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## City Council Reviews 2024 Audit, Approves Resolutions

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

The Eagle Grove City Council convened for its first meeting of the year last Monday evening, addressing several key issues, including the presentation of the Fiscal Year 2024 audit, property matters, and budget planning for 2025.

### Clean Audit for FY 2024 with Minor Deficiencies

TP Anderson auditor Tim McCartan presented the Fiscal Year 2024 audit, delivering a clean opinion on the city's financial statements. The audit highlighted total cash receipts of \$15.6 million and total disbursements of \$12.7 million, resulting in a \$2.97 million increase in

the city's cash balance. The city's ending cash balance stood at \$4.82 million.

However, the audit identified minor internal control deficiencies, including a lack of segregation of duties, an incorrect IPERS deduction for a transitioning employee, and discrepancies in utility billing adjustments. With respect to the segregation of duties issue, McCartan pointed out that, "with the city the size of Eagle Grove, you're just not going to get away from that. There's just a limited number of office staff. McCartan advised that the way for the city to combat that limitation was simply that "you as a council really need to ask questions

when you don't understand something or see something that doesn't make sense." McCartan noted a \$3,500 discrepancy in the bank reconciliation, which the city is actively working to resolve. Bryce Davis, City Administrator, confirmed corrective actions are underway.

### Council Approves Key Resolutions and Property Decisions

The council unanimously passed Resolution 2025-03, authorizing an amendment to the collective bargaining agreement with the International Union of Operating

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Tom McCartan of Humboldt based accounting firm TP Anderson addresses the council to discuss the findings of the FY 2024 audit of the City of Eagle Grove, at the January 6th, 2025 city council meeting. (Screenshot, Microsoft Teams)

## Flag Area Renovation Completed at Down Memory Lane Park

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

GOLDFIELD, Iowa — The flag area at Down Memory Lane Park has undergone significant improvements, thanks to the collective efforts of local businesses, community members, and generous donors.

The renovation, completed in mid-summer, addressed long-standing structural issues. "The boulders, flagpole, and bench were beginning to sink into the ground due to an old building foundation causing the ground to cave," explained Greg Schipull. Hennigar Construction managed the concrete work, pouring a large cement pad to stabilize the area. GrassMasters Landscaping, led by TJ Stumpf, completed the surrounding

landscaping. In addition to the structural upgrades, a new sign highlighting the Bayview Club's Community Improvement awards from the 1990s will soon be displayed, with a frame crafted by Paul Sorensen. Sorensen also donated two new flower boxes in memory of his mother, Arlis Sorensen, which will be filled with red, white, and blue flowers next spring. His brother, John Sorensen, contributed funds for flowers, rocks, and soil.

Seven rose bushes will be planted around the flag area in memory of community members, including donations from the Class of '66 for Ernie Lewis and Denny Stephens, and from Greg Schipull and Dana Halvorson in honor of former

girls' basketball coach Larry Stewart. Additional dedications include Jim Johnson, Alice Ruitter, Kay Meinke, and Edward Smith.

Other enhancements to the park include birdhouses, a butterfly garden with bee habitats, eight new trees—two evergreens donated in memory of Katy Whyte and her son Loy—and expanded pathways with additional rock and mulch. A new flower garden now features peonies donated by the Class of '66 in memory of Carol Helmke and Diane Cunningham Nelson, along with a rose bush in honor of Sandy Powell. A yellow maple tree stands west of the flag area in memory of Sandy Schipull.

A bench near the parking lot entrance, donated by



Schipull accepts a donation from representatives of Gold Eagle Cooperative.

Dana Halvorson in memory of Sandy and Duane Schipull, is complemented by cranberry bushes from Jim and Dave Harvey. Plans for spring include planting a

Strawberry Vanilla Hydrangea tree in memory of Pam and Ernie Lewis, donated by Matt and Mark Lenning and Sue Girard. Financial support for the

renovations came from Gold Eagle Coop and Land O'Lakes, contributing \$8,000, First Bank in Goldfield with a \$500 donation, and a \$1,000 grant from the Wright County Charitable Foundation. Schipull expressed gratitude for the widespread support: "All of these improvements are possible because of individual, business, memorial, alumni donations, fundraisers, grants, park workdays, and thousands of collected cans."

Community members are encouraged to visit and witness the ongoing transformation. "We look forward to continuing improvements to the park!" Schipull added.

Continued financial support is also sought, including the ongoing donation recyclable aluminum beverage cans.



LEFT: The flag area before renovation. RIGHT: The flag area after renovation. (Photos courtesy of Greg Schipull)

## Fiery Crash Outside Eagle Grove

Miraculously, no one was seriously injured.

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

A collision involving two vehicles resulted in a fiery crash on 270th Street west of Baxter Avenue in Wright

County on January 7, 2025. No injuries were reported.

According to the Iowa State Patrol, the accident occurred at approximately 1:35 p.m. when a 2012 Lincoln MKZ driven by Adele J. Butterfield, 21, of Badger, slowed down due to smoke from ditch work on the northbound side of 270th Street. Following behind, a 2022 Chevrolet Express G2500 FedEx delivery van driven by Earl R. Busch, 55, of Boone, was unable to see Butterfield's vehicle through the fog and smoke and rear-ended it.

The impact pushed Butterfield's vehicle into the ditch, where it caught fire. Butterfield and a passenger were able to exit the vehicle safely. Neither Busch nor Butterfield sustained injuries. Both drivers were wearing seat

belts at the time of the crash.

Damage to Busch's vehicle was reported as functional, with an estimated repair cost of \$3,500. Butterfield's vehicle was severely damaged and totaled, with an estimated loss of \$10,000. The Eagle Grove Police Department, Eagle Grove EMS, and the Eagle Grove Fire Department responded to the crash, as well as the Wright County Sheriff's Office, and the Iowa State Patrol.

Authorities reported that weather conditions were clear with dry road surfaces at the time of the accident. Visibility was hindered by fog and smoke. No citations have been issued as of this report.

The Iowa State Patrol continues to investigate the incident.

Eagle Grove firefighters put out a burning car after a collision just outside of Eagle Grove, on Tuesday January 7, 2025.



RIGHT: Caught in smoke from ditch maintenance, this FedEx delivery van's driver was unable to see the road, and struck a passenger car, according to the crash report. (Photos by Edward Lynn)



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## Bridge Work to Begin

Wright County began replacing a bridge on C-70 (330th St) which started on Wednesday, January 15th, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.

The road closure will be between Franklin Ave and Highway 17.

This project has a con-

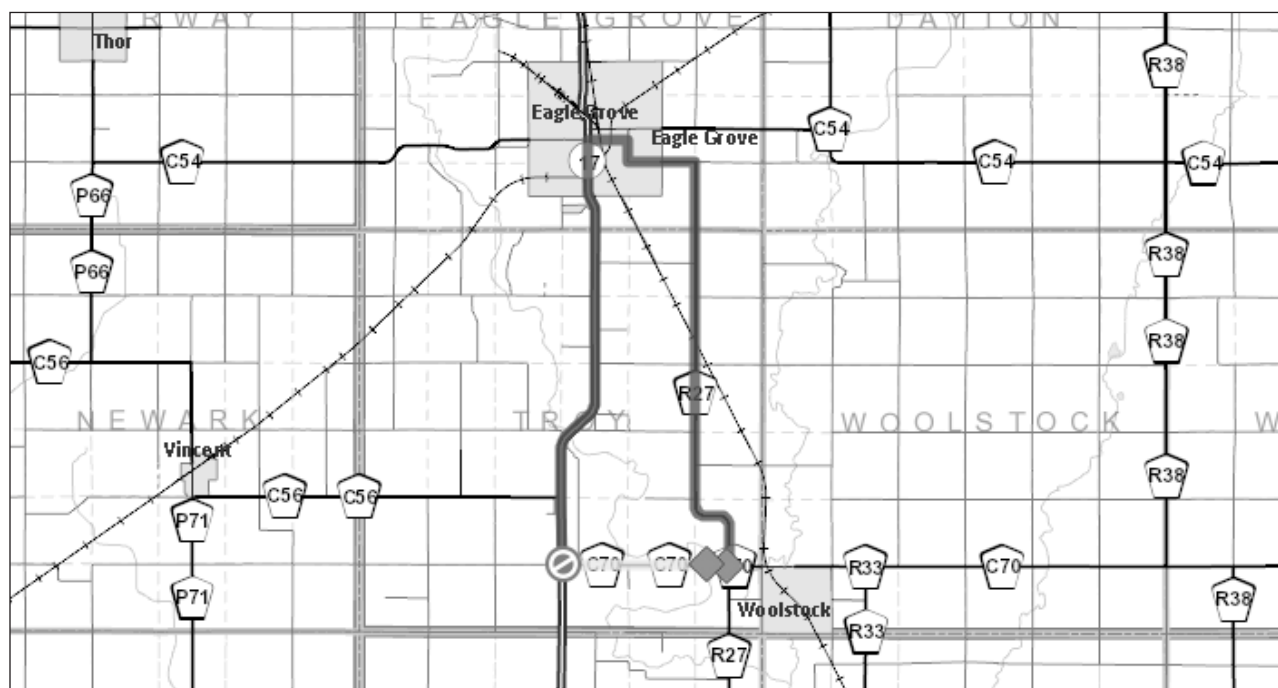
tract of 130 working days and is estimated to take 6-8 months to complete, weather dependent. The detour for this project will be Franklin Ave from C-70 north to 270th St, west to Eagle Grove, north on Kirkwood Ave to Broadway St, west

to Commercial Ave (Highway 17), south on Highway 17 to 330th St.

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## Eagles Perform In Honor Band



This past Saturday, Alanna Eittrheim (left) and Yarisette Pelico (right) traveled to Iowa Central Community College to participate in the NCIBA High School Honor Band Festival. Students practiced all day for a spectacular evening concert. (Not pictured, but accepted: Camy Blokzy) (Photo by Justin Schwake)

## January Clover Kids Focuses on Winter Safety

By Paige Roberts, K-12 Program Coordinator

Wright County, Iowa – This month's Clover Kids was about winter safety! Clover Kids learned about blizzards and explored how meteorologists use tools to forecast weather and help people prepare for severe weather. They enjoyed a book about a blizzard in a small town in Rhode Island that lasted 6 days and accumulated 40 inches of snow in 1978! Each Clover Kid made a snowman measuring stick to measure snowfall amounts.

They practiced measuring with instant snow and are now prepared for the next snowstorm in Wright County! Clover Kids exercised their body and mind during the emergency kit relay race where they worked as a team to construct an emergency

kit with necessities not luxuries.

“Wright County residents are no stranger to a strong snowstorm! Winter weather brings a range of challenges, from snow and ice to extreme cold, impacting daily life and safety. It is important to be prepared for severe weather like blizzards with emergency kits in vehicles and place of residency.

Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/disasterrecovery/winter-weather> to view more winter weather resources provided by Iowa State Extension and Outreach.

Clover Kids fosters positive relationships and builds valuable life skills through a variety of hands-on activities. Clover Kids is free to youth in Wright County thanks to the Wright County 4-H Endowment.



LEFT: Cruz Morgan works on his snow gauge. RIGHT: Emerson Reed practices measuring snow. (Photos courtesy of ISU)

## Supervisors Hold Organizational Meeting

by Olyvia Olson

After more than ten years with only three members, the Wright County Board of Supervisors expanded to five members Jan. 2.

Wright County had five supervisors for many years, but a group called the Wright County Taxpayers Association pushed through a vote in 2010 to change the board from five to three as a cost-saving measure. The actual change went into effect in January 2013. The change back to five supervisors was approved by voters on Nov. 8, 2022. The county was divided

up into five districts, new supervisors were elected in November 2024 and three new members took office last week.

Newly elected supervisors are Ashley Bosch, Lynn Loux, and Betty Ellis. Incumbent Rick Rasmussen was elected chairman while Incumbent Dean Kluss will serve as pro-tem.

The annual organization meeting on Jan. 2 included a number of housekeeping items.

The mileage rate was changed to the new federal rate at 70 cents. The interest rate for drainage warrants

rate was approved to stay the current rate of 6 percent.

The following official employee holidays for 2025 were approved: Presidents Day; Memorial Day; Fourth of July; Labor Day; Veterans Day; Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving; Christmas Day; and New Year's Day. The day after Christmas was added to the 2025 holiday list since it falls on a Friday this year.

Rasmussen had suggested adding Friday, Jan. 2, 2026 as an additional holiday, but the idea was not supported by the other supervisors.

The membership of the

eminent domain compensation commission was appointed. The commission includes Stan Watne, Dean Kluss, Larry Pals, Kent Kirstein, Verl Tate, Bob Diemerly, Troy Watne, Shannon Walker, Mitch Kluss, Bud Young, Colleen Bartlett, Larry Klatt, Earl Kalkwarf, Sandy McGrath, Darrin Baker, Bob Powers, Rod Brooks, Carol Haupt, Austin Charlson, Kevin Reed, Todd Buseman, Todd Swalin, Mark Skogerboe, Sherri O'Brien, Michael Ryerson, Aaron Wagner, Tate Goeman, Gene Ryerson, and Kent

Rutherford.

