



Date: April 3, 2026

From: Justin Miller, City Administrator

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council

# 2026 WEEKLY UPDATE

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“You cannot do kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

## PUBLIC WORKS

- Streets staff have started the city-wide spring sweeping operation.
- Streets crews continue to address potholes throughout the city.
- Streets will be monitoring the incoming freezing rain forecast the next few days.
- Utilities staff this week tested and exercised all pressure-reducing valves and air relief valves in the water distribution system.
- Lift stations three and four rehabilitations were completed this week.
- Filters six and eight were returned to service this week. The contractor removed the media from filters five and seven this week and will begin new media installation on Monday. This marks the final phase of the project, and the contractor is currently slightly ahead of schedule. Tours of the filter media replacement work are available, please contact the Utility Department if interested.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### Administration and Park Maintenance

- The bid opening for East Community Park Phase II is scheduled for today at 1 p.m. Staff is excited to see how the bids come in for this project.
- Field closure signs were installed on the athletic decks at Grand Prairie Park. The fields will stay closed until turf is established and ready for use.
- Staff continues readying the parks system for the summer season! Sunshades at Antlers Park were installed this week. Residents have already been taking advantage of park amenities, including playgrounds and pickleball courts!
- Park Maintenance seasonal staff positions have all been filled! New this year, a meet-and-greet luncheon has been organized for next Tuesday. This gives new staff members the opportunity to see the maintenance facility, staff and some of the equipment they will use this summer.

### Recreation & Heritage Center

- Heritage Center outdoor activity registrations are underway. Registration is going well; notably, Women's Golf currently has 115 registered.
- As of April 2, the Heritage Center has 1,740 current members and is growing. That is 540 new members since 2022.
- Registration opened on Wednesday for the Third Annual Spring Tea. This year's theme is "Off to the Races," A Kentucky Derby Spring Tea with Mint Julep mocktails and a presentation by Mark Irving, past Kentucky Derby Jockey. The goal is for 100 registered participants.
- April 28 is the Annual Heritage Center Open House. 1:30-3 p.m. Over 40 opportunities available for Active Adults.
- The Golden Egg Hunt is underway! Participants are decoding clues and exploring our parks in search of all four Golden Eggs. More than 450 people have already joined in on this fun event that encourages the community to get outside and enjoy our parks.

## Arts Center

- The gas kiln is now fully connected to both gas and electricity! A local artist and instructor will lead specialized training next week for the pottery studio staff who will operate it, and we're planning our first firing for the following week.
- The building was full of campers this week! They made numerous pieces of pottery, tie-dyed an assortment of items, painted, colored, and more!
- Programming staff is currently working on plans for this summer's Art in the Park project kits. We have some fun ideas that we're really excited about!
- The final spring session of adult painting and pottery classes started this week.
- The 2025-26 Pub Night series came to an end on Wednesday. Ticket revenue was up 11% from last year.
- YTD class registrations are up by 18% and revenue is up 15% from last year.
- Expressions Theater Co. is in the process of organizing props.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- The Citywide Blood Drive takes place on April 7, 10-6 at the Hennen Pavilion at Antlers Park. We have 93 donors—we have space for a few more. [mbc.org](http://mbc.org), enter code 4450 or look up by zip code 55044 and date.
- Media productions for social media:
  - [The Looney Lutherans: Hotdish on the Range](#) (comedy, May 16 at LAAC)
  - Lakeville Heritage Center: [The American Constitution \(6-week History Class\)](#), starts April 14

### Upcoming Meetings of the Council

April 6, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
April 20, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.
May 4, 2026	Regular Meeting	6:00 p.m.

#### Informational Attachments:

- Police Department Weekly Report
- Fire Department Weekly Report
- Lakeville Liquors Weekly Report



# Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, March 22, 2026 – Saturday, March 28, 2026

## 817 Calls for Services



221 TRAFFIC STOPS



16 SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY



3 DOMESTICS



15 AUTO ACCIDENTS



2 THEFTS



10 CRISIS MENTAL HEALTH  
9 WELFARE CHECKS  
0 SUICIDE THREAT/  
ATTEMPT/DEATH



22 ALARM BURGLAR  
0 FIRE ALARM



5 FRAUD



14 ANIMAL CALLS



0 BURGLARY



27 MEDICALS



0 VANDALISM/DAMAGE  
PROPERTY



0 DRUG ACTIVITY



8 CHILD PROTECTION



15 DISTURBANCES



2 DRUNKENNESS



2 MISSING PERSON



1 SHOPLIFTING



## Lakeville Police Department Update

Sunday, March 22, 2026 – Saturday, March 28, 2026

### Weekly Review

Please note, the Weekly Review does not include all calls to which the Lakeville Police Department responded. Incidents included here are based on severity, impact on public safety or other factors.

