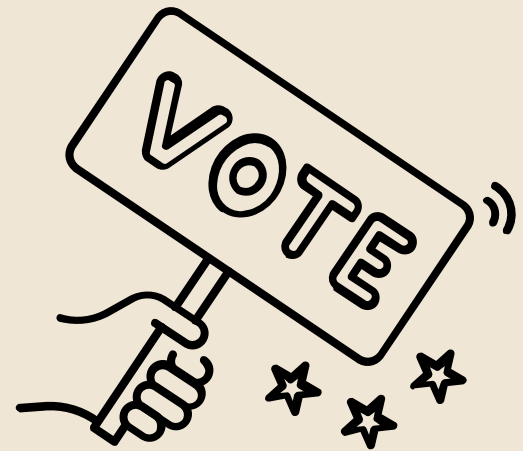


Slater Scoop

Newsletter Fall 2025

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TOWN DIVIDED TAILGATE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH

MAIN STREET

JUSTIN ELLIOTT & AARON ELY DUO 6:00 - 9:00

FOOD TRUCKS

BRING YOUR TAILGATE

NEED A COAT? HAVE A COAT?

Get a **FREE COAT** or donate a
new or gently used kids or adult coat at the

COAT DRIVE

AT *Fall Fest*

September 13, 1-4pm Nelson Park in Slater

AT THE GAZEBO

Slater Garden and Study Club

CLUB GOALS:

COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION—Gorgeous Main Street Pots



LEARNING/FUN ACTIVITIES—Summer Garden Club Tour to Jester Hill

Farm...”And a good time was had by all.”—DJ



FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT GOALS

Tentative Fall 2025 Schedule

Italy Garden Program-Heritage Hall, 7 p.m.	Oct. 2
Get Ready for Main St. Pots	Nov. 6
Holiday Wreath Making/Potluck	Dec. 5
Winter Arrangement Sale	TBD



ICE CREAM SMORGASBORD

\$8.00/adults – 2 for \$15.00

(Homemade Ice Cream, Toppings, and Goodies)

SUNDAY, September 7

4:30 P.M. Ice Cream

5:00 P.M.

ANNUAL AUCTION

The 3-legged stool; baked goods; homemade pickles; garden produce; handmade articles

Visit Sheldahl United Methodist Church on facebook



And MUCH MORE

Joe Bair, Auctioneer



Bring your lawn chairs and join us



*SHELD AHL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
6th & Hubbell
SHELD AHL, IOWA*



Slater United Methodist Church's

All-Community **Fall Fest**

September 13, 2025

Nelson Park, Slater, 1 - 4 pm

Free Activities, Prizes & Food

Free Fun Activities include:

Inflatable (All ages), *NEW* Kids Games, Fall-Themed Painting Activity, White Elephant Bingo, Guessing Jars, Temporary Tattoos, and more!

Free Food:

Hot Dogs, Candy, Popcorn and Lemonade



***Bring the whole family!
Join Us and Let's Celebrate
Fall Together! All are Welcome!***

COAT DRIVE:

Have a coat? Bring a new or a clean, gently-used coat to donate to our Coat Drive! Adult coats or kids coats are accepted.

Need a coat? Come pick one out, **free!**

**THIS EVENT IS ALSO
SPONSORED BY**

SCOUTING AMERICA'S BALLARD TROOP 163





Fall 2025



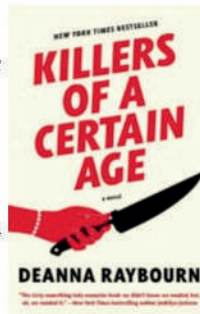
105 N Tama 515-228-3558 www.slaterlibrary.org
Hours: M-TH 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Fri. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m.-noon

Book Club

The selection for September is *Killers of a Certain Age* by Deanna Raybourn. Discussion will be on Thursday, September 18 at 10 AM.

Overview: Billie, Mary Alice, Helen, and Natalie have worked for the Museum, an elite network of assassins, for forty years. Now their talents are considered old-school and no one appreciates what they have to offer in an age that relies more on technology than people skills.

When the foursome is sent on an all-expenses paid vacation to mark their retirement, they are targeted by one of their own. Only the Board, the top-level members of the Museum, can order the termination of field agents, and the women realize they've been marked for death. They're about to teach the Board what it really means to be a woman—and a killer—of a certain age.



We will be going on our annual book club trip on Thursday, October 16 to Clear Lake. We will be visiting the Surf Ballroom and other area attractions and enjoy a lunch together. If you are interested in joining us, stop by the library and let us know. The reading selection is *Stars Over Clear Lake* by Loretta Ellsworth.

