update.....\$127.06 Mediacom -city hall -fax line city hall.....\$46.62 Mid American Energy -sewer -sewer blower bldg.....\$747.04 Verizon -park, street -cell phones.....\$53.16 Verian VanWyk -fire -janitorial fire.....\$10.00 Watts Family Monuments -friends cemetery -mowing friends cemetery July.....\$3,200.00 Watts Family Monuments -highland cemetery -mowing highland cemetery July.....\$1,200.00 Xerox Financial Services -library/ ch/police -copier lease.....\$273.78
Vicki VerSteege -library -janitorial library.....\$50.00 Pro Line Building -sewer -board.....\$8.52 Ponderosa Supply -sewer -lumber lagoon generator pad form.....\$336.72 Mahaska County EMA -EMA/ 911 -payment for FY2024.....\$56,016.80 Sha Ran Window Washing -city hall -city hall window washing.....\$45.00 O'Reilly Auto -street/park/sewer/ru -tool set.....\$20.98 Mid America Publishing -general -publishing legals.....\$196.50 McGriff Corporation -sewer/ru/ street/fire/park -operating supplies.....\$726.19 B3 Technology -police -monthly computer maintenance.....\$78.20 B3 Technology -city hall -monthly computer maintenance.....\$265.35\$74,971.94	CITY OF NEW SHARON REVENUES MONTH OF July 2023 general.....\$9,627.00 Employee Benefits.....\$610.19 Local Option Sales Tax.....\$2,938.86 Sewer.....\$22,793.96 Prairie Village Mobile Home Park.....\$0.00 Sewer sinking.....\$7,500.00 Friends Cemetery Perpetual.....\$275.89 cemetery total.....\$0.00 capital projects-water tota.....\$0.00 Road Use Tax.....\$0.00 Highland Cemetery Perpetual.....\$0.00 capital projects- sewer.....\$0.00 Fleener fund.....\$0.00\$43,745.90 Published in The News-Review on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023