Drainage township assignments include: Rasmussen — Liberty, Boone, and Norway; Loux — Belmont, Pleasant, and Iowa; Ellis — Blaine, Vernon, and Wall Lake; Bosch — Woolstock, Troy, and Eagle Grove; and Kluss — Lake, Grant, Dayton, and Lincoln.

John Campbell was newly appointed as a trustee of the trustees of Grant Township. One person needs to be appointed in Wall Lake Township, and one person needs to be appointed in Woolstock Township.

The medical examiner ap-

pointments are Jon Ahrendson with Andrea McLaughlin and Dustin Smith as deputies.

Margaret Warden and Brad Robson were re-appointed to the board of adjustment. Trish Morris, Kevin Callahan, Dennis Bowman, and Adam Vorie will all serve another term on the Wright County Charitable Foundation board. Susan Toftey was reappointed for a three-year term on the board of health.

The supervisors decided to begin the budgeting review for the coming fiscal year on Jan. 13.

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## Drainage District Costs to Be Divided Among Landowners, Including City of Clarion

**Lee van der Linden, The Belmont Independent**

The Wright County Board of Supervisors heard on Jan. 13 that replacing the Voss Quarry bridge will begin Wednesday. The bridge is located on C-70 (330th Street).

The road will be closed between Franklin Avenue and Highway 17 starting at 8 a.m. The detour will be Franklin Avenue from C-70 north to 270th Street, west to Eagle Grove, north on Kirkwood Avenue to Broadway Street, west to Commercial

Ave (Highway 17), and south on Highway 17 back to 330th Street. It is hoped the project will be done by mid-July.

In other business, the board:

—approved a liquor license renewal for Clarmond Country Club;

—appointed Israel Rivera as a civil process server;

—approved the appointment of Darrel Steven Carlyle to the Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund executive board;

—and heard the auditor's office had quarterly revenue

totaling \$34 from copies and plat books;

The supervisors spent most of the Jan. 13 meeting dealing with complications from the ballooning costs of fixing problems in Drainage Ditch 36, Lateral C.

Work on repairs in the lateral was estimated to cost \$48,700, just under the limit for the legal requirement to hire an engineer. However, the work turned out to be much more extensive than initially thought and the cost had grown to nearly \$84,000 by the end of last month. The final cost is now estimated

at \$96,187 which does not include \$23,400 for seeding the banks of the drainage ditch. The work will be completed this spring.

About one dozen landowners, who will pay for the project, attended an informational meeting on Monday. Supervisor Dean Kluss said an engineer's report should have been done according to Iowa law. But he said that would have added \$20,000 to \$30,000 to the project cost. All of the costs will be divided among the landowners in the drainage district which includes the

City of Clarion.

Kluss said he is not questioning the work that has been done, but admitted, "We screwed up the whole communication on this."

In related business, the trustees approved paying \$20.01 in postage to notify landowners about the Jan. 13 meeting.

As supervisors, the board contracted with Eric Eide of Nyemaster Goode law firm in Ames to serve as drainage attorney. His rate is \$300 per hour, the same as David Johnson, the county's previous drainage attorney.



### It's a boy!

Ilbea Abigail Pineda Quintanilla gave birth to a baby boy named Raider Dariel Pineda Quintanilla on Jan. 9, 2025.

He joins siblings Daenrys (1), Rosmary (5), and Ricardo (11).

### Happenings

P.E.O. Chapter EJ, met in December for our Social/ Meeting at the home of Betty Wilde.

12 members attended. Sherri O'Brien has transferred into Chapter EJ. The hostess presented the holiday quiz. Lunch was served by Dianne Reiland and LuAnn Mersch.

A pop-up social was held in November at the Eagle Grove Greenhouses. Sixteen were present.

Hosting the event was Ann Wilde, Muriel Gearhart and Bev Wilde.

## Wright County Economic Development and Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund make money available to qualifying residents for home repairs

2025 applications being accepted now

Wright County Economic Development is again partnering with the Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund to make money available to low-income in-

dividuals for rehabilitating and repairing owner-occupied housing in Wright County.

"In the 2024 cycle, all available monies were applied for and received by qualifying Wright County families to help with improvements such as plumbing, electrical, or energy efficiency," said Wright County Economic Development Director Darrel Steven Carlyle. "We are happy to

announce that money is now available for the 2025 cycle and applications are being accepted."

Other eligible improvements to homes include, but are not limited to, updating mechanical code deficiencies, lead hazard reduction, and any improvement that makes a property accessible for a person with disabilities.

Applicants must meet the current established income guidelines and other require-

ments held by the HIRHTF, IFA, and the Board of Directors. Houses must be single-family dwellings. Applicants will need to supply all needed documentation.

A maximum of up to \$15,000 is available per household as a five-year forgivable loan with 20 percent forgiven each year.

In addition to low-income individuals, priority for these forgivable loans will be given to those who are

62 years of age and older, as well as individuals with disabilities.

"This is a win/win for everyone," stated Carlyle. "We are able to help rehabilitate housing in our county, and at the same time, help residents have better, safer, more efficient homes to live in."

For more information on this program, please contact Carlyle at Wright County Economic Development at 515-532-6422.

## See Your Town through New Eyes: Applications Open for First Impressions

**By Diane Van Wyngarden, Esther Crompton**

AMES, Iowa – What does your town look like through the eyes of a first-time visitor? For Iowa's small communities, the answer to this question could unlock new opportunities to grow tourism, attract new residents and enrich quality of life. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach's First Impressions program is designed to uncover those insights—and the application deadline is

fast approaching, with community applications due Jan. 31.

Inspired by a successful initiative in Michigan, First Impressions has been adapted for Iowa by Diane Van Wyngarden, extension's state tourism specialist, and was piloted in 2024 with two communities, Corning and Maquoketa.

"This program helps communities see themselves through the eyes of first-time visitors," said Van Wyngarden. "It offers practical

strategies to highlight a community's strengths, address challenges and formulate action steps that produce measurable results."

The assessment process is tailored to communities and includes advanced research and in-person visits over multiple weeks by a trained assessment team. Assessment data is analyzed to form a comprehensive community report with actionable recommendations to enhance community vitality, elevate visitor experiences and improve

overall quality of life. This report is shared with stakeholders and local residents during a public community forum.

Communities with a population of 10,000 and under are invited to apply, and five communities will be selected for the 2025 program year. Visit the First Impressions website for program information, the list of community responsibilities and program fees and the application form. For more information, contact Diane Van Wyngarden at [dvw@iastate.edu](mailto:dvw@iastate.edu).

## Updated Data for Decision Makers Reports Released for Iowa's State, Counties and Cities

**By Sandra Burke, Esther Crompton**

AMES, Iowa – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has released updated Data for Decision Makers reports for the state, counties and cities. Based on data from the American Community Survey for 2019 to 2023, the reports offer detailed insights into household and family income, educational attainment, housing values, rental costs, occupation, employment and poverty measures.

The DDMs are intended to help policymakers and community leaders analyze current conditions, allocate resources and develop policies tailored to local needs.

"These updates ensure that communities are working with the most current and reliable data available," said Sandra Burke, a sociologist

and research scientist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "Annual updates like this allow decision makers to track changes over time and adjust their strategies accordingly."

"These reports make it possible for communities to identify and address pressing issues," Burke said. "For instance, if housing values and rental costs are rising faster than household incomes, leaders can use that data to prioritize affordable housing initiatives or apply for grants to assist low-income residents. Similarly, income and education data can help local officials understand where economic disparities exist and focus resources where they are most needed."

"Overall, these reports give community leaders the tools they need to understand their current situation

and compare it to neighboring communities, counties, the state or U.S. averages. This kind of information is key for identifying strengths, addressing challenges and planning for the future. By understanding how their community compares to others, leaders can prioritize investments in housing or apply for grants to fill gaps," Burke said.

To access the updated

DDM reports, visit the ISU Extension and Outreach Indicators Program website, where you can also find the newly revised County and City Data for Decision Makers User's Guides for assistance in using the reports.

For more information on the DDM reports, contact Sandra Burke at [sburke@iastate.edu](mailto:sburke@iastate.edu) or Esther Crompton, communication specialist, at [ecrompt@iastate.edu](mailto:ecrompt@iastate.edu).



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### Congregate Meal Menu:

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Scalloped Potatoes w/ Ham, Whole Wheat Bread, Vegetable, Frozen Fruit Cup

**Tuesday, Jan. 22**  
Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Whole Wheat Bread, Vegetable, Fruit Juice

**Friday, Jan. 24**  
Roast Pork w/ Carrots and Potatoes, Whole Wheat Roll, Fruit

### Eagle Grove Community School District -MENU-

**Monday, Jan. 20**  
**BREAKFAST:** Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit, Juice  
**LUNCH:** Crispos, Refried Beans, Salad, Orange

**Tuesday, Jan. 21**  
**BREAKFAST:** Flatbread Breakfast Pizza, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice  
**LUNCH:** Corn Dog, Sweet Potato Fries, Broccoli, Pears

**Wednesday, Jan. 22**  
**BREAKFAST:** French Toast, Sausage, Fruit, Juice  
**LUNCH:** Chicken Pot Pie, Peas, Fruit Cocktail

**Thursday, Jan. 23**  
**BREAKFAST:** Breakfast Taco, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice  
**LUNCH:** Cuban Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Pineapple

**Friday, Jan. 24**  
**BREAKFAST:** Cereal, Strawberry Bagel, Fruit, Juice  
**LUNCH:** Pizza, Corn, Salad, Peaches

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## Time To Make Some Noise About Cancer in Iowa

By Art Cullen

People are talking about Iowa's alarming cancer rates, but they need to turn up the volume.

"We have to start getting loud with our elected officials about doing something about it," Iowa Cancer Registry Director Mary Charlton told Iowa Capital Dispatch last week.

Iowa had the second-highest and fastest-growing cancer rate in the nation in 2024. Iowa is notable for breast, prostate and lung cancer, and concentrations are acutely high in Northwest Iowa.

The Registry is launching a series of county meetings to motivate locals to action. The first was held in Palo Alto County, with one of the highest cancer incidence rates, and the next is Jan. 23 in Dickinson County, with one of the lowest rates. Charlton hopes it will begin to drive legislative action.

Don't hold your breath, although it might be advisable in the Land of Foul Odors.

Cancer is complex with many causes: Iowa has the highest binge-drinking rate in the Midwest, which is impressive next to Wisconsin. Our soil is a blessing and a bane, laden with radon seeping up from your basement and blasting about my house today when the furnace is cranking. As a people, we are chubby. The Brothers Cullen are genetically prone to prostate cancer, probably a legacy from Dear Old Dad's side of our tree.

And then there is the gigantic elephant in the room: Iowa is a sacrifice state for cheap food and fuel.

We have the most polluted rivers and lakes in America. We have the densest concentration of livestock on the continent, mainly in pigs and poultry, while cattle may be staging a comeback as water runs out in Kansas (beef) and California (dairy).

The Iowa Supreme Court has made it clear that it has no interest in regulating agriculture. Of course, neither does the Farm Bureau or the corporate chemical cabal that runs this state. It's nearly impossible to increase tobacco taxes, which haven't been touched in 18 years. No way the Legislature taxes manure output or limits where confinements may locate. We will continue to grow corn out our ears to feed those hogs and hens no matter how much nitrate drains into the Racoon River, one of the most endangered in America.

It's about the money.

This goes across partisan divides. Liberals and conservatives all want clean water and air. Children who grow up in a cloud of manure dust suffer lifelong consequences, the research from the University of Iowa College of Public Health shows. Studies link nitrate pollution to cancer. Juries awarded verdicts in the hundreds of millions of dollars for cancer claims arising from glyphosate (Roundup) use, a herbicide

that is so ubiquitous that it is losing its punch against weeds.

"What needs to be looked at are things that are probable or possible carcinogens that have increased beginning about 1990, because of the well-recognized latency of environmental cancers," said former UI Public Health Dean James Merchant last February. "Those carcinogens associated with industrial agriculture are the ones that really need to be looked at very closely."

Almost nothing has happened since, predictably.

Surprisingly, a lawsuit has threatened an 11,000-head cattle operation along a trout stream in northeast Iowa. The suing lawyer, Jim Larew, told the Cedar Rapids Gazette that there will be more litigation. "I view us on the cusp of a new civil rights movement in Iowa," he said. "It will take some time, but I think in due course the right to access clean water and clean air will be recognized as a fundamental right for Iowans."

There may be some lawyerly hyperbole or bulliness involved, given how the courts have resisted wading in. He will be a huge pain for the polluters.

Iowa's cancer scientists are sounding an apolitical alarm — something extraordinary has been going on here for about 30 years. The concerns unite liberals and conservatives. The Iowa Cancer Registry has been careful to call for a comprehensive understanding of why Iowa is going the wrong direction without assigning blame. We know so little.

There is plenty of science to tell us that when you are killing the rivers and the children can't breathe, cancer lurks.

I remain convinced that, despite decades of Republican political control, Iowans want clean air and water. A clean and healthy lake has buy-in from nearly everyone here. We passed a bond issue for a clean lake. Clean water can be a political winner — more than 60% of Iowans voted to increase taxes for clean air and water in 2010. The Legislature refused to acknowledge the will of the people and did nothing.

That's why people need to get loud. It is difficult for legislators to hear when they are buried under a pile of corporate money. Only voters can overcome that influence.

