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of Commerce

COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

2022 Business of the Year Nominees:

- ❖ Hospice of Washington County
 - ❖ YMCA Child Care Center
 - ❖ Cafe Dodici
 - ❖ SE Iowa Union
 - ❖ Jaz It Up!
 - ❖ Boho Bailey
 - ❖ Boxcar Treasures
 - ❖ Brown's Shoe Fit

2022 Business of the Year: SE Iowa Union

Southeast Iowa

Union

Purchased the Williamsburg Journal Tribune in August

THE WILLIAMSBURG

JOURNAL TRIBUNE

VOLUME 109

Covering Williamsburg, Conroy, Parnell and the English Valleys area

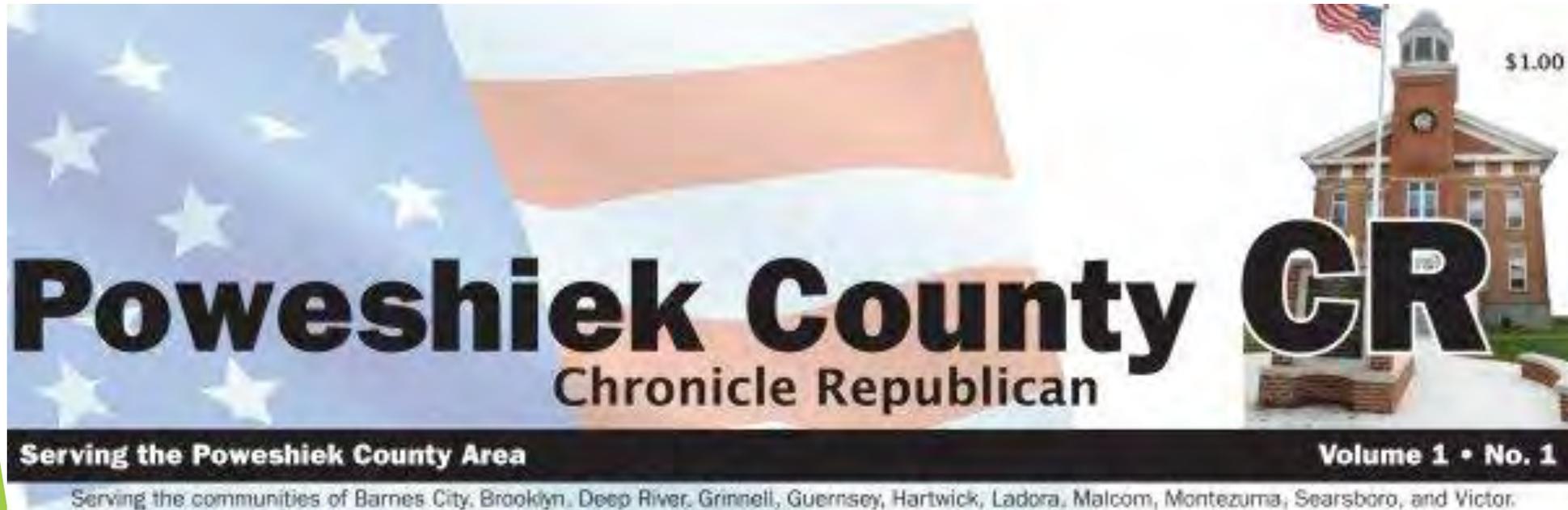
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Southeast Iowa Union is Launched in 2019



