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# Kayleigh Marshall Wins Wright County 4-H Fall Photo Contest

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

Wright County 4-H has announced the winner of their 2024 Fall Photo Contest. Kayleigh Marshall's striking photograph of a grasshopper perched on a bean plant, taken during a photography workshop outside the Wright County Extension Office, captured this year's theme, "Fall in Wright County."

The announcement was shared on the Wright County 4-H Facebook page,

congratulating Kayleigh on her achievement. As the winner, Kayleigh received \$50 in cash, a certificate, and the honor of having her photo displayed prominently at the Wright County Extension Office for visitors to admire.

This annual contest, open to Wright County 4-H members and Clover Kids, invited participants to showcase their photography skills by submitting photos taken between Sept. 1 and Dec. 1. Submissions

had to highlight the beauty of fall in Wright County.

Front Paige Photography sponsored the event, providing the cash prize and supporting young photographers in the community. Entries were judged by a guest judge, with all photos featured on Wright County 4-H's social media.

For more information about upcoming events and programs, visit Wright County 4-H's website or follow their Facebook page.



LEFT: Marshall's winning photo. (Photo by Kayleigh Marshall, courtesy of the Wright County ISU Extension) RIGHT: Kayleigh Marshall shows off her certificate naming her the winner of the Wright County 4H annual Photo Contest, for 2024. (Screenshot, Wright County 4-H/Facebook)

# The Eagle Grove Eagle and Wright County Monitor Launch New Websites

Game-changing new sites, designed in Eagle Grove, will soon roll out to over a dozen more Iowa newspapers.

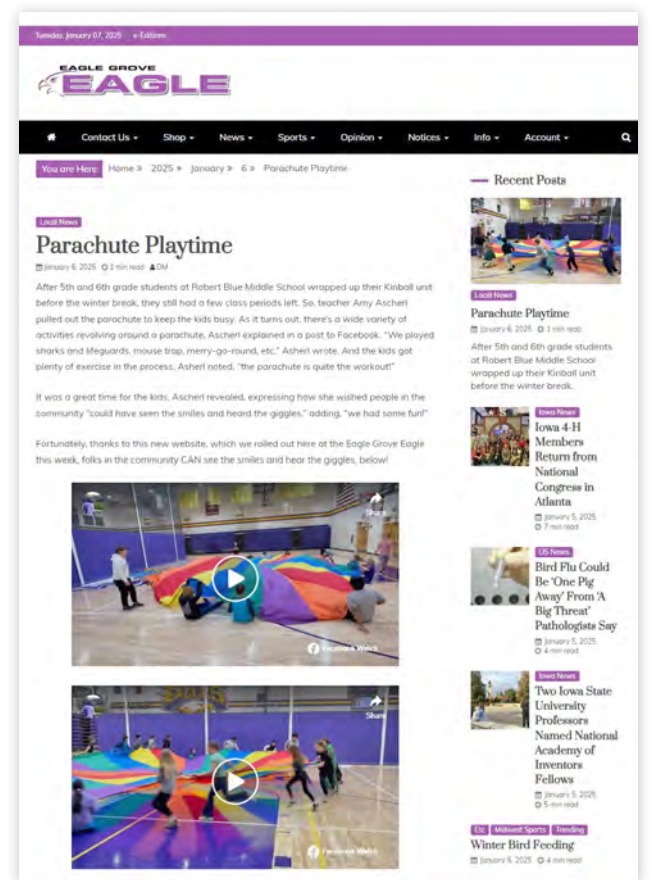
By Edward Lynn  
Editor

Over ten thousand local newspapers have been shut down permanently in the United States over the past 20 years, creating a nationwide network of what have come to be known as "news deserts." A news desert is a community "where residents have limited access to the sort of credible and comprehensive news and information that feeds democracy at the grassroots level," according to the Center for Innovation and Sustainability in Local Media at the Hussman School of Journalism and Media at the University of North Carolina, a focal point of research on the subject.

Local newspapers are, by their very nature, more credible to many people than national news outlets. Readers often trust local reporters more than distant writers working from corporate offices because those reporters live in and are seen within their communities, covering events that directly impact the townspeople's daily lives. However, local news outlets often lack the capacity to cover state or national stories comprehensively, which has only worsened with the decline in local newspaper advertising and subscription revenue.

In their heyday, local newspapers were at the heart of their communities, supported by robust advertising from local businesses and events, and subscribed to by nearly everyone in the area. This financial backing allowed papers to hire dedicated teams of reporters, editors, and printing press staff, creating newspapers that were both credible and comprehensive. These publications not only covered local issues in depth but also included locally written coverage of statewide and national news, and wire stories from organizations like the Associated Press, offering readers reliable coverage of national and international events.

Today, the picture is quite different. Starved of advertising revenue by competition from the same social media companies that have divided America by enabling the spread of misinformation, thousands and thousands of local news sources have been driven out of business, causing the aforementioned news desert crisis which the



An article on the new Eagle Grove Eagle site with embedded videos from the middle school Facebook group. (Screenshot, midamerica.news/eagle-grove-eagle)

USA now faces.

Those local newspapers which have survived typically operate with reduced staff, share printing facilities, and struggle to afford services like wire coverage. And the digital transition has been uneven, with outdated websites and limited functionality making it difficult for local papers to keep up with modern reader expectations.

But, in the face of such steep challenges, Mid-America Publishing is now taking a significant leap forward with the launch of new, modern websites, with the *Eagle Grove Eagle* and the *Wright County Monitor* leading the way. These sites were designed in the Eagle Grove office of the two papers over the past year, specifically to address many of the challenges faced by local news outlets, and to enhance the reader experience while expanding news coverage.

The previous websites of the two Wright County based sister publications were intended solely for local news, and hampered by outdated layouts, limited multimedia capabilities, and cumbersome workflows that slowed updates. Including multiple images, videos, or audio with stories was difficult, and the sites were often

hard to navigate on mobile devices. These shortcomings led to sparse updates and a diminished capacity to serve readers effectively.

The new websites, however, are a game changer. While still emphasizing local news, they will serve as a 'one-stop shop' for both local news and comprehensive statewide and national news coverage.

The new platforms easily accommodate multiple images (dynamically arranged throughout an article, or into galleries) and rich media like video and audio embeds. And they feature a clean, modern design optimized for all screen sizes, from smartphones to tablets, computer monitors, and TVs, ensuring easy access for readers wherever they are. And, for the staff of the papers, the new sites are easier to use and built around a digital-first workflow that eliminates redundant tasks, ensuring timely updates.

Critically, for the continued and sustainable survival of the local newspapers, the new websites have been designed with additional functionality in mind, which will be added over the course

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This aerial shows the Prestage Foods of Iowa plant south of Eagle Grove on Jan. 1, 2025. With no vehicles in the parking lot, workers are apparently enjoying a New Year's Day off from work. (Photo by Bruce Voigts)

# Drainage Trustees Address Miscommunication About Financial Thresholds

Amanda Rink,  
Mid America Publishing  
The Wright County  
Drainage District Trustees

met on Monday, January 6, 2025, to address a few issues, including drainage work orders, legal compliance concerns, and project communication with landowners.

Trustees welcomed newly elected Supervisors Betty Ellis, Ashley Bosch, and Lynn Loux marking their first meeting in one of their new roles as Wright County Supervisors.

**Compliance with Iowa Code**

The Trustees and Dan Hennigar of Hennigar Construction & Excavating considered compliance is-

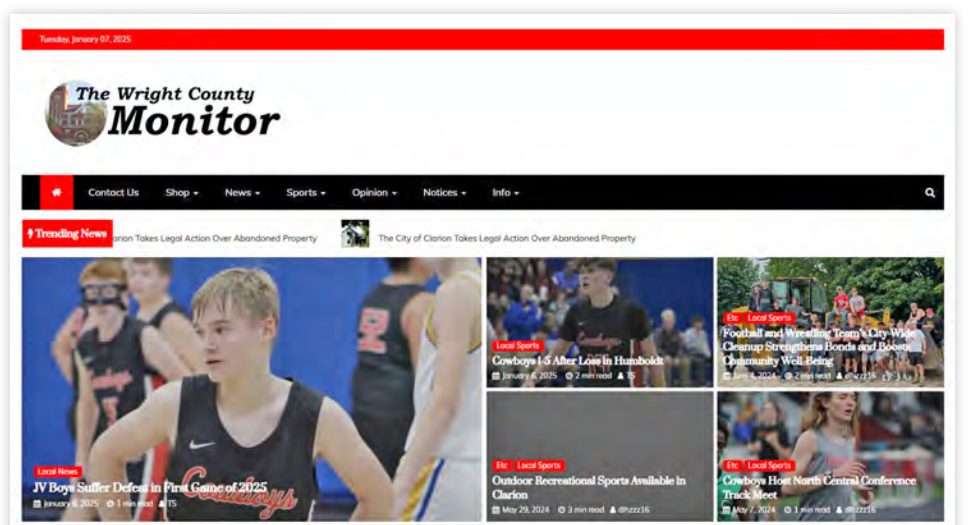
suess after learning the cost of a DD 36 Lateral C project exceeded the \$50,000 legal threshold, which mandates landowner notifications and an engineer's report. Dan, owner of Hennigar Construction & Excavating, acknowledged a miscommunication in oversight, stating the work would adhere to what an engineer would expect.

Supervisor Kluss raised concerns about potential legal implications and further emphasized the need

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\$1.50



The local news and sports coverage is highlighted at the top of the new websites. (Screenshot, midamerica.news/wright-county-monitor)

# Supervisors Review Employee Benefits, Nonprofit Funding, and County Updates

## Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing

The Wright County Board of Supervisors met Monday morning, to address an agenda covering employee health insurance plans, financial requests, and updates from the Supervisors.

County Employee Health Insurance

Ryan Berven from Assured Partners provided an update on health insurance for county employees. Em-

ployees can now access counseling services—up to six sessions—either online or locally, without tapping into their insurance or incurring out-of-pocket costs. Berven also shared that health insurance rates for the county are decreasing by 3% this year.

UDMO Annual Update

Julie Edwards, Executive Director of Upper Des Moines Opportunity (UDMO), presented the organization's annual update

and request for funding. Edwards painted a picture of impactful services that have touched nearly every corner of Wright County. UDMO supported 2,361 individuals across 1,000 households in the last year.

UDMO offers a wide variety of services like:

Assisting residents with heating, water bills, and furnace repairs, providing food through a pantry, distributing coats, mittens, and gloves for

children, helping families secure affordable housing, and offering payment for outdoor work for senior citizens not to exceed the amount of \$100 for things like snow removal or painting. The program also funds shoes, activity fees, and birthday celebrations for kids.

Edwards acknowledged a decrease in population in Wright County that seems to have affected the number of people UDMO serves. She also cited overlapping ser-

vices from other nonprofits that support community programs. Deposit the decrease, she emphasized the continued need for funding for UDMO's diverse support systems.

In other updates, the board heard:

- Supervisor Kluss is coordinating with Attorney Eric Edey of Ames for drainage district issues. - The Wright County Sheriff's Office revenue for December was reported at \$1,519.68. - Cri-

sis Intervention Services in North Central Iowa sent a letter requesting \$1,000 for their operations in Wright County.

- Fourteen secondary road updates were completed last week.

The next Wright County Board of Supervisors meeting will take place on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. You can stream this meeting and others at youtube.com/@WrightCounty-IowaOfficial8312.

## Four Area Students Named to NIACC Fall President's List

North Iowa Area Community College is pleased to announce that 1,002 individuals have been named to the 2024 Fall Term President's List and Dean's List. These students represent 95 Iowa communities, 11 states outside the state of Iowa, and 24 countries outside of the United States.

### PRESIDENT'S LIST 2024 Fall Term

*(Students who complete a minimum of six semester hours and earn a 3.5-4.0 term grade point average in an academic semester will be honored by being named to the President's List.)*

Katie Gamer, Calvin Schluttenhofer, and Kylie Sesker all of Clarion, and Nadia Kaiser of Eagle Grove.