Art Cullen is editor of the Storm Lake Times Pilot, where this column first appeared, as well as Art Cullen's Notebook on Substack. It is republished here as part of the Iowa Writers' Collaborative.

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## Feenstra: Reauthorizing and building upon the successes of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act

By Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Hull)

At the end of this year, significant portions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), which was signed into law in December of 2017, officially expires. That means that — absent congressional action — taxes for Iowa families, farmers, and businesses will increase. As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, I will be working closely with President Trump, Chairman Jason Smith, and my colleagues to reauthorize the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, build upon the major successes of this law, and prevent massive tax hikes on Iowans and Americans everywhere.

The consequences of allowing the TCJA to expire are severe. The average U.S. taxpayer would face a 22% increase in taxes and American families making the median income of about \$80,000 would see almost a \$1,700 tax hike. 40 million families would also have the Child Tax Credit slashed in half, 91% of taxpayers would see their standard deduction cut in half, 26 million small businesses would face a top tax rate of 43.4%, and two million family farms would witness their death tax exemption sliced in half. From a 30,000-foot view, investment would slow, economic development would evaporate, and our economy would be crushed with trillions in new taxes.

To deliver relief from inflation, one of our top priorities will be maintaining the income tax cuts and the doubled standard deduction for our families. In 2017, TCJA increased the standard deduction from \$6,500 to

\$12,000 for individual filers, from \$13,000 to \$24,000 for joint returns, and from \$9,550 to \$18,000 for heads of household. Indexed for inflation, the deduction now stands at \$15,000 for single filers, \$29,200 for joint filers, and \$21,900 for heads of household. By protecting the increased standard deduction, we let Iowans keep more of their hard-earned money and allow our families to invest and save as they see fit.

Another provision that must be retained is the 20% tax cut on qualified business income for our small businesses. Prior to the enactment of TCJA, Iowa small businesses were paying exorbitant amounts in taxes — draining limited capital that could be deployed to hire new employees, make investments, and upgrade their technology. With the creation of the 20% tax cut for small businesses, entrepreneurs and employers have been able to increase wages for their workers, keep their doors open, and give back to our local communities through donations and other charitable events. Based on my conversations with business owners and my travels around the district on my 36 County Tour, this reform to our tax code has been very successful and meaningful. In fact, the National Federation of Independent Business found that nine out of ten main street businesses claimed the deduction and, from 2018 to 2021 alone, an additional 10.8 million tax returns included the deduction.

To spur investment and economic growth in our rural communities, we also need to

make immediate expensing — also known as 100% bonus depreciation — permanent. This tax provision is a game changer for our farmers, bio-fuels producers, manufacturers, and businesses who need certainty that they will see tax relief as a result of expanding their operations, making investments, and pursuing research-and-development opportunities. According to the nonpartisan Tax Foundation, making 100% bonus depreciation permanent would create 100,000 new jobs, boost wages, and grow our economy. 100% bonus depreciation permanency would also help small businesses offset the cost of major investments and instead hire new employees and expand their operations domestically. China offers generous support to its businesses and job creators, and it is absolutely necessary that we help our business community compete with China's unfair trade practices and blatant subsidization of state industries.

Finally, there are a few tax policies that I am working on for the benefit of our families, farmers, and small businesses. One of the most egregious tax provisions levied by the federal government is the death tax. This unfair tax targets our family farms and family-owned businesses — threatening to close them for good if they cannot cough up massive sums of money to pay an enormous tax bill after the death of a loved one. TCJA doubled the death tax exemption, which was an important step to providing relief. Now it's time to finish the job and end the tax once and for all. That's why I introduced legislation to permanently repeal the death

tax and end this attack on our main streets, family traditions, and rural communities. At a minimum, our tax package needs to retain the doubled exemption, and at best, it should include the total elimination of the death tax in our federal tax code.

Separately, I've been very involved in working with my colleagues to advance paid family and medical leave (PFML) policies. My bill — the Paid Family and Medical Leave Tax Credit Extension and Enhancement Act — would help small businesses offer PFML to their employees. This legislation specifically extends and reforms the 45S tax credit — which was a two-year tax credit authorized by TCJA and later extended by Congress through 2025 — for employers that voluntarily offer up to 12 weeks of PFML. PFML ensures that workers can take needed paid time off to spend with their families when a new baby arrives or, in the event of a medical emergency, allows employees to take the time that they need to heal and recover without missing a paycheck. Reauthorizing this tax credit enables business owners to work directly with their employees to provide critical support and other tools.

Extending and building upon TCJA is my top priority as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, and I will work diligently to protect these tax cuts for our families, farmers, and businesses. Republicans will honor our commitment to American taxpayers by delivering tax relief, rebuilding our economy, and lowering costs for our families.

## Q&A: Private Equity's Harmful Impact on Patient Care

With U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley

Q: What prompted your bipartisan investigation into private equity's stake in hospital ownership?

A: In the last Congress, I launched a bipartisan inquiry to dig into the impact that private equity ownership of hospitals has had on patient care and rural health care. Specifically, my concerns were prompted following a tragic incident at Ottumwa Regional Health Center, the general acute care hospital in Iowa under private equity (PE) ownership. A male nurse practitioner assaulted incapacitated female patients in 2021 and 2022, before he died from an overdose in the hospital. Evidence of the horrible crimes came to light following an investigation of his death by local law enforcement. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, then-chairman of the Senate Budget Committee, teamed up with me to conduct a 13-month investigation of private equity ownership of hospitals.

As Iowa's senior U.S. Senator, I wanted to get to the bottom of the shocking events that undermined confidence

in the delivery of care at the local rural hospital in this Iowa community and find out the extent to which adverse impacts stemming from private equity ownership were occurring across the country. Our inquiry sought to collect the facts and shine a light on the often-complex financial arrangements surrounding private equity's ownership of local hospitals. Transparency brings accountability.

For nearly two decades, I've leveraged my leadership platforms in the U.S. Senate to push for accountability from large private equity firms and their investments in the U.S. health care system, including the nation's nursing homes. Stemming from my oversight of long-term care facilities when I chaired the Senate Special Committee on Aging, I pushed bipartisan legislative reforms to empower consumers with better information and require public reporting on nursing home ownership and performance, as well as and stiffer penalties to encourage compliance with federal quality standards.

Since Nursing Home Compare launched in 1998, I've

continued pushing the federal bureaucracy to improve the effectiveness and utility of the website. In 2023, I also urged the Biden administration to implement long overdue rules requiring transparency at long-term care facilities. Foot-dragging by the federal bureaucracy allows private equity stakeholders to continue weaving tangled webs of financial arrangements. And that allows them to evade accountability.

Q: What did your investigation expose?

A: For starters, my investigation thoroughly scrutinized the fall-out and broken promises the Ottumwa community has felt by the impact of private equity ownership on its local health care system. For example, wait times at Ottumwa Regional Health Center went up as patient experience went down. The quality and availability of care dropped significantly, pushing patients to travel longer distances to access health care when they have a hospital in their backyard.

Our 162-page report details the harmful impact private equity has had on patients, providers and the entire com-

munity. For instance, Apollo-owned Lifepoint Health and its PE-owned predecessors failed to fulfill seven promises first made to the Ottumwa community when the hospital was acquired by private equity owners in 2010, including hospital growth, physician recruitment, charity care, patient satisfaction and more.

Our investigation revealed Apollo has made millions in profits while patients and the community have suffered. Lifepoint Health pays Apollo \$9.2 million annually to cover management fees while Ottumwa suffers fall-out from operational mismanagement at the hospital, such as inadequate staffing, poor patient experience, lack of specialty services, insufficient care capacity, poor building maintenance and insufficient investment.

Throughout my public service, I've found sunshine is the best disinfectant. I'll continue pushing for transparency and needed reforms to ensure our health care system, including in communities like Ottumwa, serves the needs of Iowans and all Americans.

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8 a.m. Mass at St. John  
10:30 a.m. Mass at Belmont Care Center  
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3:15 p.m. Adoration/Benediction at St. Francis  
4 p.m. Mass at St. Francis  
7:15 p.m. Adoration/Benediction at St. John  
8 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. John  
Sunday, January 19  
Youth Led Masses  
Haiti Collection  
7:15 a.m. Adoration/Benediction at Sacred Heart  
8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart  
9:45 a.m. Adoration/Benediction at St. John  
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. John  
Monday, January 20  
8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis

8:45 a.m. Noodle Dough Making at Sacred Heart  
9 a.m. Noodle Making, Rolling at Sacred Heart  
6:30 p.m. RCIA at St. John  
Tuesday, January 21  
9:15 a.m. Cluster Liturgy, Lent/Triduum Planning at St. John  
Wednesday, January 22  
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis  
8 a.m. Mass at St. Francis  
6:30 p.m. Y2:00pm Mass at Clarion Care Center  
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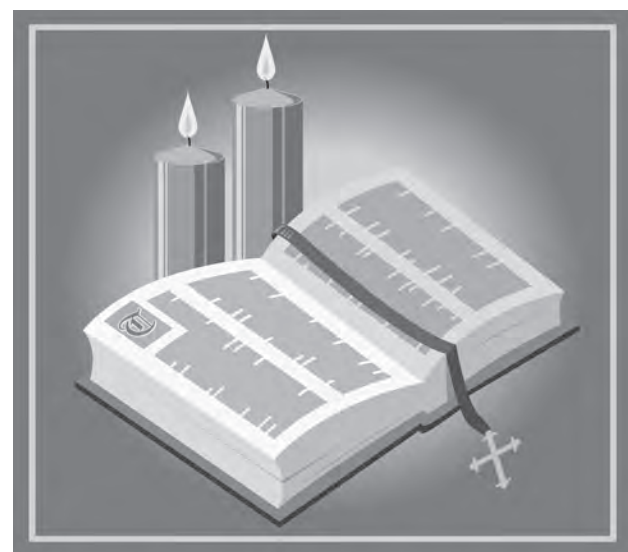
### George Washington Lent III

1938-2025



George Washington Lent III, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on January 1, 2025, in Benton, Arkansas, at the age of 86. Born on June 24, 1938, in Plainfield, New Jersey, George led a life characterized by service, compassion, and dedication to both family and community. He is survived by his devoted wife, Donna Marie (Abel) Lent, and their three children: Judy Holsworth, married to Troy Holsworth; April Reisma, married to Keith Reisma; and Andrew Lent, married to Susan Howell. George's legacy lives on through his eight grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild, who all cherished his love, wisdom, and unwavering support. George enjoyed a fulfilling career as a semi-truck driver, working with Matlack of Northampton, Pennsylvania, and Umthun Trucking of Eagle Grove, Iowa, for over 30 years. During his trucking days, he was a member of the Teamsters. Following his trucking days, he owned and operated a small engine shop in Eagle Grove, called Big George's Little Engynes (spelled that way so one would say it that way), where he continued to serve his community with dedication. While a semi driver, he became involved in the Transport for Christ ministry. Through this role, he ministered to fellow truck drivers, helping many find hope and faith. In pursuit of a life-long dream, George became a chaplain in October of 2023 with the Transport for Christ trucking ministry. In his retirement, George took on numerous jobs, including a memorable role as a driver for special needs children, who fondly remember his kindness and commitment. His impact extended beyond his profession; he was a passionate advocate for legislative change in Arkansas, successfully influencing public school busing laws to improve the lives of countless children. He was a member of the Arkansas Education Association during his work with public education and continued to be so as a retired member. George Washington Lent III leaves behind a rich legacy of love, service, and unwavering faith. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all those who had the privilege to know him. A celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, January 18, at 10 a.m., at the First Assembly of God Church in Benton, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his honor to the food pantry at the First Assembly of God at <https://bentonfirst.com/give>, or to Transport for Christ at <https://tfcglobal.org/donate/>.

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### Making Amends

It is important to make amends for the wrongs we have committed, humbly and sincerely apologizing to those we have hurt and trying to redress the wrongs. In recovery circles (AA and NA, for example), steps numbers 8 and 9 of their 12-step programs address this issue. Making amends is crucial for people in recovery because if they don't do this, they are carrying around all kinds of emotional baggage such as guilt and shame, which can be a trigger to drink or use drugs. What I've learned over the years is that the sooner I make my apologies the better, since the apology almost immediately begins to improve my relations with the other person and thus both of us begin to feel better. For minor sins, the apology can come right after the act, in the same breath as it were. But for more serious wrongs it may require asking for time to sit down with the other person and humbly asking for their forgiveness. And this isn't just something that recovering substance abusers should do. All of us should make daily inventories of our lives and seek to make amends to those we've wronged. It's wise to remember that we are human and we're likely to need this practice until our final days.

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# Wright County Courthouse

## Births

Star Mavis Mae Sorio was born on December 15, 2024, to Kaitlynn Fields of Iowa Falls.

Mallie Leslie Meyer was born on December 17, 2024, to Amanda and Eric Meyer of Rowan.

Jose Anthony Brito Ceto was born on December 17, 2024, to Margarita Geto Brito and Pedro Brito Marcos of Webster City.

Meredith Jean Dvorak was born on December 18, 2024, to McKenzie and Nicholas Dvorak of Kensett.

Ellis Robert Reed was born on December 18, 2024, to Cassandra and Matthew Reed of Dougherty.

Jorje Zahid Santos Arriaga was born on December 18, 2024, to Blanca Arriaga Funez of Webster City.

