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## Local Lions Club Honored with Service Excellence Award

by Edward Lynn Editor

The Eagle Grove Lions Club has been awarded the prestigious Lions Club Service Excellence Award, marking the first time the club has achieved this high distinction. The honor highlights the club's outstanding contributions to community service, effective communication, and membership growth.

District Governor Mike Rivera, who visited the club to make the award earlier this month, praised the Eagle Grove club for its exemplary efforts, said club Secretary and Reporter Tiffini Toliver, stating

that the club has the best reporting and recording in the district. The award was "a great honor to receive," said Toliver.

The Lions Club Service Excellence Award is given to clubs that meet rigorous criteria, including maintaining good standing within the organization, hosting impactful service projects, and fostering leadership development among officers. Clubs must also demonstrate effective communication both within their membership and with the broader community, and achieve net membership growth or sponsor a new branch.

Additionally, clubs must support the Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) through donations.

Among its many service initiatives, the local club has undertaken projects focused on vision awareness and education, diabetes screenings, and combating hunger through programs like No Child Hungry and a mobile food pantry. Members have also prioritized environmental education by promoting plastic recycling and teaching elementary students about the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling. Monthly activities, such as hosting cards at

Rotary Senior Living, further demonstrate the club's commitment to community engagement.

The local Lions Club's dedication aligns with the organization's core values, which include promoting good government and citizenship, enhancing the community's civic and cultural welfare, and fostering friendship and mutual understanding among clubs worldwide.

This recognition not only celebrates past achievements but also sets a high standard for future service efforts, ensuring the Lions Club remains a vital part of the community.



Lions Club District Governor Mike Rivera (of District 9NC) Eagle Grove Lions Club Secretary/Reporter Tiffini Toliver, and past Secretary/Reporter Donna Madson (left to right), shown with the Lions Club Service Excellence Award. (Photo courtesy of Tiffini Toliver).

## Wright County Supervisors Address Drainage Concerns, Wellness Program Savings, and Secondary Roads Update

Amanda Rink, Mid-America Publishing

Wright County's Board of Supervisors met on Monday to consider a few topics ranging from drainage district issues to wellness program savings, and updates on secondary road maintenance.

### Drainage Trustees Tackle Joint District Invoice

The meeting began with the Supervisors acting as Drainage Trustees. A conference call with the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors focused on a \$4,546.89 invoice paid by the non-control county,

Hamilton, for Joint Drainage District 61-99. The trustees approved transferring funds to reimburse the expense from December 1, 2023.

A discussion emerged about work on Lateral DD36, where concerns about added costs and compliance with Iowa Code were raised. The area has received more than \$50,000 in work from local contractors.

Auditor Ellis considered the need for an informational meeting with the property owners, with Drainage District Admin

Courtney Morris noting that an engineer's report is required for work exceeding \$50,000.

Supervisors Kluss and Rasmussen voiced concerns over the necessity of the report, with Kluss considering consulting legal counsel for clarity.

### Wellness Program Agreement Promises Substantial Savings

As the Board moved to their Supervisor roles, members considered Wright County's participation in the ISAC Wellness Program. This program will save the county \$86,966 in

health premiums for the current fiscal year. For the next two fiscal years, the county will secure a 5% discount. The Board agreed to continue within the program.

### Sand, Salt, and Tree Removal

County Engineer Adam Clemons presented his weekly update on secondary roads. Last week crews responded to two weather events, with work starting at 8:00 A.M. last Sunday and 5:00 A.M. last Wednesday. The crew also assisted the Wright County Conservation Board in the remov-

al of trees infected with ash borer.

Auditor Betty Ellis, who will move into her new position as Supervisor in January, questioned if citizens complained about the removals. Clemmons confirmed the complaints but clarified that the trees needed to be removed.

The Wright County Monitor reached out to The Wright County Conservation Board regarding the complaints and has not received comment back in time for this publication. One can only assume that the trees will be replanted

if it is in the best interest of the natural environment.

In other Secondary Road Updates:

- The delivery of 750 tons of sand to the Fort Dodge area and redistribution of sand and salt to other sheds.

- A 250-ton salt order is expected soon under an existing contract. The next Board of Supervisors meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 30, at 9:00 a.m. Residents can view recordings of meetings on the county's official YouTube channel at @WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312.

## Watchdog Report Links Rising Iowa Cancer Rates to Manure Spills

Iowa is the only state in America with rising cancer rates; watchdog blasts DNR, call for 'Clean Water for Iowa Act'

by Edward Lynn Editor

As first reported by Nina Elkadi in *Sentient*, a new report from Food & Water Watch reveals troubling trends in Iowa's environmental and public health landscape. According to the environmental watchdog group, nearly 2 million fish were killed by manure spills across the state between 2013 and 2023. The 179 spills documented during this period were concentrated heavily in northwest Iowa. Earlier in 2024, Food & Water Watch reported that Iowa's factory farms produce more waste than any other state, with an estimated 109 billion pounds of manure generated annually, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture data.

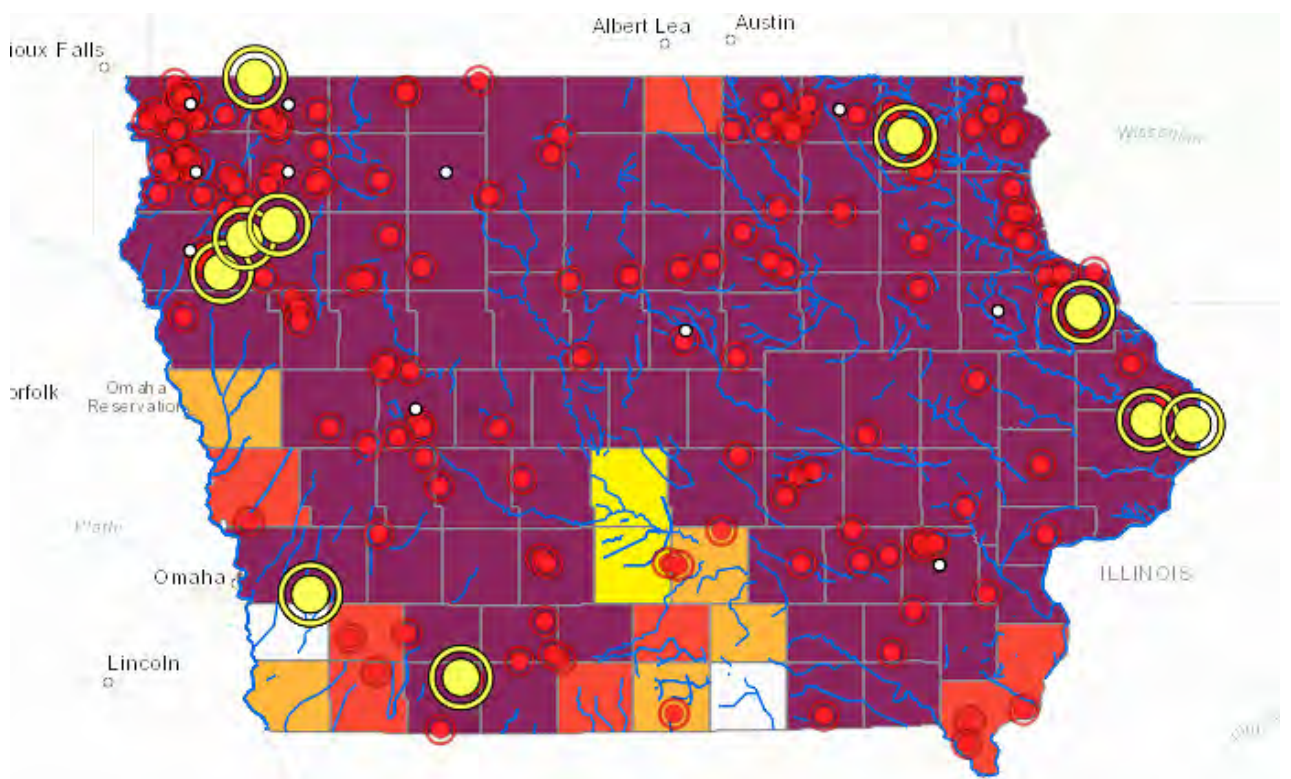
The report, released on Dec. 9, included a map showing more than 700 segments of Iowa's water-

ways designated as "impaired"—meaning they failed to meet standards necessary to support recreation, aquatic life, or public water supplies. The map also identifies spill locations, ownership of the operations involved, and whether they are repeat offenders.

Manure spills have compounded Iowa's water quality crisis. In Des Moines, the local water utility operates one of the world's largest nitrate removal facilities to address elevated nitrate levels in drinking water. Nitrate, a chemical byproduct of manure that is not absorbed by soil or crops, poses serious health risks, including colon cancer among adults, and blue baby syndrome in infants. The cost of running the nitrate removal system has surged, ranging from \$10,000 to \$16,000 per day, all of which is passed on to utility customers.

"When you think about the nature of what they're spilling and the quantities of what they're spilling, it's the difference between life and death, and people are being strapped down with medical debt and suffering in a prolonged way," Michaelyn Mankel, Food & Water Watch's Iowa Organizer, told *Sentient*.

From 2013 to 2023, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fined



The Iowa Animal Operation Discharge Map, showing only two spills in Wright County, and no repeat offenders. However, due to low reporting, there may be many more spills than are known about. (Screenshot, Arcgis.com.)

171 of the 179 offenders a total of \$635,808. For comparison, Des Moines Water Works spent \$1.4 million on nitrate removal in 2015 alone. The report also highlights gaps in state reporting, noting that the total volume of manure spilled is difficult to quantify because many reports lack volume data. Where data is available, spill volumes range from 500 gallons to 1 million gallons.

"The fines that the DNR has leveled against these companies do not represent restitution for the damage that they're causing to Iowa," said Mankel. "They also don't represent a real demand that these corporations change the way that they're doing business."

In 2024 alone, the Iowa DNR documented 13 fish kill events, one of which was directly tied to dairy manure runoff in northwest

Iowa. This "anthropogenic" spill killed between 100,001 and 500,000 fish.

Many concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) operate without proper discharge permits, making their spills more difficult to track. Efforts to tighten regulations have faced significant setbacks. In October, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals denied a petition from 13 groups, including Food &

Water Watch, that sought stricter enforcement of the Clean Water Act. Food & Water Watch is now advocating for a "Clean Water for Iowa Act," which would require medium and large-scale CAFOs to obtain National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits.

See **CANCER RATES:** Page A4



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# January

- Mike Boyd was sworn in as mayor of Eagle Grove.
- Donald Trump wins county, state caucuses.
- An early January blizzard cost Wright County more than \$70,000 in clean-up.
- Elizabeth Hogrefe was named to Morningside University fall Dean's List.
- Three Eagle Grove students – Adam Herrington, Linus Larson, and Emma Thul – were named to ISU's fall Dean's List.
- Drake Weland of Eagle Grove and Jacob Moore and Brooke Askelsen, both of Clarion, were named to the University of Iowa's fall Dean's list.



**Iowa Specialty Hospital welcomes the first baby of 2024 – Aiden Jacob Eekhoff.** (Photo provided by ISH)



**RBMS Talent Show.** (Photo by Edward Lynn)

# February

- Students from Robert Blue Middle School collaborated with students from numerous other schools as they participated in the Karl King Honor Band, hosted at St. Edmond's school in Fort Dodge.
- 2020 Eagle Grove High School graduate Megan Schafer earned White Coat at University of Iowa Nursing School.
- Mid-America Publishing won seven first-place awards at the Better Newspaper Contest in Des Moines.
- Valentina's 'Food Truck' expands into full restaurant.
- Family Fun Day event was held at Memorial Hall, sponsored by Eagle Grove Empowerment, Eagle Grove Parks & Rec and the Eagle Grove Rec Center, with crafts provided by Studio Sol.



**Nancy Strub wins Allbaugh Award.** (Photo by Edward Lynn)



**Eagle Grove middle school students participated in the annual Aaron Eilerts Day of Service and Giving.** (Photo by Edward Lynn)

# March

- The Eagle Grove Historical Society begins mission to save the Wall Lake Township Schoolhouse #5, located at the Wright County Fairgrounds, which was set to be demolished due to disrepair and expensive maintenance.
- EGHS Senior Choir holds 'A Night of Dreams' Variety Show.
- The EGHS Student Council donated over 40 stuffed animals from the Teddy Bear Toss at the Slam the Stigma event to the Wright County Advocates, who work with Crisis Intervention Service to support and assist those who are affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, homicide and other violent crimes.
- A petition calling for zoning setbacks in rural areas was presented to the Wright County Board of Supervisors. Over 100 county residents signed the petition.
- Students in Ms. Wilson's class at the Eagle Grove Elementary School began pen-pal exchanges with a class of students all the way in France!



**Renee Withers becomes the first female Eagle Scout in Wright County.** Here she is pictured with scoutmasters Craig Voss and Rick Dawson. (Photo courtesy of Craig Voss).



**Deb Townsend, founder of Reading Buddies, Inc., is awarded a \$2,496 check from Rachel Cahalan on behalf of the Mama Cats.** (Photo by Edward Lynn)

# April

- The James R. Johnson Foundation donated \$4,504.00 to Reading Buddies, Inc., following Mama Cats' donation in March.
- The IZ Clean laundromat and car wash opens in Goldfield.
- Wright County Charitable Foundation awarded 49 grants to 2024 Wright County projects, totaling \$113,429.
- Chief Deputy Jeremy Hogrefe of the Wright County Sheriff's Office gave a presentation to students at RBMS about cyberbullying and the importance of internet safety.



**RBMS students check out the April 8th solar eclipse.** On average, a total solar eclipse is only visible from the same location on Earth every 375 years, making this a very special event. The next chance to see a solar eclipse in the US will be in 2045. (Screenshot, Robert Blue Middle School/Facebook)



**Tasha Finch, Lions Club District Governor, provided Becky Wachowiak Fritz, Maureen Thielen and Donna Madson with their 10 years of service to the Eagle Grove Lions Club.** (Photo provided).

# May

- Lazy J Rescue Ranch in Goldfield was featured on the 'Wizard of Paws' TV show.
- Officer Francisco Alejo of the Eagle Grove Police Department graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.
- The Eagle Grove Farmer's Market returned to Eagle Grove.
- Wall Lake Township Schoolhouse #5 got new windows thanks to money raised by the Wright County Historical Society for the restoration of the schoolhouse.
- Fourth graders at the Eagle Grove Elementary School got to tour the Iowa PBS broadcast studios, learning behind the scenes work of TV production.



**72 newly minted High School Graduates were celebrated on Sunday, May 19th at the Class of 2024 Commencement ceremony.** (Photos by Edward Lynn)



**The VFW Honor Guard fire off their 21 gun salute, at the Memorial Day service.** (Photos by Edward Lynn)

# June

- The Wright County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution objecting to the authority of the Iowa Utilities Board to use eminent domain to force landowners to cede to the demands of Summit Carbon Solutions.
- Eagle Grove Paramedic Leland Williams is one of 11 recipients of the 2024 Waverly Health Center Scholarship.
- Summerfest resumed after a one year hiatus with music from the Gut Feeling Band from Des Moines.
- Ella Tew, Jordyce Duncalf, and Belle Wharton are announced as Wright County Fair Queen and Princess candidates.
- The Rotary Club of Eagle Grove transitioned leadership as outgoing President Dean Rick handed the gavel to incoming President Kurt Knutsen.



