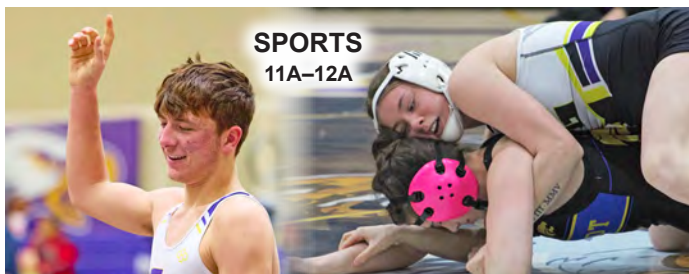


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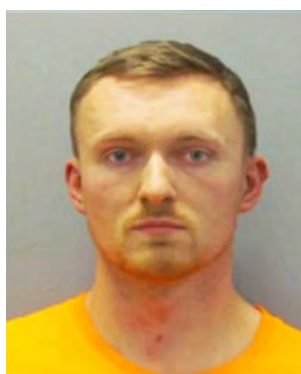
## Former Eagle Grove Police Officer Accused of Misconduct

by Amanda Rink, Mid-America Publishing

A now former police officer with the Eagle Grove Police Department is facing criminal charges in Wright County for alleged misconduct while on duty. Colt Allen Richardson who according to court records resides in Webster City is 27 years old and is accused of sending explicit images to a minor on December 6, 2024.

The case formally began on January 11, 2025, when a criminal complaint was filed. The complaint alleges that: "Defendant did knowingly disseminate or exhibit obscene material to a known minor under the age of 18." An arrest warrant was issued on January 13, 2025, and served by the Wright County Sheriff's Office the same day.

Richardson was released on his own recognizance, with a preliminary hearing



**Former officer Colt Richardson's mugshot.** (Courtesy of the Wright County Sheriff's Office)

scheduled for January 30.

Richardson made his initial court appearance on January 14, 2025, where he applied for court-appointed counsel. His request was denied after the court found him ineligible. He was then released on his own recognizance, and a preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 30, 2025, at 1:30 P.M.

## Bridge Replacement in Belmond

Amanda Rink, Mid-America Publishing

On Monday, Wright County Engineer Adams Clemmons announced plans to replace the aging triple-span timber bridge southeast of Belmond, with construction estimated to begin this summer. The current bridge is a 24-foot by 57-foot triple-span timber bridge and is to be replaced by a 24-foot by 80-foot triple-span continuous concrete slab bridge.

The replacement is financed through federal funds, which requires coordination with the Iowa DOT. Originally scheduled for letting in March, the timeline was pushed back to June be-

fore being finalized for April, no detour is expected. This is just one of many projects slated for 2025, including a privately funded project which was also considered and approved.

A private drainage system installation was discussed. The board approved the project after Engineer Clemmons shared all requirements for the project were fulfilled, including legal review, securing notarized signatures, and obtaining permits from the DNR and Corps of Engineers. The drainage tile will reach ten feet underground at the intersection of Emmett and 110th Street in Boone Township.

## Hot Beef Sundae Dinner Benefits California Wildfires

By Edward Lynn Editor

The Annual Hot Beef Sundae Supper at the Eagle Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church was a big success last Saturday evening, drawing a strong crowd and raising significant funds for both local and national causes. Nearly every item up for auction was sold, with proceeds split between the church's benevolence fund and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) Disaster Relief Fund, which organizers noted would assist with wildfire recovery efforts in California.

"It's so tragic," said organizer Linda Spangler, who also led the kitchen during the event, speaking about the devastating California wildfires that have burned through Los Angeles. "But it is nice that we can do our part to help. That people all over want to help."

The supper, which offered both dine-in and carryout options, operated on a free-will offering basis. Attendees enjoyed hot beef sundaes, a mound of mashed potatoes heaped with pulled beef and doused in rich, dark gravy, topped off with a cherry tomato, and served with a wide selection of delicious home baked deserts.

The highlight of the evening, however, was the lively auction that followed the meal. Volunteer auctioneer Mike Ryerson kept the audience entertained with his quick wit and humor, referring to one popular category of auction items as "a wide assortment of potato cakes," which he jokingly called "Norwegian diet food." His comedic approach elicited plenty of laughs and enthusiastic bid-

ding from the crowd.

Among the big-ticket auction items were two handmade quilts that sparked fierce bidding wars. An Iowa State University-themed quilt sold for \$275, while a University of Iowa Hawkeyes quilt fetched \$225. Both items were beautifully crafted, and hotly contested by fans of the rival teams.

Pastor Jason Cooper expressed gratitude for the community's generosity, emphasizing the importance of the causes supported by the event. "It all goes to people in need," Cooper said, emphasizing that every dime raised went to a good cause, with half going to the church's benevolence fund and half to the NALC Disaster Relief Fund to help those most affected by the California fires.

Once again Eagle Grove steps up to the plate to help those in need. And it didn't hurt that the plate was piled high with a mouth watering blue plate special. And on that cold night the attendees left with full, warm bellies, and hearts warmed with the satisfaction of contributing to meaningful causes.

**“ It is nice that we can do our part to help. That people all over want to help. ”**



**Organizer Linda Spangler serves up a Hot Beef Sundae to go!** (Photos by Edward Lynn)



**Local businessman Jim Christ displays a premium wooden Cross pen up for auction, as volunteer auctioneer Mike Ryerson calls out the bids.**



**The two biggest ticket items of the night, handmade ISU and Hawkeyes quilts.**

## Eagle Grove Scouts Embark on Educational Winter Adventure

By Edward Lynn Editor

Eagle Grove's Scouts BSA troops made the most of their Christmas break, embarking on a memorable road trip that combined history, adventure, and camaraderie. The three-day journey took them to the Acuity Insurance Flagpole in Sheboygan, the USS Cobia (SS-245) submarine in Manitowoc, and the Dwight D. Eisenhower train at the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay.

The scouts, led by Scoutmasters Rick Dawson and Craig Voss, spent two nights aboard the USS Cobia, a decommissioned World War II

submarine now preserved as a museum exhibit at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum. The group of 15 explored the vessel's cramped quarters and even climbed into its torpedo tubes.

"Our summer camp got canceled due to flooding in Eagle Grove, so we re-scheduled to do something over Christmas break," said Dawson. "Our pop can trailer uptown is where we get our funds for our adventures. The kids had so much fun doing something over Christmas break."

The entire trip, costing \$3,000, was funded by recycling pop cans. Which goes to show the importance of the can donations to the scouts, and their dedication to funding their own trips—at just five cents a can, that's a lot of work to collect, sort, and transport \$3,000.00 dollars worth, or 60,000 pop cans.

### Highlights of the Trip

The group's first stop was the Acuity Insurance Flagpole in Sheboygan, known as the tallest flagpole in the United States. Standing at 400 feet, it features a mas-

sive 9,800 square-foot flag, with three foot wide stars and five foot high stripes, which weighs 250 pounds. At 100 feet taller than the Statue of Liberty, it is the tallest symbol of freedom in the world.

The centerpiece of the trip was their two night stay aboard the USS Cobia, a historic Gato-class submarine that played a major combat role in World War II. The sub undertook a total of six war patrols in the Pacific theater, of which all but the second and last were designated "successful." She sank an estimated 16,835 tons of shipping during the way, and earned four battle stars. After her time as an active warship in WWII, she was later placed in reserve, and reactivated several times as a training ship.

Of the Cobia's six war patrols, the first, third, fourth, and fifth were designated as "successful" war patrols, for which she received four battle stars. She was credited with having sunk a total of 16,835 tons of shipping. Scouts learned about the submarine's fascinating op-

**The Eagle Grove scouts, troop leaders and chaperones, on the gangway of the USS Cobia.** (Photo courtesy of Rick Dawson)



erational history, including its encounters with Japanese convoys, surviving depth charge attacks, and the strategic importance of its missions. Now docked at the Wisconsin Maritime Museum, it offers visitors an immersive glimpse into naval warfare and life underwater during one of history's most pivotal conflicts. Scouts participated in two tours of the

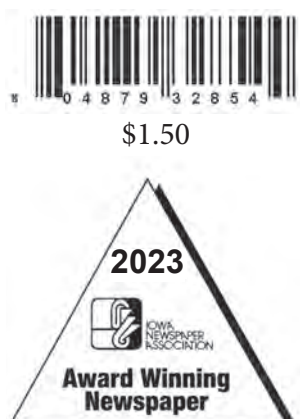
submarine, learning about life aboard a WWII submarine and hearing stories of its crew.