Overview: For the first time in decades, Lorraine Kindred has returned to the ballroom where she was swept away by the big bands during the 1940s - and by a star-crossed romance. A moving story of forbidden love, lost love, everlasting love, and self love. Inspired by the Surf Ballroom and set between the 1940s and present day.

The Reader Newsletter

Join our email list to receive news on upcoming events and other happenings at SPL! It's easy to sign up. You can scan the QR code with your phone and enter your email address OR you can visit our website and sign up there. You will receive a confirmation email acknowledging your sign up.

Watch your email for the latest library news!



Programs

Slater Tots - Wednesdays, 10 AM
Early-Out Program - Wednesdays, 1:30-3:00 PM
Yoga - Tuesdays and Fridays, 9:00-9:45 AM
Coffee - Fridays, 10 AM
Book Club - Thurs., Sept. 18, 10 AM
Book Club Trip - Thursday, October 16
Ballard Superintendent Forum - Tues., Sept. 23, 10 AM
Meet n' Eat - Friday, Sept. 5 & Oct. 3, 11:30 AM
Evening Programs - see below

Meet-n-Eat

Our new season of Meet-n-Eat starts off on Friday, September 5. A free-will lunch and dessert will be served from 11:30 AM- 12:30 PM.



Historian, Dave Baker, will be here from the 29th State for a special historical presentation on the Lincoln Highway.

The October Meet-n-Eat will be held on Friday, October 3 with guest speaker, Dr. Jenel Virden. She will be speaking on US Army Chaplin's in World War II. Exploring how chaplains navigated the moral landscape of war including: sending men out to kill, servicemen's consumption of alcohol and wartime preoccupation with various types of entertainment.

Evening Programs

BYO-Art Adventures

Bring your art project from home to the library to work on it among friends on Wednesday, September 10 & 24 from 5-7 PM.



Roald Dahl Day

Roald Dahl's contribution to children's literature cannot be denied so we thought it appropriate to celebrate his birthday in style! Join us on Saturday, September 13 from 10 AM - noon for some special crafts.



Train Party



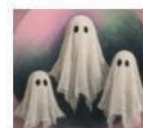
Calling all railfans and train table enthusiasts! Things have gone off the rails at the library - join us for train crafts and games on Monday, September 29 from 4:30-6:30 PM.

Neon Paint Party

Monday, October 6 from 4:30-6:30 PM
We're turning the library into a black light studio and inviting you to make some glowing works of art. All ages welcome!



Ghost Portrait Night



Create a spooky ghost portrait out of cheese cloth to haunt your home this Halloween season. Stop by Monday or Wednesday, October 20 & 22, 4:30-6:30 PM.



VISIT THE HOBO JUNGLE

1/2 MILE SOUTH OF HWY 210
ON THE HIGH TRESTLE TRAIL



See the hobo and the Chicago and Northwestern boxcar. Read about Slater's Hobo Jungle, where the hobos riding the rails camped and waited for the next train.



A Good Place to Catch a Train...A Good Place for a Handout...A Good Road to Follow
Slater Area Historical Association slaterhistory.org

AND JOIN US FOR THE HOBO HOP OUT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 11-1 pm

(Rain date Sunday, September 21)

**Celebrate the installation of the new
HOBO JUNGLE HISTORICAL SITE**

- **PARK** in the tennis court lot or the baseball lot.
- **MEET** us at the Shelter in Grimm Park.
- **RIDE** our tram out to view the hobo and his boxcar.
(Private golf carts not permitted for the event.)

SLATER HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, HERITAGE HALL MUSEUM, 318 FIRST AVENUE
Slaterhistory.org

Wood Chipping Day

Monday, Oct. 6th

**Please drop off at
Public Works Building
201 Greene St**

***No curbside pickup**



HELP NEEDED

**Have a real Christmas tree
to spare? The City of
Slater is looking for a tree
to light up Main Street! If
you have a tree you'd like
to donate, please contact
City Hall**

**@ (515) 685 - 2531
(30 foot max)**



ON SCENE WITH SLATER EMS

CALLS FOR SERVICE (JANUARY-JULY 2025)

- **105** total calls (about 15 per month)
- **89** (85%) calls were responded to
- **16** (15%) calls were missed due to volunteer unavailability
- Most frequent 911 calls:
 - Trauma (falls, motor vehicle crashes, injuries)
 - Breathing problems
 - Sick persons (weakness, nausea/vomiting)

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

- We welcomed **1 new volunteer** Paramedic/RN
- **4** of our volunteer responders are also firefighters on Slater FD or Ames FD
- We assisted Story County Emergency Management in administering **Stop the Bleed Kits** and **6 trainings** to local partners
- We provided **1 fire rehabilitation assist** to **Slater FD** (we are a separate entity from the fire department, but love to help out our firefighters when they need us!)
- A **LifeServe blood drive** will be offered September 16, 2:30-6:30 p.m. at the Slater Log Cabin

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Make sure your house number is clearly visible from the road – especially at night. Keep a medication/medical info sheet handy for first responders if someone in your household has health concerns. Talk with your loved ones about your wishes. End-of-life planning, advance directives, or DNR orders ensure that if you ever need to dial 911, we can care for you the way you want to be cared for. Be truthful with us in an emergency. Our only job is to help you safely and effectively.