## First Lutheran Food Pantry Changes Model for Goldfield Location

Effective January 10th, the First Lutheran Food Pantry closed its location at the Goldfield Legion to better provide equitable food access for Wright County residents. The food pantry has greatly appreciated the opportunity to serve Goldfield residents for two years from the Goldfield Legion in a partnership with the Goldfield Congregate Meals Program and sincerely thanks the wonderful volunteers and supporters. The First Lutheran Food Pantry board decided to part ways to ensure that both entities were able to focus on their respective organizational goals to increase food access in Wright County.

ty, provide consistent and equitable food pantry access to all who inquire on services, and to guarantee food pantry policies are correctly implemented in collaboration with the USDA and Food Bank of Iowa requirements.

The First Lutheran Food Pantry network remains committed to serving Goldfield residents. Long-term options for Goldfield are currently being explored by the board. To help meet immediate needs and bridge any gaps in food access for Goldfield residents, the First Lutheran Food Pantry will provide a mobile distribution to residents who are not able to travel to First

Lutheran Food Pantry locations or Eagle Grove food pantries, or are otherwise homebound due to physical limitations. The first distribution will occur on January 23rd; starting in February, the mobile distribution will take place on the second Thursday of the month. Community members must live in Goldfield and register by contacting the First Lutheran Food Pantry Director, Missy Loux, at 515-851-5740.

Residents who are able to travel may visit one of the four First Lutheran Food Pantry locations up to once a week per household. Locations include:

- Clarion**  
First Lutheran Church  
2nd & 4th Thursday of the month, 5-7pm  
420 1st NW
- Wright Community Connections (WCC)**  
Tuesday-Friday, 9am-7pm, Saturday 9am-noon  
215 N Main St, (Shelf stable pantry items)
- Rowan**  
Rowan Community Center  
Monday/Wednesday, 10am-6pm, Friday, 10am-5pm, Saturday 9am-Noon  
101 Main St
- Woolstock**  
Woolstock City Hall  
2nd & 4th Wednesday 5-7pm  
101 Mission St

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for careful consideration of Iowa Code requirements. Supervisor Rick Rasmussen admitted "partial responsibility" in the matter, citing his unfamiliarity with this recent Iowa Code update.

Threshold Limits

The Trustees expressed frustration over the Iowa Code which required an engineer's report once \$50,000 is reached for drainage work. Drainage District Administrator Courtney Morris noted that many feel the limit is outdated but increasing the limit would require state legislative action.

Landowner Meeting Scheduled

To fully address any concerns landowners might have, the Trustees and Hennigar Construction & Excavating scheduled a meeting to happen next week. Landowners were notified by mail, the cost of which was approved at \$20.01.

Supervisor Betty Ellis shared that the landowners she has heard from expressed their approval of the work done by Dan and his crew.

In other updates:  
- Two tile blowouts in Lincoln Township were reported and will cost about \$12,000 to repair. The Trustees approved moving on with repairs.

## Clarion Doctor Among Iowa-Licensed Physicians Accused of Misconduct

### By Clark Kauffman Iowa Capital Dispatch

A Michigan physician criminally charged with at least 29 counts of sex crimes has agreed to surrender his license to practice medicine in Iowa.

Dr. Zvi Levran of Farmington Hills, Michigan, who specializes in urology, has been charged by the Iowa Board of Medicine with entering into a voluntary agreement to restrict his practice of medicine in Michigan. According to the board, Levran's Michigan medical license was suspended in January 2023 and Levran at some point voluntarily surrendered his medical license in Ohio.

The Iowa board also alleges that Levran has agreed to refrain from practicing medicine in Minnesota until a number of criminal charges are resolved but that he does not admit any of the underlying allegations in those cases.

The Iowa board alleges Levran, 68, has been criminally charged with two counts of first-degree criminal sexual assault and at least 27 counts of third- and

fourth-degree criminal sexual assault.

Levran, who reportedly spent decades working with youth hockey teams in Minnesota and Michigan, was arrested in October 2022 after a 19-year-old man told authorities he was sexually assaulted during an examination in Levran's home office. A few weeks later, Levran was charged with seven additional counts of criminal sexual conduct.

At a preliminary hearing in April 2023, four former hockey players testified to unwanted sexual contact with Levran during visits in his home office. A judge subsequently ruled there was enough evidence for Levran to stand trial on 22 counts of criminal sexual conduct involving 10 former hockey players.

In September 2024, prosecutors filed additional charges against Levran, alleging he took explicit photos of a 16- or 17-year-old patient in Farmington Hills and solicited an explicit video from a 16- or 17-year-old patient. Those allegations have resulted in charges of child sexually abusive activ-

ity and possession of child sexually abusive material.

Levran has pleaded not guilty to all of the charges.

Other Iowa-licensed physicians recently sanctioned for alleged misconduct include:

- Dr. Jon Ahrendsen, a family practice physician who has worked for Iowa Specialty Clinics in Clarion. Ahrendsen was charged by the board with professional incompetence. According to the board, Ahrendsen treated a patient for chronic pain for several years and failed to properly document the patient's medical condition or need for narcotics.

The board alleges that despite the patient's history of drug abuse and requesting early refills for prescriptions, Ahrendsen failed to assess the patient for possible drug abuse or diversion of narcotics; prescribed the patient higher-than-recommended doses of unspecified "high-risk medications;" and failed to make any concerted effort to wean the patient off the drugs.

The publicly available board documents give no indication as to the patient's

outcome. The board has issued Ahrendsen a warning and restricted his ability to prescribe controlled substances. The board has also placed his license on probation and required him to enroll in a practice-monitoring program for three years.

- Dr. Scott W. Smith, who was charged by the board with professional incompetence, unprofessional conduct, and violating rules governing the practice of medicine. The board alleges that Smith, while practicing telemedicine, "experienced several compliance issues with trying to maintain a practice caring for telemedicine patients across multiple states."

The board has not disclosed what those issues were but alleges that the federal Drug Enforcement Administration suspended Smith's controlled-substance prescribing privileges at some unspecified time in the past "as a result of the investigation into his prescribing ketamine via telehealth."

The board alleges 19 other states imposed some form of disciplinary action against Smith, who has agreed to a voluntary surrender of his Iowa license.

- Dr. Donald Rae Simmons, who has agreed to surrender his Iowa license after being charged by the board with professional incompetence, unprofessional conduct and sexual misconduct while practicing in Oklahoma.

In 2023, the Oklahoma board alleged the managing physician of Simmons' former employer reported that Simmons had been engaged in a sexual relationship with a patient, which Simmons later admitted to the board. In May 2024, the Oklahoma board placed Simmons' license in that state on probation for three years.

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# Wright County 4-H Members Enjoy Ames Trip

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

Wright County 4-H members who submitted record books in 2024 were treated to a memorable trip to Ames this week, complete with

dinner, a basketball game, and plenty of Cyclone spirit! The group kicked off the evening with a meal at Hickory Park, sponsored by Eagle Grove Pharmacy. Afterward, they cheered on

the Iowa State Women's Basketball team, thanks to game tickets provided by the Wright County Endowment. Adding to the excitement, 4-H Program Coordinator

Kate Goudy provided each attendee with an ISU face tattoo and a foam finger to show their Cyclone pride. "What a fun day!" the Wright County 4-H program shared on Facebook.

Adding, "Go Cyclones!" The trip recognized the hard work of 4-H members in documenting their achievements, rewarding their dedication to the program.



## BIRTHS

### It's a girl!

Austin and Olivia Walton of Clarion are pleased to announce the birth of a baby girl.

Vera June Walton was born on Dec. 29, 2024, weighing 8 pounds, 4.9 ounces.

She joins siblings Iylah (8), Graham (6), and Ledger (4).

Her grandparents are Scott and Kristi Myers of Eldora. Her great grandparents are Adam and Kathy Walton of Clarion.

**Congregate Meal Menu:**

**Monday, Jan. 13**  
BBQ Baked Chicken, Potato Wedges, Whole Wheat Bread, Vegetable, Fruit

**Wednesday, Jan. 15**  
Taco Casserole, Mexican Rice, Black or Refried Beans, Fruit

**Friday, Jan. 17**  
Tuna Melt, Tator Tots, Vegetable, Fruit

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# Feenstra Celebrates Certification of Trump's 2nd Term

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The certification of Donald Trump as the 47th President of the United States on January 6, 2025, marked a return to the tradition of peaceful transitions of power in American democracy, following a tumultuous chapter in the nation's history. U.S. Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Hull), who represents Wright County in Congress, celebrated the certification, stating that Trump's vision for "secure borders, economic prosperity, energy dominance, and global security" had resonated with millions

of Americans. Trump's victory, endorsed by a clear majority of electoral college votes and 77 million voters just four years after 81 million voters removed him from office, was certified after Congress convened to formally count the Electoral College votes. The proceedings, which were largely uneventful, stood in sharp relief against the events of January 6, 2021, when a mob stormed the Capitol in an attempt to overturn the legitimate election of President Joe Biden. That attack coincided with a broader effort by some Republican lawmakers to reject

the certification of Biden's victory, relying on a slate of false electors to claim Donald Trump's defeat was invalid. The plot ultimately failed when then-Vice President Mike Pence refused to accept the false electors, instead fulfilling his constitutional duty to certify Biden's win. Pence's courageous decision, made under intense pressure from President Trump and his allies, upheld the integrity of the electoral process but came at great personal and political cost. The certification of Trump's legitimate win this week has been hailed by

many as a sign of the resilience of the democratic process. Despite partisan tensions, lawmakers from both parties participated in the formalities without incident, reaffirming the nation's commitment to the orderly transfer of power. "Today, President Trump's victory was officially certified so that we can immediately get to work advancing our America First agenda," Feenstra said in a statement. "With Republican control of Congress and President Trump in the White House, we will secure our border, cut wasteful spending, reauthorize the Trump Tax Cuts,

stand up to China, and support our hardworking farmers and producers." The certification highlights the importance of upholding democratic norms and reflects a broad desire in Congress to move past the divisive legacy of the 2021 insurrection. As President Trump prepares to begin his second term following Biden's single term, the nation cautiously looks ahead with tempered optimism, with many hopeful that a return to institutional stability will foster greater unity and progress, while others hope for the upheaval Trump promised his voters.

# Iowa Forage and Grassland Council Conference Set for Feb. 3

By Erika Lundy-Woolfolk,  
Sherry Hoyer

AMES, Iowa — The 2025 Iowa Forage and Grassland Council annual conference is set for Feb. 3 in Ames. The event will be held at Reiman Gardens, 1407 University Blvd., just to the southwest of Jack Trice Stadium.

After a number of years of drought conditions across the state, this year's conference is focused on improving forage productivity and exploring alternative options that best meet your production goals.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with a welcome and introductions at 10 a.m. Two presentations are on tap for the morning session, and lunch will be followed at 12:45 p.m. by the IFGC annual meeting. The two after-

noon sessions run from 1:15 to 3 p.m. Conference topics and speakers are:  
• The Right Alfalfa for Your Farm, Scott Newell, alfalfa outreach specialist, University of Wisconsin  
• Iowa Forage Research Update, Shelby Gruss, forage extension specialist, Iowa State University  
• Market Outlook for Forage and Beef Cattle, Christopher Pudenz, economics and research manager, Iowa Farm Bureau  
• Important Considerations for Forage Weed Management Decisions, Wesley Everman, extension weed specialist, Iowa State University  
This year, a tradeshow will be incorporated in the annual conference to encourage

building relationships and brand awareness between producers and forage industry stakeholders across the state. Current IFGC industry memberships will have the option of having a booth free of charge. If you're interested in having a booth at the annual conference, contact Erika Lundy-Woolfolk, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and Iowa Beef Center beef specialist, at elundy@iastate.edu. The conference is open to the public for \$45. IFGC members pay \$30 and those who have not yet paid dues can do that during the online registration process. Preregistration is encouraged to allow for adequate meal count. See the agenda, registration form and map to Reiman Gardens on the IFGC conference website (<https://agribiz.swoogo.com/2025ifgc/7374313>).

The Iowa Forage and Grassland Council is led by a board of directors composed of agricultural producers, industry stakeholders and educators to advance forage production in the state. IFGC hosts or supports a variety of forage-focused meetings throughout the year, including its annual meeting generally held in February. Regardless of membership, all who have a vested interest in Iowa's forage production are invited to attend. To learn more about the Iowa Forage and Grassland Council including how to join the organization, visit [iowaforage.org](http://iowaforage.org).