**Renee Evje was the recipient of \$3,000, given by Eagle Grove's 100 Women Who Care.** Renee, longtime Eagle Grove Librarian, suffered a massive stroke in the fall of 2023. (Photo courtesy of Ann Sampson)



**For their 50th wedding anniversary, Robert Campbell of Goldfield gifted his wife Carrie this high end custom greenhouse built and delivered from Mansfield, Arkansas.** (Photo by Edward Lynn)



# Ombudsman's Office Questions Use of Restraints in Two County Jails

By Clark Kauffman

Two Iowa county jails misused restraint chairs against inmates who were in the throes of a mental health crisis, a new report from the Iowa Office of Ombudsman alleges.

Restraint devices that are intended to prevent unruly or potentially violent inmates from harming others or themselves are not uncommon in jails, but when misused can put inmates at risk of injury and death. Iowa law specifies that physical restraints should be used only when necessary, and that inmates, once restrained, be closely monitored by the staff.

The ombudsman's investigation of four inmate complaints revealed that state administrative rules, manufacturers' instructions, and the jail's own policies were repeatedly violated at jails in both Webster County and Boone County.

In those cases, the report claims, inmates were kept in the chairs for five, nine, or even 14 hours — in spite of

the fact that the inmates had calmed and their disruptive behaviors had long ceased. In some of the cases, jailers were aware of, but disregarded, inmate medical conditions during the restraint process, the report alleges. Required bathroom and water breaks were sometimes overlooked, and some of the inmates waited weeks for a mental health evaluation and treatment.

One inmate was restrained in a chair four times over a period of six days. Each time he was released from the restraints, he resumed harming himself by headbutting his door or punching himself. Often, the jails' use of restraints either wasn't documented in video recordings or the recordings later went missing, the ombudsman alleges.

"Misuse of restraint chairs can exacerbate mental illness or even result in death," Ombudsman Bernardo Granwehr said. "It is our hope that the recommendations in this report will result in changes that will minimize such a

possibility in Iowa's jails."

The report also notes there were instances of restraint chairs being used as a form of punishment rather than as a response to immediate threats — a practice the ombudsman's office noted is in violation of state law. In addition, jails were not always reporting their use of restraint chairs to the state jail inspector, as required by Iowa law.

The report is a follow-up to a detailed 2009 ombudsman's report on the use of restraint chairs in county jails. That report led to improvements statewide, but the ombudsman's office states that it "noticed an upswing of complaints" beginning in 2020. A subsequent delay in investigating those complaints was attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic, which caused the ombudsman's office to reprioritize its cases.

Jail officials around the state have since acknowledged a lack of awareness of the 2009 report, which the ombudsman's office says is

likely due to turnover among jail administrators and staff.

The new report notes that in the wake of the 2009 report, the Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association backed some of the recommendations by the ombudsman's office, but didn't support others, such as requiring jails to document their consideration of other, less-restrictive alternatives to restraints, and recording on video all aspects of restraint device use.

In his written response to the report, Webster County Sheriff Luke Fleener indicated his office has already taken steps to address several of the issues and he promised to collaborate with the ombudsman's office on addressing any future concerns. He commended the ombudsman's staff for their "common-sense approach when investigating complaints."

In his response to the ombudsman's findings, Boone County Chief Deputy Sheriff Cole Hoffman questioned why the report was issued

four years after one of the complaints was filed and suggested that he be given four years to respond to any allegations specific to Boone County. Hoffman also questioned the ombudsman's motives and what he perceived to be the office's "bias."

In response to the issues raised by Hoffman, the ombudsman's office noted that he did not "specifically address our findings and recommendations in his defense of the jail's actions ... We received no acknowledgement of, or commitment to follow, any of these recommendations. As a result, we are concerned that the issues identified in this report will remain unresolved at the Boone County Jail."

*Editor's note: Reporter Clark Kauffman worked for the Iowa Office of Ombudsman from October 2018 through November 2019.*

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## It's a boy!

Jenna Reighard and Brandon Covington of Clarion welcomed a baby boy on Dec. 9, 2024.

Braxsten Dale Covington was born weighing 6 pounds, 10.7 ounces. He joins siblings Jerzey (11), Jace (9), Maddox (8), Carson (7), Adrian (7), and Briella (2).

Grandparents are Nick and Stephanie of Belmond, and Angela Covington of Alden, IA.

Great grandparents are Sonny and Barb Reighard of Hedrick, IA.

## It's a girl!

Eric and Amanda Meyer of Rowan have welcomed a baby girl.

Mallie Leslie Meyer was born on Dec. 17, 2024, weighing 9 pounds, 10 ounces. She joins siblings Brecklynn (5) and Trice (4).

Grandparents are Chad and Ann Wilde of Eagle Grove, and Bruce and Robin Meyer of Rowan.

# Avian Influenza Rampages Across Northern Iowa

By Lowell Washburn

Following a year of presumed absence, highly pathogenic avian influenza [HPAI] is sweeping through Iowa waterfowl populations. This time, the outbreak is occurring due to a new and lethal [D1.1] variant of the avian influenza virus. As wintering ducks and geese concentrate into remaining areas of open water, the escalating effects of the deadly flu virus have become increasingly obvious to a concerned public. Reports of dead or dying birds have skyrocketed since early December, according to State Wildlife Veterinarian, Dr. Rachael Ruden.

The largest die offs are occurring across the northern half of the state where crowding and weather-related stress is greatest, says Ruden. From Sweet Marsh to West Lake Okoboji to Mason City, sick birds have become a common sight during the past two weeks. Affected birds typically appear uncoordinated, may swim in circles, are lethargic, and are reluctant or unable to fly when approached. On some areas, the ice is littered with fresh or partially scavenged carcasses. Although a variety of bird species have been exposed to the virus, Canada geese are suffering the greatest mortality followed by wintering trumpeter swans.

At Winnebago County's Rice Lake, 175 goose carcasses and 16 dead trumpeter swans were counted on December 18. Additional carcasses may go undetected. At Clear Lake, for example, DNR officials reported that more than 40 dead geese had drifted against the edge of a north shore airhole on December 17. And although numerous sick geese could be seen on the ice on December 18, all 40 carcasses had complete-



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ly vanished — pushed under the ice and out of sight by gusty northwest winds. It is likely that other sick or dead birds disappear as they are scavenged by eagles, red fox, and coyotes. At least one Clear Lake goose carcass was dragged away by raccoons on December 18.

Iowa is not alone in the latest outbreak of the deadly flu virus. Since the new [D1.1] variant was first detected in the Pacific Northwest, state vets have reported die offs occurring in Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota. Located directly to our north, a massive die off of waterfowl occurred in central Minnesota during late November.

"It looks like the new variant that emerged in Washington and Oregon is ripping through wild populations and there is little or no cross protection in the wild birds' immunity, causing illness and death. This looks like a serious situation change from what the picture looked like a couple of weeks ago," said Dr. Jill Nezworski, Blue House [Minnesota] Veterinary LLC.

"This is the first time since 2022 that HPAI virus has affected wild birds in North America at such a large scale," noted Ruden. "Although mallards and other dabbling ducks often harbor the virus, they may remain healthy while spreading the virus to other populations like Canada geese. Ducks tend to be less affected; Canada geese tend to die."

Although Canada geese comprise the majority of avian mortalities, other species — including blue

jay, red-tailed hawk and great horned owl -- have also succumbed to the virus. Although a large number of bald eagles are currently scavenging on goose carcasses, there has been no confirmation of sick birds. Although a woman in California was hospitalized on December 17 after handling a bird infected with the same strain of avian influenza currently circulating through Iowa goose populations, the risk of contracting avian flu from wild birds remains

very low, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

But having said that, the USDA is also cautioning against handling wild birds that are obviously sick or dead. The Ag Department also recommends that hunters wear disposable gloves while cleaning game and hunters should wash their hands or use sanitizer immediately afterward. Even if a bird has been exposed to or is harboring avian flu virus, cooking game or poultry to a temperature of 165 degrees F will effectively kill avian flu viruses.

"There are still plenty of birds out there that are not impacted," says Ruden. "All we are saying is that people [hunters] should use common sense when handling or cleaning wild game and avoid birds that appear suspicious."

Learn more about Iowa wildlife online at Washburn's Outdoor Journal at [iawildlife.org/blog/](http://iawildlife.org/blog/).

## Eagle Grove Community School District -MENU-

Monday, Dec. 30  
No School

Tuesday, Dec. 31  
No School

Wednesday, Jan. 1  
No School

Thursday, Jan. 2

**BREAKFAST:** Cereal, Poptart, Fruit, Juice  
**LUNCH:** Hot Dog/Cheeddar Dog, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Pineapple

Friday, Jan. 3

**BREAKFAST:** Cereal, Bagel, Fruit, Juice  
**LUNCH:** Chicken Alfredo Twist, Corn, Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Breadstick

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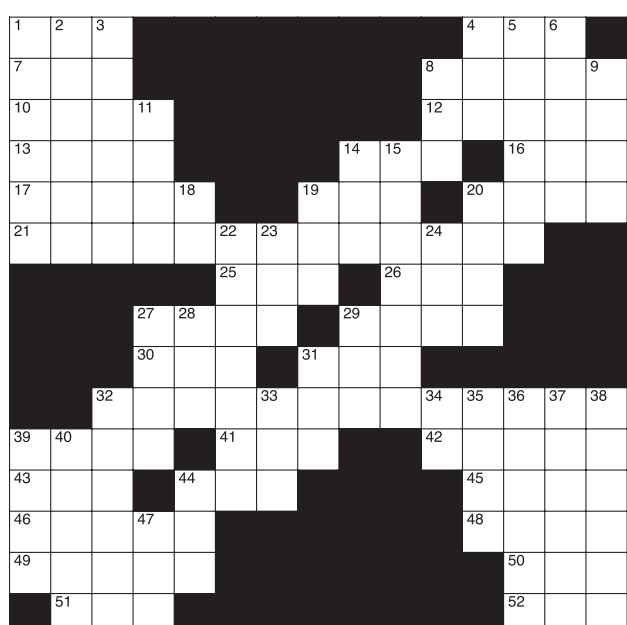
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Central processing unit
- 4. Taxi
- 7. Body part
- 8. Papal court
- 10. Young women making their public debuts
- 12. Metal shackles
- 13. Joseph's wife
- 14. Licensed professional
- 16. Partner to cheese
- 17. Mild fruits
- 19. File format
- 20. Province of Indonesia
- 21. Beloved grilled foods
- 25. Bar bill
- 26. Don't know when yet
- 27. Whale ship captain
- 29. Touches softly
- 30. Mock
- 31. Red-brown Pacific sea bream
- 32. Summer entertainment options
- 39. Protective crust
- 41. Cool!
- 42. Behave in a way that belittles
- 43. Denial
- 44. A place to sleep
- 45. Electronic counter-countermeasures
- 46. Intestinal pouches
- 48. SE Asia family of languages
- 49. Sound
- 50. Select
- 51. Give the impression of dishonesty
- 52. Witness

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Of cadmium
- 2. Deliver a sermon
- 3. Inner regions of a shadow
- 4. Aggressive dog
- 5. Smells
- 6. Twofold
- 8. Former OSS
- 9. Computer language
- 11. Indian groom
- 14. Automobile
- 15. Hairstyle
- 18. Atomic #76
- 19. Guy (slang)
- 20. Ladies' undergarments
- 22. Furniture with open shelves
- 23. Back-arc basin
- 24. Partner to flow
- 27. A type of horse
- 28. Possesses
- 29. Split pulses
- 31. Small amount
- 32. Flat-bottomed riverboat
- 33. Not good
- 34. Atomic #31
- 35. Assist in committing a crime
- 36. Chauvinists
- 37. Get away
- 38. One of a people who speaks a Semitic language
- 39. Civil rights college organization
- 40. Combustible dark rocks
- 44. Grocery container
- 47. Central nervous system

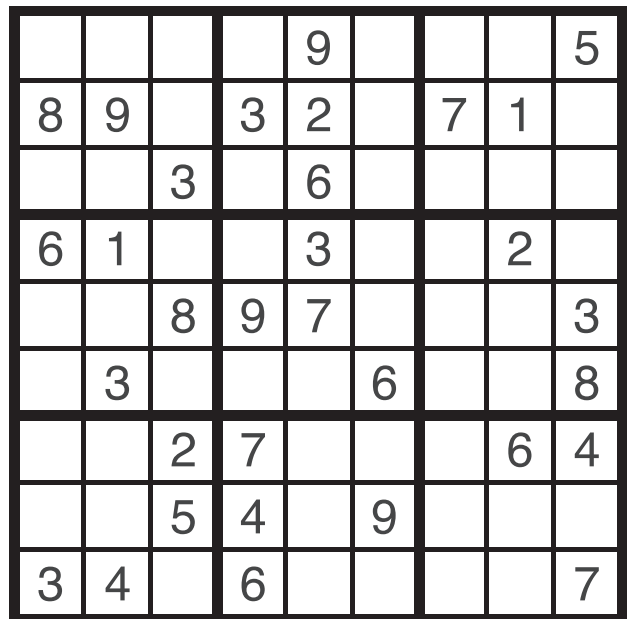
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## Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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



Level: Beginner

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

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 A U E P S U W E V C V P V C R C C C G G A  
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 V F S Y S N E L R T B H B E U M T B S K  
 E D S U N F A E R U E M H E C S P N E C  
 R D T R M A M I I A E L C D A K F A R F  
 G P B T N I B S O C K R T O W A Y W N G  
 R N A G N P Y U E D A C R S C L G S A Y  
 E N E I R L A D U N A F D B I Y W R I R  
 E L S A L T Y O R C H R I S T M A S R N  
 N C T O U R R Y H A H D I L A C I G G A M  
 E S H W E E E O A T C S M A N G E R G E  
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 G N B W L S S K F Y R E N A P E C F I S  
 A E H I C K U G R I R A M I N U I T N N  
 R S H W B I O W I L F E V I T N H G I C  
 L O L O S G R S E V S G N E R E V P D A  
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 N W N A V D B M D I C O C O W W E R F I  
 D N G I F T V N S G T W G E O N D M G V

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- ANGEL
- BIRTH
- CAROLS
- CHRISTMAS
- CHURCH
- COMPANY
- DECEMBER
- DINING
- EVERGREEN
- FRIENDS
- GARLAND
- GIFTS
- GREETING CARD
- HOLLY
- MAGICAL
- MANGER
- MERRIMENT
- MISTLETOE
- REMINISCE
- ROAST
- STAR
- TRAVEL
- TREE SKIRT
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## 'Tis the Season of Taking for Scammers

By Ari Lazarus  
 Consumer Education Specialist, FTC

You're probably getting emails, texts, and calls asking for end-of-year donations. It's the season of giving, after all. Scammers know this is a popular time to donate, so they're out there, too, trying to trick people into giving to them instead of a real charity.