"The coolest thing we did was probably being able to look and go inside the torpedo tubes," said 15 year old scout Anna Withers. And she added that "it was really fun," she said, even though she was startled when a guide jokingly closed her

inside, and made a banging noise.

Her brother, Eli Withers, 14, shared his favorite moments: "Sleeping on the submarine, getting two tours, and learning about the submarine, and how the Germans called them U-boats."

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# Inspire Future Innovators: Volunteer to Judge at the 2025 State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa

By Sydney Peterson, Alexa Groff

AMES, Iowa – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is seeking judges for the State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa (<https://sstfi.org/>). Students in grades 6-12 will participate in the exhibition on March 27-28 at Hilton Coliseum in Ames.

The SSTFI is held annually to celebrate the achievements and innovations of students in science and engineering. The event gives students the opportunity to present their original research projects to judges and compete for awards, scholarships and trips at the regional, state and international levels while inspiring and encouraging students to pursue careers in STEM fields.

Alexa Groff, Iowa 4-H STEM education specialist

and SSTFI director with ISU Extension and Outreach, said the expertise and insights of judges from the community are invaluable in evaluating and celebrating the students' innovative projects.

The fair, which is Iowa's largest STEM competition for youth, is set to feature over 650 participants showcasing more than a record-breaking 500 projects.

"We are thrilled to invite professionals and experts to serve as judges for the State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa," said Groff. "The expertise and insights from those with a science, medical, technology, teaching, engineering or math background are critical to inspiring the next generation of innovators and leaders. By joining us, you'll have the unique opportunity to not only witness ground-

breaking projects but also to mentor and encourage young minds eager to make a positive impact in our world."

Many students report that the most important part of SSTFI is the interaction with judges. They get the opportunity to bounce their ideas off experts in the field. For some, this is their first chance to do so. Others may have worked in connection with a research lab or professional scientists, but this still allows them to present what they have done to someone who doesn't already know about their project.

Individuals can sign up to judge for junior or senior high divisions. Judging registration will be from 7-8 a.m. on both days, with judges' orientation starting at 8 a.m. at the ISU Alumni Center. An advanced degree

or industry experience is preferred for judging senior high projects. No special training is required to be a judge, and lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Judges will evaluate the projects and provide constructive feedback to the students. Organizers will assign judges based on their category preferences, level of education, field of study and professional experience.

Project categories include biochemistry, biomedical and health, cellular and molecular biology, microbiology, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, energy and transportation, physics and astronomy, computer science, robotics and intelligent machines, technology integrated in the arts, and animal, plant, food, earth and environmental, and be-

havioral and social sciences.

"With 17 project categories, judges are sure to find a field that aligns with their interests," Groff said.

"It [SSTFI] is an amazing program that greatly impacts those potential young scientists," said José González, an Iowa State research scientist in plant pathology, entomology and microbiology who previously judged at SSTFI. "It's inspiring to see them [the youth] being curious about the world that surrounds them and develop hypotheses and test them."

Toby Adjuk, an ISU Department of Agronomy research scientist, said he's glad he signed up to judge in 2024. "The students worked hard on their projects and presented confidently, which is very encouraging to see at that young age. For

most of the students, their depth of knowledge of science was just incredible. I have no doubt they will all become great scientists in their respective fields."

"SSTFI is not only a competition but also a celebration of our students' curiosity and ingenuity. It's hard to experience the excitement of the two days and not be inspired," Groff said. "Your expertise and dedication are invaluable in fostering the next generation of problem solvers and leaders. Together, we can spark a lifelong passion for STEM."

Those who wish to volunteer as a judge can sign up online (<https://form.jotform.com/242034668607964>).

For more information, please visit the SSTFI website (<https://sstfi.org/>) or contact Alexa Groff, SSTFI director, at 515-294-8848 or [agroff@iastate.edu](mailto:agroff@iastate.edu).

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He also recounted a poignant story shared by the tour guides about Ralph, a 19-year-old crew member who was the Cobia's only casualty, emphasizing the harsh realities faced by submariners.

On the final day, the scouts visited the National Railroad Museum in Green Bay, home to the Dwight D. Eisenhower train. This

British A4 train is the only one of its kind in the United States. It was renamed the Dwight D. Eisenhower to honor Eisenhower's role in World War II following the war. Also in the Railroad Museum's collection are two rail cars from Eisenhower's actual command train, which he used during his time in command of the Allied Expeditionary

Forces in Europe. The cars served as mobile offices and accommodations for Eisenhower, and his staff.

### An Educational and Fun Experience

The trip was a great activity for the troop, blending hands-on on location history lessons with fascinating experiences. The scouts returned to Eagle Grove with newfound

knowledge and unforgettable memories.

For more information about the locations the scouts visited, check out the **Wisconsin Maritime Museum** (<https://www.wisconsinmaritime.org/>), the **National Railroad Museum** (<https://nationalrailmuseum.org/>), and the **Acuity Flagpole** (<https://www.acuity.com/about/flagpole>).



The Eagle Grove scouts, troop leaders and chaperones, on the deck of the USS Cobia.



The USS Cobia, a US Navy submarine that saw extensive combat in the Pacific theater during World War II, at anchor in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, where it now serves as a maritime museum. (Photos courtesy of Rick Dawson)



Scouts get a lesson from a tour guide in the torpedo bay of the USS Cobia.



Scoutmaster Rick Dawson, inside a torpedo tube aboard the USS Cobia.



Steam locomotives at the National Railway Museum.



The Acuity Flagpole, which is the tallest flagpole in the United States, standing 100 feet taller than the Statue of Liberty, is the world's tallest symbol of freedom. It flies a 9,800 square foot flag that weighs 250 pounds, adorned with stars that are just over three feet wide each, with each stripe being over five feet high.



The Dwight D. Eisenhower, named after the 34th President, and Commander of Allied Expeditionary Forces in Europe during World War II, is of the same type that pulled the general's command cars during the war.



The scouts at the base of the Acuity flagpole, which has an eleven foot diameter at the bottom, and required 500 gallons of paint.



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# Donald Trump is Sworn in as President of the United States

By Jennifer Shutt and Shauneen Miranda

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump took the presidential oath of office for the second time Monday during an inauguration ceremony inside the U.S. Capitol rotunda.

The swearing-in marked the culmination of a four-year journey for Trump, whom many Republicans distanced themselves from following the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, but nonetheless supported during his third campaign for the White House. Trump's running mate, J.D. Vance of Ohio, was sworn in as vice president.

"Many people thought it was impossible for me to stage such a historic political comeback," Trump said during his inaugural address following the swearing-in. "But as you see today, here I am — the American people have spoken."

Trump spent much of his speech detailing the executive orders he plans to sign later Monday addressing immigration, energy and more.

"With these actions we will begin the complete restoration of America and the revolution of common sense," he said.

He pledged to declare a national emergency at the southern border, which drew a standing ovation from the audience in the rotunda. He said all illegal entry into the United States would be "immediately halted" and vowed to begin the process of deporting "millions and millions" of undocumented immigrants.

"As commander in chief, I have no higher responsibility than to defend our country from threats and invasions, and that is exactly what I am going to do," Trump said.

Trump defeated the Democratic presidential nominee, former Vice President Kamala Harris, in November's general election, after receiving 312 Electoral College votes to her 226.

He also won the popular vote with 77.3 million votes, 49.9%, compared to Harris' 75 million, 48.4%. Harris attended the inaugural ceremony with her husband, Doug Emhoff.

The inauguration was supposed to take place outside

the Capitol building on the terrace overlooking the National Mall, but Trump announced Friday he wanted it moved indoors amid polar temperatures.

It was the first time since former President Ronald Reagan's inauguration the ceremony was held in the rotunda. Looking on along with top government officials was a trio of billionaires — Mark Zuckerberg of Meta, Amazon's Jeff Bezos and tech entrepreneur Elon Musk.

Some of the guests and supporters who couldn't fit inside the rotunda watched on large screens inside the Capitol Visitor Center or at the Capital One Arena in downtown Washington, D.C.

Trump later in the afternoon was expected to return to the arena, where he rallied with supporters on Sunday, for the traditional inaugural parade that was moved inside.

**'The envy of every nation'**

Trump's first speech of the day, in the Capitol rotunda, focused extensively on his vision for the country, in which he sharply criticized the current condition of the United States while former President Joe Biden listened.

"The Golden Age of America begins right now," Trump said, vowing to "put America first" during his next four years in the White House.

"From this day forward, our country will flourish and be respected again all over the world," he said, noting that the United States "will be the envy of every nation, and we will not allow ourselves to be taken advantage of any longer."