## Eagle Grove Community School District -MENU-

- Monday, Jan. 13**  
BREAKFAST: Omelet, Toast, Fruit, Juice  
LUNCH: Pizza Crunchers, Corn, Salad, Peaches
- Tuesday, Jan. 14**  
BREAKFAST: Pancake/Sausage on a stick, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice  
LUNCH: Pork Carnitas, Calico Beans, Coleslaw, Pineapple
- Wednesday, Jan. 15**  
No School
- Thursday, Jan. 16**  
BREAKFAST: Waffles, Smokies, Fruit, Juice  
LUNCH: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Caesar Salad, Pears, Breadstick
- Friday, Jan. 17**  
BREAKFAST: Cereal, Shortbread, Fruit, Juice  
LUNCH: Pretzel Dog, Potato Wedges, Buttered Carrots, Apple

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# Trump's Election as President Certified by Congress, Four Years After Capitol Attack

By Ashley Murray and Jennifer Shutt

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Lawmakers certified President-elect Donald Trump's win Monday in a smooth process that four years ago was disrupted by a violent mob of Trump supporters bent on stopping Congress from formally declaring President Joe Biden's 2020 victory.

Vice President Kamala Harris — the 2024 Democratic presidential nominee defeated by Trump — presided over the afternoon joint session. Senators and representatives counted and certified the 312 Electoral College votes for Trump that secured his second term in office, this time accompanied by Sen. J.D. Vance of Ohio as his vice president.

"Today was obviously a very important day. It was about what should be the norm and what the American people should be able to take for granted, which is that one of the most important pillars of our democracy is that there will be a peaceful transfer of power," Harris, who won 226 Electoral College votes, told reporters after lawmakers concluded the ceremony.

The process wrapped up in just under 40 minutes with no objections — a stark contrast to four years ago, when Republicans objected to Arizona and Pennsylvania results, and Trump supporters breached the Capitol, sending lawmakers into hiding for several hours.

Former Vice President Mike Pence said Monday in a statement published on X that he welcomed "the return of order and civility to these historic proceedings."

"The peaceful transfer of power is the hallmark of our democracy and today, members of both parties in the House and Senate along with the vice president certified the election of our new president and vice president without controversy or objection," wrote Pence, who in 2021 resisted intense pressure from Trump to stop Congress from certifying the results.

On that day, the rioters chanted "Hang Mike Pence"

and erected a makeshift gallows on the west side of the Capitol.

### Inside the House chamber

Harris entered the chamber just before 1 p.m. Eastern on Monday, with senators following in line behind her.

Lawmakers read aloud the Electoral College vote totals for each state. Harris stood at the dais as results were reported, including the states she and running mate Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz won.

Of the 538 Electoral College votes, at least 270 are needed to win.

Lawmakers on each side of the chamber applauded, and some even stood, when vote totals were announced for their party's candidate.

Vance, sitting beside GOP Sen. Bill Cassidy of Louisiana, applauded during the reading of votes.

Ahead of Monday's certification, Democratic Reps. Bennie Thompson of Mississippi and Jamie Raskin of Maryland sat together chatting near the back of the chamber for several minutes.

Thompson chaired the House committee that investigated the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol. Raskin, who was a member of the committee, has spoken out as recently as last week against Trump's promise to pardon the defendants charged in the attack.

### Pardon advocates gather nearby

Blocks away, at a Capitol Hill hotel, a series of speakers called for full pardons for people convicted of participating in the riot.

The group, a collection of far-right social media figures, framed the 2021 riot as a peaceful protest — even as they openly advocated for the pardons of people who committed violence.

"I believe there should be pardons for every single Joe, including the very most violent ones," said Cara Castonuova, boxer, advocate and reporter for the pro-Trump news site Gateway Pundit.

Security fencing surrounded the Capitol, where an increased police presence monitored the grounds and inside the building.

The U.S. Secret Service

led security planning for the day, which was elevated to a "National Special Security Event," — the first time a count of the Electoral College votes received the designation.

However, pedestrian and vehicle traffic outside the Capitol remained light after roughly 6 inches of snow fell overnight and into the morning.

Staff crossing paths with U.S. Capitol police officers in the hallways and House basement cafe remarked on the attack four years ago and wished the officers a quiet day.

### Fake electors, pressure on Pence

In the 64 days between 2020's presidential election and Congress' certification of Biden's win, Trump and his supporters led a campaign to overturn the results.

Trump and his private attorneys schemed to develop slates of fake electors in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Trump also launched a heavy pressure campaign on Pence to thwart Congress' certification of Biden's victory and rallied his supporters to march to the Capitol as he led a "Stop the Steal" rally just hours before lawmakers convened on Jan. 6, 2021.

By day's end, rioters had assaulted over 140 police officers and caused approximately \$2.8 million in damage to the Capitol.

The U.S. Justice Department launched its largest-ever investigation following the attack and, as of December, had charged 1,572 defendants.

Over a third of the defendants were charged with assaulting, resisting or impeding law enforcement, and 171 were charged with using a deadly weapon.

### Police were 'punched, tackled, tased and attacked'

Attorney General Merrick Garland issued a statement Monday marking the Justice Department's years-long investigation "to hold accountable those criminally responsible for the January 6 attack on our democracy."

"On this day, four years

ago, police officers were brutally assaulted while bravely defending the United States Capitol. They were punched, tackled, tased, and attacked with chemical agents that burned their eyes and skin. Today, I am thinking of the officers who still bear the scars of that day as well as the loved ones of the five officers who lost their lives in the line of duty as a result of what happened to them on January 6, 2021."

Democratic lawmakers and House Chaplain Margaret Grun Kibben marked the anniversary Monday by holding a moment of prayer on the first floor of the Capitol, where rioters first breached the building four years ago.

"What was intended to be a historical parliamentary procedure turned quickly into turmoil and frustration and anger and fear," Kibben said. "We pray now that on this day, four years later, that You would enter into the space in a much different way; in a way that allows for peace and for conversation and for reconciliation."

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said afterward that pardoning the people who attacked the Capitol four years ago would "set a terrible example for the future in America and for the world that it was okay, it was forgivable to do this."

House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries said the events of Jan. 6, 2021 "will forever live in infamy."

"A violent mob attacked the Capitol as part of a concerted effort to halt the peaceful transfer of power in the United States of America for the first time in our history," Jeffries said. "Thanks to the bravery, courage and sacrifice of heroic police officers and the law enforcement community, the effort to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election was unsuccessful."

### Republicans saw 'peaceful grandmothers'

House Speaker Mike Johnson released a statement Monday celebrating the vote certification and Trump's win as the "greatest political comeback in American history." He did not mention

the 2021 attack and his office did not respond to requests for comment about it from States Newsroom.

The Louisiana, whose narrow election as speaker on Friday was boosted by a Trump endorsement, was among the Republicans who refused to certify Arizona's and Pennsylvania's slates of electors even after the violent mob stormed the Capitol.

GOP Rep. Mike Collins of Georgia posted on X on Monday that Jan. 6, 2021, amounted to "thousands of peaceful grandmothers gathered in Washington, D.C., to take a self-guided, albeit unauthorized, tour of the U.S. Capitol building."

"Earlier that day, President Trump held a rally, where supporters walked to the Capitol to peacefully protest the certification of the 2020 election. During this time, some individuals entered the Capitol, took photos, and explored the building before leaving," Collins wrote. "Since then, hundreds of peaceful protestors have been hunted down, arrested, held in solitary confinement, and treated unjustly."

On whether Trump should pardon those defendants charged in the Jan. 6 riot, GOP South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham told reporters Monday he believed those who were charged with assaulting law enforcement should be "put in a different category." But ultimately, Graham said, that decision is up to Trump.

Louisiana's Cassidy said he couldn't comment on Trump likely pardoning people convicted of crimes based on their actions on Jan. 6, 2021.

"I mean, it's a statement without detail, and so it's hard for me to give thoughts," Cassidy said, adding he needs to know which people Trump plans to pardon and on what basis. "And so until you see that, it's hard to have a thought."

West Virginia Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, a Republican, said she suspected it wasn't easy for Harris to oversee the certification of her defeat, but said she was glad this year included a peaceful

transition of power.

"Well, I thought it was very orderly," Capito said. "I thought it was very well handled by the vice president as the president of the Senate — it couldn't have been easy for her. And I think that the peaceful transfer of power is something that makes us all proud to be Americans."

### Changes after the violent attack

Congress is required by law to convene at 1 p.m. Eastern on the sixth day of January following a presidential election year to certify each state's slate of electors. The vice president, serving in the role of president of the Senate, presides over the process.

Lawmakers amended the law to clarify the vice president's role after Trump's actions toward Pence.

Monday's certification marked the first time lawmakers used the new law, known as the Electoral Count Act.

The bill, signed into law in 2022, updated an 1887 election law that made it unclear what the vice president's role was in certifying election results.

The new law, spearheaded by Sen. Susan Collins, Republican of Maine, and former Sen. Joe Manchin III, a West Virginia independent, raises the threshold for objections to a state's electoral votes and clarifies the vice president's role as purely ceremonial in certifying electoral results.

Previously, only one U.S. House representative and one U.S. senator needed to make an objection to an elector or slate of electors, but under the new law, one-fifth of the members from each chamber need to lodge an objection.

Minnesota Democratic Sen. Amy Klobuchar, the outgoing chair of the Senate Rules Committee who helped pass the Electoral Count Act out of committee, said in a statement that "no matter your party, we must uphold the right of all Americans to make their voices heard in our free and fair elections."

Jacob Fischler contributed to this report.

## WEBSITES from page 1A

of this year. Enabling the papers to offer more competitive features, and open up new revenue sources. Among these new features will be event ticketing and merchandise sales features aimed at creating opportunities for local organizations and businesses, enhanced subscription options, expanded advertising options, and much more.

Over the coming months, all 19 newspapers published by Mid-America will transition to this new platform. This move will unify the staff across all offices, creating a collaborative network using a shared publishing

platform that offers leading edge technology. Enabling the company's full staff to work as a sizable single team, harnessing the collective power of the organization.

Combined with streamlined workflows and the elimination of duplicated efforts, this new structure will allow Mid-America's papers to expand their coverage significantly. First of all, this will allow the company's collective staff of reporters to use their freed up time to follow the example of the newspaper reporters of yore and take on some national news writing, while

still devoting the same time to covering their local communities. And it will also allow the full team, including other office staff, to collaboratively curate a wider selection of content from partner publications.

With that in mind, the Eagle Grove office has spearheaded an additional effort to cultivate new partners and sources of content. As a result, we will now be able to offer readers far better coverage of statewide and national news by integrating content from a wide array of partners.