To make sure the charity you picked is legit and your money will support pro-

grams you care about:

- **Do some research.** Search the charity's name plus "complaint," "review," "rating," or "scam." Use these organizations to research charities. And if you're looking to donate through a crowdfunding page, watch for scams there, too.

- **Pay by check or credit card, which is safer.** And if a charity insists you pay with cryptocurrency, by wiring money through Western

Union or MoneyGram, with a payment app, or with a gift card, it's likely a scam.

- **Check how much of your donation goes to the program you want to support.** Ask anyone who calls asking for a donation. Then verify that information on the charity's website. Some fundraising efforts can be expensive. If a high percentage of what you donate goes to fundraising, it leaves the charity with little money to spend on its actual pro-

grams.

- **Check if it's tax deductible.** One pitch you might hear a lot: "Give before December 31st to get a tax deduction for 2024." But that's only true if the charity is listed in the IRS Tax Exempt Organizational Search Tool. Remember that donations to individuals and PACs are not tax deductible.

Spotted a charity scam? Tell the FTC at Report-Fraud.ftc.gov.

## Municipal Professionals Build Skills, Serve Communities

By Esther Crompton

AMES, Iowa — Across Iowa, municipal clerks are behind-the-scenes engines of local government. They are the ones who help put together budgets, keep public records and ensure that city council decisions come to life.

Three municipal professionals have a discussion during training. "Clerks take government policy and turn it into real-world outcomes," said Sara Shonrock, a community and economic development specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. "They're a bridge between policy and the community."

The responsibilities clerks face, especially in small towns, are demanding. In places like Dyersville — a town of about 4,000 — clerks like Tricia Maiers manage everything from city finances to evolving legal requirements. "People rely on me to make sure everything is in order," Maiers says. "It's a big responsibility but knowing I'm helping my community makes it worth it."

To navigate the challenges of the job, clerks like Maiers turn to essential resources like the Municipal Professionals Institute and the Municipal Professionals Academy. These programs, offered through Iowa State University, provide the training clerks need to manage budgets, understand new laws and operate in an increasingly complex environment.

For nearly 50 years, the Institute and Academy have been training municipal professionals, averaging close to 400 participants annually in recent years. Over the past two years, their reach has expanded to nearly every corner of Iowa, covering 98 of the state's 99 counties.

"Both the Academy and the Institute give clerks the confidence, tools, and support they need to help run a city efficiently. And when clerks have that training, the whole community benefits — cities



Shelby Hagan, city clerk of Bondurant, Iowa. (Photos courtesy of ISU)

run more smoothly and trust in local government grows," Shonrock said.

Shelby Hagan, city clerk of Bondurant, Iowa. "For clerks just starting out, the Institute is a foundation," said Shelby Hagan, city clerk of Bondurant and instructor at the Institute and Academy. "It gave me everything I needed to manage council actions, finances — basically, to keep the city moving."

The Institute doesn't just give clerks early in their careers a foundation; it helps clerks work toward professional certifications, unlocking doors to career advancement through the Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association or the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. "When we followed up with 61 of the newly certified clerks, 50% reported noticeable improvements — raises, contract extensions, promotions. Forty percent specifically mentioned getting a pay raise," Shonrock explained.

The Institute is just one piece of the puzzle for municipal professionals. "Clerks need to keep up as laws and technology change, and that's where the Academy steps in," said Hagan.

The Academy offers advanced training for seasoned clerks, helping them stay ahead of changing laws and technology. It also provides the continuing education they need to keep their certifications up to date,



Three municipal professionals have a discussion during training.

making sure they are always prepared for what's next.

"Each year, the Academy welcomes municipal professionals ready to tackle real-world challenges, from budget planning to infrastructure funding," said Shonrock. "Post-training evaluations show that participants leave with a significantly stronger grasp of key skills, like grant writing and managing city infrastructure, ready to make an impact in their communities."

In addition, well-trained municipal professionals are more likely to stay in their positions, leading to

long-term, local impact. "When clerks stay in their jobs longer, they provide continuity that's invaluable to the community," Shonrock noted.

That continuity is about more than just keeping things running day to day. "Being the city's record keeper means I'm the custodian of its history," Hagan said. "It's rewarding to know that I'm helping shape my community's future."

For more information about the Iowa Municipal Professionals Institute and Academy, visit the website or contact Sara Shonrock, sshonroc@iastate.edu.

THIS WEEK'S  
*famous*  
**Birthdays**

- DECEMBER 24** Michael Raymond-James, Actor (40)
- DECEMBER 25** Jimmy Buffett, Singer (71)
- DECEMBER 26** Kit Harrington, Actor (31)
- DECEMBER 27** Emilie De Ravin, Actress (36)
- DECEMBER 28** Seth Meyers, TV Host (44)
- DECEMBER 29** Jude Law, Actor (45)
- DECEMBER 30** Andra Day, Singer (33)

## CANCER RATES from page A1

These environmental challenges coincide with a rising health crisis in Iowa. The state is the only one in the U.S. with increasing cancer rates, a trend some experts and critics link to large-scale industrialized agriculture. Other factors, such as obesity and alcoholism, may also contribute.

"We're paying for it," Mankel told *Sentinel*. "I really want Iowans to understand that these problems are a policy choice, and that we are being burdened with paying the true cost of massive profits that these corporations are reaping from our state, and that's a very intentional choice on behalf of lawmakers."

Two known spills are

recorded as having taken place in Wright County during the timeframe studied. And four streams were listed as impaired. Presumably, other bodies of water connected to these streams may also be impaired. Although the report didn't include this data, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources does keep track of water impairment, and readers are encouraged to check the most up to date data regularly, especially when considering interacting with water bodies.

Closest to Eagle Grove was the spill by DMC Property Rentals LLC, which the report estimates kept about 6,600 head of swine, and spilled into the Boone River

in late August of 2015. The company was fined \$500. As of 2022, the river was listed as impaired, causing a fish kill "due to unknown toxicity." A spill almost two years earlier, in late January of 2014, by Iowa Select 3, was reported, pouring into Drainage ditch #213. Iowa Select was estimated to keep about 4,150 head of swine, and was not penalized.

In addition to the Boone River, the main body of the Iowa River, as well as the river's East Branch, and West Otter Creek were listed as impaired. The Iowa River tested positive for E. Coli bacteria, which can cause severe illness or death. The East Branch of the Iowa River showed a

low Index of Biotic Integrity (IBI) score for aquatic macroinvertebrates, which can indicate an unhealthy body of water. West Otter Creek also showed a fish kill in 2022, also "due to unknown toxicity."

In Wright County, the report found there are 27 factory farms, with an estimated 69,2750+ animals, or about 119 animals per square mile, which produced an estimated 1.9 billion pounds of manure, in 2022.

Readers can examine the interactive map online at <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=82033ef-861424f48a291408375f-b36a0>.



# Happy Birthday, Iowa!

## Let Freedom Ring

By U.S. Senator  
Chuck Grassley

In addition to Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year's Day, Iowans have another reason to celebrate during the last week of the year. On December 28, 1846, President James K. Polk signed a bill admitting Iowa into the Union.

This year, Iowa will celebrate its 178th birthday. Let's take a look back at when Iowa became the 29th state.

Iowa has always been a free state. On March 3, 1845, Congress passed legislation to allow for the admission of the Territories of Florida and Iowa into the Union. The carefully crafted bill kept intact the political arrangement at the time to keep the number of free and slave states the same. Eventually, the political cauldron between free and slave states boiled over into the Civil War. History confirms the institution of slavery was contrary to a republic founded upon "self-evident" truths that "all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

From the Revolutionary War through the 21st century, Americans have sought to form a more perfect Union. And we've got the growing pains to prove it. During my annual 99 county meetings, I'm often asked about political division. The media commonly refer to "Red" and "Blue" states, ostensibly divided by political, social and regional ideologies. History shows us heated divisions have splintered public opinion since the earliest days of our nation's founding, in times of war, economic crises and, most recently, the pandemic. Most notably, the institution of slavery divided the North and the South, leading to the Civil War and assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. The Civil War was the greatest loss of American lives on the battlefield, with more than 650,000 military fatalities – more than all major American wars combined. Iowa had the highest per capita number of soldiers in the Civil War. Nearly 80,000 freedom-loving Iowans enlisted in the Union army, with 13,000 fatalities.

Iowa's earliest settlers participated in the Underground Railroad, a network of secret routes to help enslaved people escape to freedom. The southern half of our state has a rich history in the perilous path to freedom, including "stations" in Fremont, Mills, Cass, Adair, Dallas, Polk and eastward to the Mississippi River. Keep in mind, federal law made it a crime to help "passengers" on the Underground Railroad, punishable by fine or imprisonment. Even so, the anti-slavery movement gained steam across the state. Abolitionists



and Free Soilers joined forces with Quakers and Congregationalists to let freedom ring. The publisher of the "Hamilton Freeman" – predecessor to today's "Webster City Daily Freeman" – named the newspaper to signify his opposition to slavery. Its first issue was published in 1857 and temporarily suspended when the publisher enlisted in the Union Army.

Congress authorized the National Park Service in 1998 to research the Underground Railroad. The State Historical Society of Iowa conducted research when the Iowa Freedom Trail Project began in 2002 to document places and people who helped fugitive slaves. So far, the National Park Service lists 26 sites across Iowa, and updates the national list twice yearly. Some sites are open to the public, including The Todd House in Fremont County; George B. Hitchcock house in Cass County; Jordan House in West Des Moines; Shattering Silence Monument in Des Moines; and Lewelling-Gibbs House in Henry County.

I encourage Iowans to visit these historic sites with your kids and grandkids. I often say we must learn from history or risk repeating mistakes of the past. In fact, communities across the country are in the crosshairs of a 21st century human trafficking crisis. As Iowa's senior U.S. Senator, I've led efforts to combat these horrendous crimes against humanity by helping to raise public awareness, improve resources and secure justice for survivors. Most recently, I've focused my oversight work on protecting unaccompanied migrant children from criminal exploitation, prompted by concerns I was hearing from Iowans.

Throughout our state's history, Iowans have continued beating the drum for freedom and civic engagement, from the abolitionist movement to desegregation and women's suffrage. The Great Seal of Iowa is a testimonial for the ages: "Our liberties we prize, and our rights we will maintain." As we celebrate Iowa's 178 years of statehood, let's remember the sacrifices and grit of the earliest settlers and the resilience of those who strengthen our communities today. Looking ahead to the New Year, let's recommit ourselves to America's promise of freedom and prosperity for generations to come.



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# We don't want California's electric-vehicle mandates to spread nationwide

By Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Hull)

On Wednesday December 18th, President Biden's Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) delivered yet another blow to the American auto industry and affordability for our families. The EPA announced that it granted California permission to phase out the sale of gas-powered cars in the state. In doing so, the EPA put radical Green New Deal policy agenda items over the economic interests of American consumers.

The permissions from the EPA come in the form of two waivers. The first waiver allows the state of California to mandate that 35% of new sales of cars and pickup trucks be zero-emission vehicles by 2026. This is mandated to reach 90% in 2027. The second waiver builds on those mandates and aims to make all new car sales in the state zero-emission within the decade. Radicals in California are being empowered by the Biden administration.

Not only are these man-



dates a disaster for our auto industry, but they are also horrible for the average American family and worker. In 2023, the average household income in the United States was about \$80,000 per year. Compare this to the average cost of a new electric car at \$56,000. The EV price tag is nearly \$10,000 higher than the average gas-powered car. Brand-new car purchases are already declining due to high interest rates and a middle class that is feeling the pinch under President Biden's failed economic policies. We should not actively make cars and trucks increasingly

affordable to advance a political agenda.

In July, Senator Mike Crapo (R-ID) and I led over 150 colleagues in a letter to the EPA urging the Biden administration to overturn its mandates to rapidly make more cars, trucks, tractors, buses, and semis fully electric. This mandate would have put undue pressure on our families, farmers, small businesses, and manufacturers—pressure that would also be felt in the wallets of all Americans through higher grocery and utility bills, and everyday goods that our families rely on.

We live in a free market. If electric trucks and cars become cheaper, more accessible, and more efficient than gas counterparts, the free market will make the choice. This case of government overreach from unelected bureaucrats represents how the Biden administration has operated for the last four years.

It is important to consider liquid-fuel alternatives to EVs. The 4th District of

Iowa is the number one producer of ethanol and biofuels in the nation. Biofuels—like E-15—burn cleaner than standard gas and can be used in nearly 97% of vehicles on the road that are newer than 2001. Year-round access to sustainable biofuels would not only improve energy costs for families nationwide, but it would also offer more agricultural opportunities to Iowa's farmers and producers. It's a win for all sides—cheaper energy and drivers not being forced to buy vehicles they cannot afford.

On my 36 County Tour, I have seen firsthand how our fields hold unlimited potential to lower prices at the pump, boost American energy independence, and support our agricultural communities. President Biden's radical EPA—are not following American, free-market principles. In Congress, I will always fight for sound energy policy that puts our citizens, and our nation, first.

# Breaking the Language Barrier

It's time to embrace translation tech.

By Edward Lynn Editor

In the 1990s, when Star Trek: The Next Generation (TNG) first aired, we watched characters seamlessly communicate with beings from across the galaxy using a universal translator small enough to be worn as a brooch. The concept felt fantastical at the time—a device capable of instantly bridging language gaps to ensure understanding between vastly different cultures.

Yet here we are in 2024, in the middle of the AI boom, and while we're still nowhere near flying starships from galaxy to galaxy, we're already making some of that science fiction into science fact. For as little as \$20 any of us can order a set of earbuds that translate what people say in almost any language on earth, nearly instantly. They're about the same size as the Star Trek devices, and can also be body worn (in the ear, rather than on the chest). Or, it could be in our pocket, as an app on our phone—and that's free!

The irony? Every week, as I compile the police dispatch report for the paper, I see the same troubling refrain: confusion arising from calls where the dispatcher simply didn't understand the caller's language. And in a county with a significant non-English speaking population, in a time when translation is freely available, and even industrial solutions are relatively cheap, this failure is not just an inconvenience—it's a liability.

The most frustrating part of this ongoing issue is that solving it doesn't require futuristic sci-fi technology anymore. So now solving this problem simply requires the willingness to do so.

For as little as nothing our county could equip dispatchers with basic translation tools. For a modest investment of a few thousand dollars (a drop in the bucket as government spending typically goes) a professional-grade system could be installed, ensuring that every call for help is understood, no matter the caller's language.

Consider these example solutions:

- **Google Translate (Free):** A highly rated app available for any smartphone, offering real-time audio translation between dozens of languages.
- **Microsoft Translator (Free):** Another excellent app offering speech and text translation with support for conversations in multiple languages.
- **SayHi (Free):** A popular app that specializes in voice translation, allowing for natural conversations.
- **iTranslate (Free):** Offers real-time voice and text translation in over 100 languages, with additional features for offline use.
- **Papago (Free):** Tailored for Asian languages but supports many others with great accuracy.
- **DeepL Translator (Free):** Known for its highly accurate text translations and now expanding into audio translation capabilities.
- **Amazon Translator Earbuds (\$20 & up):** The world's largest retailer is selling affordable, wearable devices that allow the listener

to hear a translated version of nearly any spoken language for well under \$100 in most cases, with some as cheap as \$20 or so. Just like Star Trek: TNG. See for yourself: <https://www.amazon.com/s?k=translation+earbuds+real+time>

• **Professional Translation Systems (\$0.50 per minute or about \$30 per month, and up to about \$5,000):** Robust solutions designed for institutions, ensuring accuracy and reliability for critical communications are also available. These range from by the minute rates, to monthly rates, to larger one-time costs. For instance, installing open-source translation systems that use on-site installations of Large Language Models (LLM) on a local server—something you'd pay a technician well to set up, but would be a one-time expense.