The president, who said he wants to be a "peacemaker" and a "unifier," pointed to the hostage and ceasefire deal made between Israel and Hamas last week.

Trump said he would declare a "national energy emergency" later Monday and reiterated his "drill, baby, drill" approach when it comes to oil and gas production.

He also called for an "External Revenue Service" that would collect "all tariffs, duties and revenues."

Trump said he would sign an executive order to "immediately stop all government censorship and bring back free speech to America."

He said he wants to create a "color-blind" and "merit-based" society and said "it will henceforth be the official policy of the United States government that there are only two genders: male and female."

He also echoed his pledge to take control of the Panama Canal, to rename the Gulf of Mexico to the "Gulf of America" as well as to revert Alaska's Mount Denali back to "Mount McKinley."

**Back to campaign rhetoric**

Trump bid farewell to Biden and former first lady Jill Biden after the rotunda ceremony, before they departed on a helicopter. The Bidens were scheduled to travel to California as they began their life after the White House.

Trump then gave a free-wheeling, 35-minute speech in the Capitol Visitor Center's Emancipation Hall, which event organizers used as an overflow room to accommodate governors, lawmakers' spouses, the diplomatic corps and others who couldn't fit inside the rotunda.

"I just want to say you're a younger, far more beautiful audience than I just spoke to and I want to keep it off the record," he said, later adding he gave them the "A+ treatment."

Trump's second speech

was more reminiscent of his campaign rallies than the official speech he gave during the rotunda ceremony. He reiterated false claims he's made about his 2020 election loss to Biden and the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol that was spurred on by those false statements.

"I was going to talk about that. They said, 'Please, don't bring that up right now. You can bring it up tomorrow.' I said how about now," Trump said. "We're giving you a little more information than we gave upstairs."

Trump said he didn't want to make his first speech "complicated," he wanted to make it "beautiful and unifying."

"Then, when they said we have a group of people who are serious Trump fans, I said 'This is the time to tell those stories,'" he said.

Trump also spoke at length about border security and immigration during his second speech, saying it has become a problem during Biden's term as president.

"I think it probably was the number one issue for me back in 2015, 2016," Trump said. "This border is much worse. We fixed the border. It was totally fixed. There was nothing to talk about."

**Flags at full staff**

Trump signed several documents in the Presidential Room by the U.S. Senate chamber Monday afternoon, including a proclamation that the U.S. flag be flown at full staff for this inauguration and all future

inauguration days.

Then-President Biden ordered U.S. flags to be flown at half staff until Jan. 28, the customary 30-day period, to commemorate former President Jimmy Carter, who died in December.

Last week, U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson of Louisiana ordered the flags at the U.S. Capitol to be flown at full staff on Inauguration Day. Some Republican-led states followed suit.

**Senate moves on Trump nominees**

The Senate began confirming Trump's Cabinet nominees later Monday, taking a 99-0 vote to make former Florida Sen. Marco Rubio the secretary of state.

Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D., said he plans to confirm other nominees as soon as possible, with a vote expected later this week on John Ratcliffe to be the next director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"Our priority here in the Senate for the next few weeks is getting President Trump's nominees confirmed, so that he has the team that he needs in place to deliver," Thune said.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, a New York Democrat, supported Rubio during the floor vote after detailing how he and others in the party will approach their advice and consent responsibility for Trump's second term.

"We will neither rubber-stamp nominees we feel

are grossly unqualified nor will we reflexively oppose nominees that deserve serious consideration," Schumer said.

The Senate began holding hearings last week on several of Trump's picks, including hedge fund manager Scott Bessent for Treasury secretary, former Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi to run the Justice Department, former North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum for Interior secretary, former Fox News commentator Pete Hegseth to run the Pentagon, South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem for Homeland Security secretary, former Texas state legislator Eric Scott Turner for Department of Housing and Urban Development secretary, and former White House budget director Russ Vought to run the Office of Management and Budget once again.

Hearings are scheduled this week for several other nominees.

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### ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you feel loved and appreciated this week and you would like to share those feelings with others by being supportive of their needs. Focus your attention on a close friend.

### TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, even if you do not have anything in common with someone, you can find a way to be friends. Open a dialogue to get the ball rolling.

### GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, accept that you cannot change some things and look for a silver lining. Soon enough you'll come out on the other side.

### CANCER - June 22/July 22

Cancer, you are getting hungrier and hungrier, which makes you determined to get ahead. Just be sure this determination is balanced by a little reservation as well.

### LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Could it be that you are in the market for some romance, Leo? If so, make a plan for rekindling the flame with a current partner or finding someone new who also is looking for love.

### VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Challenges may arise in your relationship this week, Virgo. A serious approach to the partnership is required by both sides. Work toward resolving the situation as a couple.

### LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, although your creative juices are flowing, some type of roadblock pops up and restricts your path. Explore ways to work around this obstacle.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, take a deep look at yourself this week, examining all facets of your personality. Instead of being judgemental of others, you may need to make some changes yourself.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, emotions are running high for you and you may not be able to focus on what needs your attention most. If you can't get a hold of things, try delegating some of your tasks.

### CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Be careful when listening to what another has to say, Capricorn. Read their body language instead of just their words. The two may not match up with one another.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Opportunities you may never have expected are presenting themselves, Aquarius. Find time to process these unexpected developments and mull the best approach.

### PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, resist hurried efforts to get to a destination without enjoying the journey. There is a lot to see along the way, so it's best if you savor all of it while you can.

## Congregate Meal Menu:

### Monday, Jan. 27

Chicken and Rice Casserole, Whole Wheat Bread, Vegetable, Fruit

### Wednesday, Jan. 29

Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Mushroom Gravy, Whole Wheat Roll, Vegetable, Fruit

### Friday, Jan. 31

Chef's Choice

## Eagle Grove Community School District

## -MENU-

### Monday, Jan. 27

**BREAKFAST:** Pancake/Sausage on a stick, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice

**LUNCH:** Hot Dog/Cheeddar Dog, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Pineapple

### Tuesday, Jan. 28

**BREAKFAST:** Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit, Juice

**LUNCH:** Burrito Bowl w/ Rice, Black Beans, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Fruit Cup

### Wednesday, Jan. 29

**BREAKFAST:** Breakfast Bake, Toast, Fruit, Juice

**LUNCH:** Chicken Alfredo Twist, Corn, Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Breadstick

### Thursday, Jan. 30

**BREAKFAST:** Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Juice

**LUNCH:** Cheeseburger, Fries, Peas, Cinnamon Apples

### Friday, Jan. 31

**BREAKFAST:** Cereal, Poptart, Fruit, Juice

**LUNCH:** Mac Bites, Soup, Carrots/Celery, Apple, Cinnamon Roll

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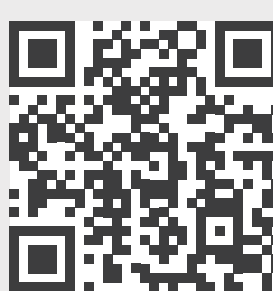
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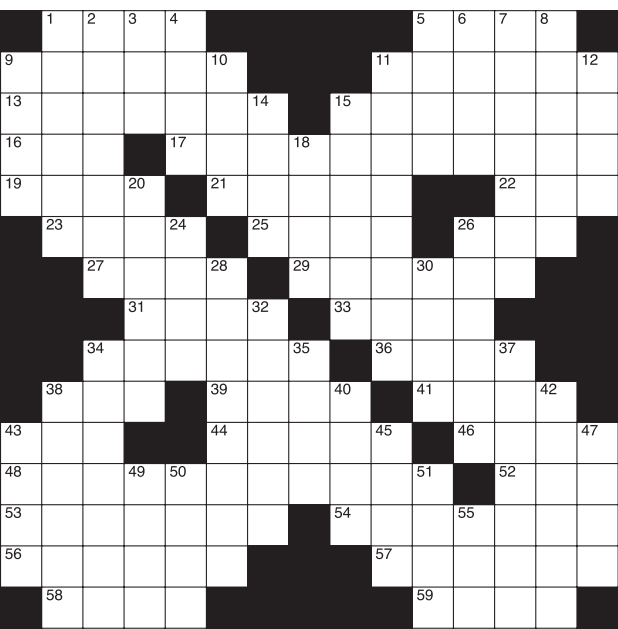
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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. "Loser" rocker
- 5. Partner to relaxation
- 9. Mixing
- 11. Winged nut
- 13. Expression of blame
- 15. Vast ocean
- 16. Comedienne Gasteyer
- 17. Multiply
- 19. Meat from a pig (French)
- 21. Related
- 22. Rocker Stewart
- 23. Surprise completely
- 25. Loon
- 26. Canister
- 27. Large, deep-bodied fish
- 29. Takes forcefully
- 31. Oil cartel
- 33. Palmer and Hepburn are two
- 34. More than one
- 36. Places down purposefully
- 38. Pitching statistic
- 39. Type of sword
- 41. Witnesses
- 43. Body part
- 44. Mixes slowly
- 46. Satisfy
- 48. Strong belief
- 52. One's physique (slang)
- 53. More frightening
- 54. Soup cracker
- 56. Teaches
- 57. One who carries something
- 58. Actor Sean
- 59. Changes