Augustine Paul Reding was born on December 18, 2024, to Hannah and Justin Reding.

Ace Milo Phatame was born on December 19, 2024, to Michelle Bunpan of Webster City.

Layla Mae Holland was born on December 20, 2024, to Adrienne Pount of Humboldt.

Ivan Sofoifa Maldonado was born on December 20, 2024, to Elizama Maldonado Arreaga and Gerso Sofoifa Garcia of Goldfield.

Colson Alan Abbas was born on December 21, 2024, to Brianna and Zachary Abbas of Garner.

Kinsley-Jo Marie Nicole Hopkins was born on December 22, 2024, to Cierra Wolf and Jackson Hopkins of Forest City.

Levit Marc Ramirez was born on December 23, 2024, to Jessica Ramirez and Melvin Rivera of Hampton.

Brynley Elise Woodson was born on December 24, 2024, to Abigail and Caleb Woodson of Sheffield.

Angel David Reyes Lopez was born on December 25, 2024, to Araceli Lopez-Santis of Clarion.

Novonni Joseph David Chamberlain was born on December 27, 2024, to Briley Carpenter of Belmont.

Harrison Jon-Thomas Siekmann was born on December 29, 2024, to Angel Mitchell of Mason City.

Blair Kathleen Ratzke was born on December 29, 2024, to Ryley and Jacob Ratzke of Clarion.

Whitley Maeve Thrasher was born on December 29, 2024, to Isabella and Dalton Thrasher of Thornton.

Rio James Johanns was born on December 30, 2024, to Nuong and Joshua Johanna of Mason City.

Colt James Haugen was born on December 31, 2024, to Alyssa Blankenship of Garner.

Samuel Leeroy Johnston was born on December 31, 2024, to Ayaka and Michael Johnston of Jefferson.

## Deaths

Darrell N. Bethards of Eagle Grove was born on October 1, 1957, and died on December 27, 2024, at the age of 67.

Michael Duane Smith of Eagle Grove was born on June 5, 1958, and died on December 23, 2024, at the age of 66.

Mildred Vivian Wenzel (Smit) of Belmont was born on May 4, 1932, and died on December 24, 2024, at the age of 92.

Sandra Rae Osborn (Sayre) of Renwick was born on February 23, 1949, and died on December 26, 2024, at the age of 75.

Nancy Marie Beenken (Quigley) of Belmont was

born on August 22, 1932, and died on January 2, 2025, at the age of 92.

Frederick S. Andersen of Eagle Grove was born on May 4, 1948, and died on December 31, 2024, at the age of 76.

## Marriage

Jeffrey Hickman, 36, of Belmont was wed to Anabelle Kuhn, 33, of Belmont on December 21, 2024.

## Civil

Gage William Stephens vs. Jesse Rae Krug, Modified Child Support Order.

Discover Bank vs. Melissa Marie Burns, Judgement against Burns for costs of \$13,263.36 plus interests at a rate of 6.25% and court costs of \$195.00.

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. Jessica Alida Castorena Hernandez, Judgment against Castorena for the amount of \$12,452.06 with interest at the "highest rate" from and after the date of judgment, and court costs of \$195.00.

## Small Claims

DNF Associates, LLC vs. Guadalupe Diaz, Judgment against Diaz for the amount of \$4,651.31 with an interest rate of 24.99% from the date of filing the original petition and \$95.00 in court costs.

Hauge Associates, Inc. vs. Julie A. Hill and Ryan Leslie Hill, Judgment against the defendants,

jointly and severally, in the amount of \$5859.63 with interest at the rate set forth below from October 24, 2024, and court costs of \$95.00 with interest at 7.22% per annum.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. vs. Talis Michael Harrison, Dismissed Without Prejudice.

## Traffic

Braeden Andrew Thorn of Ankeny, IA, speeding over 55 zone (21 or over).

Ronald Joseph Lansing of Luxemburg, IA, failure to maintain or use safety belts - Adu.

Moses Timbiti Wanyakha of Ames, IA, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru 15 over).

Raymon Chadler Parker of Fort Dodge, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Joshua Ryan Fahrrenkrug of Newton, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Gabriel Thomas Rhoads of Eagle Grove, IA, person under 21 using tobacco/vapor product 1.

Nathaniel Donnie Beulah Jr of Brooklyn Park, MN, speeding over 55 zone (21 or over).

Natan Sofair of Spring Valley, NY, speeding over 55 zone (21 or over).

Norrease Tyrome Shavers of Middleburg, FL, failure to comply with safety regulations Rul.

Logan Curtis Sorenson of Livermore, IA, failure to maintain or use safety belts - Adu.

Beau Tremaine Berge of Humboldt, IA, failure to maintain or use safety belts - Adu.

Jacqueline Rojas of Webster City, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (16 thru 20 over).

Jacqueline Rojas of Webster City, IA, no valid drivers license.

Sonja Michelle Smith of Eagle Grove, IA, failure to provide proof of financial liability..

Nelson Bernabe Lopez Vasquez of Belmont, IA, no valid drivers license.

Charles Nathaniel Emmau Johnson of Bloomington, MN, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru 15 over).

Rainer Moises Briceno Fermin of Fort Dodge, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Jesse Robert Evans of De Soto, Mo, CMV - Chapter 325a - General penalty.

Luvey de Jesus Alvaro Espinosa of Eagle Grove, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Luvey de Jesus Alvaro Espinosa of Eagle Grove, IA, no valid drivers license.

Jonathan Juarez Zaldivar of Burnsville, MN, permitting unauthorized person to drive.

Olvin Juarez Marquez of Burnsville, MN, no valid drivers license.

Breann Lucille Ohern of Eagle Grove, IA, use electronic communication device.

Javier Garcia Lopez of Clarion, IA, no valid drivers license.

Amy Marie Martinez of Kanawha, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (1 thru 5 over).

Lance Ulrich of Dows, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (21 or over).

Trellis Trevon Nixon of Dallas, TX, speeding over 55 zone (21 or over).

Olvin Juarez Marquez of Burnsville, MN, failure to provide proof of financial liability..

Joel Uriel Godinez Juarez of Des Moines, IA, no valid drivers license.

Anna Elizabeth Houk of Olathe, KS, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Sotero Alonso Calderon Velazquez of Des Moines, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

David Garcia Olvera of Altoona, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Peter James Brown of Webster City, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Clara soleda Ajtun Estrada of Clarion, IA, no valid drivers license.

Yancarlos Gonzalez Rodriguez of Belmont, IA, permitting unauthorized person to drive.

Trever Thomas Kurtz of Rowan, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (1 thru 5 over).

Janelle Lynn Thompson of Hardy, IA, registration violation.

Robert Dean Olson of Fort Dodge, IA, no valid drivers license.

James Allen Symons SR of Sioux City, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Lenier Rosell Ridel of Algona, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Ashley Irais Pena of Webster City, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Cinthia Elizabeth Herrera of Webster City, IA, no valid drivers license.

Cinthia Elizabeth Herrera of Webster City, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (21 or over).

Blaine Scott Kriegel of Grinnell, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Chad Allen Porter of Belmont, IA, maximum gross weight violation - 4001 to 5000.

Chad Allen Porter of Belmont, IA, maximum group axle weight violation - 9001 to.

Makenna Jo Budke of Marion, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Enma Acosta Flores of Clarion, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Enma Acosta Flores of Clarion, IA, no valid drivers

license.

David Paul Choate Jr of Webster City, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Rick Vincent Tessandori of Clarion, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Mason Lee Linn of Clarion, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Loren Lynn Hughes of Ankeny, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Estephaine Tena of Sebring, FL, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Brooklyn Olivia Smith of Columbia, MO, operation without registration card or plate.

Adael Valladares Diaz of Eagle Grove, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (16 thru 20 over).

Scott Owen Ferree of Augusta, Mo, restrictions on taking game -other game.

Parker Lee Schmitz of Granger, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Scott Owen Ferree of Augusta, Mo, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Ricardo Cordova Regino of Des Moines, IA, no valid drivers license.

Katherine Ann Jackson of Webster City, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Jorge Tejada Romero of Belmont, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (1 thru 5 over).

Taylor Ann Caquelin of Dows, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Samantha Rose Buseman of Belmont, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Todd Christian Asper of Urbandale, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (1 thru 5 over).

William B Hays of Belmont, IA, safety belts and safety harnesses; use required.

Richard Clair Lewis of Casa Grande, AZ, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Juan Carlos Corio Perez of Webster City, IA, no drivers license.

Sade Chantell Bryant of Eagle Grove, IA, no drivers license.

Terry James Groesbeck of Eagle Grove, IA, failure to provide financial liability.

Enmer Osbeli Montufar Marroquin of Eagle Grove, IA, vehicles entering stop or yield intersection.

Vitalino Garcia Garcia, of Eagle Grove, IA, driving under suspension; driving while license denied, suspended or canceled.

## Criminal

State of Iowa Vs Gaytan Castaneda, Ariel, Class C Felony Burglary 2nd Degree. Defendant pled guilty and received a 10 year suspended prison sentence, was placed on probation for 3 years, was required to give a DNA sample, was fined \$1,370 (suspended), plus \$11,247.15 in court costs, less a \$10,000 appearance bond refund.

State of Iowa Vs Gonzalez Tevalan, Magdaleno, Serious Misdemeanor Assault Causing Bodily Injury or Mental Illness. Defendant pled guilty, and was jailed for 2 days, fined \$430, plus \$2223.60 in court costs, less a \$2,000 appearance bond refund.

City of Belmont Vs McKellip, Jessica, Simple Misdemeanor Animal at Large Prohibited, 2 charges. Defendant pled guilty and was fined \$105, plus \$60 in court costs, and a \$15.75 surcharge per charge.

# Eagle Grove Police Report

## January 2

6:38 AM: Traffic Stop near Northwest 2nd and Commercial and Broadway.

1:05 PM: Return call requested from caller with Homeland Security.

1:38 PM: Meet complainant at Casey's regarding harassment by an ex.

2:58 PM: Provided assistance in the 1100 block of West Broadway.

5:16 PM: Return call requested from Eagle Grove

5:51 PM: Drunk driver reported at Ampride.

7:03 PM: Domestic dispute in the 200 block of South Lucas.

9:38 PM: Traffic Stop in the 100 block of North Lucas and Northeast 2nd. Black Honda with no plates.

## January 3

4:17 AM: Open line 911 call reported from the 200 block of North Cadwell. A male voice could be heard, but dispatch received no response.

4:29 AM: Traffic Stop near Southwest 1st and Commercial.

7:52 AM: Officer assisted a manager at Subway with unlocking a door.

7:55 AM: Officer Responded to a situation involving an individual in the 400 block of North Garfield and 600 block of Northwest 3rd. A resident reported a man who refused to leave her house and appeared to have stolen medications. The officer was asked to determine if the man was a threat and assist with resolving the issue.

12:40 PM: Returned call to Johnson County Medical Office in Iowa City.

1:59 PM: Caller requested more information about an accident.

6:09 PM: Provided assistance at the Eagle Grove Police Department.

8:23 PM: Responded to a call at Sandman regarding a complaint.

## January 4

3:32 PM: Resident of Eagle Grove reported his wife with dementia had walked off wearing blue jeans and a white coat. Caller advised to report back if she appeared.

11:32 PM: Traffic Stop near City Hall parking lot.

11:41 PM: Traffic Stop near North Iowa and Arthur.

## January 5

11:53 PM: Responded to a violent domestic dispute in the 800 block of West Broadway.

## January 6

7:12 AM: Death of an elderly person discovered by a relative investigated in the 400 block of Southeast 4th.

12:51 PM: Caller requested assistance related to a stolen notebook containing cash.

3:30 PM: Resident reported theft of services and materials by a roofing company and wanted to press charges.

3:53 PM: Loose husky with tags, last seen near the fairgrounds.

5:50 PM: Met complainant in the 200 block of South Garfield.

7:52 PM: Traffic Stop in the 400 block of South Garfield Avenue.

8:23 PM: Traffic Stop near Highway 17 and Sandman.

10:04 PM: Traffic Stop near El Valle Store. Chevy pickup involved.

10:46 PM: Traffic Stop near Northwest 2nd and Commercial.

## January 7

12:50 AM: Traffic Stop in the 100 block of West Chestnut, Goldfield. Black Ford Focus with no plates.

7:46 AM: Open line 911 reported from the 500 block of North Montgomery.

9:25 AM: Officer responded to a complaint at EG Elm.

10:50 AM: Return call caller had questions about computers sent in for repairs.

12:36 PM: Assistance Officer responded to Eagle Grove Elementary regarding the disposal of controlled medications.

1:01 PM: Traffic Stop in the 1100 block of Northwest 1st. Ford Fusion with no plates involved.

1:25 PM: Traffic Stop near Fareway.

2:26 PM: Meet complainant caller at Sandman reported receiving a violation notice and wished to speak with an officer.

4:33 PM: Occupied vehicle reported near Southwest 2nd and Commercial.

4:46 PM: Meet complainant Officer responded to Dollar General Market. Caller wished to file trespassing charges on two individuals.

6:10 PM: Traffic Stop in the 300 block of North Commercial.

8:05 PM: Return caller in Goldfield reported having made a previous report and was advised to wait for a follow-up.

9:32 PM: Meet complainant caller on Western Avenue in Eagle Grove inquired about citizen's arrest regulations and reported an interaction regarding a deputy.