WHO WE ARE

Slater EMS is a state-licensed provisional EMS agency made up of 10 dedicated volunteer responders – including Paramedics, Advanced EMTs, EMTs, and Registered Nurses. We are a non-transport service, which means we provide critical emergency medical care on scene until an ambulance arrives. Depending on which trained volunteers are available, our level of care ranges from EMT to Advanced EMT. We proudly cover Slater, Sheldahl, and rural portions of Story and Polk Counties, spanning approximately 45 sq. miles.

TRENDS AND INJURY PREVENTION

Falls remain the leading cause of 911 calls. Talk openly with your healthcare provider about fall risks and prevention, and ask your doctor or pharmacist to review your medication list. Begin an exercise program to improve strength and balance. Remove clutter and tripping hazards from your home. **Farm and Harvest Safety:** As combines and tractors hit the fields, take extra care with equipment. Keep guards/shields in place and avoid rushing when tired. **Rural Road Safety:** Tall corn and dusty gravel roads create limited visibility. Slow down at intersections and watch for other vehicles and farm equipment moving between fields.



CONNECT WITH US

Slater EMS is honored to serve this community, and we thank you for your continued support. If you ever need to contact us, you likely won't find us hanging out at our EMS shed next to Nite Hawk (it's pretty cramped!), but you can reach us by email at EMS@SlaterIowa.org or follow us on Facebook.



SLATER FIRE DEPARTMENT

**NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
ANNUAL BREAKFAST!**

**Saturday, October 11
6:30 am - 10:30 am**



Slater Fire Department

@Slater-FireDepartment



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FREE WILL DONATION

**PANCAKES • BISCUITS AND GRAVY
HASHBROWNS • BACON & SAUSAGE
SCRAMBLED EGGS • COFFEE • JUICE**

City of Slater

Beggar's Night
Friday, Oct. 31st
6 pm - 8 pm



Ballard West's
Costume Parade on Main
Thursday, Oct 30th
1:30 PM

Fall back 1 hour
Nov 2nd



Happy Halloween!

Don't let the trick ruin the
treats-be responsible this
Halloween!

Slater American Legion Post 260

2025 Fall Fundraiser and Chili Feed

Freewill Donation

**Sunday, October 19
from 11am to 2pm**

**Nite Hawk Bar and Grill
105 Green St, Slater**

**Drawings for raffle items including
a rifle and handgun will be held starting at 1pm
regular raffle items 1 ticket \$1 or 6 tickets \$5
drawing for rifle or handgun \$10 each**

Need not be present to win!

Next Regular City Council Meetings



Sept 8th Oct 13th Nov 10th
6:00 PM

Christmas on Main Sunday, Dec. 7th



**Tuesday,
November 4th**
Slater Log Cabin



Nov. 1st - Apr. 1st
SNOW
ORDINANCE IN
EFFECT



Election Day



Tuesday, November 4, 2025

**HOMEMADE
CHICKEN & NOODLE DINNER
&
BAKE SALE**

11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Slater Methodist Church
401 Story, Slater Iowa**

Adults \$10.00

Children 10 & Under \$5.00

Cash or Check Only Please





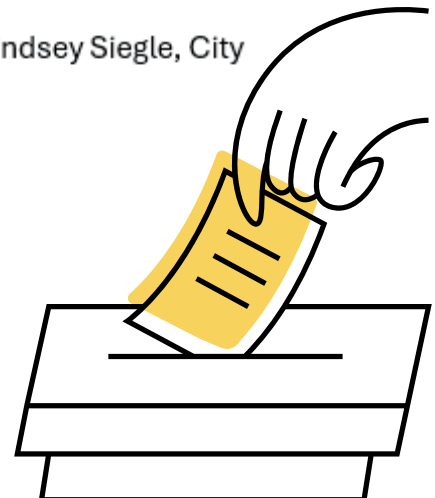
City Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 – Two Ballot Measures

1st Measure – Vacancies on City Council and the Mayor

Three City Council members and the Mayor's terms expire December of this year. Candidates interested in running for one of these vacancies shall follow the following process.