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. \_\_\_ Aires, city
- 2. Coarse grass
- 3. Type of gene
- 4. Door handle
- 5. Competition
- 6. Muslim ruler title
- 7. Hunting expeditions
- 8. Large mollusk
- 9. Bind securely
- 10. Former U.S. presidential candidate
- 11. 2-point plays in football
- 12. Breezed through
- 14. Type setting
- 15. Felt for
- 18. Codified rules
- 20. Small dome
- 24. Chevrotain
- 26. Male reproductive gland
- 28. Controversial beliefs
- 30. Z Z Z
- 32. One who confines another
- 34. Bishop
- 35. Garlands
- 37. Bird that flies by the coast
- 38. Optical device
- 40. Greek goddess of discord
- 42. Some are "Rolling"
- 43. Formerly (archaic)
- 45. Thrust a knife into
- 47. German river
- 49. Atomic #26
- 50. Make a grotesque face
- 51. Primordial matter of the universe
- 55. Chinese philosophical principle

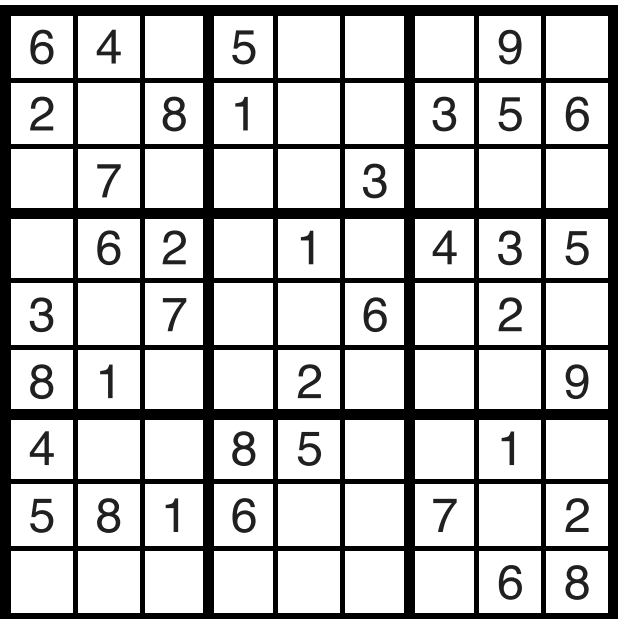
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## Fun By The Numbers

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!

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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!



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## NEAT AND TIDY WORD SEARCH



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

- ACTIVITY
- CLOSETS
- CLUTTER
- COLLECTIBLES
- COMMON AREA
- CONTAINERS
- DONATION
- FILING
- GARAGE
- GROUPING
- LABELS
- MAINTENANCE
- MANAGEMENT
- ORGANIZING
- PACKRAT
- PERFECTIONIST
- PROCRASTINATION
- PURGING
- REPURPOSE
- SEQUENCING
- SORTING
- SYSTEM
- TIDYING
- VERTICAL SPACE

# Monarch and Pollinator Habitat Workshop Series to Be Held in February and March

By Elizabeth Ripley

AMES, Iowa – Iowa Learning Farms will host a series of monarch and pollinator habitat workshops in February and March. Farmers, landowners and urban residents are welcome to attend these free workshops that include a complimentary meal.

Pollinators, like farmers, help ensure the world eats. It is estimated that about 75% of the world's flowering plants and about 35% of the world's food crops depend on animal pollinators. Monarchs are ecologically important as pollinators and are symbolic wildlife used by biodiversity conservation initiatives as exemplary flagship species. The iconic species migrates across U.S. borders with Canada and Mexico, as well as across dozens of U.S. states, especially the Midwestern Corn Belt and Iowa, in search of milkweed for both nectar resources and laying their eggs. This workshop will provide an opportunity

to learn more about monarchs and integrating pollinator habitat into Iowa's landscape.

The workshops will be hosted by Katherine Kral-O'Brien, Iowa State University assistant professor in natural resource ecology and management and co-leader of the Iowa Monarch Conservation Consortium, and Jon Dahlem, Iowa State University post-doctoral research associate. Dates, times and locations are:

- Feb. 6, 12-2 p.m., Ames Moose Lodge 520, 644 W 190th St., Ames
- Feb. 11, 12-2 p.m., Chautauqua Park Shelter House, 401 Chautauqua Park Dr., Storm Lake
- March 11, 12-2 p.m., Fairfield Arts and Convention Center, 200 North Main St., Fairfield
- March 18, 12-2 p.m., Coralville Public Library E. Jean Schwab Auditorium, 1401 5th Street, Coralville

The events are free and open to farmers, landowners



Monarch butterfly visiting a common milkweed. (Photo courtesy of Iowa Monarch Conservation Consortium.)

and urban residents, though reservations are required to ensure adequate space and food. Attendees will enjoy a complimentary meal and be entered into a drawing for ISU Prairie Strips honey. For reasonable accommodations and to RSVP, please

contact Liz Ripley at 515-294-2473 or [ilf@iastate.edu](mailto:ilf@iastate.edu). Iowa Learning Farms field days and workshops are supported by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. For more information, visit the Iowa Learning Farms website.

# NFIB: Small Business Optimism Surges Again, Reaches Six-Year High

Main Street uncertainty declines further as owners feel more confident following November's election results

DES MOINES, IA – The NFIB (National Federation of Independent Businesses) Small Business Optimism Index rose by 3.4 points in December to 105.1, the second consecutive month above the 51-year average of 98 and the highest reading since October 2018. Of the 10 Optimism Index components, seven increased, two decreased, and one was unchanged. The Uncertainty Index declined 12 points in December to 86.

"Optimism on Main Street continues to grow with the improved economic outlook following the election," said NFIB Chief Economist Bill Dunkelberg. "Small business owners feel more certain and hopeful about the economic agenda of the new administration. Expectations for economic growth, lower inflation, and positive business conditions have increased in anticipation of pro-business policies and legislation in the new year."

"Iowa's small business owners are especially encouraged by the improved outlook for sales and economic conditions. The report's finding that 52% of owners expect better conditions ahead aligns with what we're seeing in our agricultural and manufacturing communities," said Matt Everson, NFIB Iowa State Director.

Key findings include:

- The net percent of owners expecting the economy to improve rose 16 points from November to a net 52% (seasonally adjusted), the highest since the fourth quarter of 1983.
- The percent of small business owners believing it is a good time to expand their business rose six points to 20%, seasonally adjusted. This is the highest reading since February 2020.
- The net percent of owners expecting higher real

sales volumes rose eight points to a net 22% (seasonally adjusted), the highest reading since January 2020.

• A net 6% (seasonally adjusted) of owners plan inventory investment in the coming months, up five points from November and the highest reading since December 2021.

• Seasonally adjusted, a net 29% reported raising compensation, down three points from November and the lowest reading since March 2021.

• A net 1% of owners reported paying a higher rate on their most recent loan, down four points from November and the lowest reading since September 2021.

• Twenty percent of owners reported that inflation was their single most important problem in operating their business (higher input and labor costs), unchanged from November and leading labor quality as the top issue by one point.

As reported in NFIB's monthly jobs report, a seasonally adjusted 35% of all small business owners reported job openings they could not fill in December, down one point from November. Of the 55% of owners hiring or trying to hire in December, 89% reported few or no qualified applicants for the positions they were trying to fill.

Fifty-six percent of owners reported capital outlays in the last six months, up two points from November. Of those making expenditures, 37% reported spending on new equipment, 24% acquired vehicles, and 16% improved or expanded facilities. Eleven percent spent money on new fixtures and furniture and 7% acquired new buildings or land for expansion. Twenty-seven percent (seasonally adjusted) plan capital outlays in the next six months, down one point from November's highest

reading since January 2022.

A net negative 13% of all owners (seasonally adjusted) reported higher nominal sales in the past three months, unchanged from November. The net percent of owners expecting higher real sales volumes rose eight points to a net 22% (seasonally adjusted), the highest reading since January 2020.

The net percent of owners reporting inventory gains rose seven points to a net 0%, seasonally adjusted. Not seasonally adjusted, 13% reported increases in stocks and 14% reported reductions.