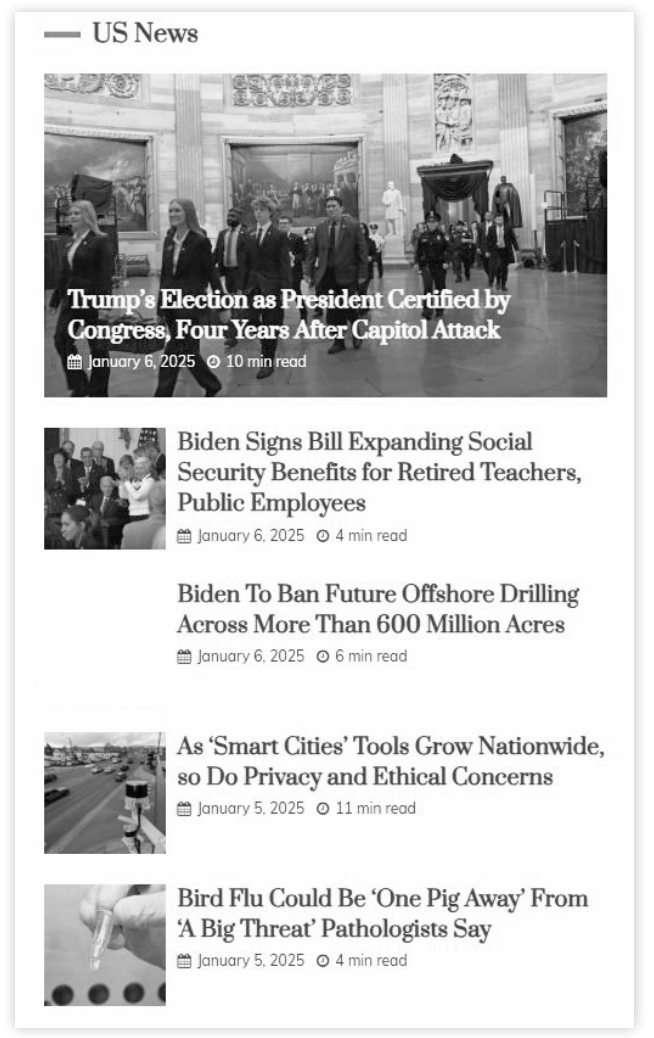
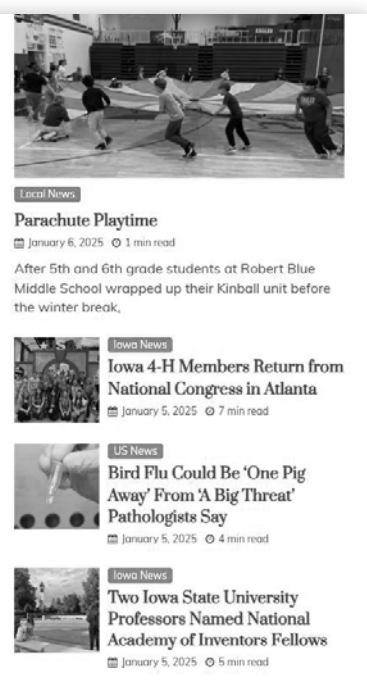
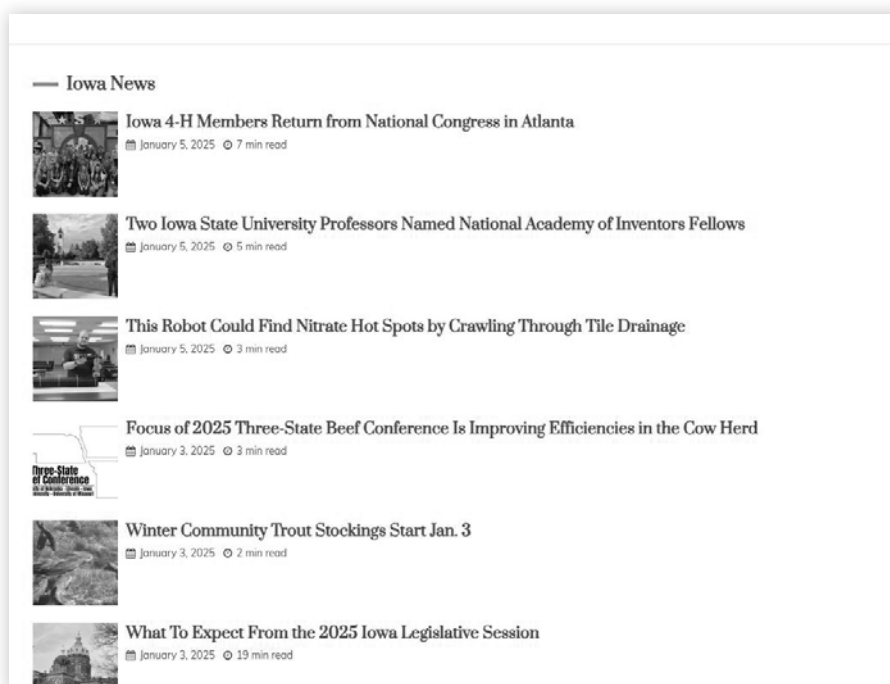
This will include such Iowa-based partners as the

Iowa Capital Dispatch and academic institutions like Iowa State University, the University of North Iowa, Iowa Central Community College, North Iowa Community College and others. And it will include such national partners as States News (which operates local newsrooms based in all 50 states) and such major publications as ProPublica, Inside Climate News, and Kaiser Health News. This expanded network provides readers with access to high-quality journalism from across the country, alongside the local stories they value most.

With these improvements, Mid-America Publishing is acting on its commitment to preserving and strengthening local journalism in the digital age. Ensuring that even in the era of news deserts, communities across northern Iowa have access

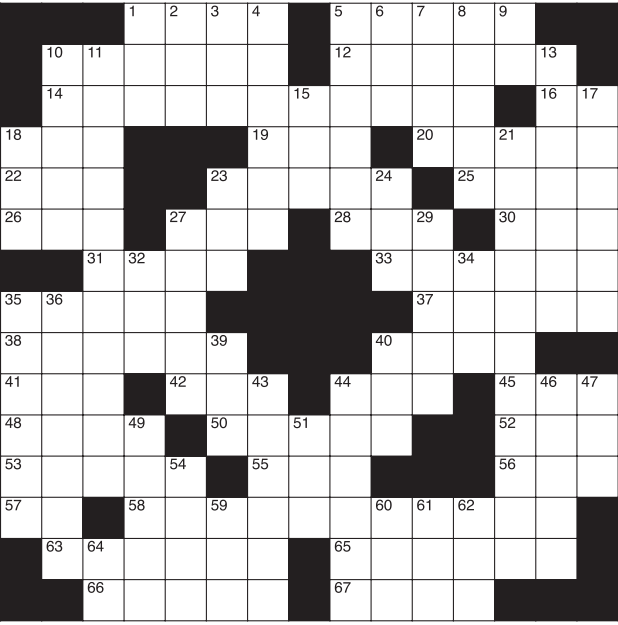
to the credible, comprehensive news that is essential for democracy, delivered both in print, and through modern, user-friendly digital platforms.

As the old publishing industry saying goes, "watch this space."



A view of the Iowa News section of the new Eagle Grove Eagle website. (Screenshot, midamerica.news/eagle-grove-eagle)

The national news widget on the front page of the new Eagle Grove Eagle website. (Screenshot, midamerica.news/eagle-grove-eagle)



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Hand (Spanish)
5. Siskel and \_\_, critics
10. Seaman
12. Chemical weapon
14. One who eliminates
16. They precede C
18. Baseball stat
19. Americans' "uncle"
20. Cassia tree
22. Surround
23. Crisp and Pebbles are two
25. A sudden very loud sound
26. Affirmative
27. Disadvantage
28. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
30. OJ trial judge
31. New York art district
33. Become more bleak
35. Upstate NY city
37. Clarified butters
38. One who witnesses
40. Condemn
41. \_\_ juris
42. Natural
44. Prohibit
45. Swiss river
48. Greek war god
50. 5 iron
52. New Zealand mountain parrot
53. Scandinavian surname
55. Follows sigma
56. Doctor of Education
57. Spanish be
58. One that feeds on bugs
63. Tooth issue
65. Get into
66. Lumps of clay
67. Overly studious student

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Variety of Chinese
2. Boxing's GOAT
3. Japanese classical theater
4. Prayer
5. Inspire with love
6. Ballplayers' accessory
7. Retailer payment system
8. More raw
9. Atomic #81
10. Fencing sword
11. Hostilities
13. Sea dweller
15. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
17. Businessmen
18. Rest here please (abbr.)
21. Loud devious
23. Make a soft murmuring sound
24. One point west of due south
27. Trout
29. Type of grass
32. South American plant
34. Letter of the Greek alphabet
35. Not secure
36. Traveler
39. Sweet potato
40. Period after sunrise and before sunset
43. Some are choppy
44. Asian country
46. Genus of mosquitoes
47. Cool!
49. Shriill, wailing sound
51. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
54. Within
59. Unhappy
60. Decorate a cake with frosting
61. Videocassette recorder
62. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
64. It cools a home

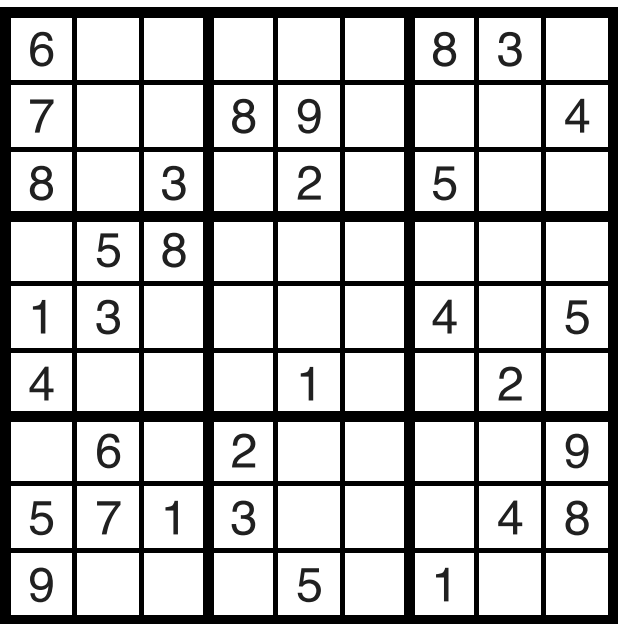
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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

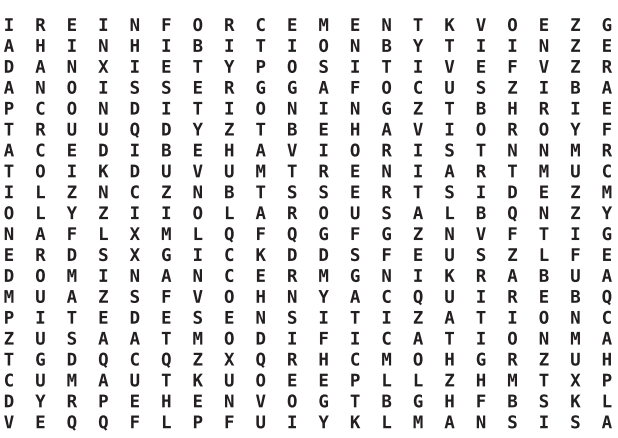
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



Level: Beginner

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DOG TRAINING WORD SEARCH



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Bring Back Normalization With Cuba

President Trump's decision to roll back our opening with Cuba was disastrous. As he takes office again, he should reconsider.

By Lissa Weinmann

Ten years ago, the U.S. and Cuba announced the start of normalization between our two countries. Americans and Cubans alike could see a bit of light through a crack in the wall of U.S. restrictions that, for six decades, have blocked normal interaction between close neighbors.

The brief opening was largely ceremonial — President Trump rolled much of it back in his first term. And only Congress can truly end the world's longest running embargo.

Florida Senator Marco Rubio, President-elect Trump's pick for Secretary of State, embraces the same old Cold War playbook on the issue: punish Cuba, stoke chaos and civil unrest, and hope the government collapses. As far back as JFK, U.S. officials have been trapped in this irrational family feud that empowers hardliners in both governments while holding citizens here and there hostage to a bureaucratic status quo.

But it doesn't have to be

that way. Two years of limited opening had a positive impact and was supported by a majority of Cuban Americans. Buoyed by Cuban government reforms and cash from families in the U.S., the island's private sector boomed. Internet access increased and social media exploded with honest voices. American tourists flocked to the country.

Then Trump emphatically rolled this progress back — he even added Cuba to the list of "state sponsors of terrorism," despite a complete lack of evidence.

Today, after a brief glimmer of hope, Cubans are suffering. Hardliners have stopped the economic reform process. Confusion plagues new leaders transitioning from the Castros' dominance. The pandemic gutted tourism, while storms and flooding ravaged crops.

The results have been predictable: An exodus from Cuba has surpassed all migration since the imposition of the embargo in 1962. At least half a million have migrated since the end of

Trump's first term — and more are on the way. The island has lost around 10 percent of its population in recent years, a staggering total.

We need to break our addiction to this big government policy that displaces people and blocks the rest of us from engaging with our neighbors. Ending the embargo would also open doors for Cuban reformers, dissidents, human rights activists, and religious leaders alike by removing the Cuban government's excuse for its failures.

A bipartisan majority in Congress could potentially back a full lifting of the embargo. Gulf Coast states who took the big hit in the 60s when they lost a top trading partner in Cuba could be especially delighted to renew those relations.

"In a scenario of unrestricted trade, the aggregate of food and medical exports alone could amount to \$1.6 billion with 20,000 associated U.S. jobs," former International Trade Commission Chair Paula Stern PhD

found in a 2000 study presented to Congress. Those numbers could be much higher today.

There would be other benefits as well.

Companies like Roswell Park in Buffalo, who had to jump through hoops to bring a groundbreaking Cuban-developed lung cancer vaccine to people in the United States, and other health care companies would finally be able to economically partner with world-class Cuban scientists on new medical advances.

For Trump, the next steps should be obvious: Avoid bloodshed. Ease the pain. Light the way to a new era in U.S.-Cuba relations.