## January 8

2:09 AM: Break-in near the 200 block of North Garfield. Caller mentioned someone attempting to enter the home.

7:52 AM: Traffic Stop in the 800 block of Northwest 1st.

8:13 AM: German Shepherd loose in the 400 block of South Lucas. Dog was secured by neighbors until owner was contacted.

8:49 AM: Met complainant in the 100 block of Northeast 6th regarding a lost item.

8:54 AM: Officer responded to Eisentrager Law for document service.

9:38 AM: Caller requested officer's assistance to serve papers in the 100 block of Park.

1:59 PM: Two-car accident reported at Highway 17 and Northwest 4th Street. No injuries; west lane was blocked.

2:06 PM: Caller requested information about filing a missing persons report and was advised to call back when officers were available.

3:08 PM: Return caller followed up on an earlier inquiry regarding missing persons.

3:12 PM: Stray dog reported entering a house in the 200 block of Broadway. Caller requested officer assistance. Dog appeared to be a brindle colored pitbull.

7:13 PM: Pit bull attack reported in the 200 block of North Hewitt Avenue. Two incidents reported.

8:30 PM: Domestic verbal dispute reported at Eaglewood Apartments.









# Warriors Squeak Out Win In The Grove

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

A night after a decisive win in West Bend-Mallard, Eagle Grove hoopers were back at home for a January 7 contest against North Union. The boys came out shaky, but still led 30-22 at halftime over the 2-7 Warriors.

In an amazing sequence late in the 1st quarter, Abe Lin hit a jumper off balance, blocked a shot on the defensive end, and swished a turnaround. A Josh Miller three gave EG a 16-5 advantage.

North Union cut the lead to a single point in the 2nd quarter, but Lin and Miller both converted on putbacks to make it a five-point game. With just a few seconds left in the 1st half, the crowd roared after Lin banked in a buzzer beating triple.

Jaxon Morris converted on a pair of three-pointers to start the 3rd, but the Warriors answered and only trailed by three going into the 4th.

In the final quarter, Gavin Pedersen drained a three from his favorite spot in the corner for Eagle Grove. Lin was pulled from the game after suffering leg cramps, though, and North Union promptly tied the game in his absence. The visitors took a 48-46 lead after a steal, and the Eagles missed on a potential go-ahead three ball and eventually lost 51-50.

Miller finished with eight points and 13 rebounds. Morris added 12 points and two steals.

Lin tied for the game-high with 17 points and blocked two shots. Pedersen had six points and 12 rebounds in the loss.



Abraham Lin backs down a North Union defender.



This season, Gavin Pedersen leads the Eagles with 9.2 rebounds per game.



Adrian Whipple averages 11.2 points per game and 2.1 steals per game. (Photos by Taylor Smith)

# Eagles Down Bison In OT

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

A night after a 10-point loss to #8 Bishop Garrigan, the Eagle Grove boys basketball team got back in the win column on the road in Buffalo Center. They im-

proved to 5-6 after a 71-67 Friday night overtime victory over their Top of Iowa-West opponents from North Iowa.

Jaxon Morris went off for a game-high 28 points. The guard also had six steals and

seven rebounds. Josh Miller added 16 points, five boards, and two steals.

Abraham Lin finished with 12 points, six assists, and seven rebounds, and Gavin Pedersen snagged a game-high 12 rebounds.

# Boys Wrestlers Go 2-1 In Hancock County

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

Last Thursday, Eagle Grove wrestlers continued their season at a quad in Britt. The boys faced Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, North Union, and host West Hancock. They followed up a narrow 39-38 victory over G-H-V with a 45-36 defeat of North Union, but West Hancock came out

on top 39-35 in the final dual of the evening.

Hunter Waldo-Martinez pinned all three of his opponents, and Dylan Terwilliger earned a win by fall vs. G-H-V and a win by technical fall against a West Hancock grappler.

Jackson Babcock (138) and Carter Bjorklund (165) finished the night with two

pins apiece. Hayden Schafer won by technical fall against a Warrior wrestler and won via fall vs. his West Hancock opponent at 157.

Jayden Kreitlow (175) won via major decision vs. North Union, and Jesus Baez (285) and Cooper Thacker (132) both picked up a win by fall. Andrew Orozco (113) had a win by decision.

# North Union Defeats EG Ladies

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

The Eagle Grove girls basketball team kept pace with the North Union Warriors in the opening minutes of last Tuesday's conference matchup, but gave up 27 points in the 2nd quarter and fell 64-28 on their home court.

Ainsley Ulrich had 28 for North Union as they improved to 6-5. The Eagles, led by Taytum Edwards' 8 points and 3 steals, dropped to 1-8.

Kendra Schild had an all-around game for the Eagles with 10 rebounds, three assists, and a steal. Holly Anderson grabbed six boards, and Myah Edwards finished



Salem Willard dials up from long distance.

with six points on a pair of three-pointers, five rebounds, a steal, and a block. Freshman Ellie Lenning

contributed five points and rebounds, and Salem Willard had four points and four boards.

# Late Run Not Enough To Overcome Gaels

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

On Monday, the Lady Eagles were at home for a non-conference hoops battle against the 2-7 St. Edmond Gaels.

Early on, Taytum Edwards used her speed in transition for two easy layups. She then canned a three that gave EG a 10-9 lead, but the Eagles struggled to score in the 2nd quarter and trailed 23-12 at the half.

Eagle Grove regained their shooting touch in the 3rd, with Taytum and Myah Edwards both converting on long twos. Ellie Lenning earned a hard fought bucket inside as the Eagles cut the deficit to nine.

St. Edmond went on a 7-0 run to start the 4th, but Taytum countered with another made three. Kendra Schild, who finished with nine points and an astounding 19 rebounds, scored



Ellie Lenning drives past a Gael defender.

most of her points in the final quarter. Lenning came through with an old-fashioned three-point play late in the game, but the Eagles were unable to come back and fell 48-37 to the Gaels.

Taytum Edwards was Eagle Grove's leading scorer with 14 points. Coach Whipple complimented his freshman's effort after the game: "I thought Taytum played a great game for the

amount of pressure defensively they sent at her."

"We need to limit turnovers and convert our free throws and open shots under the rim..." Whipple added. "...We will be in a good spot as we start the second half of conference play."

Myah Edwards grabbed nine boards for the Eagles, and Lenning finished with six points.



Coach Whipple watches the action unfold. (Photos by Taylor Smith)



Myah Edwards averages 1.7 steals per game and 1 block a game for EG.

# Wright County Pool League

## TEAM STANDINGS:

#	Name	Rnd	Rnd	Pts	Pts +*	Wins	Loss	Win %	Avg*
		W	L						
1	Moes	28	8	698	695	54	27	66.67	8.58
2	Rookies	20	16	642	630	45	36	55.56	7.78
3	Wizards	19	13	584	563	39	33	54.17	7.82
4	Stokers and Pokers	17	15	598	586	42	30	58.33	8.14
5	Fa'que	16	16	560	545	33	39	45.83	7.57
6	Replacements	14	18	559	559	38	34	52.78	7.47
7	Motley Cue	11	21	535	529	29	43	40.28	7.35
8	Kim Jong Pool	7	25	481	445	17	55	23.61	6.18

\*No Handicap

## Pool Report



## PLAYER STANDINGS:

#	Name	Team(s)	Pts+	Pts-	Diff*	Gms	Wins	Loss	Win %	Avg+
1	Steven Martin	Moes	240	166	74	27	21	6	77.78	8.89
2	Zach Martin	Rookies	231	168	63	27	19	8	70.37	8.56
3	Steve Evans	Moes	228	206	22	27	16	11	59.26	8.44
4	Dick Stumpf	Moes	227	180	47	27	17	10	62.96	8.41
5	Alec Martin	Rookies	221	202	19	27	16	11	59.26	8.19
6	Dave Walker	Wizards	210	145	65	24	19	5	79.17	8.75
7	Mike Rolo	Stokers and Pokers	207	159	48	24	16	8	66.67	8.63
8	Jason Stumpf	Replacements	196	186	10	24	13	11	54.17	8.17
9	Daryl Ward	Motley Cue	191	186	5	24	11	13	45.83	7.96
10	Steve Gordon	Wizards	184	184	0	24	11	13	45.83	7.67
11	Derrick Linn	Stokers and Pokers	183	149	34	21	14	7	66.67	8.71
12	Ryan Gardalen	Fa'que	183	195	-12	24	10	14	41.67	7.63
13	Denny Gardalen	Fa'que	181	185	-4	24	12	12	50	7.54
14	Keith Larue	Fa'que	181	184	-3	24	11	13	45.83	7.54
15	Blake Jackson	Rookies	178	228	-50	27	10	17	37.04	6.59
16	Dart Humphrey	Motley Cue	176	196	-20	24	10	14	41.67	7.33
17	Brandon Thompson	Replacements	175	183	-8	24	12	12	50	7.29
18	Jeff Asmus	Stokers and Pokers	170	196	-26	24	10	14	41.67	7.08
19	Tom Thielen	Wizards	169	204	-35	24	9	15	37.5	7.04
20	Eric Hogle	Replacements	166	155	11	21	12	9	57.14	7.9
21	Dean Kirstein	Replacements	134	141	-7	18	9	9	50	7.44
22	Kyle Disney	Kim Jong Pool	133	220	-87	24	5	19	20.83	5.54
23	Adam Russel	Kim Jong Pool	113	167	-54	24	3	15	16.67	6.28
24	Brant Buhr	Motley Cue	111	116	-5	15	6	9	40	7.4
25	Kelly Hill	Kim Jong Pool	87	145	-58	15	1	14	6.67	5.8
26	Colt Allen	Motley Cue	51	84	-33	6	2	4	22.22	7.56
27	Jeff Linn	Stokers and Pokers	26	22	4	4	3	1	66.67	8.67

\*No Handicap



Myka Anderson smiles during a break in the action. (Photos by Taylor Smith)



Myah Edwards rifles a pass to a teammate.



# SPORTS

## Bjorklund Propels Wrestlers Past Rivals

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

With the basketball teams occupying Eagle Grove Elementary, the Eagle Grove boys wrestling team grappled at "Old Eagle High" on Tuesday, January 7. Former (and future) North Central Conference foe Webster City came to town for what Eagle Grove Head Coach Jake Groth called, "a dual that my coaching staff, fans, managers, and wrestlers will never forget."

In the first match of the night, Jayden Kreitlow lost a 12-4 major decision to Carson Bertran at 175, and the Lynx won by forfeit at 190 and 215.

"Going into the dual, I knew we'd be giving up 24 points in forfeits," Coach Groth commented. "I told my guys that we needed guys to step up and pull out some bonus points if we were going to play this out in our favor."

The brawny Javy Baez (285) got to work and manhandled his opponent on the edge of the mat to take a 7-0 lead before eventually winning via fall in the 2nd period.

Ethan Schreiber (106) would also pin his man in the 2nd period, and Andrew Orozco had a 17-8 major decision despite distractions with his headgear. Coach

**Carter Bjorklund won a riveting match to help Eagle Grove secure the 40-34 victory over Webster City.** (Photos by Taylor Smith)



Groth praised his two freshmen lightweights for "stepping up and gutting out huge wins."

With the dual tied at 16, sophomores Dylan Terwilliger (120) and Hunter Waldo-Martinez (126) both picked up 1st period pins. Eagle Grove extended their lead after Cooper Thacker came out on top in a close bout at 132.

"Thacker gutted out a big win... that's when I thought we could give Webster a good run for their money," Groth reminisced.

Jackson Babcock (138) lost by fall in 3:32, and the Eagles gave up 12 more

points due to open weight classes at 144 and 150.

At 157, Hayden Schafer took the mat in an evenly matched contest that went scoreless in the 1st period. In the 2nd period, he avoided a Tristan Mason takedown attempt and later earned a point on an escape from the bottom position. In the last minute, Schafer tactfully maintained control and won a 1-0 decision.

With one match left and the score knotted at 34, Coach Groth gave his final grappler a pep talk.

"About 30 seconds before Carter [Bjorklund] went out, I went back to the hallway to

get him fired up," Groth explained. "I told him that God had put a lot of opportunities in front of him this year and I know that he failed the last home meet to deliver his team a win when it came down to his match. I said that God landed another opportunity in front of him tonight and that this was his moment to lift his teammates and his hometown up."

Just over a minute into the 1st period, Bjorklund tossed Blake Berninghaus onto his back, squeezing the Lynx wrestler into a ruthless headlock. The move sent the home crowd into a frenzy, and the hapless Berninghaus made every attempt to wriggle himself out of bounds. Bjorklund didn't relent and refused to release his vice grip until the official emphatically slapped the mat. The 165-pounder won by fall in 1:55 to give the purple and gold a 40-34 team win.

"For that one moment in an old legendary gym, a 16-year-old kid had every-one freaking out in pure joy," said Groth. "Our world needs more Carter moments right now! I'm so proud of him and our Eagle wrestlers!"

### UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, Jan. 16

- Varsity Esports vs. Clarke Community, 4 p.m.
- Boys JV/Varsity Wrestling Quad @ Lake Mills, 6 p.m.