A net negative 1% (seasonally adjusted) of owners viewed current inventory stocks as "too low" in December, up one point from November. A net 6% (seasonally adjusted) of owners plan inventory investment in the coming months, up five points from November and the highest reading since December 2021.

The net percent of owners raising average selling prices was unchanged from November at a net 24% seasonally adjusted. Twenty percent of owners reported that inflation was their single most important problem in operating their business, unchanged from November and leading labor quality as the top issue by one point. Unadjusted, 11% reported lower average selling prices and 31% reported higher average prices.

Price hikes were the most frequent in the finance (56% higher, 15% lower), retail (38% higher, 6% lower), construction (30% higher, 9% lower), and transportation (30% higher, 9% lower) sectors. Seasonally adjusted, a net 28% plan price hikes in December.

Seasonally adjusted, a net 29% reported raising compensation, down three points from November and the lowest reading since March 2021. A seasonally

adjusted net 24% plan to raise compensation in the next three months, down four points from November.

The percent of small business owners reporting labor quality as the single most important problem for business was unchanged from November at 19%. Labor costs reported as the single most important problem for business owners was also unchanged from November at 11%, only two points below the highest reading of 13% reached in December 2021.

The frequency of reports of positive profit trends was a net negative 26% (seasonally adjusted), unchanged from November. Among owners reporting lower profits, 35% blamed weaker sales, 13% cited usual seasonal change, 12% blamed the rise in the cost of materials, and 11% cited labor costs. For owners reporting higher profits, 51% credited sales volumes, 22% cited usual seasonal change, and 7% cited higher selling prices.

Two percent of owners reported that all their borrowing needs were not satisfied. Twenty-four percent reported all credit needs met and 65% said they were not interested in a loan. A net 4% reported their last loan was harder to get than in previous attempts. Four percent of owners reported that financing was their top business problem in December, down one point from November.

The NFIB Research Center has collected Small Business Economic Trends data with quarterly surveys since the fourth quarter of 1973 and monthly surveys since 1986. Survey respondents are randomly drawn from NFIB's membership. The report is released on the second Tuesday of each month. This survey was conducted in December 2024.

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## Letter to the Editor

I read the recent article about Dr. Jon Ahrendsen. I have known DR "A" for many years, having had multiple FAA Medical exams done by him. He has always been extremely thorough and detailed and has gone above and beyond the call of duty to assist me. Most Doctors are not FAA-certified. The Clarion area citizens

and Iowa Specialty Clinic are fortunate to have DR "A", not only for the excellent medical care he provides but also for the many things he does in the community to help others. Very few, if any, communities have had a person of any profession do so many things to help so many.

Larry Clement  
Sioux Falls, SD



With the start of the 91st Legislative Session, the Condition of the State, Judiciary and Guard are completed; the legislature is in full swing. Bills are being submitted and discussion on each bill has begun.

Many in the state see a need to address our taxes. Both the legislators and the Governor are looking for economic relief for all Iowans due to inflation and other factors. Due to last year's legislation, on January 1st, lower income taxes were implemented in Iowa, down to 3.8%...making Iowa the sixth lowest income tax in America. Reducing property taxes will also be part of our discussions during this legislative session. This will not be an easy task when property taxes are spent by our local governments, schools, counties, and cities, not by the state legislature. The legislature cannot craft laws that account for the needs in every one of the different counties, all school districts, and the hundreds of cities in Iowa. The legislature can lay down guidelines, but it is up to each local government entity to decide what their needs and priorities are.

Another issue we consistently hear from Iowans is safety, including additional steps to help ensure our schools wellbeing and root out the crimes related to illegal drugs.

There will be \$3.4 million in new apprenticeship grants to help Iowa school districts create new edu-

cation careers in Iowa. An additional \$102 million is going to our schools raising our K-12 funding to \$3.89 billion yearly. That equates to \$7,983 per student.

There are also proposed major changes in the incentive programs to attract and retain health care providers in Iowa.

This year the Rural Innovation Grants will focus on independently owned grocery stores and small food producers to assist in getting their products to new markets.

Our first week back in the capital also included a human trafficking rally in the rotunda. The rally helped highlight the issue, but we know that making progress will include providing the necessary resources to investigate, prosecute and care for the victims/survivors. The below pictures illustrate the numerous meetings I had with proactive citizens who are "getting in the arena." Nothing of this magnitude is defeated by simply studying the problem, and our meetings demonstrated we are on the same page. I learned a great deal from their perspectives they provided and will incorporate much of what I learned into upcoming legislation. Iowa Works of Fort Dodge have asked me to speak during this Slavery and Human Trafficking Month on January 24, 2025, at ICCC, 3 Triton Circle at 11 am.

The next 110 days of session will be busy as many bills are considered.

## An Ironic Inauguration

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

This week, on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we witnessed a moment dripping with irony. On the holiday set aside to honor a man who preached equality, justice, and unity, our nation has sworn a man with a history of preaching hatred and division, and evading justice, into the highest office in our land—for the second time.

Dr. King dreamed of a nation where character triumphed over color. He worked to bring people together. He preached justice for all. Yet this week our nation elevated a man with a history of bigotry, division, and cruelty back to power.

From mocking the disabled, to the Muslim travel ban, to family separations at the border, from praising literal Nazi's who terrorized the city of Charlottesville, West Virginia, as "very fine people," to the disparagement of Asians to deflect from his deadly failures in the Covid-19 pandemic, and ultimately to the attack on our Capitol seeking to keep him in power on January 6th, 2021, our former and now current President's record is clear. And it stands as the polar opposite of the legacy of Dr. King, a man who led peaceful protests, and called for equality, and for national unity.

The tragic ironies are clear, sobering, and chill-

ing. On the same day we celebrated a champion of unity we also witnessed the return to power of a man whose leadership thrived on division. And for good or ill, we also witnessed our nation peacefully return power to the same man who previously refused to peacefully relinquish that same power.

And yet, even as this is a turning point for our nation's history, let it also be a turning point for our communities. For these ironies can inform our reason, and fuel our resolve. They can show us that we need to pull together, instead of pushing each other away. And they can strengthen our determination to do so.

The man most of us in this nation celebrate every Sunday said "love thy neighbor as thyself." The man who surrendered power this week, in the great tradition of our nation, has said "you can't love your neighbor only when you agree." And the man we honor on Martin Luther King day taught us that "hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

So, let us set aside our differences and begin the hard work of understanding one another. There is more common ground between us than most of us think. And the dream of a nation where character trumps color, and justice trumps injustice, is still a dream worth dreaming.



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## Recapping my latest telephone town hall with nearly 6,000 Iowans

By Rep Randy Feenstra (R-Hull)

On the evening of Wednesday January 15th, I hosted my first of several telephone town halls for 2025. Nearly 6,000 Iowans joined us to ask questions about topics important to them and to learn more about my work in Congress for our families, farmers, businesses, and rural communities. Being transparent and accessible to my constituents is very important to me, and I will continue to advocate for commonsense policies that support our families and advance our shared Iowa values.

A main topic of concern for Iowans, and for me as well, is border security. Fortunately, with President Trump in the White House, we will lock down our border, keep building the wall, and deport illegal immigrants who commit crimes against American citizens. Under the Biden administration's open-border policies, terrorists, drug traffickers, and millions of illegal immigrants have poured over our southern border with no vetting process whatsoever. It is a crisis manufactured by President Biden that President Trump and Republicans will quickly clean up. I have also introduced legislation like Sarah's Law to ensure that any illegal immigrant who harms or kills an American citizen is swiftly detain and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

I also answered questions about supporting our vet-



Randy Feenstra

erans who have selflessly answered the call to serve our nation and defend our freedoms. Over the last several years, I have voted to help homeless veterans get off the streets, help veterans who are victims of financial crimes and other fraudulent schemes recover their stolen benefits, and expedite the approval process of veterans' benefits claims. I further supported the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promises to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act to ensure that veterans who were exposed to toxic hazards — like burn pits, radiation, and Agent Orange — and later developed illnesses like cancer receive the high-quality care and treatment that they need, and the Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Mental Health Act — which is now law — to expand veteran healthcare in rural communities by creating three new centers of the Rural Access Network for Growth Enhancement (RANGE) program in rural areas that need more resour-

ces to support veteran mental health services. In Congress, I will always work to ensure that our veterans receive the benefits and high-quality healthcare that they have earned and deserve.