And the thing is, the stakes couldn't be higher. It could literally be life and death. A dispatcher who can't understand a caller might send officers to a scene with inadequate or incorrect information, increasing the risk to both the officers and the public. Worse, the inability to communicate effectively could delay lifesaving assistance in situations where seconds matter. These are risks our county simply cannot afford to take.

Beyond safety, there are financial implications too. The county could face significant legal exposure from lawsuits alleging negligence in failing to address the language gap, especially when cost-effective solutions are so readily available. Furthermore, the current inefficiency often necessitates dispatching officers to situations that could have been resolved over the

phone, wasting precious time and resources. The county could eliminate those costs right now cheaply, or even for free.

And by the way, it's not just our hard working and courageous dispatchers and law enforcement who stand to benefit. Local businesses and nonprofit organizations could also use these tools to better serve their diverse clientele, improve customer satisfaction, and achieve their objectives more effectively. For instance, how often does it happen in a day in our county, or even in our town, when the server at a local restaurant barely speaks the customer's language, or vice-versa? Or a doctor doesn't speak the patient's language? Regardless of what the interaction is, a more inclusive approach benefits the entire community, fostering greater understanding and cooperation.

It boils down to a reality where the question isn't whether we can afford to implement this technology; it's whether we can afford not to. The cost of inaction—in lives, legal fees, and inefficiencies—far outweighs the investment needed to bring our dispatch system into the modern age.

We've reached a point where technology can eliminate language barriers, and do so very affordably. It's time to embrace it, not just because it's convenient or cost-effective, but because it's the right thing to do. Let's make the vision of universal understanding a reality, starting here in our own backyard. After all, even in Star Trek, the universal translator wasn't a luxury—it was a necessity. We should start to think of it that way too.





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**WORDS OF WISDOM**



Last week's trivia questions:  
The only two counties in Iowa that start with the letter "I" are Ida County and what other county? Answer: Iowa County, which is home to the Amana Colonies.

The most common first letter for names of counties in Iowa, with 12 counties, is what letter? Answer: The letter "C" with Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Clarke, Clay, Clayton, Clinton and Crawford.

This week's trivia questions:  
What three U.S. states have the shortest names, with four letters, and what three states have the longest names, with 13 letters?

What are the two most common first letters for U.S. state names, with eight apiece?

Dec. 25 is Christmas Day, and National Pumpkin Pie Day; Dec. 26 is National Candy Cane Day, and Boxing Day; Dec. 27 is National Fruitcake Day; Dec. 28 is National Card Playing Day, National Chocolate Candy Day, and Pledge of Allegiance Day; Dec. 29 is International Cello Day; Dec. 30 is National Bacon Day, and National Resolution Planning Day; Dec. 31 is New Year's Eve, and National Champagne Day.

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his shoulders.  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
Of the greatness of his government and peace  
there will be no end.  
He will reign on David's throne  
and over his kingdom,  
establishing and upholding it  
with justice and righteousness  
from that time on and forever.  
The zeal of the Lord Almighty  
will accomplish this.

— Isaiah 9:6-7

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

— Luke 2:11

"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

— 1 John 5:11

"At Christmas, play and make good cheer, for Christmas comes but once a year."

— Thomas Tusser

"Christmas, children, is not a date. It is a state of mind."

— Mary Ellen Chase

"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

— Luke 2:10

**Charlie Brown:** "Thanks for the Christmas card, Violet."  
**Violet:** "I didn't send you a Christmas card, Charlie Brown."  
**Charlie Brown:** "Don't you know sarcasm when you hear it?"

**Coca-Cola played a part in Santa's image** – Santa wasn't always the jolly man in red. Older depictions of Santa from the early 1900s depicted him more sternly, and there wasn't a standardized "look" for his appearance.

The classic image of a happy and plump Santa that we all know today came in part from Coca-Cola ads, drawn in 1931 by illustrator Haddon Sundblom.

**Rudolph was a marketing ploy** – The beloved reindeer was created by a copywriter for the Montgomery Ward department store in 1939. He wrote Rudolph into a children's story that could be given out to promote the store. It was a huge hit, with more than 2.4 million copies distributed in its first year!

In 1949 Gene Autry recorded the famous song "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and in 1964 came the movie featuring the island of misfit toys.

**THIS WEEK'S Horoscopes**

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
You may be operating on some false information, Aries. It's better to get the facts before going forward in the coming days. You may end up changing directions midweek.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, if you are feeling upset because someone is getting more attention than you, you may need to focus your thoughts elsewhere. Think of what makes you special.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**  
Your emotions may be all over the map in the coming days, Gemini. The secret is to surround yourself with people who will guide you in the right direction.

**CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, there is a time for joking around and a time for being serious. This week you may have to lean toward the latter. Others may not share your joviality right now.

**LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Running yourself ragged, especially early in the week, will cause all of your energy stores to fizzle out, Leo. You need to learn to pace yourself better for the long haul.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
You are always one to lend a helping hand, Virgo. But now you may need to call in some favors of your own. Don't be afraid to ask for help this week.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, think financial decisions through before acting. Patience is a friend when making important financial decisions, and it's time to take such matters more seriously.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Scorpio, try something outside of your wheelhouse in the coming days. You have a knack for teaching yourself new skills, and you are a fast learner.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Sagittarius, you might be seeking answers in the wrong places. Refine your parameters and look in a new direction, especially if a resolution is taking awhile.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
Capricorn, if family life is taking over and tiring you out, shift your gears in another direction. You need to recharge and let your other interests take over for awhile.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, words shared at work may have you worried you've burned some bridges. It's not the case. Others still look to you for help and guidance and value your input.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
It's common to make life assessments throughout the year, Pisces. Jot down some easy changes you can make for the future.

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**The Day After Christmas**

When I was a child I remember getting the Sears "Wish Book" in the mail every year sometime in September. This was a hefty full-color Christmas catalog filled with toys, but also with clothing and all sorts of products to get everyone excited about Christmas. We may complain about Christmas decorations going up before Thanksgiving (or Halloween), but the Sears "Wish Book" literally came out in late Summer or early Fall, so getting Christmas earlier every year is nothing new. And as children we seemed to pine for those gifts for months. As adults we are more interested in spending time with loved ones and having some time off from work. But most of us still approach the holiday season with childlike expectation, which is often followed by something approaching "letdown" the day after Christmas, or at least after the holidays are over and we're back at work or school. But if we really think about what Christmas celebrates, the days after Christmas should be the ones where we celebrate the joy of what Christmas really means. That is, the days after the original Christmas (the birth of Jesus) were days of nurturing our Saviour, days to enjoy the presence of God's gift to us, which is Emmanuel, or God with us. —Christopher Simon

Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024  
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Psalm: Psalm 148  
Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17  
Gospel: Luke 24:1-52

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## Obituaries

### Julie A. Dyer

1962-2024

Julie A. Dyer, 62, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024, at the Rotary Senior Living in Eagle Grove, Iowa after receiving hospice care for a lengthy illness. Julie was born January 9, 1962 in Story City, Iowa. She was the daughter of Juvenal "Tom" Ace Brinkema and Evelyn Jane (Hanson) Gemblor Cretin and step-father John T. Cretin. Julie attended school and received her GED in Eagle Grove. Julie was wed to Ronald Dyer. The couple had a son Ronald "Matthew" Dyer in 1986 before later divorcing. Julie went on to meet Billy Hanus, the love of her life until his death in June of 2021. Julie worked in health care at the Rotary Senior Living before becoming ill.

Julie is remembered for her sense of humor, her infectious laugh and her love for her family and friends.

Julie is survived by her son Ronald "Matt" Dyer of Claremore, OK and grandson, sister Cathy Anderson (Kevin) of Cedar Rapids, IA; her brothers Alan Gemblor (Ginger) of Milford, IA, John Cretin Seffner, FL, Richard Cretin (Beth) of Mesa, AZ, Charles Cretin (Elizabeth) of Omaha, NE, Jerry Cretin (Sammye) of Mesa, AZ and William Cretin (Jan) of West Branch, IA. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Darcy Eilders and her brothers, Larry Gemblor and Robert (Bob) Cretin and sister-in-law Pamela Cretin.

As per Julie's wishes she was cremated and her ashes will be interred with her mother and sister, Darcy, as well as with Billy Hanus. Services will be scheduled at a later date.



### Dolly May Myers

1932-2024

Dolly was born February 7, 1932 to James G and Lucille L. Hill in Eagle Grove, Iowa. She passed away peacefully December 9, 2024 at the Paula J Baber Hospice House in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Dolly graduated from Eagle Grove High School on May 26, 1949. She married Lee C Myers on July 16, 1951 in Luverne, Minnesota and they made their home in Eagle Grove, Iowa. Together they had three children; Robert Lee, Garrett Dean and Melody Ann.

She was a passionate member of the First Baptist Church in Eagle Grove. For many years, she provided Meals on Wheels to many people in Eagle Grove. She loved to bake, read and crochet. She was a mother and friend to so many and adored all of her family.

She is survived by her brothers Bob Hill (Loretta) of Eagle Grove and Bruce Hill (Marolyn) of Fort Dodge, her sons Robert (Kirstan) of Des Moines, Garrett (Sherri) of Humboldt and Melody Ferrara (Robert) of Richmond, Maine, as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and two brothers.

Services for Dolly will be held in the spring, her favorite time of the year. She will be loved and missed by all her family and friends.

Foust Funeral Home in charge of arrangements

**Foust Funeral Home**  
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### Randy Elwood

1959-2024

Randy Lynn Elwood, the son of G. Marvel and Phyllis (Butz) Elwood, was born on January 13, 1959, in Clarion, Iowa. He was raised and educated in Eagle Grove.

On June 18, 1977, Randy married Kathy Jacobson in Eagle Grove, and they had two children, Cody and Kaitlyn. They later divorced. Randy then began a 15-year relationship with Darla Eittrheim and they had a daughter, Kelsey in 1995.

Randy worked for Farmland Industries, B & E Construction and Hennigar Construction.

Randy loved to watch football and always cheered on the Dallas Cowboys and the Iowa State Cyclones.

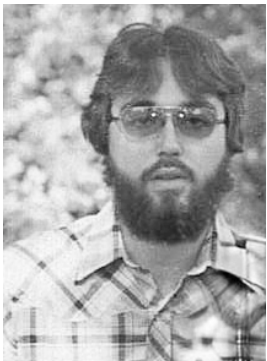
Randy passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at the age of 65 years. He was preceded in death by his parents; infant sister, Arlene; infant nephew, Scotty Joe Mosher; brother, "Woody" Elwood and brother-in-law, Doug Mosher.

Randy is survived by his son, Cody Elwood of Eagle Grove; daughters, Kaitlyn Elwood DeLaTorre (Hector) of Eagle Grove and Kelsey Eittrheim (Tim Johnson) of Eagle Grove; 13 grandchildren: Taylan, Landen, Cayden, Caylee, Lorenzo, Orlando, Evaleia, Hazel, Jazlyn, Aubree, Carson, Delaney and Bentley; sister, Carolyn Mosher of Algona; nephews, Ryan and Cory Mosher and many other friends.

A Celebration of Randy's Life will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2025, 2 p.m. at Rails - The Depot.

Please consider making a donation to raise the much-needed funds to cover Randy's funeral expenses. No donation is too small, and your support is greatly appreciated. Donations can be made at the bottom of Randy's obituary on the www.foustfh.com website.

**Services:** 2 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025  
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## Wright County Courthouse

### Births

Francisco Noah Guzaro Perez was born on December 5, 2024 Ana Perez Raymundo and Rafael Guzaro Rivera of Webster City.

Baker Alexander Williamson was born on December 6, 2024, to Heileigh and Kai Williamson of Mason City.

Dylan Natanael Santos Gomez was born on December 4, 2024, to Liliana Gomez and Wagner Santoz-Lopez of Clarion.

Osiris Gray Menke was born on December 5, 2024, to Kyla Gomez and Andrew Menke of Eagle Grove.

Roman Joel Showalter was born on December 6, 2024, to Cassidy Heldt of Mason City.

Layla Lorraine Martinez was born on December 4, 2024, to Ltzul Torres of Mason City.

Lylah Marie Purchase was born on December 6, 2024, to Raven McClemet of Forest City.

Remington Isai Castro Rodriguez was born on December 10, 2024, to Cecilia Castro Rodriguez and Luis Castro Gonzalez of Dana.

Nolan James Love was born on December 10, 2024, to Emily and Jacob Love of Boone.

Braxsten Dale Covington was born on December 9, 2024, to Jenna Reighard of Clarion.

Eloise Scott Maulsby was born on December 5, 2024, to Megan and Cody Maulsby of Algona.

Cole James Westemeier was born on December 6, 2024, to Elizabeth Bell of Algona.

Crew Marcus Bannister was born on December 10, 2024, to Jessica and Joshua Bannister of Plymouth.

Sawyer Elizabeth Lind was born on December 11, 2024, to Brianna and Kenneth Lind of Fort Dodge.

James Matthew Brinkman was born on December 10, 2024, to Katie and Adam Brinkman of Clear Lake.

Archer Ronald Abbas was born on December 11, 2024, to Alyssa and Aaron Abbas of Garner.

Arlett Ariana Suyo Cruz was born on December 12, 2024, to Yilen Cruz Campos of Webster City.

Madrid Brandon Cruz Jr. was born on December 12, 2024, to Jayla Garmon of Latimer.

Theo James Weigel was born on December 12, 2024, to Britney and Tyler Welgel of Clear Lake.

Angel Naaman Lopez Martin was born on December 15, 2024, to Raquel Martin Edilsar Diaz of Webster City.

Blaire Ann Wellik was born on December 12, 2024, to Grace and Mark Wellik.

Miguel Angel Brito Velasco was born on December 15, 2024, to Juana Velasco-Guzman De Brito and Miguel Brito Melendrez of Webster City.

Avila Marie Howe was born on December 15, 2024, to Noralyn and Dalton Howe.

Sebastian Rodriguez Sanchez was born on December 16, 2024, to Elisa Sanchez-Sandoval and Jose Rodriguez-Rivera of Webster City.

### Deaths

Sterling Eugene Chytry of Rapid City, South Dakota, was born on August 30, 1948, and died on December 11, 2024, at the age of 76.

Phyllis Louise Brinkman (Tillman) of Clarion was born on July 13, 1927, and died on December 12, 2024, at the age of 97.

Dolly May Myers (Hill) of Eagle Grove was born on February 7, 1932, and died on December 18, 2024, at the age of 92.

Elmer Harvey Kamprath

of Eagle Grove was born on December 20, 1927, and died on December 11, 2024, at the age of 96.

Patrica Ann Fitchhorn (Thomas) of Eagle Grove was born on January 12, 1948, and died on December 18, 2024, at the age of 76.