Lissa Weinmann is a board member of Windham World Affairs Council. She helped found and direct Americans for Humanitarian Trade with Cuba, a coalition that helped ease the embargo's restrictions on food sales to Cuba, and directed the National Summit on Cuba. This op-ed was distributed by OtherWords.org (CC BY-ND 3.0).

Delivering a conservative agenda for America

By Rep. Randy Feenstra

On November 5th, 2024, the American people delivered a mandate for our government by electing President Trump and Republican majorities to Congress. Like me, our families and neighbors want secure borders, safe communities, a strong economy, and an affordable cost of living. It is now our responsibility to honor the will of the voters and get our country back on track.

First, we must secure our border. President Biden—and his less-than-effective border czar, Kamala Harris—allowed illegal immigration to balloon from the low levels we saw from President Trump's first term. According to estimates from the Center for Immigration Studies, the illegal immigrant population grew to 14 million this year. This presents an incredible financial burden to American taxpayers to the tune of over \$150 billion per year. I am committed to working with President Trump—and our new border czar, Tom Homan—to cut the flow of Homan—and other illegal substances through our southern border.

However, the flow of fentanyl often doesn't just start in South or Central America. According to a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) intelligence report, China remains the primary source of fentan-



yl and related substances. This is just one entry in a long list of the subtle acts of aggression from China. The People's Republic of China (PRC) continues to attempt to purchase American farmland and plots of land near airports and U.S. military bases. Threats of this nature should never come to our shores. In the 118th Congress, I introduced and co-sponsored numerous pieces of legislation to combat the growing threats on our freedom from China. The Protecting U.S. Farmland and Sensitive Sites from Foreign Adversaries Act and the Defend America's Rural Energy Act both targeted the purchase of land by China.

Second, we must rebuild our economy. It has been said many times, but it remains true—Bidenomics proved disastrous for American households, farms, and small businesses. The Senate Joint Economic Committee reported that the typical household now spends an additional \$11,434 to

maintain the same standard of living they enjoyed in 2021. Economic pressure has been felt on all fronts.

One of the biggest priorities for the new Congress is the update and reauthorization of President Trump's Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) of 2017. In the past, I have cosponsored legislation to make the TCJA permanent. Serving on the House Ways and Means Committee, I will work with my colleagues to extend the TCJA and protect these important tax cuts for our families, farmers, and businesses.

Another priority for the 119th is restoring American energy independence. It's no secret that the average household pays much more for their energy costs than they did when President Trump ended his first term in office. This burden is felt by farmers, small businesses, and manufacturers as well—increasing costs on our main streets. The Biden administration has also made our nation increasingly dependent on foreign energy.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration notes that U.S. crude oil imports increased in 2023. For the past four years, foreign nations have been given the opportunity to surpass American energy production and threaten our national security by applying pressure to energy independence. The solution to these issues is grown right

in our fields. Ethanol and other biofuels hold the key to cheap, American energy.

Finally, we must continue to stand up for our farm producers. On my 36 County Tour of 2024, one of the most common reports from our communities was the importance of passing a new, revitalized Farm Bill. Unfortunately, Senate Democrats spent two years playing politics at the expense of the American farmer. In the 119th Congress, my Republican colleagues and I will work to finally provide our producers with the resources they need to prosper in the international marketplace and keep the prices in our grocery aisles low. We will address soaring input prices driven by rampant government spending and allow our producers to do what they do best without bureaucrats looking over their shoulders.

There is a lot to look forward to in the coming legislative calendar, but it won't be easy. The Democrats will push back on every item of the Republican agenda. With the support of President Trump and the American people, we will make America safer, stronger, and more prosperous than ever before. I am honored to have the opportunity to represent the Fourth District of Iowa in the 119th Congress and look forward to hearing from Iowans on how we can improve our future—together.

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8 a.m. Mass at Clarion
Saturday, January 11
Baptism of the Lord (Baby Needs)
3:40 p.m. Rosary at St. Francis
4 p.m. Mass at St. Francis
7:40 p.m. Rosary at St. John
8 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. John

Sunday, January 12
Baptism of the Lord (Baby Needs)
7:40 a.m. Rosary at Sacred Heart
8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart (Confirmation)
10:10 a.m. Rosary at St. John
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. John
Monday, January 13
8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis
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Tuesday, January 14
10 a.m. Staff Meeting (Cluster Office Closed)
2 p.m. Mass at Clarion Care Center
5:30 p.m. Finance at St. Francis
Wednesday, January 15
No Adoration
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis
8 a.m. Mass, Adoration, Benediction at St. Francis
6:30 p.m. Youth Faith Formation at all Parishes
6:30 p.m. First Reconciliation at St. John
Thursday, January 16
11:40 a.m. Rosary at Sacred Heart
Noon Mass at Sacred Heart
7 p.m. Finance at St. John

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10:15 a.m. Sunday School
5 - 6:30 p.m. Hot Beef Supper. Auction to follow at 6:30.

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9 a.m. Bible Study
Noon Men's Bible Study
5:30 p.m. Confirmation

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WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:
Who has co-hosted Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve since 2006, and is the new game show host for Wheel of Fortune? Answer: Ryan Seacrest.
What song, traditionally played on New Year's Eve, is about preserving old friendships and looking back over the events of the year? Answer: Auld Lang Syne.

This week's trivia questions:
What college football bowl game has been played annually in New Orleans, Louisiana since 1935?
What college football bowl game has been played in Dallas, Texas every year since 1937?
What college football bowl game has been played in Miami, Florida every year since 1935?

Jan. 8 is Earth's Rotation Day, and World Literary Day; Jan. 9 is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, and International Choreographers Day; Jan. 10 is National Cut Your Energy Costs Day, and Save the Eagles Day; Jan. 11 is National Milk Day, and World Sketchnote Day; Jan. 12 is National Pharmacists Day, National Youth Day, and National Hot Tea Day; Jan. 13 is Public Radio Broadcasting Day, National Sticker Day, and National Fourth Graders Day; Jan. 14 is Organize Your Home Day, and International Kite Day.

This week is Elvis Presley Birthday Celebration Week.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." - Proverbs 3:5-6

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." - Romans 12:2

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

HELP! My brother has 2 tickets to the Super Bowl
My brother has 2 tickets to the upcoming Super Bowl! He was so excited and paid the \$3,500 for each ticket as soon as they went on sale. However, he didn't realize that the game would land on the day of his wedding.

If you are interested, he is looking for someone to take his place. It will be at St. Francis Church in Des Moines, Iowa at 3:45 p.m. She is 5' 7" and weighs about 145 pounds. She's a great cook, and will be in the white dress!

Air Force One gets caught in a snowstorm in Iowa and crashes. Because most of the roads are out, it takes emergency responders a long time to reach the wreck. When they get there, they see a farmer. "Did you see the plane crash?" asked the EMTs. "Yup. Sure did. Buried them all too," answered the farmer. "None of them survived?" "Well, the president said he did, but you know what a liar he is."

A guy walks into a store in Iowa and says, "I'd like to buy that .50 cal sniper rifle with 4,000 rounds of ammunition and a box of penicillin."
The store clerk replies, "Sorry Sir, I'm going to have to see some paperwork for that penicillin."

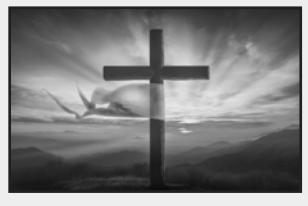
The Iowa State Cyclones football team has played in 19 bowl games, starting with the Sun Bowl against LSU in 1971. The Cyclones have played in a bowl game seven of the last eight years, the most recent being a 42-41 win over the Miami Hurricanes in this year's Pop-Tarts Bowl in Orlando, Florida.

The Iowa Hawkeyes football team has played in 37 bowl games, including 35 since 1981. The Hawkeyes' first bowl game appearance was a win over Oregon State in the 1957 Rose Bowl. Their most recent bowl game was a 27-24 loss to Missouri in this year's Music City Bowl in Nashville, Tennessee. Iowa's record in bowl games is 18-18-1.

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Accounts of people surviving for long periods of time in the wilderness or lost at sea are amazing, and often uplifting. The will to live is strong, and you don't know how far you can go until you are forced to do it. There are accounts of polar explorers surviving for years because their ships were "iced in" or stuck in the ice, such as the Franklin expedition, which left England in 1845 seeking the Northwest Passage and was icebound until 1848, when the crews left their ships and tried to walk to safety (they never made it). The Donner Party was a group of migrants going to California who spent the winter of 1846-1847 in the Sierra Nevada mountains and resorted to cannibalism to survive. More recently, in 1972 a group of Uruguayan rugby players travelling by plane crashed in the Andes and survived by eating some of the remains of passengers who had died. The decision to eat human flesh to survive is surely one of the most difficult and horrific one can imagine, and yet it shows the strength of our will to live. These stories of survival also show that human beings, when pushed to the limit often find ways to push beyond the limit. The phenomenon of a "second wind," where we find reserves of energy hitherto untapped is familiar to every endurance athlete. What we seldom hear about, however, is that there can often be a third or a fourth wind, that is, we can almost always dig deeper to find further untapped reserves. And what is more, when the reserves within have truly run dry, we can sometimes tap into sources from without, and one of the greatest is the divine energy coursing through all of nature. So the next time you're feeling wiped out and that you can't go another step, look for that second wind, and ask God for strength to carry on.
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## ICGA Releases Top State and Federal Policy Priorities for 2025

JOHNSTON, IA – January 6, 2025 – The Iowa Corn Growers Association (ICGA), one of the most effective, longest-standing agricultural associations in the country, released today its final list of state and federal policy priorities for the upcoming year.

“ICGA members work together to create a list of legislative priorities at the state and federal levels each year,” said ICGA President Stu Swanson. “We prepare priorities through a policy survey and roundtable discussions before adopting the policy at the annual Grassroots Summit. It is vital that our famer members share their voices and opin-

ions on different issues impacting their farms across the state to direct ICGA policy priorities for our organization.”

**2025 ICGA Priorities – State (Alphabetical)**

- Checkoff – Protect the Iowa Corn Checkoff.
- Conservation/Water Quality – Maintain legislative funding stream for Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy, including Maximum Return to Nitrogen.
- Ethanol – Support all efforts to lower carbon intensity score of corn-based ethanol and promote ethanol as a carbon reduction solution across all markets.
- Livestock – Support existing regulatory framework

for the livestock industry.

**2025 ICGA Priorities – Federal (Alphabetical)**

- Carbon – Support carbon intensity reduction initiatives and credit programs. We support the use of U.S. feedstocks and oppose favorability for foreign feedstocks.
- Ethanol – Support a nationwide E15 and the Next Generation Fuels Act. We support retaining the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).
- Farm Bill – Protect crop insurance and protect/expand funding for Market Access Program (MAP) and Foreign Market Development (FMD).
- Taxes – Protect critical

tax credits.

- Trade – Expand new and protect existing bilateral and multi-lateral trade agreements.

“I invite all Iowa corn farmers, supporters and interested students to join, renew or get involved in ICGA. Everyone’s voice matters and together we can use our 7,500-member strong voice to ensure the continued success and future of Iowa’s corn industry,” stated Swanson.

The complete 2025 ICGA policy book is available at [www.iowacorn.org/policy](http://www.iowacorn.org/policy) or in hard copy for free upon request by emailing [corninfo@iowacorn.org](mailto:corninfo@iowacorn.org) or calling 515-225-9242.

## State Agrees To Delay Enforcement of New Law on Vaping Products

**By Clark Kauffman**

The State of Iowa has agreed to delay next month’s planned enforcement of a new law restricting the sale of vaping products.

The new law stipulates that electronic nicotine delivery systems — more commonly known as electronic cigarettes, e-cigarettes and vaping products — sold in Iowa must have received marketing authorization from the Food and Drug Administration or have a pending application for authorization filed by September 2020.

The law requires that the Iowa Department of Revenue publish this month a directory listing all certified vaping products, with the understanding any retailer selling products not on the registry would be subject to fines or other enforcement action next month.

In December, the companies Alternatives to Smoking & Tobacco Inc., Global Source Distribution, Triton Distribution, Smokin Hot, Central Iowa Vapors WDM and Route 69 Vapor sued the state over the new law in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Iowa.