#### Friday, Jan. 17

- Girls JV/Varsity Basketball vs. West Hancock @ EG Elementary, 4 p.m.
- Boys JV/Varsity Basketball vs. West Hancock @ EG Elementary, 5 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Conference Wrestling Tournament @ St. Ansgar, 5 p.m.

#### Saturday, Jan. 18

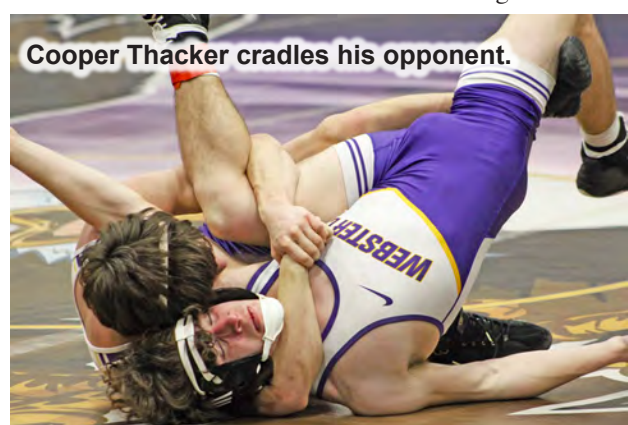
- Boys Varsity Wrestling @ Perry High School, 9:30 a.m.

#### Monday, Jan. 20

- Girls 7th Grade Basketball vs. Belmond-Klemme @ EGHS, 4:15 p.m.
- Middle School Boys/Girls Wrestling @ Northwood-Kensett HS, 4:15 p.m.
- Boys JV Wrestling @ Emmetsburg HS, 5 p.m.
- Girls JV/Varsity Wrestling vs. Humboldt @ EG Elementary, 6 p.m.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 21

- Girls JV/Varsity Basketball @ Belmond-Klemme, 4:15 p.m.
- Boys JV/Varsity Basketball @ Belmond-Klemme, 5 p.m.



## Schafer Wins Gary Christensen Invite

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

On Saturday, the Eagle Grove boys wrestling team wrapped up a long and productive week at the Gary Christensen Invitational in Winterset.

As a team, Eagle Grove finished 7th out of 15 schools with 115 total points. Carlisle and Osage finished 1st and 2nd with 225 and 218 points, respectively.

Andrew Orozco went 2-2 with two wins by falls at 113. The freshman lost by fall to Preston Beyer of Osage in the 3rd place match and finished 4th overall in his weight class.

Dylan Terwilliger went 4-1 at 120 and brought home bronze after winning a 9-1 major decision over a

Saydel grappler.

Hunter Waldo-Martinez now holds a 19-7 season record after wrestling his way to the 1st place match. The 126-pounder picked up two wins by fall and a major decision victory before being forced to settle for silver in the final.

Hayden Schafer now sits at 23-3 after taking gold at 157. The junior won by technical fall, by major decision, and by fall on his way to the 1st place match. There, he defeated a Woodward-Granger wrestler by fall in the 2nd period for the gold.

Cooper Thacker (132) had an 8th place finish, Jayden Kreitlow was 7th at 175, and Jesus Baez placed 6th at 285. Baez finished the day with three pins.

## Gaels Get The Best of 5-7 Eagles

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

The #9 (1A) St. Edmond Gaels were in The Grove on Monday night for their only scheduled game of the season against the Eagle Grove boys basketball team. Costly turnovers hurt the Eagles'

chances, and the Gaels put up nearly 50 points in the 1st half of their 70-51 win.

The Eagles scored their first points of the game after Gavin Pedersen hauled in an offensive rebound and assisted a Josh Miller jumper. Abraham Lin converted

on an acrobatic layup to end the 1st quarter, but St. Edmond still led 23-11.

Lin scored five quick points in the 2nd and assisted a Jaxon Morris three-ball. Miller, who finished with 12 points, showed off his smooth jumper on

consecutive trips down the court.

Eagle Grove trailed 47-26 after two quarters and wouldn't threaten the lead in the 2nd half.

Lin and Morris finished with 17 and 15 points, respectively.



Jaxon Morris side-eyes a Gael defender.



The starting lineup waits patiently for the game to begin. (Photos by Taylor Smith)

## Ladies Lose In Conference Play

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

Eagle Grove played their second game of a back-to-back and fourth game of the week on Friday night in Buffalo Center.

North Iowa led 31-19 after two quarters, but pulled away in the 2nd half and eventually won 70-34.

Taytum Edwards dropped 13 points and had four steals for the Eagles. Myah Edwards finished with nine points, five steals, and seven boards.

Kendra Schild grabbed 10 rebounds to go along with her seven points, and Holly Anderson added four points and two steals.

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# You Can Now Sponsor a Local Rescue Animal

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

GOLDFIELD, Iowa — Celebrated local animal sanctuary Lazy J Rescue Ranch, which has been featured on the Wizard of Paws television show in recognition of their laudable work to rescue animals in need, is now offering supporters the opportunity to personally make a direct difference in the life of a rescued animal through its newly launched Animal Sponsorship Program. This initiative allows individuals, families, friend groups, and businesses to sponsor one of the ranch's rescued animals, providing consistent care and support.

Lazy J Rescue Ranch is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (meaning donations are tax deductible) and is home to 45 rescued animals. The sanctuary specializes in providing lifelong care for animals with chronic

illnesses, special medical needs, and those that have suffered abuse or neglect. Beyond rescue operations, the ranch engages the community through such activities as educational programs, school field trips, involvement in local events, and visits to nursing homes; promoting compassionate animal care and welfare.

Monthly sponsorships help cover essential costs such as feed, medications, and annual veterinary care, helping to make sure the animals remain healthy, happy and well fed. The reliable funding sponsorships will bring is also expected to help the ranch be better prepared for emergencies and unexpected rescues, as well as to help fund long-term projects.

Supporters can choose from a variety of animals to sponsor, including pigs, goats, sheep, a llama, cows,

chickens, ducks, guinea-fowl, peafowl, an ostrich, a rabbit, tortoises, dogs, and cats. Each animal at the sanctuary has a unique story of resilience and recovery that can be explored on the ranch's website. And don't worry, if a favorite animal is already sponsored, plenty of others are still in need.

Sponsorships are easy to sign up for through the simple to use online donations platform Give Butter, at <https://givebutter.com/ljrranimalsponsorships/>. Sponsors will also receive unique, one-of-a-kind thank-you gifts based on their contribution levels.

For those wishing to contribute in other ways, the ranch also offers a General Sponsorship option. This allows donors to support ongoing operations such as facility maintenance, enrichment activities, emergency veterinary care, and

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\$100 + UP	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Sponsors will receive special thank you gifts, based on their donation levels. (Screenshot, GiveButter.com)

expansion efforts. The ranch is also currently fundraising for mobility devices for two of their animals, Lyla and Maple. One-time donations are also welcomed.

Those wishing to set up a

General Sponsorship, help to buy mobility devices for handicapped animals, or make a different type of donation may do so on the same platform, at <https://givebutter.com/lazy-j-rescue-ranch/>.

To learn more about the ranch and its fuzzy, furry and feathered residents, visit Lazy J Rescue Ranch's official website at <https://www.lazyjrescueranch.org/>.



Linus the cow is one of the newer members of the cast of cuddly characters at the ranch.



A cat riding a pig may not be something you see everyday, but it is the kind of thing you'll see at the Lazy J Rescue Ranch, "where friendships know no boundaries."



Some samples of Sponsor Swag, designed by local designer, K.Stein Designs. (Screenshots, Lazy J Rescue Ranch/Facebook)

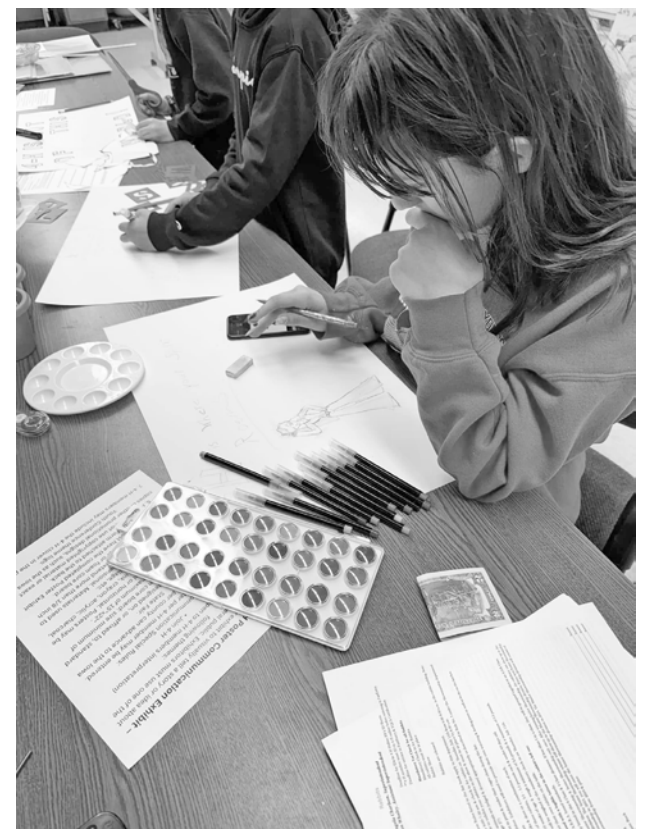
## Prepping Posters

by Edward Lynn  
Editor

Summertime is fair time, and that may seem a fair time away right now as we deal with the cold of winter, but the local 4-H kids are already getting ready for the fair. Wright County 4-H held a fair poster workshop at the start of the year to prepare posters for the fair. Two of the posters will be chosen to go to the Iowa State Fair, as

is the annual tradition. But all of them will be on display at the exhibit building at the Wright County Fairgrounds, here in Eagle Grove.

4-H kids who'd still like to make a 4-H poster for the fair, and parents interested in getting their kids involved in 4-H should email County Youth Coordinator for the Wright County ISU Extension Paige Stewart by email at [pstewart@iatate.edu](mailto:pstewart@iatate.edu).



(Screenshots, Wright County 4-H-Iowa/Facebook)



Use caution on unprotected streets, without stop or yield signs.

Give right-of-way.



# And Bingo Was His Name



Middle school students that completed and turned in their work for midterms were able to participate in a lively game of bingo. (Photos from Eagle Grove Community Schools/Facebook)



Snacks are always the best incentive.



Bingo is serious business at the middle school.

## What's the Beef?

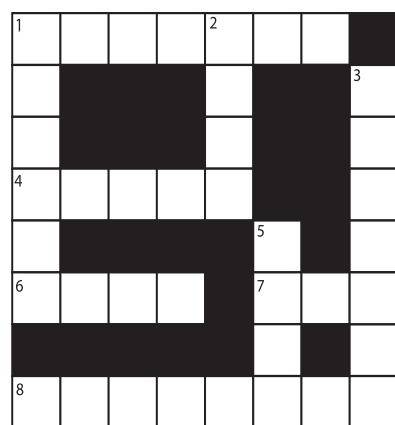
The Wright County 4-H livestock workshop focused on beef last week, with the kids testing each other on beef industry knowledge. Areas of focus included breeds and breed traits, the body parts of the animals, etc.



(Screenshots, Wright County 4-H-Iowa/Facebook)

# KIDS Corner

## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- Instructions for preparing meals
- Happy sound
- Computer info
- Prefix meaning "having three"
- Early parts of the day

### DOWN

- Type of oatmeal oats
- A way or track
- Breakfast cupcakes
- Shock or amaze

Answers:  
Across  
1. Recipes 4. Laugh 6. Data 7. Tri 8. Mornings  
Down  
1. Rolled 2. Path 3. Muffins 5. Stun

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

JANUARY

13

1822: The design of the Greek flag is adopted by the First National Assembly at Epidaurus.

1849: The Colony of Vancouver Island is established.

1942: Henry Ford patents a soybean car that is 30 percent lighter than a regular car.

## NEW WORD

### ROLLED

hulled oats steamed and then flattened between rollers

**Did You Know?**  
Oats are among the healthiest grains on earth. They are a great source of vitamins, minerals, fiber, and antioxidants.

**How they say that in...**  
English: Oats  
Spanish: Avena  
Italian: Avena  
French: Avoine  
German: Hafer

**Food FACT:**  
This popular breakfast food provides a good deal of fiber, which can help keep a person healthy.

## CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to skating. Each number corresponds to cooking. (Hint: 24 = E)

A. 13 15 18 20 24

Clue: Thin metal on skate

B. 2 9 24 24 15 1

Clue: Rolling devices

C. 15 18 22 24 1

Clue: Tie up shoes

D. 1 25 24 24 20

Clue: Fast pace

Answers: A. blade B. wheels C. laces D. speed

**WORD SCRAMBLE**  
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to skating.  
RLLEO  
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

- Jeremy Ober at Rails Bar & Grill. Music starts at 8 p.m. No cover charge 21 and up only

## 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

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- Book Club hosted by Pushing Up Daises. The Book that'll be read is Guest List by Lucy Foley starts at 6 p.m., downtown Clarion

## 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.

DO YOU HOST WEEKLY EVENTS?  
DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT COMING UP?  
**LET US KNOW!**  
SEND YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO:  
[DESIGN@EAGLEGROVEEAGLE.COM](mailto:DESIGN@EAGLEGROVEEAGLE.COM)



# What's Cookin' this week?

## Warm up with a good breakfast

Breakfast has long been touted as the most important meal of the day. After individuals spend several hours sleeping, breakfast refuels their bodies and prepares them to tackle the day ahead.