As a member of the Ways and Means Committee — which handles tax policy — I had the opportunity to answer questions about the looming expiration of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, better known as the Trump Tax Cuts. If Congress fails to reauthorize these tax cuts, the average taxpayer will face a 26% tax increase, our small businesses will see a top tax rate of 43.4%, and the standard deduction and child tax credit will both be slashed in half. It's why we must extend the Trump Tax Cuts, maintain the 20% tax cut for our small businesses, and keep the doubled standard deduction and more generous child tax credit for our families. I also noted my strong support for permanently repealing the death tax that unfairly targets our family farms and small businesses, and helping small businesses offer paid family and medical leave to their employees at a more affordable cost. I look forward to working with President Trump and my colleagues on the House Ways and Means Committee to deliver tax relief for hardworking Americans and lower costs for our families.

Finally, we covered the urgent need to get the Farm Bill passed and signed into law as quickly as possible. Last May, I voted for — and

the House Agriculture Committee passed — the Farm Bill, which had ten bills that I introduced to support our farmers, producers, and agricultural community. They include provisions like lowering the cost of crop insurance for young and beginning farmers, building refrigeration infrastructure at home and abroad to support our agricultural exports worldwide, helping our livestock producers after disasters, rooting out waste and fraud from the SNAP program, keeping China and our foreign enemies away from our farmland, and equipping our farmers with precision agriculture technologies at lower costs. I have also been very vocal about preventing and mitigating the spread of foreign animal diseases, supporting agricultural education, and helping our producers ship their high-quality goods across the globe. Under President Trump, I am confident that we can pass the Farm Bill and deliver relief to Rural America.

Connecting with Iowans back home on my 36 County Tour or over the phone during our telephone town halls is a top priority for me. If we are going to change the way that Washington works, we need to bring Iowa common sense and ideas directly from our communities to our nation's capital. As Iowa's voice in Congress, I will continue to do everything in my power to represent our interests, support our families, and make our country run more like Iowa.

## New Year, New Congress, Same Dedication to Serving Iowans

By Senator Joni Ernst

When I look back on 2024, one of my highlights was connecting with Iowans on my River to River Tour. I celebrated a decade of crisscrossing Iowa from the Mississippi River to the Missouri River to hold public town halls, explore communities, tour small businesses, visit farms, and more in every corner of our great state. This year, I look forward to hearing directly from you, so I can bring your priorities to the halls of the 119th Congress.

In 2025, that includes fighting for our farmers, slashing government spending and overreach, making sure rural America isn't left behind, supporting our small businesses, and keeping Iowans safe at home and abroad.

Over the past year, I have worked tirelessly on behalf of our farmers and passed bipartisan legislation into law to prevent the spread of foreign animal disease. I've also taken action to secure access to E15 for the summer driving months, while continuing the call for permanent, nationwide availability. This year, I look forward to getting a Farm Bill across the finish line that delivers real



Senator Joni Ernst

results for those who feed and fuel our world.

While Washington has doubled down on wasteful spending and shamefully prioritized bureaucrats, I've fought to cut the pork, bring federal workers back to the office (or sell off empty office buildings), and make 'em squish! Last year, my oversight forced the government to sell over a billion dollars' worth of unused office space and exposed IRS agents who owe more than \$50 million in back taxes. As founder of the new Senate DOGE Caucus, and now a member of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Committee, I will be working with President Trump's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) to cut trillions and protect your hard-earned taxpayer dollars.

I'm also determined to ensure our rural communities — like the one I was born and raised in — are not left behind. Following years of bipartisan work, my effort to close the digital divide and expand access to broadband across Iowa passed the Senate. After the Biden administration fumbled its FAFSA rollout and left farm families out in the cold, I successfully ushered in a law to provide more certainty for Iowans who rely on this tool for financial aid. In this next Congress, I'll continue to put Iowans first and ensure you receive the opportunities and resources you deserve.

In my role as the top Republican on the Senate Small Business Committee, I am bringing the voices of mom-and-pop shops and innovators on Main Streets across Iowa to Washington. Last Congress, I recognized a Small Business of the Week in each of Iowa's 99 counties, made it easier for small businesses to work with the federal government, and

provided oversight to recover billions of taxpayer dollars from defaulted COVID loans. Looking ahead, I'm excited to recognize more Iowa businesses and create pro-growth policies.

Despite weakness in the Biden White House that led to a world on fire and wide open border, last year I successfully stopped taxpayer dollars from funding risky Chinese research and the Wuhan Institute of Virology, built upon President Trump's Abraham Accords to unite the Middle East against the Iranian regime that has funded attacks on our citizens, and strengthened border security by empowering the Pentagon to secure our airspace and prevent drones from infiltrating our homeland. In my role on the Senate Armed Services Committee, I'll continue working to keep Iowans safe.

Partnering with the new Republican majority and President Trump, I am ready to get our country back on track and bring some Iowa common sense to Washington!

Joni Ernst, a native of Red Oak and a combat veteran, represents Iowa in the United States Senate.

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Last week's trivia questions:
What two actors have co-starred in movies including A Bronx Tale, Casino, Raging Bull, and Goodfellas? Answer: Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci.
What two actors have co-starred in movies including Meet the Parents, Night at the Museum, Starsky & Hutch, and Zoolander? Answer: Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson \*\*\*\*\*

This week's trivia questions:
What actor starred in movies including American Gangster, Cinderella Man, 3:10 to Yuma, and Gladiator?
What actor starred in movies including The Perfect Storm, From Dusk Till Dawn, O Brother Where Art Thou?, and Ocean's Eleven? \*\*\*\*\*

Jan. 22 is National Grandpa Day, and National Polka Dot Day; Jan. 23 is National Pie Day, and National Handwriting Day; Jan. 24 is National Peanut Butter Day, and International Day of Education; Jan. 25 is National Irish Coffee Day, and National Fish Taco Day; Jan. 26 is International Environmental Education Day; Jan. 27 is National Chocolate Cake Day, National Geographic Day, and International Holocaust Remembrance Day; Jan. 28 is National Pediatrician Day, Pop Art Day, and National LEGO Day. \*\*\*\*\*

This week is National Fresh Squeezed Juice Week, and International Snowmobile Safety and Awareness Week. \*\*\*\*\*
'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.' \*\*\*\*\*
— Jeremiah 29:11

'Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.' \*\*\*\*\*
— Luke 11:9

'For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.' \*\*\*\*\*
— Romans 6:23

'I feel sorry for short people, you know. When it rains, they're the last to know.' \*\*\*\*\*
— Rodney Dangerfield

'Some people have a way with words, and other people ... oh, uh, not have way.' \*\*\*\*\*
— Steve Martin

'Isn't it a bit unnerving that doctors call what they do "practice"?' \*\*\*\*\*
— George Carlin

'Why do dogs always race to the door when the doorbell rings? It's almost never for them.' \*\*\*\*\*
— Norm Macdonald

'I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter. Each time I enter a room, I wonder what I'm here after.' \*\*\*\*\*
— Tim Conway

'Do you know what I love most about baseball? The pine tar, the resin, the grass, the dirt. And that's just in the hot dogs.' \*\*\*\*\*
— David Letterman

'Two fish in a tank. One says: 'How do you drive this thing?'' \*\*\*\*\*
— Peter Kay

'I saw a documentary on how ships are kept together. Riveting!'' \*\*\*\*\*
— Stewart Francis

'I'm reading a horror story in Braille. Something bad is about to happen. . . I can feel it.' \*\*\*\*\*

'Thanks for explaining the word "many" to me, it means a lot.' \*\*\*\*\*

Martin Luther King Jr. was named after Protestant reformer Martin Luther - King was born Michael King Jr. on Jan. 15, 1929. But in 1934, his father, a pastor at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church also named Michael King, went on a religious trip around the world and was inspired by Germany's Protestant Reformation figure Martin Luther. After returning to the U.S., his father made the decision to change his five-year-old son's name—and his own—in honor of the Protestant reformation leader. \*\*\*\*\*

Martin Luther King Jr. started college at age 15 - King was a gifted student who skipped grades 9-12, and by the age of 15 was admitted to Morehouse College, a prestigious historically Black college in Atlanta that both his father and grandfather attended. \*\*\*\*\*

Despite being part of a lineage of Baptist ministers, King was initially resistant to a career in the ministry due to his discomfort with the emotionality of Black church congregations. But the Morehouse college president and his philosophy teacher, both ordained ministers, persuaded him to reconsider. \*\*\*\*\*

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If you truly desire to live a good and holy life you must "live in love," as the apostle Paul directs us in the fifth chapter of Ephesians. There he says "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." (Ephesians 5:1-2 NIV) What this means is that we should try to imitate Christ's selfless act of sacrifice in everything we do. Walking in the way of love is just a simple way of saying that our lifestyle and our daily conduct should reflect a life of service and sacrifice. A good example of this might be how a mother will serve her family from the time she gets up in the morning until going to bed at night. She gets up and fixes breakfast for the family and might even make lunch for them to take to school or work and then goes off to work herself, earning money to pay the rent or mortgage and the other expenses. Good parents often make sacrifices of time and money to help their children, and don't complain too much about it because they are helping their own children. But God wants us to treat everyone as if they are family. To "walk in the way of love" is to treat everyone as if they are your brother or your sister. As children of God, we should reflect God's likeness in how we live, and when we succeed in doing that we are truly living in love. -Christopher Simon

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## Crop Production Estimates Available for 2025 Growing Season

Tools are available to help farmers estimate cost of production, select appropriate farm bill program for their operation

By Chad Hart,  
Ann Johanns

AMES, Iowa – Farmers can estimate the cost of producing various crops in 2025 by using data published in the January edition of Ag Decision Maker.