The companies allege the new law violates the supremacy clause and equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution, as well as the equal protection clause of the Iowa Constitution. As part of the lawsuit, the companies sought an injunction blocking next month’s enforcement of the law at least until a hearing on the matter is held.

The state has yet to respond to the companies’ allegations but in recent court filings the Iowa Attorney General’s Office agreed to stay enforcement of the law, citing a need for more “time to understand the new requirements” of the law, as well as individuals being away from work due to a honeymoon, paternity leave and “preplanned holiday obligations.”

A hearing on the matter is now scheduled for March

5. House File 2677 was introduced in the Iowa Legislature on March 27, 2024, with backing from lobbyists for R.J. Reynolds and other tobacco companies. The bill was approved in the Iowa House on April 3, 2024, and in the Iowa Senate on April 19, 2024. Gov. Kim Reynolds signed it into law on May 17, 2024.

Most vaping products on the market today do not yet have FDA authorization, and the plaintiffs allege the FDA exercises its discretion to enforce federal requirements on a case-by-case basis — which means, they say, that the FDA has deliberately opted not to take enforcement action regarding some “unauthorized” products now on the market.

The plaintiffs claim the limited number of vapor products likely to appear on the state registry of “approved” products when it’s published in January won’t be sufficient for retailers to maintain a profitable business.

They also argue that House File 2677 is pre-empted by federal law and regulation and that the state’s plans to begin enforcing the law on Feb. 3, 2025, would force many retailers of vaping products to either shut down or incur significant civil penalties.

Their lawsuit also alleges that while the new state law allows for the sale of some unauthorized vaping products that contain tobacco-derived nicotine, it unfairly fails to allow for the sale of any unauthorized products that use non-tobacco-derived nicotine.

In their lawsuit, the plaintiffs also allege that after President-elect Donald Trump takes office in January, the new administration may change the FDA’s enforcement policies in a manner that will allow more electronic nicotine delivery systems to be marketed even while their pre-market applications are pending.

## Company Seeks To Block Lawsuit Over Death, Citing Arbitration Agreement

**By Clark Kauffman**

A wrongful death lawsuit against an Iowa nursing home should be tossed out of court due to an arbitration agreement signed by the man’s family, the home’s owners claim.

In February 2023, Marvin “Pete” Jacobs died at the Fonda Specialty Care nursing home where he had lived for six months with a tracheostomy tube that provided an airway for him to breathe. According to state records, Jacobs’ airway needed to be suctioned every eight hours, at minimum, to keep it clear of any fluids.

State inspection reports indicate that in the minutes leading up to Jacobs’ death, a nurse at Fonda Specialty Care, Becky Sue Manning, refused several staff requests to clear Jacobs’ airway so he could breathe, and that Jacobs suffocated as a result.

Last March, Manning was criminally charged with felony wanton neglect of a health care facility resident. Recently, Manning and Pocahontas County prosecutors agreed to a deal that resulted in Manning entering an Alford plea to a reduced charge of misdemeanor wanton neglect that did not result in a serious injury.

Manning is scheduled to be sentenced on Jan. 13.

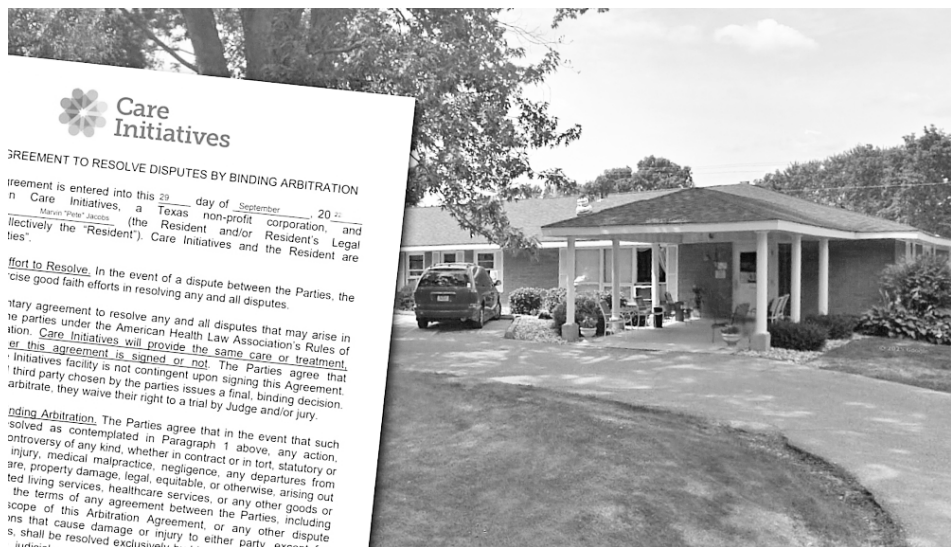
In October, the Jacobs family sued Manning, Fonda Specialty Care, the home’s corporate owner, Care Initiatives of West Des Moines, and GrapeTree Medical Staffing for a variety of claims related to Jacobs’ death.

The defendants in the case recently filed motions with the court to have any further proceedings in the case stayed, arguing that when Jacobs was admitted his son signed several documents, including one in which he waived the family’s right to sue for negligent care so that any such disputes could be settled through arbitration. The arbitration agreement, the defendants say, was not a prerequisite for admission.

The family’s attorney has yet to file a response to those motions.

Care Initiatives operates 43 Iowa nursing homes as well as several assisted living centers and hospice locations that provide 2,800 elderly or disabled Iowans with care. When admitted, many of the residents sign arbitration agreements in which they forfeit their right to present any civil claims against the company to a judge or jury.

In 2016, the Obama administration approved a new rule proposed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services that would have prohibited taxpayer-funded homes from having residents sign ar-



**A wrongful death lawsuit against the Fonda Specialty Care nursing home should not be allowed to proceed, the home argues, due to an arbitration agreement signed by the deceased’s family. (Facility photo via Google Earth; document courtesy of Iowa Judicial Branch.)**



**Marvin ‘Pete’ Jacobs of northwest Iowa.** (Photo courtesy of the Jacobs family)

bitration agreements. The American Health Care Association immediately sued CMS and a court blocked the agency’s enforcement of the new rule.

The Obama administration appealed that ruling but shortly after President Donald Trump took office, that appeal was dropped and CMS proposed a new rule that expressly allows such agreements.

In 2019, that rule was finalized, and it remains in place today.

Care Initiatives is currently facing at least 10 wrongful death lawsuits, including four against Northcrest Specialty Care in Waterloo. In each of the lawsuits, Care Initiatives has denied any wrongdoing and in several of the cases it has attempted to have the cases thrown out of court due to arbitration agreements.

**‘Watch a video and figure it out’**

According to state inspectors and a lawsuit filed by Jacobs’ family, Manning had arrived for work at Fonda Specialty Care on the afternoon of Feb. 18, 2023, after GrapeTree, a temporary-staffing agency, assigned her to work an overnight shift in the home.

When Manning became aware Jacobs had a tracheostomy that would require suctioning at some point during the night, Manning allegedly told the home’s assistant director of nursing she was unwilling or incapable of performing the work.

The assistant director of nursing allegedly told Manning to “watch a video and figure it out” and left the facility for the day. At around 2 a.m. that night, Jacobs

was allegedly sitting in his recliner when an employee noticed he was pointing at his neck, gasping for air, and mouthing that he could not breathe.

According to state records, two certified nursing assistants immediately called Manning to Jacobs’ room, informing her Jacobs needed his airway suctioned. Manning allegedly took Jacobs’ vital signs and told an aide Jacobs was having a heart attack. The aide explained to Manning that Jacobs had been signaling he couldn’t breathe, at which point Manning allegedly said, “Just a minute,” and left the room. Jacobs soon showed no signs of respiration, having died in his chair.

The cause of death was later attributed to a heart attack caused by hypoxia — a lack of oxygen — with no other contributing causes or significant conditions listed

on the death certificate.

Manning allegedly told state inspectors the CNAs “wanted me to suction him (and) I told the staff, ‘No, I was told that I would not have to do anything with the tracheostomy.’”

After the death, the lawsuit claims, Manning falsely informed Jacobs’ son, Scott, that his father “went quickly and peacefully.” Scott Jacobs only learned of what actually transpired after being contacted by an Iowa Capital Dispatch reporter, the lawsuit claims.

The Iowa Department of Inspections, Appeals and Licensing fined Fonda Specialty Care \$10,000 for Jacobs’ death, then reduced that penalty 35%, to \$6,500, due to the lack of an appeal in the case. Manning entered into a settlement agreement with the Iowa Board of Nursing in which she agreed to indefinitely suspend her practice of nursing.



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# Des Moines University Offers Opportunities to Bryan College of Health Sciences Students

By Brooklyn Draisley

Des Moines University has formed a new partnership to help undergraduate students from Bryan College of Health Sciences further their education.

With a new agreement, Des Moines University will offer certain Bryan College of Health Sciences students guaranteed interviews and reserved seats in some programs, according to a news release. Bryan College of Health Sciences is a private, four-year college located in Lincoln, Neb.

“This partnership will provide students with a comprehensive pathway from Bryan College of Health Sciences to one of Des Moines University’s advanced graduate pathways in health care,” said Jason States, dean of health care studies at Bryan College of Health Sciences. “This will enable students to better understand health care systems, clinical practices and emerging health technologies, creating a pipeline of



Des Moines University has partnered with Bryan College of Health Sciences to offer students guaranteed interviews and reserved seats. (Photo courtesy of Des Moines University)

highly qualified individuals who will meet the diverse challenges of today’s health care landscape.”

Bryan College of Health Sciences students who meet

Des Moines University’s admissions requirements will have guaranteed interviews in six DMU advanced degree programs, according to the release, including doctor-

ates of osteopathic medicine and physical therapy, masters of science in physician assistant studies, anatomy, and biomedical sciences, and an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in

biomedical sciences.

Seats will also be reserved in the doctor of podiatric medicine and doctor of occupational therapy programs for Bryan College of Health

Sciences students, the release stated, who will be selected based on their grade-point average and other academic achievements, observational and work experience and recommendations from faculty.

The partnership takes effect immediately, according to the release. Des Moines University has forged similar partnerships with universities both in and outside of Iowa, including Simpson College and Benedictine University.

“Partnering with Bryan Health reflects our shared dedication to nurturing the next generation of health care professionals. This will provide a seamless transition for students and many opportunities for growth and advanced education,” said DMU College of Health Sciences Dean Wallace Boeve. “Together, we will prepare skilled, compassionate and competent health care professionals, ready to tackle the complexities of evolving changes in health care.”

# State Awards \$14 Million in Grants for Building, Expanding Child Care Centers

By Robin Opsahl

As the state seeks solutions for child care shortages, Gov. Kim Reynolds announced Monday that \$14 million in grants awarded to Iowa businesses and schools will create 874 new child care slots across the state.

The Child Care Business Incentive (CCBI) grants were awarded to 13 employers, with the funds designated for projects to build and expand child care and daycare centers in Iowa communities. Nine of the award recipients were new winners of the grants, while four were businesses that had received the grant in 2022 and had sought additional funding.

The new grants include \$1.7 million awarded to the

Colfax Economic Development Corporation for construction of a new child care center in Colfax; \$1.4 million for renovations to the Glenwood Community School District Central Office to increase their child care capacity; and nearly \$1.5 million for St. Anthony’s Regional Hospital and Nursing Home to construct an onsite child-care facility in Carroll.

According to a news release, projects in high-demand areas were given priority for the grants — as were projects that would increase child care slots across multiple age groups and provide onsite child care centers at places of employment. Beth Townsend, executive director of Iowa Workforce Develop-

ment, said that the grants are an example of how employers and communities can pursue “innovative ideas to solving local child care issues.”

In addition to the CCBI grants, the state has looked at other means to improve Iowa’s child care shortages. A November report from the Common Sense Institute Iowa found the state’s “Childcare Solutions Fund” pilot program — a program providing communities with funding to raise child care provider wages — led to more child care workers joining the labor force as well as increasing available child care slots in participating communities.

Reynolds also launched an online tool, iachildcarecon-

nect.org, in August 2024 to assist parents with finding child care providers and resources throughout the state.

The governor said the grants are another step in helping Iowa families access needed child care within their communities.

“We cannot overstate the importance of child care to Iowa’s workforce and its future. Our strategy for retaining the best workers must include creative ways to meet their child care needs,” Reynolds said in a written statement. “Today’s awards represent Iowa’s commitment to that strategy, and I’m excited to see what these organizations do to provide solutions for their individual communities.”