People on the go may not have a lot of time to enjoy breakfast, which means they may grab something quick and not always so healthy. But a filling, hot breakfast provides enough sustenance and nutrients to last until lunch. Such is the case with "Green Chile Breakfast Burritos" from "Taste of Home Healthy Cooking Cookbook" (RDA Enthusiast Brands, LLC) by the Taste of Home Kitchens.

### Green Chile Breakfast Burritos

Makes 6 servings

- 6 eggs
- 3 egg whites
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced

- Dash cayenne pepper
- 4 breakfast turkey sausage links, casings removed
- 3/4 cup shredded reduced-fat Mexican cheese blend

- 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chiles, drained
- 6 whole wheat tortillas (8 inches), warmed
- 6 tablespoons salsa

1. In a small bowl, whisk the eggs, egg whites, jalapeño and cayenne; set aside.

2. Crumble sausage into a large skillet; cook over medium heat until no longer pink. Drain. Push sausage to the sides of pan. Pour egg mixture into center of pan. Cook and stir until set. Sprinkle with cheese and chiles. Remove from the heat, cover and let stand until cheese is melted.

3. Place 1/3 cup mixture off center on each tortilla. Fold sides and end over filling; roll up. Top with salsa.

# Science Class Dives Into Anatomy



Avery Wepel-Sisson cuts away with confidence.



Forceps and a scalpel should do the trick!



Mrs. Haugland's Anatomy & Physiology class finished their semester with sheep brain dissections. (Photos from Eagle Grove High School Facebook)



The students identified the structures of the brain while also discussing how it functions.

## THIS WEEK'S famous Birthdays

- January 12 – Zayn Malik, Singer (32)
- January 13 – Patrick Dempsey, Actor (59)
- January 14 – LL Cool J, Rapper (57)
- January 15 – Dove Cameron, Actress (29)
- January 16 – Kate Moss, Model (51)
- January 17 – Jim Carrey, Actor (63)
- January 18 – Dave Bautista, Actor (56)

## THIS WEEK'S Horoscopes

### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, charm is one of your strongest attributes. This week your magnetism is magnified and can work to your advantage. You might attract people who can help with a situation.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, it is never easy to reevaluate finances and cut back. However, this is the week when you likely have to keep your credit card in your wallet; otherwise, the bills add up.

### GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, now is the time to turn great opportunities into big ideas. Make a plan of action and spell out the steps necessary to see an opportunity come to fruition. Ask for help, if needed.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, others are supportive of a new project you recently proposed. Maintain that support by staying focused on the tasks at hand. It's time to move things along.

### LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

You are open to new activities and friendships, Leo. Luckily, you may not have to work too hard to make these things happen. Bring new members into existing friend groups.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Do whatever it takes to have some quality time to yourself, Virgo. This may include taking a trip or booking a relaxing day at a nearby spa.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, allow some time to pass by before offering an assessment. Responding too quickly might produce a knee-jerk reaction that could prove regrettable down the road.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Take extra care dealing with a sticky situation at work, Scorpio. You may need to be very careful about checking for mistakes in detail-oriented tasks without stepping on any toes.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You might need to bargain to get something you want this week, Sagittarius. Figure out what you are willing to give up and then identify a person you can work with.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Clear communication is needed right now, Capricorn; otherwise, you may fall victim to hearsay or crossed signals. Get the facts before sharing your opinion.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/ Feb 18

Start contemplating big changes pertaining to your employment situation, Aquarius. An opportunity might come along that proves too good to pass up.

### PISCES - Feb 19/ Mar 20

The feelings you have for someone will help you overlook any imperfections you have noticed, Pisces. Keep your relationship strong by focusing on this person's good points.

## ARTIST OF THE WEEK

For Alfredo's Final Project, he created an awesome black and white portrait, with tons of details and excellent realism.

Alfredo's favorite part of art is getting to draw and have his own ideas that he can turn into an artwork.

Alfredo's favorite classes have been drawing and painting and he's excited to explore more in classes.

Alfredo Maldonado

(Graphic from Eagle Grove High School Facebook)

### CITY OF EAGLE GROVE • JANUARY 6, 2025

#### Regular Council Meeting Monday January 6th, 2025 Public Safety Building 210 E. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Axtell, Weland, Vandewater and Limerick. Absent: Pamperin Also present: City Administrator Davis and City Attorney Seaba. Public Forum: none

A motion was made by Axtell and seconded by Limerick to approve the Consent Agenda which includes December 16th 2024 minutes and claims. Roll Call: All Ayes except Lorenzen who abstained.  
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, EQUIP MAINT ..... 1,997.66  
BOLTON & MENK INC, ENGINEERING SVCS-REVIT... 9,969.00  
BOMGAARS, SUPPLIES,BLDG MAINT,VEHICLE ..... 1,247.57  
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, EMS SUPPLIES LESS CREDITS .. 758.00  
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, POLICE SHELIVING..... 3,203.65  
CHANGE HEALTHCARE, EMS BILLING SVCS ..... 135.96  
CINTAS CORP, FLOOR MATS..... 65.09  
E. G. AMBULANCE ASSOC., ASSOC DUES OCT-DEC..... 504.00  
EAGLE BUILDING SUPPLY, FLOORING MUSEUM..... 4,718.00  
EAGLE GROVE FIRE DEPT., MONTHLY MAINT OCT-DEC..... 300.00  
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CO, PD BATTERIES..... 773.08  
EMS LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER, BLS CARDS ..... 42.50  
GOLDFIELD ACCESS NETWORK, TELEPHONE,INTERNET ... 309.12  
VISUAL EDGE IT, 78323 COPIER LEASE..... 85.49  
GRP & ASSOCIATES, MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL ..... 50.00  
HAWKEYE WEST PEST CONTROL, QUARTERLY PEST CON-

TROL..... 375.00  
HENNIGAR'S WRECKER SERVICE, TICKET #25795 ..... 630.00  
HSA - SSB ACH, HSA TRANSFER JAN 2025..... 14,795.73  
IOWA POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION, MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL .. 125.00  
LASHELLE BURGER, REIMB INK JUN-OCT 24..... 58.28  
LUND CONSTRUCTION, HAUL SAND FOR SNOW/ICE..... 864.34  
LYLE'S FORD-MERCURY, '24 F250-CEMETERY ..... 50,571.24  
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, ELECTRICITY..... 24,409.59  
MONSIEUR SERVICE'S LLC, CLEANING ..... 240.00  
OLDSON'S INC., THERMOSTAT POLICE ..... 133.26  
P & R ENTRY DOORS, STREET SHED DOORS-50% DOWN ..... 20,791.90  
PAYROLL FUND, PAYROLL FUND TSF..... 90,120.75  
R&D INDUSTRIES INC, MONTHLY SVCS ..... 2,041.00  
SADLER CONSTRUCTION INC., REVIT REPAIRS ..... 18,643.92  
SEABA LAW OFFICE, PLC, NUISANCE ..... 1,926.64  
SIMMERING-CORY &, 24-CNRP-001 GRANT ADMIN..... 1,000.00  
T & D SERVICE, EQUIP MAINT ..... 263.96  
THE TRASH MAN, REVENUES ... 5,660.18  
THE WELLNESS CENTER, MEMBERSHIPS ..... 350.00  
TOWN & COUNTRY INSURANCE, F250-STREET ..... 937.00  
UNITYPOINT HEALTH TRINITY REG, RANDOM TEST-CARMICHAEL..... 45.00  
VAN DIEST SUPPLY COMPANY, ICE MELT ..... 2,648.55  
VERIZON, CELLPHONES,LANDLINES ..... 774.46  
VFW, FLAGS FOR CEMETERY ... 60.00  
W & H COOPERATIVE OIL CO., FUEL ..... 2,348.16  
WOOLSTOCK MUTUAL TELE-

PHONE, INTERNET,PHONE ..... 279.62  
WR CO CHARITABLE FNDN, RETURN UNUSED GRANT... 4,775.00  
YOHNCO INC, CEMENT-715 S AVE,1104 NW 1ST ..... 1,830.00  
Payroll Fund, 12/24/24 payroll tsf... 123483.10  
Wellmark, Health Ins ..... 42074.68  
Dearborn, Life ins ..... 149.00

#### Fund Totals

GENERAL ..... 138287.37  
ROAD USE TAX ..... 57887.61  
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ... 57252.81  
GARBAGE ..... 5,660.18  
NEIGHBOR REVITALIZATION..... 10,969.00  
MUSEUM RENOVATION ... 4,585.89  
2022A BOND-COMM DEVELOP ... 9,700.00  
PROJECT FUND ..... 5,976.00  
WATER ..... 48873.51  
SEWER ..... 47391.11  
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT ..... 49,981.00

Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit by TP Anderson  
A motion was made by Axtell and seconded by Lorenzen to TABLE Resolution 2025-01: A Resolution Authorizing the Certification of Liens to the Wright County Treasurer for Purposes of Assessing the Cost of Nuisance Abatement Against Property. Roll Call Vote: all ayes  
A motion was made by Vandewater and seconded by Weland to approve Grant Disbursement Request No. 4 for the Eagle's Wings Daycare Improvement Project. Roll Call: all ayes  
No Action on Resolution 2025-02: A Resolution Approving an Informal Resolution with 1P1B.  
Held Discussion with International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 234 regarding the City's Collective Bargaining Agreement.  
No Action on Entering Closed Session Per Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) for discussion, strategizing, and negotiating with public employees.

No Action on Submitting another Proposal from the City to the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 234.

A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Vandewater to approve Resolution 2025-03: A Resolution Authorizing an Amending to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the City of Eagle Grove and the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 234. Roll Call Vote: all ayes  
Opened Sealed Bids for the 2009 Ford 450SD (Ambulance). Received bids as follows: Bob Hildrath for \$6,000.00, Landis Motley for \$501.00 and Jared Burres for \$3,775.00.

A motion was made by Axtell and seconded by Lorenzen to approve Resolution 2025-04: A Resolution Authorizing the Disposal and Sale of the 2009 Ford 450SD to Bob Hildrath for \$6,000.00. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Limerick to approve Resolution 2025-05: A Resolution Setting the Date for a Public Hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$315,000. Roll Call Vote: all ayes  
Opened Public Hearing at 7:15pm on the Disposal and Conveyance of 922 N. Iowa. Closed hearing at 7:16pm with no oral or written comments received.

A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Axtell to approve Resolution 2025-06: A Resolution Authorizing the Disposal and Conveyance of 922 N. Iowa. Roll Call Vote: all ayes  
Department reports were given.  
A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Axtell to adjourn the meeting at 7:28pm.  
Mayor  
City Administrator



WRIGHT COUNTY BOS • DEC. 30, 2024

December 30, 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.

burning ditches when able. Clem-
ons stated that this past year they
have been able to complete 792
workorders of all types and hauled
84,123 tons of granular.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREUNDER IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$315,000 (GENERAL OBLIGATION)

The City Council of the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa, will meet on January 6, 2025, at the Council Chambers, 210 E. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa, at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action to enter into a Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$315,000 for the purpose of paying the cost, to that extent, of acquiring vehicles and equipment for the municipal sanitary sewer utility, waterworks utility and public works/street department.

The Loan Agreement is proposed to be entered into pursuant to authority contained in Section 384.24A of the Code of Iowa and will constitute a general obligation of the City.

It is estimated the annual increase in property taxes on a residential property with an actual valuation of one hundred thousand dollars resulting from the City entering into the Loan Agreement will be \$68.35, however the City Council may determine for any fiscal year while the Loan Agreement is outstanding to budget other available revenues to the payment of some or all of the debt service coming due thereunder.

At that time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to enter into the Loan Agreement. After receiving objections, the City may determine to enter into the Loan Agreement, in which case, the decision will be final unless appealed to the District Court within fifteen (15) days thereafter.

By order of the City Council of the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa. Bryce Davis, City Clerk

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ORIGINAL NOTICE

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF E.A.P., MINOR CHILD. CASE No. - JGJV0030445 ORIGINAL NOTICE

TO: Alirio Hernandez Lopez: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above Court, a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for Minor. The Attorney in this matter is Megan A. Lantz, Dentons Davis Brown, P.C., 215 10 th Street, Suite 1300, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. The Attorney's phone number is (515) 288-2500; and her facsimile number is (515) 243-0654

service and notices from the court. For general rules and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 pertaining to the use of the electronic document management system: http://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile . For court rules on protection of personal privacy in court filings, refer to Division VI of the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16: http://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile . You are further notified that unless, within 20 days after the third publication of this original notice, you serve, and within a reasonable time thereafter file a motion or answer, in the Iowa District Court for Wright County, at the courthouse in Clarion, Iowa, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in court because of a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator at 515-576-6336 (if you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942).

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WRIGHT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS • JANUARY 2, 2025

January 2, 2025
Chairman Pro-tem Kluss called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m.

First order of business was to give the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials. The oath was given by County Attorney Eric Simonson to Supervisor Rick Rasmussen, Supervisor Ashley Bosch, Supervisor Dean Kluss, Supervisor Lynn Loux, Supervisor Betty Ellis, Sheriff Jason Schluttenhofer, and Auditor Amanda Meyer.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to elect Rick Rasmussen as Chairman and Dean Kluss as Chairman Pro-tem for 2025. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of December 30, 2024 were read and approved.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to set the mileage rate at \$0.70 per mile for county employees for 2025. Motion carries. This follows the federal mileage rate.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to keep the current drainage warrant interest rate at 6%. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to approve the listed county employee holidays for 2025. Motion carries.