Purchased the Poweshiek County Chronicle in August, 2022



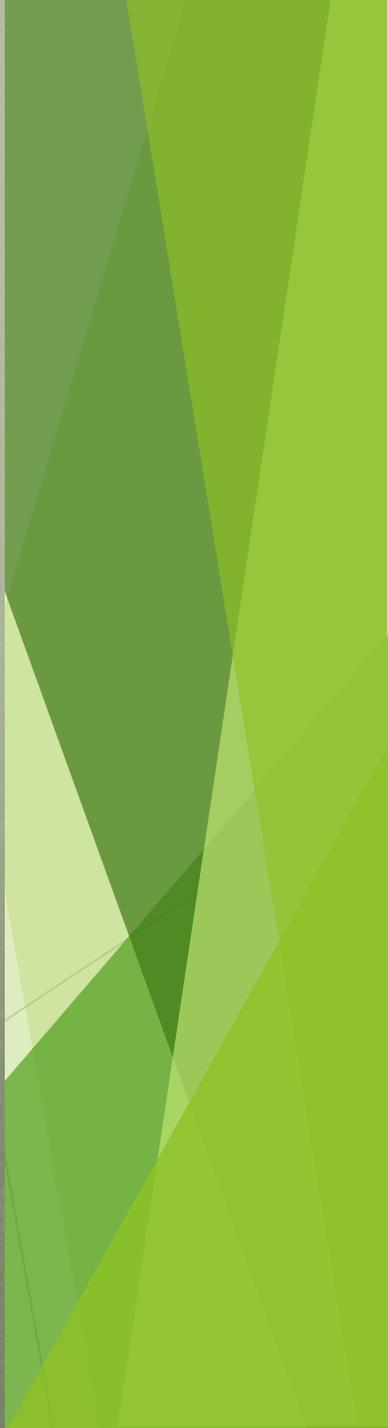


SE Iowa Union Launches Washington Live!
in June of 2022



Washington **LIVE!**

Today
I am the
reference



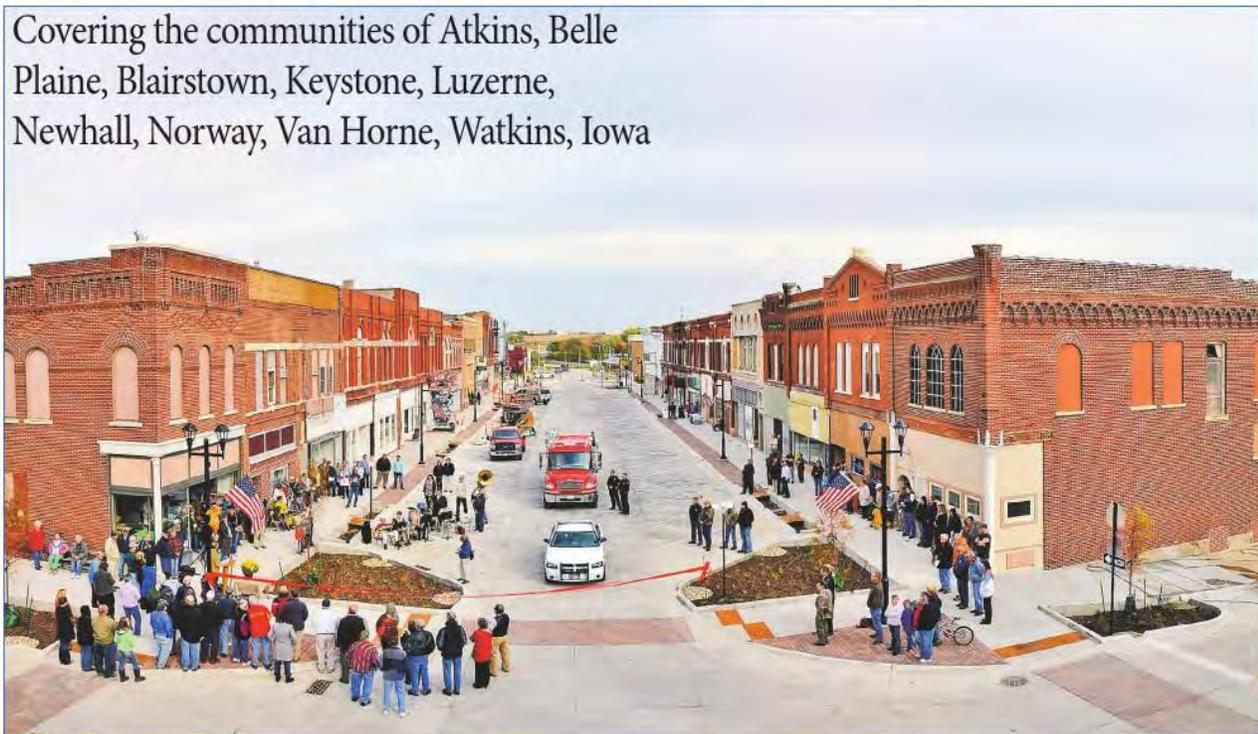
Purchased the Belle Plaine Star Press Union in August, 2022

The Star Press Union

SOUTHERN BENTON COUNTY

COMMUNITY GUIDE

Covering the communities of Atkins, Belle Plaine, Blairstown, Keystone, Luzerne, Newhall, Norway, Van Horne, Watkins, Iowa





The Journal

Washington
Evening

Flagland
Softball

Journal

Purchased the Hometown Current and Marketplace in September, 2022



2023 INA First Place Awards:

- Website
- Podcast
- Column
Writing



IOWA NEWSPAPER FOUNDATION
First Place Award
Southeast Iowa Union
Washington Evening Journal
Kalen McCain
Best Podcast
Dailies Class I
2023

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First Place Award
Southeast Iowa Union
Washington Evening Journal
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A walk in the forest



Visitors enjoy the Tannenbaum Forest at the Festhalle, Amana, during Prelude to Christmas in Amana, Dec. 2-4. Over 70 live evergreen trees were decorated by area businesses and community groups. The forest remains open through Dec. 18. (Melinda Wichmann/The Pioneer-Republican)

Iowa County Food Bank receives \$10,000 Bayer Fund grant

The Iowa County Food Bank announced last week it received a grant for \$10,000 from Bayer Fund. This grant will not only provide support to the organization, but also increase the number of times per year Iowa County residents may use the Iowa County Food Bank. This grant allows the bank to provide additional food to each client as well as contribute food to the LOVE Network.