Child care worker Marci Then helps her daughter, Mila, 4, put away toys to get ready for circle time at the Little Learners Academy in Smithfield, R.I. A state program for child care workers subsidizes Mila’s tuition. A handful of other states have similar programs, which advocates say has beneficial ripple effects through the state economy. (Photo by Elaine S. Povich/Stateline)

## WRIGHT COUNTY BOS • DEC. 23, 2024

December 23, 2024  
The Board of Supervisors met as Drainage District Trustees. To view the minutes from the drainage meeting, see the Drainage District minutes on the County website. Chairman Pro-tem Kluss called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:10 a.m. Members present were Kluss and Rasmussen with Helgevoold absent. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries. Minutes of the previous regular meeting was read and approved. Approved claims for payment. Three members of the wellness committee attended a meeting in Des Moines concerning the wellness program. Wright County is currently getting 5% discount FY25

health insurance rates giving a \$86,966.40 savings. Due to participation in the wellness program again, Wright County will get 5% on FY26 premiums. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to continue in the ISAC Wellness program and have the president of the Wellness committee to sign. Motion carries. Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on Secondary Roads. Staff went out twice on hard surface roads for snow events. The crews cooperated with Conservation on Ash tree remove on O’Brien Ave. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries. *Dean Kluss, Chairman Pro-tem Wright County Board of Supervisors Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor*

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# How a Zoo in Des Moines Supports Wild Lion Populations in Africa

By Cami Koons

Conservation issues surrounding African lions might seem far off and incomprehensible to many Iowans who have only ever caught a glimpse of lions like Deuce and Zarina at Blank Park Zoo in Des Moines.

Chris Eckles, the chief engagement officer at Blank Park Zoo who is working with other zoos in the country on a new project to connect with lion conservation groups in Africa, said the considerations and tactics for saving lions are similar to those involving vulnerable animals in Iowa and the nation.

“Even though it seems like a faraway problem, I always try to find that way to relate it back where we are,” Eckles said. “We don’t have lions in our backyard, but we definitely have predators that come through and ... how do we react to that and what are we doing for our own natural environment?”

Recently the zoo was awarded a grant from the Association of Zoos and Aquariums as part of the Saving Animals From Extinction, or SAFE, program. The grant supports collaboration with organizations in Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Kenya as they figure out how to protect lions populations, which have declined by 75% over the past 50 years.

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums awarded nearly \$165,000 for eight projects that will advance efforts of saving animals at risk of extinction.

Eckles said Blank Park Zoo participates in a number of



Deuce, the male lion at Blank Park Zoo. (Photo contributed by Chris Eckles/Blank Park Zoo)

SAFE programs for the conservation of red pandas, monarch butterflies, songbirds, giraffes and other endangered species that are also housed at the zoo.

The SAFE program partners AZA accredited zoos and their audiences to implement recovery and conservation plans for animal species across the world. Eckles said a portion of every purchase made by Blank Park Zoo visitors goes towards the conservation projects.

“When people come to the zoo they’re helping us with lion conservation,” Eckles said. “We want people to understand (the animals) are not just here just for us — they’re here for us to learn and connect with. That hopefully, will connect us to the bigger world.”

The zoo will have a big cats day February 8 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. and staff will talk about the lion conservation project, the tigers, snow leopard and other big cat topics to zoo visitors. Eckles said the new lion enclosure, expected

share ideas, systems and plans and then be a support system to their work.

“Saving wildlife and wild places is a responsibility that we all share,” AZA president and CEO Dan Ashe said in a press release about the grant awardees. “The Conservation Grants Fund is not only a powerful tool for turning innovative ideas into conservation action, but it also unites experts from AZA-accredited facilities, conservation organizations, research institutions and local communities.”

Eckles said the biggest threats to lion populations are loss of habitat and human involvement, usually because a lion causes issues with livestock producers or by entering into an environment it’s not meant to be.

“I love lions, I want to see them thrive, but I have to take a step back and say it’s more about the people that are living around those lions and some of those are the people I really have to care about,” Eckles said.

While she hopes the efforts of this program will ultimately help save lions, many of those solutions will have to come from supporting the people who live around the lions. She said the same is true about conservation work in Iowa.

“I think that’s really important when we think about conservation work,” Eckles said. “How do we work together as people and to help wildlife? When we work together, we can do a lot more than if we try to work alone or in silos or point fingers.”





# SPORTS

## UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Thursday, Jan. 9**
- JV/Varsity Esports @ ADM, 4 p.m.
  - Girls JV/Varsity Basketball @ Bishop Garrigan, 4 p.m.
  - Boys JV/Varsity Basketball @ Bishop Garrigan, 5 p.m.
  - Girls 7th/8th Grade Basketball vs. Manson-NW Webster @ EGHS, 4:15 p.m.
  - Boys 7th/8th Grade Basketball @ Bishop Garrigan, 5:15 p.m.
  - Boys JV/Varsity Wrestling @ West Hancock, 6 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 10**
- Girls JV/Varsity Basketball @ North Iowa, 4 p.m.
  - Boys JV/Varsity Basketball @ North Iowa, 5 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 11**
- Boys Varsity Wrestling @ Winterset, 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, Jan. 13**
- Boys JV Wrestling @ Forest City, 5 p.m.
  - Girls Varsity Wrestling @ Iowa Falls, 6 p.m.
  - Girls Varsity Basketball vs. St. Edmond @ EG Elementary, 6:15 p.m.
  - Boys Varsity Basketball vs. St. Edmond @ EG Elementary, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 14**
- Girls JV/Varsity Basketball @ Forest City, 4 p.m.
  - Boys JV/Varsity Basketball @ Forest City, 5 p.m.
  - Boys Varsity Wrestling @ St. Ansgar, 6 p.m.

## Sara Krahling Inducted Into Hall of Fame

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

Eagle Grove's own Sara Krahling, the daughter of Bill Krahling and Cyndy Schmanke, was recently recognized for participating in 40 years of Special Olympics events at the district and state levels. The induction into the Iowa Special Olympics Hall of Fame took place in West Des Moines on December 12.

In her years in the Special Olympics, Sara has competed in sports such as track and field, bowling, ice-skating, roller skating, softball and swimming. Recently, she also began participating

in one of her favorite sports to watch and now play: basketball.

Jen Conaway, Sara's sister and former coach, says that Sara "has always strived to do her best and has stayed positive through any event she was involved in."

Sara was nominated for the Hall of Fame by one of her former coaches, Jared Carder. Carder became aware of her dedication and hard work while working as principal at Eagle Grove Elementary. In a recent interview, Sara said she jumped for joy when Carder called her and her sister to tell them the wonderful news.

The Hall of Fame Induction Party in West Des Moines was an evening filled with socializing and hors d'oeuvres. Sara received her crystal keepsake award along with a rose bouquet and a jacket with her name and the Special Olympics emblem on it. Her name is now included as a permanent display of ten honorees which will be housed at the Special Olympics Iowa State office in Grimes.

On December 15, Sara was also honored at the Eagle Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church with her display of ribbons, medals

and many Special Olympics action shots of Sara through the years.

"Sara is the ideal athlete to coach," Conaway commented. "She enjoys a challenge, she works hard to get better at her skills, she is always encouraging and cheering on her teammates and even competitors from other teams and she always gives her best effort until the finish line or the whistle blows. Her work effort and competitive spirit is an inspiration to everyone!"

The recent Hall of Fame inductee offered some kind words when asked about her sister Jen's impact on her life.

"She's a pretty good teacher," Krahling admitted with a grin.

Sara says her favorite part about playing sports is getting to see her family and friends in attendance, and was quick to quote the Special Olympics credo: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in my attempt."



Sara, seen here with her parents, has been winning medals for 40 years.



A young Sara smiles after a swimming event.



When Sara isn't competing, she enjoys watching movies, shopping, hanging out with her family and friends, and celebrating birthdays and Christmas.



Sara says she earned the most medals and ribbon from competing in track and field.



Sara was coached by her sister, Jen Conaway, for 10 years.



John Sears of Channel 13 emceed the Hall of Fame induction.



Sara's name is etched on a plaque that reads: "In recognition of the outstanding leadership and dedication they have generously shared in the true spirit of Special Olympics. Their compassion and commitment are truly an inspiration to all of our athletes, coaches and volunteers." (Photos provided by Jen Conaway)

## Lady Eagles Outplayed On The Road

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

Fans packed into West Bend-Mallard's tiny gym on Monday night for a non-conference girls' basketball game between the undefeated Wolverines and the 1-6 Eagles. Led by their upperclassmen, the Wolverines would defeat EG 61-18. Three of the home team's seniors scored in double digits, and freshman guard Taytum Edwards' 10 points led the Eagles.

Taytum showed off her smooth jumper in the 1st quarter, and Myka Anderson drilled a three. Kendra Schild had an early bucket, but found herself in foul trouble and was forced to the bench.

In the 2nd quarter, Myah Edwards gobbled up an offensive rebound and found Taytum open for three. Later, Taytum banked in a 15-footer, but the Wolverine sharpshooters couldn't miss. WB-M led 34-13 at the half.

Taytum drained a second three-pointer late in the game, and Myka Anderson

subbed in and hit a contested shot for EG's last two points.

Myka finished with six points and three steals. Myah had seven rebounds, two steals, and a block. Schild added two points and three rebounds.



Taytum Edwards handles the rock.



Kendra Schild posts up. (Photos by Taylor Smith)



Holly Anderson looks for an open teammate.

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# High Schoolers Celebrate Winter



A festive foursome.



Braylon Kling enjoys a video game during the Winter Celebration.



Checkmate.



Mr. Rowen supervises the t-shirt press.



Students show off their new jewelry.



Students put together puzzles in the library during their Winter Celebration day. (Photos by Eagle Grove Community Schools Facebook)

# Parachute Playtime

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

After 5th and 6th grade students at Robert Blue Middle School wrapped up their Kinball unit before the winter break, they still had a few class periods left. So, teacher Amy Ascherl pulled out the parachute to keep the kids busy. As it turns out, there's a wide variety of activities revolving around a parachute, Ascherl

explained in a post to Facebook. "We played sharks and lifeguards, mouse trap, merry-go-round, etc," Asherl wrote. And the kids got plenty of exercise in the process, Asherl noted, "the parachute is quite the workout!"

It was a great time for the kids, Ascherl revealed, expressing how she wished people in the community "could have seen the smiles

and heard the giggles," adding, "we had some fun!"

Fortunately, thanks to the NEW & IMPROVED website we are rolling out here at the Eagle Grove Eagle this week, folks in the community CAN see the smiles and hear the giggles. Find videos of the fun on our website at <https://theeaglegroveeagle.com>, which can now also be found at <https://midamerica.news/eagle-grove-eagle/>.



Since the 5th and six graders had finished up their Kinball unit with a few days to spare before the winter break, they got to break out the parachute. "We had some fun," teacher Amy Ascherl noted, also saying that "the parachute is quite the workout!" Watch video of the kids at play on our NEW & IMPROVED website at [theeaglegroveeagle.com](https://theeaglegroveeagle.com), and now also be at [midamerica.news/eagle-grove-eagle](https://midamerica.news/eagle-grove-eagle/).

# EGHS Students Give Back



Last month, Denise, Amelia, and Keylyee donated their time to the Salvation Army in Mason City. (Photo from EGHS Facebook Page)

# Bullseyes Before Break

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

Before taking off for winter break, 7th and 8th graders at Robert Blue Middle School completed their archery unit, with impressive results. "My favorite part of this unit is seeing how much improvement they make," wrote instructor Amy Ascherl in the school's Facebook group. "From how timid they are to take that first shot, to shooting with confidence!"

Both grades were able to shoot 6 rounds of scoring this year, Ascherl revealed.