Randy Lynn Elwood of Eagle Grove was born on January 13, 1959, and died on December 16, 2024, at the age of 65.

### Marriages

Hector DeLa Torre of Eagle Grove, 42, was wed to Kaitlyn Elwood of Eagle Grove, 36, on November 25, 2024.

### Property Transfers

Others-Town Lot Deeds: Wright County Treasurer, Wright County Iowa to Dows Iowa City of - Dows Orig Addn Blk 1 Lot 13 E 22' Of W 44', Dows Orig Addn Blk 1 Lot 14 E 22' Of W 44', Tax Sale Deed; 24-2086.

Others-Land Deeds: Dean E Nelson Executor, Nelson Diane M, Nelson Diane M Estate to Nelson Diane M Revocable Trust, Diane M Nelson Revocable Trust - 24-92-26 Nw Except The N 60 Acres, Nelson, Dean 000013261004538364 Court Officer Deed; 24-2087.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: W & H Cooperative Oil Company to McClain Antonio - Wool Orig Addn Blk 9 W 142', McClain 000026349004538445; 24-2088.

Quit Claim Deed-Land Deed: Kotar Bradley Allen to Claude Kotar Rochelle Denise, Kotar Claude Rochelle Denise - 35-90-26 Nw Tract, Claude Kotar - Wright 000015405004539116; 24-2089.

Quit Claim Deed-Land Deed: Kotar Bradley Allen to Claude Kotar Rochelle Denise, Kotar Claude Rochelle Denise - 16-90-25 Ne N 1/2, Claude Kotar - Wright 000015405004539118; 24-2090.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Anderson Heath J Executor, Pittman Casie N Executor, Anderson Christine M Estate, Anderson Christine M to Pittman Mark L, Pittman Casie N - Clar Sturgeon's Addn Blk 17 Lot 1, Anderson Estate To Pittman 000014534004539308; 24-2091.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Thayer Mark E, Vanzweden Renee A to Pumas Contracting LLC - Clar Walnut Grove Addn Blk 18 Lot 7; 24-2092.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Tincher Robert, Tincher Amber to Trujillo Andrade Cynthia, Andrade Trujillo Cynthia, Nestor Ambrosto Alfonso, Ambrosto Nestor Alfonso - Eg Wright's 3rd Addn Blk 20 Lot 3 W 60'; 24-2100.

Others-Town Lot Deeds: Wright County Treasurer, Rapalee Clarence A, Wright County Iowa to Clarion Iowa City of - Clar Tyrrell's Addn Blk 16 Lot 7, Tax Sale Deed; 24-2102.

Warranty Deed-Land Deeds: Lloyd R Gordon Trust, Nielsen Kathryn Trustee, Gordon Lloyd R Trust, Gordon Julia J Restated Trust, Julia J Gordon Restated Trust to Nielsen Corey - 26-92-23 Nw Parcel A In Nw 1/4; 24-2108.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Cleveland Rona L to Nelson Laurie K - Belm Dumond Estates Lot 13 Apt 1 Country View Condo; 24-2110.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Banwell Sherry V to Orozco Jorge, Onate Garcia Maria Isabel, Garcia Onate Maria Isabel - Eg Orig Addn Blk 20 Lot 7, Banwell To Orozco 000022861004545668 Fulfillment Of Contract; 24-2115.

Affidavit Transfer: John-

son Philip M to Amonson Yolanda - 29-91-25 Ne Except Tracts, Amonson 000014534004536787 Aff Re Scrivener's Error; 24-2084.

Affidavit Transfer: Hansen Daryl E to Hansen Cheryl L - 28-91-26 Se Tract In Lot 7 Ne 1/4, Hansen, Daryl 000013261004537459 Aff Of Surviving Spouse; 24-2085.

### Civil

Hauge Associates, Inc. v. Rachel & Travis Connor. Judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$6,511.98 at 6.24% interest, including delinquent interest of \$1,068.28 and \$251.70 court costs.

### Small Claims

Discover Bank v. Kevin D Staples. Judgment for the defendant in the amount of \$3,994.76 at 7.22% interest, plus \$95.00 in court costs.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Rickie Withers Sr. Case dismissed without prejudice.

Midland Credit Management, Inc. v. Lisa Ramirez. Judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$897.82 at 7.22% interest, plus \$95.00 in court costs.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC v. Dana Langfitt. Judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$712.22 at 7.22% interest, plus \$95.00 in court costs.

### Tickets

Cody Allen Uhlenhopp of Belmond, IA trespass 1st offense.

Bradley Allen Gardner of Clarion, IA trespass 1st offense.

Edward V Rios of Uvalde, TX speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over). Antonio Martinez of Hampton, IA no valid drivers license.

Jose Isabel Raxon Lopez of Eagle Grove, IA no valid drivers license.

Jose Isabel Raxon Lopez of Eagle Grove, IA failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Carlos Enrique Mojica Gonzalez of Fort Dodge, IA speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Daniel Antonio Ayfan Ramirez of Webster City, IA failure to obey traffic control device.

Daniel Antonio Ayfan Ramirez of Webster City, IA no valid drivers license.

Elvin Noel Medina Lopez of Eagle Grove, IA speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Alexander James Harrah of Dows, IA speeding 55 or under Zone (16 thru 20 over).

Jonathan Allen Mabry of Waxahachie, TX speeding OVR 55 zone (16 thru 20 over).

Annette R Behle of Altoona, IA speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Leivin David Salvajan Siquinajay of Eagle Grove, IA failure to maintain or use safety belts - adult.

Leivin David Salvajan Siquinajay of Eagle Grove, IA no valid drivers license.

Christopher Alan Madison of Britt, IA failure to maintain or use safety belts - adult.

Richard Allen cerwick of Fort Dodge, IA maximum gross weight violation - 4001 to 5000.

Julio Santiago Lopez Gomez of Clarion, IA speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Dustin C Merrill of Lewiston, Me speeding OVR 55 zone (1 thru 5 over).

Michael Dean Sedlacek of Fort Dodge, IA failure to maintain or use safety belts - adult.

Quincy m long of Pleasanton, KS speeding OVR 55 zone (11 thru 15 over).

Jefferson Steven Luna Contreras of Fort Dodge, IA failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Brandon Lockwood Thayer of Belmond, IA

failure to obey traffic control device.

James Daly Friberg of Norwalk, IA speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Zacarias Baltazar Celso of Eagle Grove, IA no valid drivers license.

Aidan Tucker Askelson of Badger, IA defective or unauthorized muffler system.

Aidan Tucker Askelson of Badger, IA violation of instruction permit limitation.

Angelina Barajas Miranda of Belmond, IA permitting unauthorized person to drive.

Juan Ignacio Barajas Miranda of Belmond, IA no valid drivers license.

Dawson Buonya cabbage of Des Moines, IA speeding 55 or under Zone (1 thru 5 over).

John Knizka of Burbank, IL trespass 1st offense.

John Knizka of Burbank, IL fishing and hunting - no license OVR \$20 but.

John Knizka of Burbank, IL fail to pay wildlife habitat fee.

Christopher A Sennott of Lake Zurich, IL trespass 1st offense.

Pantaleon Vasquez Gomez of Clairon, IA no valid drivers license.

Pantaleon Vasquez Gomez of Clairon, IA failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Daniel Anthony Velez of Des Moines, IA speeding 55 or under Zone (1 thru 5 over).

Matias Sebastian Reginaldo Benjamin of Eagle Grove, IA no valid drivers license.

Megly Magali Hernandez Constancio of Eagle Grove, IA no valid drivers license.

Chad Dale Olson of FT Pierce, FL speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Cooper Bell of Gilbert, IA failure to pay wildlife habitat fee.

Jason Patrick Bell failure to pay wildlife habitat fee.

Javier Martinez Gonzalez of Eagle Grove, IA speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Lei Li of Ames, IA speeding OVR 55 zone (11 thru 15 over).

Jose Alvarez of Eagle Grove, IA no valid drivers license.

Andres Alberto Vasquez Alvarado of Clarion, IA turning at intersections.

Andres Alberto Vasquez Alvarado of Clarion, IA failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Julio Santiago Lopez Gomez, of Clarion, IA, driving while license denied, suspended, or canceled.

### Criminal

State of Iowa vs Estrada, Erik Eduardo. Class C felony sexual abuse - 3rd degree. Defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to 10 years in prison, added to the sex offenders registry, required to provide a DNA sample, and a suspended fine of \$1,370. An appearance bond of \$7909.48 was refunded, with \$7,453.46 in court costs outstanding.

State of Iowa vs Castaneda, Ariel Gayton, serious misdemeanor assault causing bodily injury or mental illness. Defendant pled guilty and was jailed for two days, and fined \$430, plus \$200 in court costs.

City of Belmond vs Gomez, Jose Luis Jr., simple misdemeanor animal at large prohibited. Defendant pled guilty and was fined \$105 plus \$60 in court costs, and a \$15.75 surcharge.

City of Eagle Grove vs Kvale, Jacob Matthew, simple misdemeanor dog at large. Defendant pled guilty and was fined \$105 plus \$60 in court costs, and a \$15.75 surcharge.



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Applications can be obtained at City Hall located at 121 N. Commercial Ave., Eagle Grove, IA 50533. The position is open until filled! The City of Eagle Grove is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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**Applications will be accepted at the Wright County Engineer's Office until January 10, 2025 at 3:30 pm.**

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**ORIGINAL NOTICE**

In the Iowa District Court for Wright County Upon the Petition of Lora Lea Calles, Petitioner and concerning Fernando Calles Lopez, Respondent Case no. CDDM003170

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**1. Information for Respondent named above**

• Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a divorce lawsuit naming you as Respondent.

• Petitioner's contact information during the divorce case: Lora Lea Calles 417 N Cadwell Ave Eagle Grove, IA 50533 Wright County (641) 512-4440 [lcalle77@gmail.com](mailto:lcalle77@gmail.com)

**2. Respondent's deadline for filing a Response**

You must file an Answer or a Motion with the clerk of court in the above county within **20 days** after December 26, 2024.

**3. Instructions to Respondent named above**

You must file an Answer or a Motion with the clerk of court in the above county within **20 days** after the date provided above. If you do not respond, the court may enter a judgement against you giving Petitioner what he or she asked for in the Petition.

**Notice to Respondent**

- You should talk to an attorney at once to protect your interests.
- If you choose not to have an attorney represent you in this matter, go to the Iowa Judicial Branch website for self-represented litigant information and free guided interactive interview court forms or free fillable .pdf court forms under Divorce.
- You must register through the Iowa Judicial Branch website at [www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile/](http://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile/) and obtain a log in and password to electronically file and view court documents in your case and to receive service and notices from the court.
- For general rules and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Rules of Electronic Procedure in Chapter 16 of the Iowa Court Rules.
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Published in the Eagle Grove Eagle on Thursday, Dec. 26, 2024, Jan. 2, 2025, and Jan. 9, 2025

**ORIGINAL NOTICE**

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF JGJV003034

**ORIGINAL NOTICE**

A.J.C., ) Protected minor. )

TO: MELISSA DAWN KING & JEREMY MARCUS COLEMAN

You are notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above Court, a Petition in the above-entitled action, which Petition prays for the appointment of Tia Woeste and Elena Woeste as guardians of the person of the protected minor. The Petitioners' attorney is Dani L. Eisentrager, whose address is 109 S Commercial, P. O. Box 346, Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533, telephone 515-603-6400, fax 515-603-6401, email: [dani@eisentragerlawoffice.com](mailto:dani@eisentragerlawoffice.com).

You are further notified that unless, within 20 days after the last publication of this original notice upon you, you serve, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file a written special appearance, motion, or answer, in the Iowa District Court for Wright County, at the Wright county courthouse in Clarion, Iowa, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

A hearing on the Petition will be held at the Wright County courthouse, 115 N. Main Street, Eagle Grove, Iowa, on **February 21, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.**

THIS CASE HAS BEEN FILED

IN A COUNTY THAT UTILIZES ELECTRONIC FILING. Therefore, unless the attached signature page contains a hearing date for your appearance, or unless you obtain an exemption from eFiling from the court, you must file your Appearance and Answer electronically. You must register to eFile through the Iowa Judicial Branch website at <https://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile/> and obtain a log in and password for the purposes of filing and viewing documents on your case and of receiving 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, also available on the Iowa Judicial Branch website. FOR COURT RULES ON THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL PRIVACY IN COURT FILINGS, REFER TO DIVISION VI OF IOWA COURT RULES CHAPTER 16.

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**PROBATE • VICTOR M. RUTHART**

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VICTOR M. RUTHART Deceased CASE NO. ESPR017662 **NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS** To All Persons Interested in the Estate of VICTOR M. RUTHART, Deceased, who died on or about December 4, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on December 13, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of VICTOR M. RUTHART, deceased, bearing date of August 2, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Randy Holland and Jenifer Holland have been appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated December 17, 2024.

Randy Holland, Executor of Estate 245 Oakridge Street PO Box 122 Huntington, TX 75949 Jenifer Holland, Executor of Estate 245 Oakridge Street PO Box 122 Huntington, TX 75949

Dani L. Eisentrager Attorney for Executors Eisentrager Law 109 South Commercial Avenue P.O. Box 346 Eagle Grove, IA 50533 Date of second publication: January 2, 2025

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PUBLIC NOTICE

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Notice Date: 12/11/2024

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is proposing to approve an application for reissuance of an NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) permit for the discharges described below:

- DISCHARGER NAME AND ADDRESS: EAGLE GROVE, CITY OF STP 1342 SW 9TH STREET EAGLE GROVE, IOWA 50533-0165 LOCATION: Township: 91 Range: 26 Section: 34 County: Wright DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGES 002 BYPASS LOCATED IN A MANHOLE UPSTREAM FROM THE GRIT CHAMBER RECEIVING STREAM: DRAINAGE DITCH #94 003 BYPASS OVERFLOW FROM THE FLOW EQUALIZATION BASIN RECEIVING STREAM: DRAINAGE DITCH #94 004 BYPASS OVERFLOW EAST OF 807 COMMERCIAL, SOUTH END OF SOUTH IOWA STREET RECEIVING STREAM: DRAINAGE DITCH #94 005 BYPASS OVERFLOW SOUTH OF SOUTH 2ND STREET, WEST OF SOUTH EASTERN AVENUE RECEIVING STREAM: DRAINAGE DITCH #15 006 DISCHARGE FROM AN OXIDATION DITCH WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY. RECEIVING STREAM: DRAINAGE DITCH #15

Stabilized sludge is applied to local land according to state regulations. Anyone wishing to comment on or object to the proposed issuance of this permit must do so in writing within thirty (30) days of the date shown at the top of this notice. All comments received will be considered in the final determination. If no objections are received within thirty (30) days, the Department will issue a final permit. You may request the Department hold a public hearing by submitting a request stating specific reasons why a hearing should be held. Comments, objections, and requests for hearings may be submitted to the permit writer at the email address below. The proposed permit and other information may be viewed online using the Wastewater Permit Information Exchange (WWPIE) system at https://programs.iowadnr.gov/wwpie/. In addition, copies of this information may be requested by contacting Ryan Olive at (515) 452-6235 or e-mail at ryan.olive@dnr.iowa.gov.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER RATES FOR CERTAIN WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SERVICE

The Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Municipal Water and Sanitary Sewer Utility Systems (the "Utility") of the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa, (the "City") will meet on Wednesday, January 15, 2024, at the Eagle Grove Council Chambers, located at 210 E. Broadway, Eagle Grove, at seven (7:00) a.m., for the purpose of reviewing and considering new rates and charges for certain industrial sanitary sewer services in and for the City of Eagle Grove.