1. Each candidate must file nomination papers with the county auditor or the city clerk.
 - a. Nomination papers must be filed with the county auditor during the filing period. They cannot be filed before or after the filing period.
 - b. The filing period is:
 - i. First day: Monday, August 25, 2025
 - ii. Last day: Thursday September 18, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.
2. Each candidate must complete and file an affidavit of candidacy. The affidavit of candidacy form is available on the Secretary of State's website:
<http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/candidates/affidavit.pdf>.
3. Candidates must collect signatures on nomination petitions and file the petitions at the same time the affidavit of candidacy is filed. The nomination petition form is available on the Secretary of State's website:
<http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/pdf/candidates/nompetnnonpartisan.pdf>.
 - For cities with a population of 2,499 or less: at least 10 signatures

Questions about the candidacy and filing process may be directed to Lindsey Siegle, City Clerk at (515) 685-2531.



2nd Measure – Changing Use of Local Option Sales and Service Tax

Voters will be asked about whether to support a change in how the one percent (1%) Local Option Sales and Services Tax is spent in the City of Slater, effective July 1, 2026.

Proposed Uses of the Tax:

10% for property tax relief

90% for any lawful purpose including but not limited to city hall facilities, community center facilities, library facilities, other capital projects, retirement of debt incurred for any such purposes, and any other lawful purpose.

Current Use of the Tax: (Ballot Measure Passed 1987)

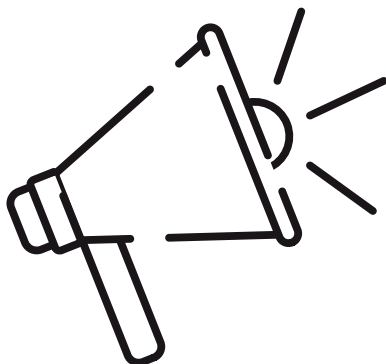
100% for property tax relief

Support of the 2nd measure will provide the City Council with options in using an established revenue source, outside of property taxes to pay towards the costs for public buildings and/or capital projects, paying debt incurred for public projects, and/or other lawful purposes.

Property tax dollars are another common revenue source for cities in Iowa that are certified annually to the County Auditor and the Iowa Department of Management through the budgeting process. Property tax dollars, however, are most generally applied to costs associated with general City operations.

Additional information regarding the 2nd ballot measure will follow.

Questions about the 2nd measure may be directed to Jerry Moore, City Administrator at 515-685-2531.



City Hall News

Thank you for your support Slater!
We're thrilled to announce an exciting new chapter for this community- meet the new additions to the team on the next page!

Billing Notice:

Utility bills are due on the 22nd of every month. Any ACH payments will be coming out on the 15th of each month. Bills past due will have a late fee of \$15.00 added to their bill.

We are Upgrading!

The City of Slater is always working on how we can improve on how we connect with you. Our website is currently being constantly updated regularly with new features, resources, and tools to make accessing city information easier than ever before! Keep checking back for fresh updates to serve you better!



Meet the New City Hall Team!

City Admin - Jerry Moore

Moore, a seasoned public servant with a Master of Public Administration from Drake University and a B.S. in Community and Regional Planning from Iowa State University, has served in key leadership roles across Iowa and Texas. Most recently, he led transformative initiatives in Prairie City, including multimillion-dollar infrastructure projects, strategic planning, and community engagement.

“We are excited to welcome Jerry to Slater,” said Taylor Christensen. “His proven track record in city administration and passion for building vibrant communities make him the perfect fit for our city’s future.”

Moore will oversee city operations, guide strategic planning, and work closely with city staff, elected officials, and residents to continue Slater’s growth and success.



City Clerk- Lindsey Siegle

Lindsey’s impressive career includes leadership positions in the cities of Morning Sun and Mediapolis, where she was instrumental in managing city operations, financial reporting, and community engagement. Her hands-on experience with municipal budgeting, project coordination, and public service makes her a perfect fit for Slater’s growing needs.

“We are thrilled to welcome Lindsey to the team,” said city officials. “Her passion for public service and her proven track record in city management will be a tremendous asset to our community.”

Lindsey holds a Bachelor’s degree in Public Administration with a focus on Human Resources from the University of Northern Iowa. She is also certified as a Clerk and Finance Officer and has served as Treasurer for her local Clerk Association.



Deputy City Clerk/Utility Clerk- Nastya Radionova

Nastya brings a dynamic blend of professionalism, customer service excellence, and operational expertise to the team.

With a strong background in banking and hospitality, Nastya has consistently demonstrated her ability to manage complex systems, deliver top-tier service, and streamline operations. Her entrepreneurial spirit, showcased through her successful crochet business, reflects her initiative and attention to detail—highlights that will serve Slater residents well.

“We’re thrilled to have Nastya on board,” said city officials. “Her energy, experience, and commitment to community make her a perfect fit for this role.”



**Below is the new contact list
for City Hall!**

**Please disregard any old
email addresses and use the
ones below for any future
communications.**

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Nastya Radionova

Deputy City Clerk/Utility Clerk

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