The article “Estimated Costs of Crop Production” includes average production costs for corn, corn silage, soybeans, alfalfa and pasture maintenance. Decision tools, as well as web-based calculators, are available that allow farmers to enter their own numbers, so they can estimate production costs on their own farm.

Production costs are always important to know in advance of the planting season, but even more so during a period of tighter profit margins in the crop market.

“The economic outlook for 2025 continues the pattern we ended 2024 with, where prices have fallen below production costs and any opportunities for profits will be limited this year, barring significant changes with either smaller production or greater usage,” said Chad Hart, professor in economics and economist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Hart said the report shows a 2% to 3% decline in the cost of corn production, driven mainly by lower fertilizer and chemical costs compared to 2024, whereas soybean costs are 1% higher. Total cost per bushel is impacted by higher trend yields used in the budgets, resulting in 1% to 6% declines overall. Land cost is projected to be stable, with increases in labor and machinery costs.

The report provides estimates for common crop rotations, including corn following corn, corn following soybeans and corn following silage. The report lists

specific costs commonly associated with each crop, including seed, fertilizer, machinery use and labor. Budgets for various production methods are also included, such as low-till and strip-till budgets for corn and soybeans. Machinery costs reflect both new and used equipment and are up 3% to 4% in the 2025 projections.

Due to differences in soil condition, the quantity of inputs used and other factors, production costs will ultimately vary from farm to farm. Labor is treated as a fixed cost in the report, because most labor on Iowa

farms is supplied by the operator, family or permanent hired labor.

Historical estimates of Iowa crop production costs are also available at Ag Decision Maker, dating back to 2000.

### Farm bill decisions

Other important tools are also available in the January Ag Decision Maker update, including decision tools to help farmers select the appropriate farm bill program. Options include Price Loss Coverage and Agricultural Risk Coverage, with options for individual farm coverage or county-level coverage. The tools help

farmers analyze and select the best option for their own operation.

The current farm bill has been extended through Sept. 30. Ann Johanns, extension program specialist in farm management, said with price changes in the projections for ARC-CO and PLC, it is a good time for producers to consider if their current enrollment best fits their operation’s risk management needs. USDA’s Farm Service Agency dates to make changes to program enrollment for ARC and PLC for the 2025 crop year are open from Jan. 21 to April 15, 2025.

## What's Cookin' this week?

### Feed your game day crowd with smoked chicken wings

Sports fans across the globe tune in when the National Football League hosts its annual championship game each winter. And that already robust viewership is growing, as figures from Nielsen Fast National and Adobe Analytics indicated Super Bowl LVIII between the Kansas City Chiefs and San Francisco 49ers garnered 123.4 million viewers who tuned in to watch Patrick Mahomes orchestrate a 25-22 overtime victory over Kyle Shanahan and the Niners.

Super Bowl Sunday has become an unofficial holiday in the United States, where fans ranging from the diehard to the casual to those simply tuning in for the commercials and half-time show gather to enjoy a few fun-filled hours. Seasoned party hosts know that food features as prominently as football and fun come Super Bowl Sunday. Guests may expect a few staples, including chicken wings. With that in mind, hosts can impress their guests by serving up this recipe for “Virgil’s Smoked Chicken Wings With Blue Cheese Dip” from Neal Corman’s “Virgil’s Barbecue Road Trip Cookbook” (St. Martin’s Press).

#### Virgil’s Smoked Chicken Wings With Blue Cheese Dip

Serves 4

#### Blue Cheese Dip

2 cups blue cheese crumbles, divided  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 cup buttermilk  
2 teaspoons hot sauce  
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt  
1/4 cup finely chopped scallions  
1/4 cup finely chopped celery

#### Marinade

1/2 cup vegetable oil  
1/2 cup hot sauce  
4 tablespoons Virgil’s Dry Rub (see below)  
4 tablespoons granulated garlic  
4 tablespoons granulated onion  
Juice of 1/2 lemon

#### Wings

8 large chicken wings  
1/2 cup Virgil’s Dry Rub (see below)

#### Sauce

10 tablespoons unsalted butter  
1 teaspoon cornstarch  
4 tablespoons white vinegar  
3/4 cup hot sauce  
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1. To make the dip, combine 1 cup of the blue cheese, mayonnaise, buttermilk, hot sauce,

Worcestershire sauce, and salt in the bowl of a food processor and blend on low until smooth.

2. Remove to a medium mixing bowl and fold in the rest of the blue cheese, scallions and celery, being sure to break up the larger blue cheese crumbles. Place in a covered container and refrigerate overnight.

3. Mix all the marinade ingredients in a large mixing bowl. Place the wings in a large container with a lid and pour the mixture over the wings. Toss until the wings are thoroughly coated. Cover and refrigerate for 2 days.

4. Preheat the grill or smoker to 245 F.

5. Spread out the wings on a sheet pan and wipe away any excess marinade. Sprinkle liberally with the dry rub, coating the wings all over.

6. Position the wings on the grill away from the direct heat of the coals or burners, and add hickory to the smoker or hickory chips on the coals or gas burners.

7. Cook the wings for about 3 hours, flipping every 30 minutes (their internal temperature should be about 165 F when cooked).

8. While the wings are cooking, cut the butter for the sauce into 1-inch cubes and refrigerate. Whisk the cornstarch into the white vinegar in a small bowl.

9. In a medium sauté pan over medium heat, bring the hot sauce to a simmer and whisk in the thickened vinegar. Return to a simmer, cook for 1 minute, and remove from the heat.

10. Add the cayenne and slowly whisk in the cold butter. Keep warm until serving.

11. Remove the wings from the smoker or grill and put half of them into a bowl, cover with the sauce, and toss. Repeat with the remaining wings and serve on a platter, with the blue cheese dip on the side.

#### Virgil’s Dry Rub

Makes 5 to 5 1/2 cups  
2 1/2 cups sweet paprika  
1 cup granulated sugar  
1/2 cup Texas-style chili powder

1/2 cup minced onion  
1/2 cup granulated garlic  
1/4 cup dried parsley flakes

6 tablespoons kosher salt  
Combine all of the ingredients in a medium bowl and whisk together until completely incorporated. Transfer to a covered bowl with a tight-fitting lid. Store in a cool, dry place.

## Iowa 4-H Plant the Moon Selected for Iowa STEM Scale-Up Program

By Maya Hayslett,  
Sydney Peterson

Plant the Moon Challenge experiments. AMES, Iowa – The Iowa 4-H Plant the Moon Challenge has been selected for the Iowa STEM Scale-Up Program menu for the 2025-2026 year. This recognition highlights Plant the Moon’s innovative approach to STEM education and its commitment to inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers.

The Plant the Moon Challenge is a global science experiment and project-based learning challenge that engages students in grades 4-12. Participants use lunar and Martian regolith simulants to grow crops, simulating the conditions of space agriculture. The program offers students a unique opportunity to explore space, agriculture and environmental science through

hands-on experimentation.

As an Iowa STEM Scale-Up Program, the Plant the Moon Challenge will receive support to expand its reach and impact across the state. Educators can apply to be awarded the opportunity to participate in the selected STEM programs both in and out of the classroom.

This expansion includes a new fall and spring cohort of the program and access to curriculum materials, competition platforms and project kits that serve up to 10 students each. The program will also offer training stipends for educators and connect students with NASA subject matter experts and research scientists through live virtual events.

“We are thrilled to be selected for the Iowa STEM Scale-Up Program menu,” said Maya Hayslett, 4-H

crop science youth education specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. “This support will enable us to bring the excitement of space exploration and STEM learning to more students across Iowa, fostering their curiosity and passion for science.”