In addition to electronic access, written comments may be filed with the City Clerk located at 121 N. Commercial, PO Box 165, Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533 or made prior to the meeting and will be recorded in the minutes. By order of the Board of Trustees of the Municipal Water and Sanitary Sewer Utility Systems of the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa. Bryce Davis, Board Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE

INC, PARTS..... 2,350.09 DARRELL N BETHARDS, UB Refund..... 91.42 ISAAC ROQUE CASTRO, UB Refund..... 32.08 TIARA NICOLE PAUL, UB Refund..... 61.54 MARK ALLAN UNDERBERG, UB Refund..... 15.26 Treasurer St of IA, 102024 sales tax 11795.27 Treasurer St of IA, 112024 wet tax..... 5573.41 Treasurer St of IA, 112024 sales tax..... 12457.63 Treasurer St of IA, 122024 wet tax..... 5818.32 Postmaster, Ut bills postage... 431.49 Iowa Finance Authority, Int. Loans..... 319075.08

Fund Totals ROAD USE TAX..... 915.00 WATER..... 17,000.93 METER DEPOSIT FUND... 200.30 WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT..... 24,617.60 SEWER..... 197,296.28 SEWER - NORTH LIFT PRJ..... 5,404.00 SEWER - CHEM BLDG PRJ..... 360,572.10 Discussed Financials A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Bisson to approve Change Order No. 11 to Woodruff Construction for the Chemical Building Improvement Project in the amount of \$347,413.10. Roll Call: all ayes

A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Bisson to approve Resolution UB2024-16: A Resolution Setting CY2025 Meeting Dates and Times for the Utilities Board of Trustees. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Bisson to approve Resolution UB2024-17: A Resolution Authorizing Easement Agreements. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Bisson to approve Resolution UB2024-18: A Resolution Setting a Date for Public Hearing to consider Sanitary Sewer Rate Adjustments for Industrial Accounts. Roll Call Vote: all ayes Discussed Draft NPDES Permit. No Action Taken Discussed Industrial Pretreatment Concepts. No action taken No Action Taken Resolution UB2024-19: A Resolution Authorizing a North Lift Station Engineering Agreement with Bolton and Menk. A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Bisson to approve Resolution UB2024-20: A Resolution Authorizing Utility Billing Adjustments Report. Roll Call Vote: all ayes Department reports were given. A motion was made by Jeske and seconded by Bisson to adjourn the meeting at 8:08am. Secretary

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WRIGHT COUNTY BOS • DEC. 9, 2024

December 9, 2024 The Board of Supervisors met as Drainage District Trustees. To view the minutes from the drainage meeting, see the Drainage District minutes on the County website. Chairman Helgevoid called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:07 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevoid. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries. Minutes of the previous regular meeting of December 2, 2024 were read and approved. Approved claims for payment. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to receive the Sheriff monthly revenue report. Motion carries. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the engage-

ment letter for the proposed Urban Renewal Plan and Development Agreement with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. out of Des Moines. Motion carries. Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on secondary roads. There was a snow call out on 12.2.2024 where they sanded intersections, hills, and curves. Crews have been working on ditch burns, brush, more culvert inspections. They have also been working on cross slopes on recording of the crown of routes in their respective districts. Each grader aims to have a 4% to 6% slope on their granular route. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries. Karl Helgevoid, Chairman Wright County Board of Supervisors Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor

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CITY OF EAGLE GROVE • DEC. 16, 2024

Special Council Meeting Monday December 16th, 2024 Public Safety Building 210 E. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533 Mayor Pro-Tem Vandewater called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Axtell, Pamperin, Weland and Limerick. Absent: Mayor Boyd. Also present: City Administrator Davis and City Attorney Seaba. Public Forum: none Discussion with International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 234 regarding the City's Collective Bargaining Agreement. A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Limerick to Place-on Record Initial Proposal from the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 234. Roll Call: all ayes

A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Weland to Enter into Closed Session at 5:43 p.m. Per Iowa Code Section 20.17(3) for discussion, strategizing, and negotiating with public employees. Roll Call: all ayes A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Weland to Enter into Open Session at 6:16 p.m. Roll Call: all ayes A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Limerick to submit the City's Initial Proposal from the City to the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 234. Roll Call: all ayes A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Limerick to adjourn the meeting at 6:21pm. Mayor Pro-Tem City Administrator

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UTILITY BOARD • DEC. 18, 2024

Utility Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday December 18th, 2024 at 7:00 AM Council Chambers, 210 E. Broadway, Eagle Grove, IA 50533 The meeting was called to order with trustees Peterson, Ryerson, Jeske and Bisson. Absent: Rethman. Also present: City Administrator Davis, Public Works Lunda, Water Superintendent Baker and Wastewater Superintendent Brockman. A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Jeske to approve claims and November 20th, 2024, minutes. Roll Call: all ayes BACKFLOW PREVENTION, BACKFLOW INSPECT/SERVICE..... 1,197.00 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, NATURAL GAS-PRESTAGE LIFT..... 49.19 BOLTON & MENK INC, ENGINEER-ENG-CHEM BLDG..... 35,581.54 NATHAN BROCKMAN, CONFERENCE LODGING..... 388.18 CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, SUPPLIES..... 303.00 CIT SEWER SOLUTIONS, SAN SEWER-JETVAC..... 3,112.13 EOSI, BULK MICRO-C..... 27,695.67 FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516, SOFTWARE..... 3,158.76 HACH CO., TESTING SUPPLIES..... 1,637.30 HAWKINS INC, CHEMICALS..... 13,212.73 IOWA PUMP WORKS INC, CON-

TROL PANEL REPAIRS-PRE-STAGE..... 2,707.00 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, TRACTOR PARTS-SEWER..... 713.50 MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC, TESTING-WRF..... 4,809.25 ROBERT LUNDA, CONFERENCE MEALS..... 60.00 LYLE'S FORD-MERCURY, VEHICLE ACCESS-SEWER..... 915.00 MISSISSIPPI LIME CO., STANDARD QUICKCLIME..... 7,525.58 NATE'S B & B REPAIR, PARTS..... 26.16 PACKARD ELECTRIC INC, ELEC WORK-SHOCK RELAY..... 746.34 PRAIRIE ENERGY COOPERATIVE, ELECTRICITY-PRESTAGE LIFT STA..... 1,060.40 SEWER REVENUE BOND SINKING, MONTHLY TSF..... 125,000.00 SPENCER STEEL L.L.C., TUBING..... 118.46 STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, TESTING SVC..... 79.00 STEFFEN TRUCK EQUIPMENT, SEAL KIT..... 343.33 STEIN HEATING AND COOLING, HEATER REPAIR-WATER SHOP..... 240.00 UTILITY SEVICE CO INC, ANNUAL TANK MAINTENANCE..... 24,617.60 VESSCO INC., PROMINENT LIQ-UID END..... 745.60 WOODRUFF CONSTRUCTION, INC, PAY APP #11..... 347,413.10 XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS USA

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CITY OF EAGLE GROVE • DEC. 16, 2024

Regular Council Meeting Monday December 16th, 2024 Public Safety Building 210 E. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533 Mayor Pro-Tem Vandewater called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Axtell, Pamperin, Weland and Limerick. Absent: Mayor Boyd. Also present: City Administrator Davis and City Attorney Seaba. Public Forum: none A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Axtell to Consent Agenda which includes December 2nd, 2024 minutes and claims with the exception of a claim to Ford Dodge Ford for insufficient itemization. Roll Call: all ayes except Lorenzen who abstained due to conflict with an employer being paid. AIRGAS USA LLC, OXYGEN,TANK RENTAL..... 716.17 BOLTON & MENK INC, ENGINEERING SVCS-REVIT..... 4,333.50 BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, EMS SUPPLIES LESS CREDIT..... 101.15 CASTOR CONSTRUCTION, PAY APP #4,5..... 39,762.55 CINTAS CORP, FLOOR MATS..... 65.09 CITY CLERK, GARBAGE BILLING FEES..... 2,644.00 COMM 1 THE LOCAL 1, TELEPHONE,INTERNET..... 98.08 CORPORATE TRANSLATION SERV INC, INTERPRETATION SVCS..... 61.01 ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CO, PD BATTERIES,AUDIO ACCESS..... 655.05 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUN, SEMIANNUAL TRANSFER 2024-136..... 28,250.00 FAREWAY STORE, SUPPLIES..... 86.83 FORT DODGE FORD, VEHICLE MAINT..... 158.18 GOLDFIELD ACCESS NETWORK, TELEPHONE,INTERNET..... 59.03 VISUAL EDGE IT, XEROX C405N..... 282.68 IOWA ONE CALL, NOTIFICATIONS..... 28.10 J & J SPORTS, REC SHIRTS-2024VB..... 867.00 KARL CHEVROLET, '23 TAHOE ACCIDENT..... 11,411.85

L & L SERVICE INC., '23 TAHOE..... 199.10 LYLE'S FORD-MERCURY, VEHICLE ACCESS - STREET..... 341.00 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, ELECTRICITY..... 88.13 PAYROLL FUND, PAYROLL FUND TSF..... 6,706.72 PEDERSON SANITATION, PACKER RENTAL/HAULING..... 975.00 POSTMASTER, ANNUAL BOX RENT..... 154.00 PURCHASE POWER, POSTAGE METER REFILL..... 252.75 RANGEMASTERS TRAINING CENTER, B HENNIGAR-MAGS..... 56.98 SECTOR LLC, COMPUTER ADAPTER..... 79.99 SHORT ELLIOT HENDRICKSON INC, ENGINEERING SVCS-2025 STREET..... 58,315.97 T. P. ANDERSON COMPANY P.C., AUDIT FEES..... 8,500.00 THE TRASH MAN, REVENUES LESS FEES..... 14,430.45 THE WELLNESS CENTER, MEMBERSHIPS..... 408.00 TORKELSON CONSTRUCTION, COMM CONST 423 STOCKDALE DR..... 60,000.00 UMB BANK, N.A., BOND FEES..... 1,100.00 USCELLULAR, TABLETS..... 102.68 W & H COOPERATIVE OIL CO., FUEL..... 4,910.12 WRIGHT COUNTY FIRE ASSOCIATION, I AM RESPONDING APP..... 1,091.30 Payroll Fund, Payroll TSF..... 82631.90 Library..... 1877.96 Fund Totals GENERAL..... 77741.61 ROAD USE TAX..... 24373.81 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS... 8820.59 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX..... 58,315.97 GARBAGE..... 16,540.11 DEBT SERVICE..... 1,100.00 NEIGHBOR REVITALIZATION..... 4,333.50 2024 STREET IMPROV PRJ..... 39,762.55 2022A BOND-COMM DEVELOP..... 60,000.00 WATER..... 19767.21 SEWER..... 19169.01 November Revenue GENERAL..... 125,292.60 ROAD USE TAX..... 42,934.12

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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS...57,687.18 SWWC EMS DISTRICT FUNDS..... 7.57 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX..... 37,343.05 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING..... 106,269.00 GARBAGE..... 21,138.78 HOTEL TAX..... 3,337.73 DEBT SERVICE..... 26,333.55 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESV..... 6,528.16 NEIGHBOR REVITALIZATION..... 2,235.00 WATER..... 87,023.51 METER DEPOSIT FUND... 2,450.00 WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT..... 13,639.78 SEWER..... 243,705.74 SEWER REV BOND SINKING..... 125,000.00 SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT..... 12,835.82 SEWER - CHEM BLDG PRJ..... 24,742.77 Placed-on-Record Final Report regarding Resolution 2024-137 (Informal Resolution with IPIB). No Action taken on Resolution 2024-138: A Resolution Authorizing an Informal Resolution. A motion was made by Limerick and seconded by Pamperin to approve Resolution 2024-139: A Resolution Authorizing a Fiscal Transfer and Authorized Signatories. Roll Call Vote: All ayes A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Limerick to approve Resolution 2024-140: A Resolution Approving Council meeting dates and times for Calendar Year 2025. Roll Call Vote: All ayes Discussed the CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Axtell to approve Resolution 2024-141: A Resolution Approving the Submittal of a CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Roll Call Vote: All ayes A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Lorenzen to approve Final Pay Application No 5 and Release of Retainage for the 2024 Street Improvement Project to Castor Construction in the amount of \$39,145.05. Roll Call: All ayes A motion was made by Axtell and seconded by Weland to approve

Resolution 2024-142: A Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Agreement with S.E.H. Roll Call Vote: All ayes A motion was made by Limerick and seconded by Axtell to approve Authorizing the Eagle Grove Eagle as the Official Newspaper for the City of Eagle Grove for CY 2025. Roll Call: All ayes A motion was made by Limerick and seconded by Lorenzen to approve Resolution 2024-143: 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 A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Lorenzen to approve a Commercial Construction Incentive Program Disbursement for Stockdale Drive Townhomes. Roll Call: All ayes A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Axtell to approve First Reading on Ordinance 2024-21: An Ordinance Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the Eagle Grove Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. Roll Call Vote: All ayes A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Axtell to approve Waiving Second and Third Reading on Ordinance 2024-21: An Ordinance Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the Eagle Grove Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. Roll Call Vote: All ayes A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Weland to approve Resolution 2024-144: A Resolution Authorizing HAS Payments to Maintain CY2024 levels. Roll Call Vote: All ayes Department Reports were given. A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Axtell to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Roll Call: All ayes. Mayor Pro-Tem City Administrator

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date of Publication: December 26, 2024 City of Eagle Grove 121 N. Commercial Avenue Eagle Grove IA 50533 515-448-4343

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Eagle Grove.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or after January 14, 2025, the City of Eagle Grove will submit a request to the State of Iowa, Iowa Economic Development Authority for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under TITLE 1 of the HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, as amended (P.L. 97-35) to undertake the following project.

Project Title: Upper Story Housing Project for 125 W. Broadway

Purpose: The purpose for the Project is to help provide affordable, safe, and adequate housing for residents of the City of Eagle Grove, especially families who are considered low-to-moderate income (LMI). The proposed project will help establish three new residential units at this property of which all three of the units will be made available to LMI families and individuals for a period of at least three years. Location: The project activities will take place at 125 W. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa.