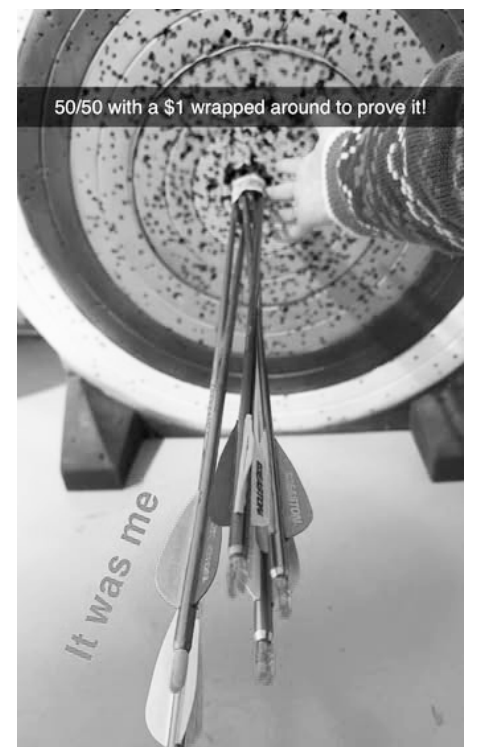
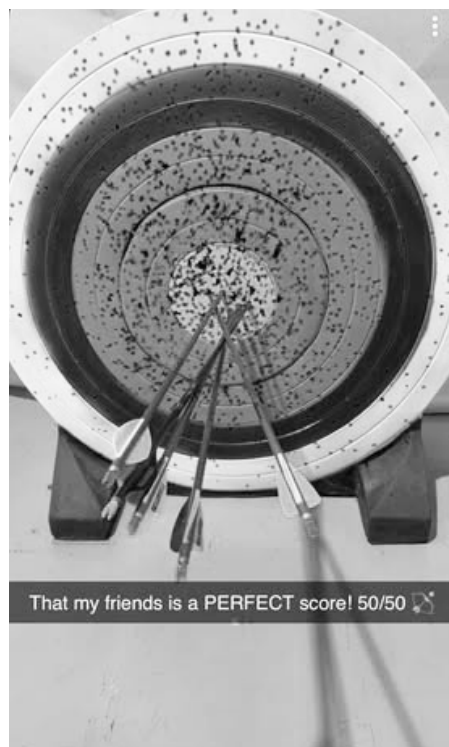
And the results were emailed out to students. And since the students were doing so well, Ascherl inspired them by shooting not one, but two perfect rounds, of fifty score shots, "Just to keep a few of them humble," Ascherl wrote.

The top 3 scores from each class period are listed below:

**8-1**  
Ryker A. - 283  
Kylar S. - 255  
Keegan E. - 245

**8-2**  
Mya G. - 274  
Alayna A. - 242  
Adrian P. - 242

Eli D. - 239  
**8-3**  
Reese B. - 274  
Chase H. - 250  
Colson S. - 238  
**7-5**  
Billy Q. - 219  
Thane T. - 212  
Liem D. - 208  
**7-6**  
Rashell F. - 232  
Fernando C. - 231  
Stetson K. - 225  
**7-7**  
Tucker T. - 248  
Piper Jean L. - 209  
Jaggar M. - 198



RBMS teacher Amy Ascherl, who instructs the archery unit, inspired students with TWO perfect rounds. "I was able to get my group tighter the second time," Ascherl noted, wrapping a dollar bill around the second group to prove the tight grouping of her bullseye shooting. (Screenshots, Robert Blue Middle School/Facebook)

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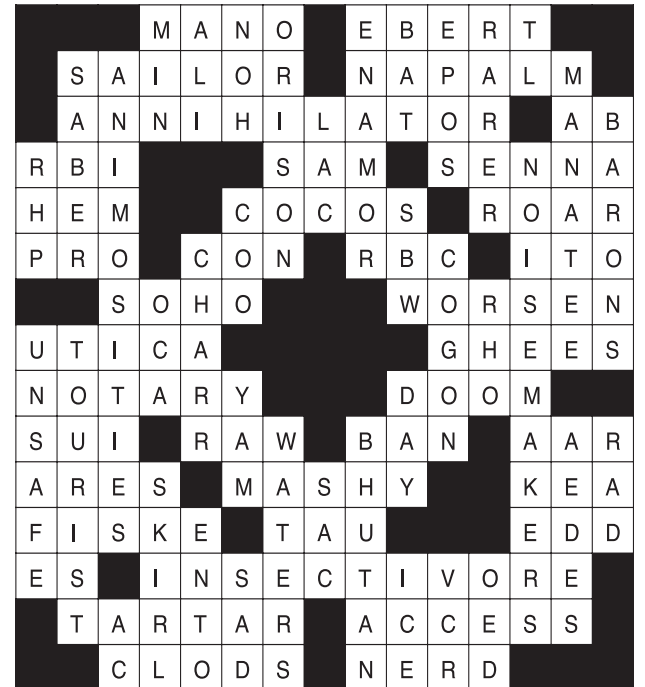
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1	3	6	9	7	2	4	8	5
4	9	7	5	1	8	3	2	6
3	6	4	2	8	1	7	5	9
5	7	1	3	6	9	2	4	8
9	8	2	4	5	7	1	6	3



Getting help is the first step to getting better.

If someone you love has a problem with gambling, they likely feel powerless to control it. 1-800-BETS OFF can help.

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

• Eagle Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Annual Hot Beef Sundae Supper and Auction. Serving from 5-6:30 p.m., auction to follow. Free will offering.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**

• 100+ Women Who Care - Winter 2025 Gathering Rails Depot - Doors open at 5:30 PM, event runs until 7. Bring a friend for a fun ladies night out that makes a difference.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

• Tails & Ales BINGO fundraiser for the Wright County Humane Society. Limited edition shirts are available, and must be preordered at: [https://exploretriumph.com/tails\\_and\\_ales/shop/home](https://exploretriumph.com/tails_and_ales/shop/home)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

• Winter Festival at Lake Cornelia Park  
Activities will include cross country skiing, ice skating, ice fishing, snow show hiking, snowman making, and a tractor hay-ride. Crafting, donuts, and hot cocoa

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

• Clarion Chocolate Crawl: 4 pm - 7 PM, downtown Clarion  
A special collector's tin is available for \$10.

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

• Annual banquet of the Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce and Community Development Corporation at the Rails Depot.  
Social hour: 5:30 PM  
Presentation of the Allbaugh Award: 6:00 PM  
Dinner: 6:30 PM  
Tickets are \$20. Available at the Chamber of Commerce Office, The Eagle Grove Pharmacy, and Christ Furniture.

## Student Council Visits Rotary Senior Living



Santa and the StuCo pose in front of the Christmas tree.



Santa Claus made an appearance at Rotary.



Student Council members deliver poinsettias to residents of Rotary Senior Living.



Eagle Grove Greenhouses partnered with the EGHS StuCo to help spread joy around the holidays.



Special delivery! (Photos by EGHS Facebook)

## What's Cookin' this week?

### Confront the common cold with this beloved seasonal staple

Everyone knows there's no cure for the common cold. Though colds can strike at any time, cold season tends to occur when the weather cools down and people spend more time indoors. Inside viruses can circulate and spread more easily, thus leading to elevated rates of infection.

Though there might be no cure for the common cold, that does not mean people are helpless against it. Many people have their own remedies to help them manage and potentially shorten the duration of a cold, and chicken soup features prominently in those antidotes. Whether cold season is kicking into high gear or people are confronting the common cold at other times of year, they can incorporate this recipe for "Chicken Barley Soup with Vegetables" courtesy of Lines+Angles into their cold remedy routines.

**Chicken Barley Soup with Vegetables**  
*Makes 6 servings*  
 8 cups chicken stock  
 4 cups water  
 1 teaspoon marjoram  
 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, chopped  
 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped  
 1 medium onion, sliced  
 1 cup carrots, sliced  
 2 cups cooked chicken breasts, diced  
 1 russet potato, peeled and cubed  
 1 cup broccoli, chopped  
 1/2 cup barley  
 Salt, to taste  
 Pepper, to taste  
 1. In a large pot, combine chicken stock, water, marjoram, rosemary, and parsley. Simmer for 15 minutes.  
 2. Add onion, carrots, cooked chicken, potato, broccoli, and barley. Add salt and pepper to taste. Simmer over low heat for 35 to 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve.

## THIS WEEK'S famous Birthdays

- January 5 – January Jones, Actress (47)
- January 6 – Rowan Atkinson, Actor (70)
- January 7 – Robert Sheehan, Actor (37)
- January 8 – Cynthia Erivo, Actress (38)
- January 9 – Nina Dobrev, Actress (36)
- January 10 – Renée Rapp, Singer (25)
- January 11 – Mary J. Blige, Singer (54)

## THIS WEEK'S Horoscopes

- ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
 Focus on collaboration this week, Aries. Teamwork leads to unexpected rewards if you are open to others' ideas, so remain receptive to the input of teammates.
- TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
 Taurus, when a project presents itself to you, stay grounded and run through all the components carefully. Employ the same strategy when going over financial opportunities.
- GEMINI - May 22/June 21**  
 Gemini, clear up any misunderstandings and express your thoughts openly with others this week. Communication is certainly key at this juncture in time.
- CANCER - June 22/July 22**  
 It is important that you take time for some self-care this week, Cancer. Your emotional well-being is just as important as your physical fitness. Reflect on some personal goals in this area.
- LEO - July 23/Aug 23**  
 Leo, you often excel in group settings, and social gatherings this week are a place where you can shine. Use all opportunities to network and connect with others.
- VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
 It is important to focus on your work-life balance right now, Virgo. Prioritize important tasks, but also make time for relaxation. Small changes to your routine can be ideal.
- LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
 Embrace your artistic side this week, Libra. Consider a new hobby that will keep your mind busy. Social activities that involve creative pursuits also can bring inspiration and joy.
- SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
 Allow home and family to take center stage, Scorpio. Spend as much time as possible with loved ones and try to get to the root of any persistent, unresolved issues.
- SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
 Sagittarius, this week focus on activities that afford a chance to learn and explore. You might want to take a class or try a new hobby. Curiosity can be exciting.
- CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
 Financial matters may require some attention right now, Capricorn. Examine your budget and figure out if the new year requires some changes to how you're managing money.
- AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
 Aquarius, new ideas may lead to some personal projects that inspire you. You might find that you'll be quite busy on these self-imposed tasks for the next couple of weeks.
- PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
 This is a good time to focus attention inward, Pisces. Make time for reflection and even some meditation if that is something that interests you. The rewards will be worth it.

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# RBMS Hosts Annual Christmas Dinner



The gym was full of hungry students. (Photos from Eagle Grove Community Schools Facebook)



Youngsters enjoy their ham, twice baked potatoes, scalloped corn, cinnamon apples, cherry cobbler, dinner roll, and ice cream.



The kitchen staff cooked a tasty meal for students to enjoy.



No Christmas Dinner is complete without music.

## KIDS Corner

### Creative Coloring

Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.



### Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

- NULRA
- EDAARP
- YRAE
- OLCROS

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Answer: Enjoy the lanterns

### THIS DAY IN HISTORY

JANUARY  
**11**

- 1759:** The first American life insurance company is incorporated in Philadelphia.
- 1908:** Grand Canyon National Monument is created.
- 1935:** Amelia Earhart becomes the first person to fly solo from Hawaii to California.

### NEW WORD

**LUNAR**  
 determined by the moon

### World FACT:

This celebration occurs in many Asian countries and prominently features animals.

**Did You Know?**  
 Chinese New Year is the longest Chinese holiday, as it lasts 16 days. However, only the first seven days are a public holiday.

**How they say that in...**  
 English: Snake  
 Spanish: Serpiente  
 Italian: Serpente  
 French: Serpent  
 German: Schlange

**CRYPTO FUN**  
 Solve the code to discover words related to dog training. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 24 = A)

- A. 20 13 24 12 1**  
 Clue: Controls pet
- B. 26 19 4 4 24 9 10**  
 Clue: Give an order
- C. 12 24 7 13 25 2**  
 Clue: Caution
- D. 19 3 13 2**  
 Clue: Follow commands

Answers: A. leash B. command C. safety D. obey

**WORD SCRAMBLE**  
 Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to dog training.  
**YSTA**

**GUESS WHO?**  
 I am a member of the British royal family, born in England on January 9, 1982. I studied art history as a student, and I met my future husband at school. We dated for nine years before getting married in 2011. I am known for supporting a number of charities.

## Carolers Spread Christmas Cheer Through Song



Santa's little helpers sang "Jingle Bells" and other Christmas standards at the Elementary School last month (Photos by Eagle Grove Community Schools Facebook)



Students share an emotional moment with John Mandal after caroling.



John Mandal (bass) and Mrs. Tweeten (keys) led the singing and provided accompaniment.

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