"The demand for the Iowa County Food Bank has risen greatly due to inflation," noted food bank officials. "This money will allow us to help Iowa County residents with food insecurity and we are grateful for this grant."

"Throughout the years, the grants given through Bayer Fund have helped strengthen our communities across the United States," said Al Mitchell, President of Bayer Fund. "We're proud to be able to provide support to develop programs like The Iowa County Food Bank that helps combat the critical issue of food insecurity and ultimately helping ensure even more Americans/ the community have access to healthy, nutritious food."

In 2021, Bayer Fund awarded more than \$13.1 million to over 3,400 charitable and nonprofit organizations to help address essential needs in food and nutrition, STEM education and community development. Over the last five years, nonprofit organizations across the U.S. have received more than \$75 million.

To learn more about the Iowa County Food Bank, visit them on Facebook.

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Purchased the Marengo Pioneer Republican in August, 2022

Signatures sought for IV bond referendum petition

A petition is being circulated to have the Iowa Valley School Board consider a bond referendum that will issue more than \$10 million in

"We need as many signatures as possible for the school board to consider this proposal," Rheingans noted in a post on the school Facebook

tion. The district will provide many opportunities, before the election, to learn additional details."

The focus of the petition will HVAC; LED lighting upgrades; replace roofing; upgrade outdated electrical systems; create safe and secure entry; update access and technical

at upcoming events and other locations in and around the district. Voters can also stop in the high school office to sign



The Clarion-Plainsman

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Breakfast with Grinch, Santa and Mrs. Claus was held in Richland Saturday. All photos submitted



Annual breakfast with Grinch, Santa and Mrs. Claus held in Richland

The Grinch, Santa Claus, and Mrs. Claus were all in Richland Saturday morning to visit with area children and enjoy breakfast with them at the annual event

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Richland Public Library sets Winter Reading Program

The coziest time of the year has arrived! Pick out your book from the Richland Public Library, pour yourself a steaming cup of hot cocoa, coffee or tea and settle in for a cozy afternoon.

The library's winter reading program has something for everyone; all ages can participate. This year they will have reading logs, Bingo cards, prizes and raffle drawings in both January and February to make participating twice as nice. "Get Cozy with a Book" winter reading program starts on the first day of winter, Dec. 21, 2022 and continues through Feb. 28, 2023.

This year's program is generously sponsored by Everybody's Whole Foods in Fairfield and Jeff and Jeannie Pedrick.

For additional details and how to register, please contact the library at 319-456-6541 or richlib@natel.net.



Black bags now cover all traffic lights at the intersection of Second Street and Broadway Avenue in Fairfield. The city has decided to permanently remove the traffic signals after a two-month trial period of having them turned off. (Andy Hallman/The Union)

Fairfield permanently removing Broadway and Second signals

By Andy Hallman, Southeast Iowa Union

FAIRFIELD - The city of Fairfield has decided to remove the traffic signals at the intersection of Second Street and Broadway Avenue after testing out the idea for the past three months.

The Fairfield City Council's Public Safety and Transportation Committee voted to remove the traffic signals after the city turned them off in mid-August. The intersection now just has a stop sign for traffic coming from the west on Broad-

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Hot Off the Press!

TWO New Additions JUST ADDED!

Winfield **Beacon-News** *Wayland*

NEW LONDON

Journal

Southeast Iowa Union

SIX NEWSPAPERS, ONE SHOPPER AND A STREAMING VIDEO PLATFORM THAT WE ADDED TO THEIR GROUP IN 2022.

IN THE PROCESS OF ADDING TWO MORE NEWSPAPERS.

THE SOUTHEAST IOWA UNION IS ONE OF 24 TOWNS IN IOWA WITH A DAILY PAPER. THREE OF THESE ARE SERVED BY THE SE IOWA UNION. ALL OF THE REMAINING TOWNS HAVE POPULATIONS LARGER THAN OURS!

BROUGHT HOME 8 AWARDS AT RECENT INA BETTER NEWSPAPER CONTEST, INCLUDING FIRST PLACE FOR WEBSITE, PODCAST, AND COLUMN WRITING.