- Officers spoke with a victim of fraud who clicked on a pop up for a tech company and was instructed to wire \$5,000. Fortunately, a savvy bank employee stopped what would have been costly fraud. This is a reminder to remain cautious of scams and be cautious before releasing any personal information.
- Officers located a vehicle following a report of concerning driving conduct. Contact was made with the driver, who showed signs of impairment. The driver performed field sobriety tests and was subsequently arrested. A blood warrant was obtained and executed, and the driver was later released to a sober party pending results.
- A vehicle was towed following a 48-hour parking recheck. The owner had been warned to move the vehicle but failed to do so which resulted in a citation being issued.
- Officers responded to a physical altercation between multiple individuals who had been drinking. Disorderly conduct citations were issued to the parties involved.
- A vehicle was stopped for a disabled license plate, and the passenger was found to have a felony warrant and was placed under arrest.
- Officers spoke with a victim of an online scam that started a few months ago. The victim had been sending payments to people he thought he had hired to remove a virus from his computer. In total he had sent six checks, \$10,000 each. The investigation is currently ongoing but a reminder to never send money to unknown individuals.
- A traffic stop was initiated following multiple lane use violations. The driver was showing signs of impairment and following the standard field sobriety tests, the driver was placed under arrest. A blood warrant was drafted and executed, and the driver was released to a sober adult pending test results.
- Officers stopped a vehicle after poor driving conduct and found the driver to be displaying signs of impairment. The driver agreed to the standard field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest for DWI. The driver provided a DMT sample of .17/210L and was booked into Dakota County Jail.
- Officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at 185<sup>th</sup> St and Ipava Ave. A vehicle traveling eastbound on 185<sup>th</sup> St ran the red light and struck a vehicle traveling southbound on Ipava Ave. The at-fault driver was issued a citation and luckily no injuries were sustained.
- Officers stopped a vehicle for speed and lane use and the driver appeared to be under the influence. The driver submitted to the standard field sobriety testing and was placed under arrest. A blood warrant was drafted and executed and the driver was released to a sober party pending blood draw results.



# Lakeville Fire Department Update Sunday, March 22–Saturday, March 28



FIRES  
5



VEHICLE ACCIDENTS  
1



MEDICAL  
50



FIRE ALARMS  
10



SERVICE CALLS  
2



GOOD INTENT  
15



FOOD TRUCK LICENSE  
10



INSPECTIONS  
61



PLAN REVIEW  
6



PRE-PLANS  
78



PERMITS ISSUED  
2



TEMP HEAT PERMITS  
4



COMMUNITY EVENTS  
1

# Lakeville Liquors

March 29- April 4, 2026

Weekly Summary



## Store Highlights

### Heritage Location



Heritage is trying a new value wine line, Gato Negro. These wines are overdelivering for being just \$6.99!

### Galaxie Location



Galaxie has a new Uncle Arnie's THC shooter rack near the registers. This month they sold over **800** units!

### Kenrick Location



Kenrick is welcoming Wandering Leaf Brewing Company to our shelves! They are out of Saint Paul and have a bunch of fun and unique brews!

### Keokuk Location



Keokuk is ready for Easter! Hop on in for your Easter Brunch and Dinner pairings.

## Gray Whale Vodka

Gray Whale Vodka is additive-free and small-batch crafted with distilled Californian grapes. With no additives, no added sugar and gluten free, Gray Whale Vodka is a refreshing, unique vodka perfect neat over ice or in any favorite cocktail.

**Salesfloor Pitch** - *"Gray Whale is a super smooth California vodka made with real coastal ingredients - so you get a clean citrusy taste with a little depth. If you like Tito's, this is an easy upgrade, especially in a martini or soda."*



# Metrics

January 1 - March 31 Sales Summary				Change in %	
Heritage	\$1,180,591	2025	\$1,155,994	Increase	2.1%
Galaxie	\$1,290,607	2025	\$1,280,338	FLAT +	
Kenrick	\$1,008,606	2025	\$990,165	Increase	1.9%
Keokuk	\$1,120,256	2025	\$1,094,713	Increase	2.3%
Combined	\$4,600,060	2025	\$4,521,210	Increase	1.7%
January 1 - March 31 Customer Count				Change in %	
Heritage	40,544	2025	41,568	Decrease	2.5%
Galaxie	46,747	2025	48,148	Decrease	2.9%
Kenrick	37,147	2025	37,016	FLAT +	
Keokuk	35,958	2025	36,047	FLAT -	
Combined	160,396	2025	162,779	Decrease	1.5%
January 1- March 31 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %	
Heritage	\$29.12	2025	\$27.81	Increase	4.7%
Galaxie	\$27.61	2025	\$26.59	Increase	3.8%
Kenrick	\$27.15	2025	\$26.75	Increase	1.5%
Keokuk	\$31.15	2025	\$30.37	Increase	2.6%
Combined	\$28.68	2025	\$27.78	Increase	3.2%

March 1-31 Sales Summary				Change in %	
Heritage	\$416,829	2025	\$419,187	FLAT -	
Galaxie	\$452,934	2025	\$458,508	Decrease	1.2%
Kenrick	\$355,617	2025	\$358,162	FLAT -	
Keokuk	\$408,218	2025	\$406,559	FLAT +	
Combined	\$1,633,598	2025	\$1,642,416	FLAT -	
March 1-31 Customer Count				Change in %	
Heritage	14,231	2025	14,897	Decrease	4.5%
Galaxie	16,405	2025	17,358	Decrease	5.5%
Kenrick	13,081	2025	13,377	Decrease	2.2%
Keokuk	12,956	2025	13,295	Decrease	2.6%
Combined	56,673	2025	58,927	Decrease	3.8%
March 1-31 Sales Per Transaction				Change in %	
Heritage	\$29.29	2025	\$28.14	Increase	4.1%
Galaxie	\$27.61	2025	\$26.41	Increase	4.5%
Kenrick	\$27.19	2025	\$26.77	Increase	1.5%
Keokuk	\$31.51	2025	\$30.58	Increase	3.0%
Combined	\$28.82	2025	\$27.87	Increase	3.4%

- Metrics this month are being compared to 2025 which had an extra Saturday and Sunday. We were closed Sunday, March 15 due to weather.
- This month we held a fundraiser to benefit 360 Communities and The Open Door Pantry. We collected a total of \$29,835.60. Thank you to everyone that made this fundraiser a success!
- **RESCHEDULED!** All-staff Safe Server Training, April 12 in the Emporium Room from 9 - 10:30 a.m. This is mandatory and all non-exempt staff will be paid for their time.

**Louisa May Alcott**

"It takes two flints to make a fire."