HOLIDAY'S FOR WRIGHT COUNTY 2025
Presidents' Day Monday, February 17th
Memorial Day Monday, May 26th
Fourth of July Friday, July 4th
Labor Day Monday, September 1st
Veterans' Day Tuesday, November 11th
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 27th
Day after Thanksgiving Friday, November 28th
Christmas Day Thursday, December 25th
Day after Christmas Friday, December 26th
New Year's Day Thursday, January 1st, 2026

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Loux to approve the petty cash amount for various offices listed below. Motion carries.

Petty cash for offices:
County Auditor \$20.00
County Engineer \$50.00
Public Health Nurses \$55.00
County Sheriff \$200.00
County Treasurer \$50.00

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to appoint the Eminent Domain Compensation commission for 2025 as listed below. Motion carries.

WRIGHT COUNTY 2025 Eminent Domain Compensation Commission

- 1. OWNERS OPERATORS OF AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY
2. OWNERS OF CITY OR TOWN PROPERTY
3. LICENSED REAL ESTATE SALESMEN OR REAL ESTATE BROKERS
4. BANKERS, AUCTIONEERS, PROPERTY MANAGERS, PROPERTY APPRAISERS AND PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING LOANS ON PROPERTY

Owners Operators of Agricultural Property
Name Address City State Zip

- 1 Stan Watne 2625 Sycamore Ave. Galt IA 50101
2 Dean Kluss 905 3rd Ave. NE Clarion IA 50525
3 Larry Pals 1537 Tyrell Lane Belmond IA 50421
4 Kent Kirstein 2051 Nelson Ave. Clarion IA 50525
5 Verli Tate 1908 Sandy Beach Road Clarion IA 50525
6 Bob Diemerly 1998 Sandy Beach Road Clarion IA 50525
7 Troy Watne 1061 Quincy Ave. Belmond IA 50421

Owners of City or Town Property
Name Address City State Zip

- 1 Shannon Walker 411 Central Ave. E Clarion IA 50525
2 Mitch Kluss 314 4th Ave. SE Clarion IA 50525
3 Bud Young 1118 3rd Ave. NE Clarion IA 50525
4 Colleen Bartlett 1310 SW 1st Street Eagle Grove IA 50533
5 Larry Klatt 406 Sheppard Street Dows IA 50071
6 Earl Kalkwarth 111 Montclare Lane Belmond IA 50421
7 Sandy McGrath 119 N. Washington Eagle Grove IA 50533
8 Darrin Baker 720 NW 2nd Street Eagle Grove IA 50533

Licensed Real Estate Salesmen or Real Estate Brokers
Name Address City State Zip

- 1 Bob Powers 1982 Sandy Beach Road Clarion IA 50525
2 Rod Brooks 2002 Elm Lake Drive Clarion IA 50525
3 Carol Haupt 403 White Fox Drive Clarion IA 50525
4 Austin Charlson 2531 190th Street Belmond IA 50421
5 Kevin Reed 409 E. Webster Goldfield IA 50542
6 Todd Buseman 128 Fairway Drive Belmond IA 50421
7 Todd Swalin 1093 270th Street Eagle Grove IA 50533

Bankers, Auctioneers, Property Managers, Property Appraisers and Person Responsible for making loans on property
Name Address City State Zip

- 1 Mark Skogerboe 303 4th Ave. SE Clarion IA 50525
2 Sherri O'Brien 1003 2nd Ave. NE Clarion IA 50525
3 Michael Ryerson 521 S. Commercial Ave. Eagle Grove IA 50533
4 Aaron Wagner 201 W Broadway Eagle Grove IA 50533
5 Tate Goeman 120 E. Main Street Belmond IA 50421
6 Gene Ryerson 9 Spruce Drive Eagle Grove IA 50533
7 Kent Rutherford 2150 290th Street Woolstock IA 50599

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to receive the cash count from end of day on December 30, 2024 from the Wright County Treasurer. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to appoint the Board of Supervisors to various boards and committees as listed below. Motion carries.

Organization Representative
Courthouse & Jail The Board as a whole
County Farm Dean Kluss and Betty Ellis - Committee

Roads & Drainage The Board as a whole
Union Negotiations The Board as a whole
Department Heads Chairman
Historical Preservation Andy Yackle
Regional Planning Affiliation Policy Board - MIDAS Adam Clemmons

Mid Iowa Growth Partnership Darrel Steven Carlyle
MIDAS - Economic Development Darrel Steven Carlyle
MIDAS - Cities Clint Middleton
Boone River Watershed Management Authority Dean Kluss

Building Families Dean Kluss
Community Family Resources Dean Kluss
Iowa Drainage District Association Dean Kluss
Executive Board of MIDAS - County Dean Kluss
Upper Des Moines Opportunity - alternate Betty Ellis

Local Emergency Planning Commission Lynn Loux

Wright County Emergency Management Commission & E911 Board Rick Rasmussen
Hazardous Materials Response Commission - Alternate Janka Beecher

Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center - Alternate Betty Ellis
Central Iowa Community Services Ashley Bosch
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Wright County Board of Health Ashley Bosch
Wright County Economic Development Commission Dean Kluss

Wright County Sanitary Landfill Lynn Loux
Wright County Emergency Medical Service Emergency Management & E911 Board Rick Rasmussen
Boone River Watershed Management Authority Betty Ellis - Alternate

ADA Coordinator Betty Ellis
BioTerms/Preparedness The Board as a whole
Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center Rick Rasmussen

Central Iowa Community Services - Alternate Betty Ellis
Hazardous Materials Response Commission Rick Rasmussen
HIPAA Ashley Bosch

Iowa Drainage District Association - Alternate Courtney Morris
Second Judicial District, Correctional Services Board of Directors Rick Rasmussen
UDMO - County Advisory Rick Rasmussen

Upper Des Moines Opportunity Rick Rasmussen
Wright County Safety Committee Lynn Loux
Wright County Wellness Committee Dean Kluss

Wright County Sanitary Landfill - Alternate Dean Kluss
Wright County Security Betty Ellis
Environmental Management Team Rick Rasmussen

Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund Darrel Steven Carlyle
Wright County Health Officer and Illegal Dumping Enforcement Official Sandy McGrath

Executive Board of Pathfinders Strategic Partners - Economic Development Kim Demory
Mid Iowa Growth Partnership - Alternate Kim Demory

Naming of the Wright County Drainage Attorney has been tabled.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to appoint the Township Trustees as listed below with John Campbell to fill a vacancy to expire 2026. Motion carries. The Wall Lake and Woolstock Township Trustee appointments have been tabled.

Township Trustees and Clerks Terms to expire 2028
Belmond Township
Wayne Stahl Trustee
Brian Worden Trustee

Blaine Township
Tom Watne Trustee
Mike Wilholm Trustee

Boone Township
Curtis Meinke Trustee
Nate Huntley Trustee

Dayton Township
Wayne Watts Trustee
Roger Kallem Trustee

Eagle Grove Township
Tim Brooks Trustee
Alec Amonson Trustee

Grant Township
James Radke Trustee
Gary F. Martin Trustee
John Campbell Trustee - Term to expire 2026

Iowa Township - Elected
R E Aldrich Trustee
Chris Canon Trustee

Lake Township
Marty Brandt Trustee
Larry E. Draves Trustee

Liberty Township
Mitch Meinke Trustee
Jim Rasmussen Trustee

Lincoln Township
Mark Cramer Trustee
Daryl Zweifel Trustee

Norway Township
Rodney Legleiter Trustee
Donavon Baker Trustee

Pleasant Township
Mark Grundmeier Trustee
Dave Bonin Jr. Trustee

Troy Township
Mike Leshner Trustee
Steve Voss Trustee

Vernon Township
Mike Leshner Trustee
Steve Voss Trustee

Wall Lake Township - Elected
Jeremiah Feltz Trustee
- Needs Appointed Trustee

Woolstock Township - Elected
Dave Vanderheiden Trustee
- Needs Appointed Trustee

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to have Wright County Monitor, Eagle Grove Eagle, and Belmond Independent as the official newspapers for County business. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the listed Medical Examiners, Deputies, and Investigators. Motion carries.

Medical Examiner appointments
Medical Examiner: Jon Ahrendsen MD
Deputy Examiners:
Andrea McLoughlin MD, Dustin Smith MD, Michael Investigators:

Tiffini Toliver ARNP, Andrew Nellesen, Jon Nilsson EMT, Katie Schlichting Paramedic, and Amy Erickson-Keller RN, MEI (In Webster City, but has agreed to help cover Wright County)

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Kluss to approve the re-appointment of Aaron Wagner to the Board of Adjustment for a 4-year term. Motion carries. The Board of Adjustment is as follows:

Board of Adjustment
Che Hanson Clarion 12/31/2025
Dave Nelson Belmond 12/31/2026
Deb Vance Eagle Grove 12/31/2026
Elizabeth Severson Belmond 12/31/2027
Aaron Wagner Eagle Grove 12/31/2028

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the re-appointment of Margaret Worden and Brad Robson to the Economic Development Board for a 3-year term. Motion carries. The economic Development Board is as follows:

Economic Development Board
Todd Foss Clarion Economic Dev. December 2026
Margaret Worden At-Large, Dows December 2027
Brad Robson Belmond Growth Alliance December 2027
Gabe Fiscus At-Large, Goldfield December 2025
Mike Ryerson EG Community Dev. Corp. December 2025

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to ap-

prove the re-appointment of Trish Morris, Kevin Cahalan, Dennis Bowman, and Adam Vorie to the Wright County Charitable Foundation for a 2-year term. Motion carries. The Wright County Charitable Foundation is as follows:

Wright County Charitable Foundation
Candi Jones 12/31/2025
Lennea Groom 12/31/2025
Kyle Marker 12/31/2025

Trish Morris 12/31/2026
Kevin Cahalan 12/31/2026
Dennis Bowman 12/31/2026
Adam Vorie 12/31/2026

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the re-appointment of Susan Toftey for a 3-year term to the Wright County Board of Health. The Board of Health is as follows:

Wright County Health Department Board of Health
Andrew Wagner Eagle Grove 12/31/2026
Angela Wharton Dows 12/31/2025
Susan Toftey Kanawha 12/31/2027
Ashley Bosch Eagle Grove 12/31/2025
Dr. Michael McLoughlin Clarion 12/31/2026

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to approve Resolution 2025-01, a resolution authorizing attendance at meetings. By roll call: Ayes - Ellis, Loux, Rasmussen, Bosch, and Kluss; nays - none. Resolution 2025-01 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution 2025 - 01
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Wright County Board of Supervisors that they authorize elective and appointive officials of Wright County to attend all meetings approved by the Executive Committee of the Iowa State Association of Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Clerks in the various offices shall be authorized to attend meetings when approved by their governing officer.

Dated at Clarion, IA this 2nd day of January, 2025.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve Resolution 2025-02, a resolution for payment of claims prior to a board meeting. By roll call: Ayes - Ellis, Loux, Rasmussen, Bosch, and Kluss; nays - none. Resolution 2025-02 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution 2025 - 02
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa, that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.506(3) of the Code of Iowa, the Auditor is hereby authorized to make the following payment without prior approval by the board.

1. For fixed charges including, but not limited to, freight, express, postage, water, light, telephone service or contractual services, after a bill is filed with the Auditor.

2. For salaries and payrolls if the compensation has been fixed or approved by the Board. The salary or payroll shall be certified by the officer or supervisor under whose direction or supervision the compensation is earned.

Dated at Clarion, IA this 2nd day of January, 2025.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to approve Resolution 2025-03, Treasurer naming depositories. By roll call: Ayes - Ellis, Loux, Rasmussen, Bosch, and Kluss; nays - none. Resolution 2025-03 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution 2025-03
RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa approved the list of financial institutions.

The Wright County Treasurer is hereby authorized to deposit the Wright County funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below.

DEPOSITORY LOCATION OF HOME OFFICE MAXIMUM BALANCE IN EFFECT UNDER THIS RESOLUTION

FIRST CITIZENS MASON CITY \$ 15,000,000.00
BANK (CLARION OFFICE)

FIRST STATE WEBSTER CITY \$ 5,000,000.00
BANK (CLARION OFFICE)

FIRST BANK EAGLE GROVE \$ 5,000,000.00
(CLARION OFFICE)

FIRST STATE BELMOND \$ 1,500,000.00
BANK

UNITED BANK & SHEFFIELD \$ 100,000.00
TRUST CO. (DOWS OFFICE)

GREEN BELTBELMOND \$ 3,000,000.00
BANK & TRUST

IOWA PUBLIC WEST DES MOINES \$ 10,000,000.00
AGENCY INVESTMENT TRUST

Dated at Clarion, IA this 2nd day of January 2025.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Loux to approve Resolution 2025-04, a construction evaluation resolution. By roll call: Ayes - Ellis, Loux, Rasmussen, Bosch, and Kluss; nays - none. Resolution 2025-04 duly passes and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025-04
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2025 and January 31, 2026 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR

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