Estimated Cost: The total project cost is estimated at \$773,690. HUD funding is \$550,000.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Eagle Grove has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Eagle Grove City Hall, 121 North Commercial Avenue and may be examined or copied weekdays during normal business hours of 7:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M., Monday – Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on

the ERR to the Eagle Grove City Administrator. All comments received by January 13, 2025, will be considered by the City of Eagle Grove prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Eagle Grove certifies to Iowa Economic Development Authority that Michael Boyd, in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Iowa Economic Development Authority's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Eagle Grove to use HUD program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

The Iowa Economic Development Authority will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Eagle Grove's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Eagle Grove; (b) the City of Eagle Grove has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Iowa Economic Development Authority; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Iowa Economic Development Authority at 1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines, IA 50315. Potential objectors should contact the Iowa Economic Development Authority to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Michael Boyd, Mayor – City of Eagle Grove, Iowa

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ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-21

An Ordinance Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the Eagle Grove Urban Renewal Area, Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. On December 16, 2024, the City Council of Eagle Grove, Iowa passed an ordinance, and a summary is as follows: Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the division of taxes levied on certain taxable property in the Eagle Grove Urban Renewal Area of the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa, each year by and for the benefit of the state, city, county, school districts or other taxing districts after the effective date of this ordinance in order to create a special fund to pay the principal of and interest on loans, moneys advanced to or indebtedness, including bonds proposed to be issued by the City of Eagle Grove to finance projects in such area. Section 2. Definitions. For use within the remainder of this ordinance the following terms shall have the following meanings: "City" shall mean the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa. "County" shall mean Wright County, Iowa. "Tax Increment Financing District Addition" shall mean certain real property situated in the Eagle Grove Urban Renewal Area, legally described as follows: Parcel ID: 0926154005 – 510 N. Prairie Avenue, Eagle Grove, Iowa with a legal description as follows: The North 264 feet of Lot 7 in the Auditor's Plat of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 26, Township 91 North, Range 26 West of the 5th P.M., Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa "Urban Renewal Area" shall mean the entirety of the Eagle Grove Urban Renewal Area as amended from time to time. Section 3. Provisions for Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the Tax Increment Financing District Addition. After the effective date of this ordinance, the taxes levied on the taxable property in the Tax Increment Financing District Addition each year by and for the benefit of the State of Iowa, the City, the County and any school district or other taxing district in which the Tax Increment Financing District Addition is located, shall be divided as follows: (a) that portion of the taxes which would be produced by the rate at which the tax is levied each year by or for each of the taxing districts upon the total sum of the assessed value of the taxable property in the Tax Increment Financing District Addition, as shown on the assessment roll as of January 1 of the calendar year preceding the first calendar year in which the City certifies to the County Auditor the amount of loans, advances, indebtedness, or bonds payable from the special fund referred to in paragraph (b) below, shall be allocated to and when collected be paid into the fund for the respective taxing district as taxes by or for said taxing district into which all other property taxes are paid. For the purpose of allocating taxes levied by or for any taxing district which did not include the territory in the Tax Increment Financing District Addition on the effective date of this ordinance, but to which the territory has been annexed or otherwise included after the effective date, the assessment roll applicable to property in the annexed territory as of January 1 of the calendar year preceding the effective date of the ordinance which amends the plan for the Tax Increment Financing District Addition to include the annexed area, shall be used in determining the assessed valuation of the taxable property in the annexed area. (b) that portion of the taxes each year in excess of such amounts shall be allocated to and when collected be paid into a special fund of the City to pay the principal of and interest on loans, moneys advanced to or indebtedness, whether funded, refunded, assumed or otherwise, including bonds issued under the authority of Section 403.9(1), of the Code of Iowa, incurred by the City to finance or refinance, in whole or in part, projects in the Urban Renewal Area, and to provide assistance for low and moderate-income family housing as provided in Section 403.22, except that taxes for the regular and voter-approved physical plant and equipment levy of a school district imposed pursuant to Section 298.2 of the Code of Iowa, taxes for the instructional support program levy of a school district imposed pursuant to Section 257.19 of the Code of Iowa and taxes for the payment of bonds and interest of each taxing district shall be collected against all taxable property within the taxing district without limitation by the provisions of this ordinance. Unless and until the total assessed valuation of the taxable property in the Tax Increment Financing District Addition exceeds the total assessed value of the taxable property in such area as shown by the assessment roll referred to in subsection (a) of this section, all of the taxes levied and collected upon the taxable property in the Tax Increment Financing District Addition shall be paid into the funds for the respective taxing districts as taxes by or for said taxing districts in the same manner as all other property taxes. When such loans, advances, indebtedness, and bonds, if any, and interest thereon, have been paid, all money thereafter received from taxes upon the taxable property in the Tax Increment Financing District Addition shall be paid into the funds for the respective taxing districts in the same manner as taxes on all other property. (c) the portion of taxes mentioned in subsection (b) of this section and the special fund into which that portion shall be paid may be irrevocably pledged by the City for the payment of the principal and interest on loans, advances, bonds issued under the authority of Section 403.9(1) of the Code of Iowa, or indebtedness incurred by the City to finance or refinance in whole or in part projects in the Urban Renewal Area. (d) as used in this section, the word "taxes" includes, but is not limited to, all levies on an ad valorem basis upon land or real property. Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. Section 5. Saving Clause. If any action, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any action, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law. By Order of the City Council, Bryce Davis, City Clerk

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# What's Cookin' *this week?*

## A perfect dish for a New Year's Day brunch

The late-night revelry of New Year's Eve has made New Year's Day brunch a go-to tradition for millions of people. Staying up until the calendar officially turns from one year to the next at the stroke of midnight can make it harder to get out of bed on the morning of January 1, so there may be no better day to plan a brunch than the first day of the calendar year.

Many restaurants offer brunch specials on New Year's Day, but people need not leave home to ensure their first meal of the new year is delicious. This recipe for "Pan-Fried Eggs and Mixed Mushroom Sauté on Toasted Sourdough Slices" from "Sunday Brunch" (Chronicle Books) by Betty Rosbottom can be just the dish to begin a new year.

### Pan-Fried Eggs and Mixed Mushroom Sauté on Toasted Sourdough Slices

Serves 4

**Mushroom Sauté**  
1 1/4 ounces mixed dried mushrooms  
1 1/2 cups boiling water  
3 tablespoons olive oil  
8 ounces sliced brown mushrooms  
2 teaspoons minced garlic  
1 teaspoon dried crushed rosemary (see tip)  
Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper

**Toast and Eggs**  
(4) 1/2-inch thick sourdough slices  
Olive oil  
2 tablespoons unsalted butter  
4 eggs  
Kosher salt  
Freshly ground black pepper  
Rosemary sprigs for garnish (optional)

1. For the Mushroom Sauté: Place the dried mushrooms in a medium bowl and cover with the boiling water. Let stand until softened, 20 minutes. Strain in a sieve lined with a double thickness of paper towels and reserve the soaking liquid. Coarsely chop the mushrooms.

2. Heat the olive oil in a medium, heavy frying pan set over medium heat. When hot, add the brown

mushrooms and sauté, stirring often, for 6 minutes. Add the reserved mushrooms, garlic, rosemary, and 1/2 teaspoon salt; stir for 1 minute. Add the mushroom liquid and cook, stirring, until it has evaporated, 4 to 7 minutes. Season with salt and several grinds of pepper. Remove the frying pan from the heat and cover with foil to keep warm. (The mushrooms can be prepared 1 day ahead; cool, cover and refrigerate. Reheat, stirring, over medium heat.)

3. For the toast and eggs: Brush both sides of the bread slices generously with olive oil. Set a 10- to 11-inch nonstick frying pan over medium-high heat, and, when hot, add the bread and cook until lightly browned, about 2 minutes per side. Remove the toast and cover loosely with foil. When pan is cool enough to handle, wipe it out with clean paper towels.

4. Add the butter to the frying pan and set it over medium heat. When the butter starts to foam, break an egg into a saucer, being careful to remove any shell fragments., and gently slide it into the frying pan. Repeat with the remaining eggs. Immediately reduce the heat to low and cook, basting the eggs with some of the butter in the pan frequently, until the whites are firm and the yolks are still soft and runny, 3 minutes.

5. While the eggs are cooking, arrange a toasted bread slice on each of four plates. Mound the mushrooms evenly over the toast.

6. Remove each egg with a spatula and arrange on top of the mushrooms. Season with salt and pepper and, if desired, garnish each serving with a rosemary sprig. Serve immediately.

Tip: If you can't find dried crushed rosemary, crush regular dried rosemary in an electric spice mill, or place it in a self-sealing plastic bag and roll over it with a rolling pin.

## Reynolds Sets Jan. 28 Special Election Date To Fill Lt. Gov. Cournoyer's Seat

By Robin Opsahl

The special election to replace now-Lt. Gov. Chris Cournoyer in the Iowa Senate will be Jan. 28, Gov. Kim Reynolds announced Monday.

The LeClaire Republican resigned from her seat representing Senate District 35 last week as she took the office of lieutenant governor. Reynolds appointed her to serve in the position after former Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg resigned from the seat in September. Cournoyer will hold the position for the rest of the governor and lieutenant governor's term of office – until 2026. Cournoyer won reelection

in 2023 to a second term in Senate District 35, which encompasses Clinton County and some parts of Scott and Jackson counties. The seat was previously held by Democrat Rita Hart.

Even with Cournoyer's resignation, Republicans still hold a supermajority at 34-15 in the Iowa Senate – in addition to having won a 67-33 supermajority in the Iowa House. But Iowa Democrats say winning the special election for the eastern Iowa seat could help send a message that "enough is enough," according to a news release from the Iowa Senate Majority Fund, Iowa Senate

Democrats' campaign arm.

"This election allows voters to demand bold leadership and real solutions to move Iowa forward," the Iowa Senate Majority Fund said in a statement. "It's about electing a Senator who will fully fund our schools, grow Iowa's middle class, and fight for a fair deal for every family – not just the wealthy few."

With the governor's proclamation of a special election, the County Commissioners of Elections in the three counties in Senate District 35 have been tasked with providing official notices of the election. Additionally, the state Dem-

ocratic and Republican parties will convene at district nominating conventions ahead of the special election for delegates to select their party candidates for the seat.

The special election will take place just over two weeks after the Iowa Legislature convenes Jan. 13 for the 2025 session. The candidate who wins will serve in the state Senate through 2026, the remainder of Cournoyer's term.

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## With Regular Gun Seasons Over, Deer Hunting Shifts to Late Season Mode

With the two regular gun seasons now in the books, Iowa's deer hunting shifts to a more solitary endeavor or with the opening of the late muzzleloader season and the reopening of the archery season.

Jace Elliott, state deer biologist for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, said roughly 15-20,000 hunters will participate in the late muzzleloader season and likely harvest about 10,000 deer.

"The season is popular with hunters looking to avoid the crowds. It's the season with the highest percentage of does harvested and is a good opportunity for herd management or to put meat in the freezer," Elliott said. "This time of year, hunters would be wise to target existing food sources as these resources can be limited."

While the archery season also re-opens, fewer deer are harvested during this time than during the early portion of the season.

The late muzzleloader and late split archery season are Dec. 23 to Jan. 10, 2025.

The final deer seasons are the two January antlerless deer only seasons – the Population Management January Antlerless Season and the Excess Tag January Antlerless Season. Both seasons run from Jan. 11-19, but there are differences between the two.

The Population Management January Antlerless Season is available only in Allamakee, Appanoose, Decatur, Lucas, Monroe, Wayne and Winneshiek counties if there are more than 100 antlerless tags available in that county on Dec. 23. Since all seven counties met that requirement, all seven will be

open. Hunters participating in the population management January antlerless season may use bows, muzzleloaders, handguns, shotguns, crossbows, or rifles .223 caliber and larger, as a method of take.

The Excess Tag January Antlerless Season is available in all counties with unsold county antlerless tags on Jan. 11. Due to the compressed timeline, license sales will only be available over the counter, not online, until the quota is filled. Hunters participating in the excess tag January antlerless season may only use rifles from .223 caliber to .500 caliber as a method of take.

"We began running both seasons concurrently in 2023, and this past January we had just shy of 3,000 hunters participating who harvested about 1,500 deer statewide," he said. "We will likely have similar counties participating as last year – primarily in northeast Iowa and southern Iowa – that will not fill their antlerless quota by Jan 10."

Hunters can monitor the quotas in real time at iowadnr.gov/Hunting then click on the Antlerless Deer Tag Quotas link under the Helping You Prepare heading.

"If hunters are interested in using more than a centerfire rifle, they should consider purchasing the Population Management tags to have larger menu of options for the method of take," he said.

### Harvest Update

"We've been tracking closely to last year when we harvested 104,000 deer across the state, and I think we will end up in that same ballpark when the season closes in January," Elliott said. To date, hunters have

reported 87,000 deer.

### Hemorrhagic Disease Update

Public reporting data suggests that 2024 was Iowa's most severe hemorrhagic disease (commonly known as EHD) outbreak in recorded history. While more than 3,000 suspected EHD mortalities have been received this year in 94 counties, research suggests that multiplying that total by 10 would provide a more realistic, yet still conservative, estimate of total EHD-related mortality.

"This means that many hunters and landowners throughout the state are noticing fewer deer during the hunting season, specifically in central and northwestern Iowa," Elliott said. "While there is still plenty of harvest opportunity during our late seasons, it's important for our hunters to adapt their harvest goals to the current status of their local deer population. Talk with your neighbors to better understand population impacts in your area, and understand that deer tend to congregate in the late seasons, which can lead to false perceptions of abundance on certain properties."

A new EHD reporting tool and dashboard can be found on the DNR Deer Hunting webpage at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Deer-Hunting>.

"While the majority of Iowa's counties appear to be spared from severe population impacts from this recent outbreak, hunters should always consider the bigger picture and understand the role they play in managing balanced, healthy deer populations," he said. "Successful local deer management relies on being informed and work-

ing together with neighbors, especially during severe EHD years."

### Chronic Wasting Disease Update

The Iowa DNR has raised its deer sample quota this year due to the sampling increases around the new positive deer from 2023. This year, the DNR has collected more than 5,000 samples from across the state to date and the lab at Iowa State University is working through them.

So far, 26 deer have been either confirmed as having chronic wasting disease or are suspected and subject to a follow up test. The 26 positive deer includes three new counties - Davis, Shelby and Wapello – where the disease has been confirmed.

### Late Muzzleloader season

- Method of Take: Bows, muzzleloaders, handgun, or crossbow
- Season is Dec. 23-Jan. 10, 2025

### Population Management January Antlerless Season

- Method of Take: Bows, muzzleloaders, handguns, shotguns, crossbows, or rifles
- Season is Jan. 11-19, 2025 – only in Allamakee, Appanoose, Decatur, Lucas, Monroe, Wayne and Winneshiek counties if there are more than 100 antlerless tags available in that county on Dec. 23.

### Excess Tag January Antlerless Season

- Method of Take: Rifles .223 caliber to .500 caliber
- Season is Jan. 11-19, 2025 – available in all counties with unsold county antlerless tags on Jan. 11, and sales will only be available over the counter, not online, until the quota is filled.



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## Eagle Grove Police Report

**Dec. 12**  
 4:24 AM: Responded to a burglary alarm at the Wellness Center. Key-holder notified.  
 4:47 AM: Investigated an abandoned vehicle in the 200 block of N. Cadwell.  
 4:49 AM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of N. Cadwell.  
 7:48 AM: Attempted to contact the owner of a husky causing issues at Eagle Grove Elementary School.  
 9:16 AM: Return call requested by a Spanish-speaking female.  
 9:39 AM: Caller complaining they still had not received a police report after an accident 3 weeks ago.  
 12:02 PM: Advised a resident about a potential phone scam involving their bank account.  
 12:12 PM: Provided information about a vehicle with brake issues at the church parking lot.  
 1:41 PM: Investigated a vehicle complaint on Main Street in Goldfield.  
 3:13 PM: Notified of a controlled burn behind Sadler Construction.  
 4:02 PM: Responded to a violation of a protective order at a local business.  
 4:46 PM: Provided assistance near the recycling bin by the police department.  
 4:56 PM: Investigated an occupied vehicle near Commercial Avenue by Grove Hotel.  
 7:25 PM: Return call requested by a caller in Eagle Grove.  
 8:12 PM: Assisted with a parental matter in the 100 block of N. Wright.  
 9:00 PM: Investigated a dementia patient attempting to enter their home in the 100 block of S. Park.

**Dec. 13**  
 5:50 AM: Traffic stop at First State Bank parking lot.  
 6:04 AM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of W. Broadway.  
 6:42 AM: Traffic stop near Highway 17 and NW 20th.  
 10:43 AM: Responded to a dog bite incident at The Grove Hotel. Victim treated for injuries.  
 12:01 PM: Investigated an unknown problem; caller requested Spanish translation.  
 12:42 PM: Responded to a complaint at Eagle Grove Elementary School.  
 1:26 PM: Escorted a resident into their home due to family conflict in the 300 block of S. Kirkwood.  
 3:45 PM: Checked on a dog issue in the 700 block of NE 1st Street.  
 8:16 PM: Traffic stop near N. Garfield and W. Broadway.

**Dec. 14**  
 12:22 AM: Investigated a suspicious vehicle in the 100 block of N. Wright.  
 1:58 AM: Traffic stop near N. Wright and Montgomery. The known subject fled on a bicycle.  
 2:45 PM: Took a report in person at Casey's.  
 10:45 PM: Responded to an assault at The Smoke Shop. An employee reported being punched.  
 11:53 PM: Parking violations in front of Jala-peños.

**Dec. 15**  
 7:38 AM: Investigated two small brown dogs near Cadwell and NW 1st.  
 10:14 AM: Return call requested by a recently released detainee in the 300 block of NE 2nd.  
 11:53 AM: Traffic stop near W. Broadway and Fort.  
 2:48 PM: Investigated erratic driving on Highway 3 from Buchanan in Goldfield.  
 4:48 PM: Officer-initiated case at Goldfield River Park.  
 4:56 PM: Investigated an occupied vehicle near Kirkwood and NE 5th.

**Dec. 16**  
 6:48 AM: Traffic stop at Casey's.  
 7:46 AM: Traffic stop near SW 2nd and Commercial.  
 8:26 AM: Return call requested in Eagle Grove.  
 9:07 AM: Parking violations in the 200 block of Washington Avenue.  
 9:22 AM: Parking violations in the 500 block of N. Washington Avenue.

**Dec. 17**  
 9:31 AM: Parking violations in the 500 block of N. Washington.  
 9:49 AM: Parking violations in the 200 block of N. Wright.  
 11:11 AM: Assisted with a theft investigation at Eagle Grove Middle School.  
 1:04 PM: Return call requested regarding harassment in the 50 block of Spruce Drive.  
 3:16 PM: Investigated a hit-and-run at a business on Highway 3 in Goldfield.  
 3:23 PM: Addressed a traffic complaint near Kirkwood and Broadway.  
 6:23 PM: Traffic stop near S. Lincoln and SW 2nd.  
 6:48 PM: Responded to a domestic dispute in the 400 block of SE 4th Street.

**Dec. 17**  
 10:13 AM: Assisted with a report request for an accident at Arnold Motor Supply.  
 11:09 AM: Investigated a single-vehicle accident near Broadway and Commercial.  
 2:33 PM: Mediated a dispute involving a guest at an apartment in the 300 block of S. Kirkwood.  
 6:18 PM: Checked on a barking dog chained outside in the 200 block of S. Kirkwood.  
 6:35 PM: Assisted a caller searching for their missing cat in the 400 block of NE 4th.  
 10:40 PM: Responded to a domestic dispute involving violence in the 500 block of N. Main in Goldfield.

**Dec. 18**  
 7:12 AM: Traffic stop near Commercial and Iowa.  
 7:37 AM: Traffic stop near NW 11th and Arthur.  
 9:22 AM: Investigated a theft at Eagle Grove Middle School.  
 10:08 AM: Return call requested by a caller with insurance questions at Eagle Grove High School.

**Dec. 19**  
 1:55 AM: Investigated an unknown issue involving a language barrier at the police department.

## Eagles Defeated by Bulldogs at Home

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The 2-3 Lake Mills Bulldogs were in town on Tuesday, December 17 for a conference showdown against the Eagle Grove girls basketball team.

The Bulldogs pressed early and often and showed strength in the post. Salem Willard's driving layup gave EG their first two points of the night, and Ellie Lenning followed with an athletic circus shot of her own.

Eagle Grove got quality looks in the first half, but couldn't convert. They trailed 26-16 at halftime.

Bad luck and offensive struggles would strike Eagle Grove in the second half. Starting guard Adelie Pamperin – the team's second leading scorer this season – suffered an injury and did not return to action. The Eagles scored just three points in the third quarter and trailed 41-19 heading into the fourth.

Taytum Edwards' acrobatic reverse layup in the final quarter gave the home crowd a jolt. She drained a three on her next trip down the floor, but Lake Mills had already built a comfortable cushion. The Bulldogs won by a final of 51-25.

Taytum Edwards was Eagle Grove's top scorer with 11 points. The guard went 3/8 from three and finished with a block and 2 steals. Kendra Schild added 3 points, 7 rebounds, a steal, and a block.

Lenning had 4 points and a steal against Lake Mills. Myka Anderson hit a three, and Myah Edwards secured 7 rebounds for the Eagles.



Floor general Taytum Edwards brings the ball up for EG



Ellie Lenning cuts to get open



LEFT: Salem Willard focuses on a free throw. ABOVE: Kendra Schild jostles for position against Lake Mills (Photos by Taylor Smith)

## Golden Stars Dance Perform On Home Court



LEFT: Avery Wepel-Sisson and the Golden Stars performed their second place winning kick routine during halftime of the Dec. 17 varsity boys basketball game. RIGHT: Crystal Flores-Baez dances to "Mama Mia."



Before their routine, the Golden Stars showed off their second place trophy to the crowd. (Photos by Taylor Smith)

## Wright County Pool League

### TEAM STANDINGS:

#	Name	Rnd		Pts+	Pts+*	Wins	Loss	Win %	Avg*
		W	L						
1	Moes	22	6	546	543	43	20	68.25	8.62
2	Wizards	17	11	511	493	34	29	53.97	7.83
3	Rookies	16	8	437	437	33	21	61.11	8.09
4	Stokers and Pokers	15	13	528	516	38	25	60.32	8.19
5	Replacements	13	15	490	490	34	29	53.97	7.78
6	Fa'que	13	15	484	472	28	35	44.44	7.49
7	Motley Cue	8	16	396	396	22	32	40.74	7.33
8	Kim Jong Pool	4	24	394	367	11	52	17.46	5.83
9	Chicks With Sticks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00

\*No Handicap

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### PLAYER STANDINGS:

#	Name	Team(s)	Pts+	Pts-	Diff*	Gms	Wins	Loss	Win %	Avg+
1	Steve Martin	Moes	190	130	60	21	17	4	80.95	9.05
2	Dave Walker	Wizards	184	123	61	21	17	4	80.95	8.76
3	Mike Rolo	Stokers and Pokers	180	138	42	21	14	7	66.67	8.57
4	Dick Stumpf	Moes	178	138	40	21	14	7	66.67	8.48
5	Jason Stumpf	Replacements	176	160	16	21	12	9	57.14	8.38
6	Steve Evans	Moes	175	161	14	21	12	9	57.14	8.33
7	Zach Martin	Rookies	165	97	68	18	15	3	83.33	9.17
8	Derrick Linn	Stokers and Pokers	161	126	35	18	13	5	72.22	8.94
9	Keith Larue	Fa'que	159	159	0	21	10	11	47.62	7.57
10	Steve Gordon	Wizards	159	163	-4	21	9	12	42.86	7.57
11	Ryan Gardalen	Fa'que	158	173	-15	21	8	13	38.10	7.52
12	Denny Gardalen	Fa'que	155	163	-8	21	10	11	47.62	7.38
13	Tom Thielen	Wizards	150	177	-27	21	8	13	38.10	7.14
14	Brandon Thompson	Replacements	149	163	-14	21	10	11	47.62	7.10
15	Jeff Asmus	Stokers and Pokers	149	170	-21	21	9	12	42.86	7.10
16	Alec Martin	Rookies	146	135	11	18	10	8	55.56	8.11
17	Daryl Ward	Motley Cue	144	134	10	18	9	9	50.00	8.00
18	Eric Hogle	Replacements	143	128	15	18	11	7	61.11	7.94
19	Dart Humphrey	Motley Cue	132	149	-17	18	7	11	38.89	7.33
20	Blake Jackson	Rookies	126	146	-20	18	8	10	44.44	7.00
21	Kyle Disney	Kim Jong Pool	108	200	-92	21	3	18	14.29	5.14
22	Dean Kirstein	Replacements	104	121	-17	15	6	9	40.00	6.93
23	Adam Russel	Kim Jong Pool	90	142	-52	15	2	13	13.33	6.00
24	Kelly Hill	Kim Jong Pool	87	145	-58	15	1	14	6.67	5.80
25	Brant Buhr	Motley Cue	86	97	-11	12	4	8	33.33	7.17
26	Colt Allen	Motley Cue	34	54	-20	6	2	4	33.33	5.67
27	Jeff Linn	Stokers and Pokers	26	22	4	3	2	1	66.67	8.67
28	Rob Allen	Motley Cue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
29	Joy Amonson	Chicks With Sticks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
30	Mason Carpenter	Rookies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
31	Pam Christenson	Chicks With Sticks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
32	Seth Hawkins	Motley Cue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
33	Meissa Hillman	Chicks With Sticks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
34	Dan Reyna	Moes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00
35	Shannon Walker	Chicks With Sticks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	0.00

\*No Handicap



# SPORTS

## Wrestlers Impress At Home Meet

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

Eagle Grove Elementary was the site for a boys wrestling quad against Manson Northwest Webster, North Union, and West Bend-Mallard last Thursday evening. The Eagles were brought down 50-30 in their dual with Manson Northwest Webster, but rebounded with a 52-30 win over North Union and a 57-18 dismantling of West Bend-Mallard.

In the dual against the Cougars, Jesus Baez (285) lost a 10-5 decision. Ethan Schreiber (106) and Andrew Orozco (113) both lost by fall, but Dylan Terwilliger (120) gave EG their first win of the night. Terwilliger won by fall in the second period after building a 10-1 lead.

Junior Cooper Thacker won by fall in 1:02 at 132 lbs., and Jackson Babcock won by fall in the final pe-

riod of his 138 lb. match after trailing for most of it. Hayden Schafer continued his dominance at 157 lbs. with a win by fall in just 32 seconds.

Against North Union, Hunter Waldo-Martinez (126) won by fall in 27 seconds. Thacker picked up his second victory of the night, winning by fall in 17 seconds. Babcock pinned his Warriors opponent in 1:16, and Schafer won a

19-4 technical fall. Carter Bjorklund (165) and Jayden Kreitlow (175) would also win by fall and technical fall, respectively.

The Eagles went head-to-head with West Bend-Mallard in the final dual of the quad. Jesus Baez finished 1-2 on the day after a win by fall in 1:10. Orozco lost a close battle at 113 lbs., and Bjorklund wrapped up the quad with a 7-5 decision.



Carter Bjorklund went 2-1 on his home mat.



Coach Groth and his assistants wore their Christmas best attire to Thursday's quad.



Hayden Schafer takes a glance at the clock.



It wouldn't be a reach to say Hunter Waldo-Martinez has come into his own this season.



Cooper Thacker goes to work against Manson Northwest Webster. (Photos by Taylor Smith)



Jayden Kreitlow squeezes his opponent.

## Basketball Teams Split Varsity Games In Garner

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

Garner-Hayfield-Ventura hosted Eagle Grove on December 16 for an evening of boys and girls high school basketball. It was the first meeting of the year for the conference opponents, and the Eagles would win one and lose one against the Cardinals.

In the girls' game, the 1-3 Cardinals scored 43 points in the first half and never relinquished their lead. They defeated Eagle Grove by a final of 73-31.

Ady Pamperin led the ladies with 6 points and 4 rebounds. Taytum Edwards went 2/3 from beyond the arc and finished with 6 points and a steal.

Junior Kendra Schild added 5 points and 4 re-

bounds, and Myah Edwards had 4 points, 5 rebounds, and a block. Ellie Lenning finished with 4 points and 3 rebounds.

The boys contest was tied at 30 at halftime, but the purple and gold crept away in the second half to defeat the Cardinals, 55-47.

Jaxon Morris stuffed the stat sheet with 19 points, 10 rebounds, 5 assists, and a steal. Josh Miller recorded a double-double (12 points and 10 rebounds) in the win, and Abraham Lin finished with 13 points and 5 assists.

Gavin Pedersen had 5 points and 6 rebounds, and Adrian Whipple contributed to the win with 6 points, a steal, and a block.



Jaxon Morris forces his opponent to go left.



Myah Edwards shot 2/3 from the charity stripe. (Photos by Peggy Burres)

## Boys Hoopers Come Just Shy of Victory

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

On December 17, Eagle Grove (3-2) and Lake Mills (3-1) met for the first time this basketball season. The two squads traded blows for 36 feverish minutes, but late game heroics helped Lake Mills seal the deal and run off with a two-point overtime victory.

The Bulldogs were stupefied by Abraham Lin's play in the first quarter. The senior scored 8 and the Eagles led 10-2.

Jaxon Morris made a difficult transition layup in traffic to start the second quarter, but the Bulldogs began to showcase their shooting range and took their first lead. Lin answered with an assortment of buckets and helped EG build a 22-15 halftime lead.

In the third, Adrian Whipple hit a corner three and Lin continued to have his way

with Bulldog defenders as the Eagles maintained their 7-point advantage.

The fourth quarter was a different story for Lake Mills. After a few and one opportunities, the Bulldogs finally retied the contest. Morris and Lin each had clutch moments to keep EG's hopes alive, and Whipple calmly buried two clutch free throws with 10 seconds left in regulation. The Eagles led 46-43, but a contested three-pointer at the buzzer sent the game to OT.

The dogfight trudged on as Lin kept his hot hand. A Morris layup tied it at 57, but Lake Mills dropped in a go ahead bucket with 3.6 seconds left. Lin had a good look from three for a potential game-winner, but the ball rimmed out and the Eagles lost 59-57 in heartbreaking fashion.

Lin finished with 31 points and shot 15/23 from the



Abraham Lin calls for the ball in the corner (Photo by Taylor Smith)

field. The forward added 7 rebounds, 4 steals, and 3 assists. Morris contributed 14 points, 7 rebounds, 1 steal, and 1 block.

Josh Miller had 6 points and 3 steals, and Whipple added 5 points and 8 rebounds. Gavin Pedersen secured 8 rebounds in the loss.

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