Interested educators are invited to join Plant the Moon programming staff to discuss what participation in the challenge will look like for Iowa Scale-Up recipients on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 4 p.m. Central time. Attendees will have the chance to have their questions answered live by their team. You can register online.

The Iowa STEM Scale-Up Program aims to increase student interest and achievement in STEM fields by providing high-quality STEM education programs

to schools and organizations throughout Iowa. The Plant the Moon Challenge selection demonstrates the program’s ability to engage students in STEM and equip them with practical, work-ready skills.

For more information, check the 2025-26 STEM Scale-Up program menu (<https://educate.iowa.gov/iowa-stem/stem-scale/stem-scale-program-menu>). Educators may apply for the Plant the Moon STEM Scale-Up awards (<https://educate.iowa.gov/iowa-stem/stem-scale/educator-application>) now through March 3, at 4:59 p.m.

For more information, visit the Iowa Plant the Moon Challenge webpage (<https://www.ipm.iastate.edu/iowa-plant-moon-challenge>) or contact Maya Hayslett at [hayslett@iastate.edu](mailto:hayslett@iastate.edu).

## Virtual Grant Writing 101 Workshops Available This February and March

By Esther Crompton,  
Lindsay Henderson

AMES, Iowa – Nonprofit, government and school district representatives can boost their grant writing skills by enrolling in any of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach’s upcoming virtual Grant Writing 101 workshops.

The workshop fee is \$25 and the registration deadline is two days before each session. Upcoming workshops are set for:

• **Feb. 12, 9-11 a.m.** Learn more and register online (<https://go.iastate.edu/LCN51W>). The registration deadline is March 24, 11:59 p.m.

The online workshops, hosted by ISU Extension and Outreach, provide practical training for crafting successful grant applications. Participants will learn about grant terminology, how to find funding opportunities and strategies for developing a compelling proposal.

“Grant Writing 101 gives participants the skills and confidence they need to succeed,” said Lindsay Henderson, community and economic development specialist. “In 2024, 89% of participants reported feeling

more confident in their ability to write grants after taking the workshop, compared to just 31% before. That’s a dramatic improvement.”

Henderson added, “Additionally, 98% of participants agreed they could identify and understand general grant terminology and processes after the workshop, up from 48% before. These numbers reflect the real value this training provides.”

“These workshops are

designed for everyone, whether you’re new to grant writing or looking to sharpen your skills,” Henderson said. “The insights and techniques we teach can make a lasting difference for your organization and community.”

For more information or to register, contact Henderson at [lindsayh@iastate.edu](mailto:lindsayh@iastate.edu) or Esther Crompton, communication specialist, at [ecrompt@iastate.edu](mailto:ecrompt@iastate.edu).

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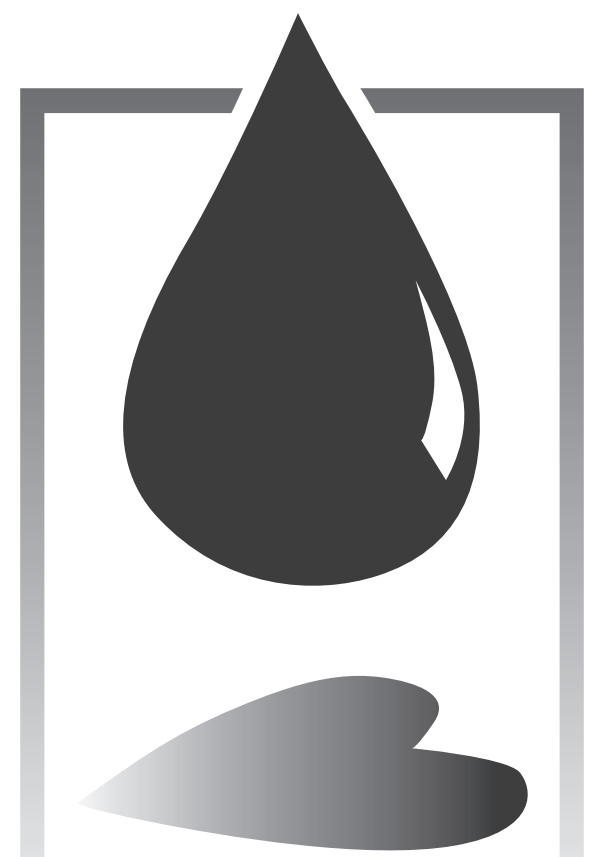
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Utility Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday January 15th 2025 at 7:00 AM

Broadway, Eagle Grove, IA 50533

Public Safety Building 210 W. The meeting was called to order with trustees Peterson, Ryerson and Bisson. Absent: Jeske and Rehman. Also present: City Administrator Davis, Public Works Lunda, Water Superintendent Baker and Waste Water Superintendent Brockman.

A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Bisson to approve December 18th 2024 minutes and claims Roll Call: all ayes

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Discussed Financials A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Bisson to approve Resolution UB2025-01: A Resolution Authorizing Utility Billing Adjustments Report for December. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

Opened Public Hearing Regarding Sanitary Sewer Rate Adjustments for Industrial Accounts at 7:15am. Hearing Closed at 7:24pm with no oral or written comments received. Discussed Sanitary Sewer Rates for Industrial Accounts per the Rate Model. A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Bisson to Table Resolution UB2025-02: A Resolution Authorizing Sanitary Sewer Rate Adjustments for Industrial Accounts. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

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WRIGHT COUNTY DECEMBER 2024 CLAIMS

Table of Wright County December 2024 Claims with columns for claimant name, amount, and category.



WRIGHT COUNTY 2024 ANNUAL SALARIES

Table listing Wright County Annual Salaries for 2024, including names and salary amounts for various employees.

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GOLDFIELD CITY COUNCIL • JANUARY 15, 2025

Goldfield City Council Budget Workshop January 15, 2025. Mayor Gabe Fiscus called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Council members present: Crees, Meinke, Schermer, Petersen and Duncalf. Also present: Jim Sisson, PW Superintendent, Kathy Nelson, City Clerk.

ORIGINAL NOTICE

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WRIGHT COUNTY BOS • JANUARY 6, 2025

January 6, 2025 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 Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:19 a.m. Members present were Rasmussen, Kluss, Bosch, Loux and Ellis.

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GOLDFIELD CITY COUNCIL • JANUARY 13, 2025

Goldfield City Council Meeting January 13, 2025 The Goldfield Council met in regular session on January 13, 2025 at the Goldfield City Hall. Mayor Fiscus called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present: Petersen, Schermer, Crees, Duncalf and Meinke. Also present City Clerk, Kathy Nelson; PW Superintendent Jim Sisson; Police Captain, Mark Hennigar; WCED Director DarrelSteven Carlyle; City Attorney Lynn Seaba.

Financial report for Goldfield City Council meeting on January 13, 2025. Includes sections for EXPENSES, REVENUE, and a summary of the meeting.

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EAGLE GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES • JANUARY 13, 2025

Eagle Grove CSD Regular Board Meeting 01/13/2025 - 06:00 PM Board Room Emerson Building 325 North Commercial Eagle Grove, IA MEETING MINUTES MISSION STATEMENT: The Eagle Grove Community School District, in partnership with the community, will promote in all students the knowledge and skills necessary to become independent thinkers, lifelong learners, and responsible productive citizens.

Open Enrollment Applications 9. TLC Update No TLC update presented. 10. Early Retirements Motion to approve the early retirement as presented to the board. Motion made by: Angie Capsel Motion seconded by: Dr. Aaron Parrott

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## Trump Signs Executive Orders To Kick-Start His Immigration Crackdown

By Ariana Figueroa

WASHINGTON — After his inauguration as the 47th president, Donald Trump late Monday signed dozens of executive orders that will begin his immigration crackdown at the southern border.

Trump officials early Monday went into detail on those orders in a call with reporters.

Among the most prominent of the orders Trump signed was a declaration of a national emergency at the U.S.-Mexico border.

“What this action does is it deploys armed forces, erect physical barriers by directing (Department of Defense) and (Department of Homeland Security) secretaries to finish the wall along the border, and allows for counter (Unmanned Aircraft System) capabilities near the southern borders,” an incoming Trump official said, speaking on background. “In addition, specifically, it directs the secretary of defense to deploy additional personnel to the border crisis, including members of the armed forces and the National Guard.”

Trump’s pick to carry out his immigration plans, South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem, completed her confirmation hearing last week and is likely to get a vote in the Senate in the coming days.

Trump’s pick for defense

secretary, Fox News personality Pete Hegseth, was grilled by Senate Democrats during his confirmation hearing, but is considered likely to be approved by Republicans when his nomination is brought to the floor.

### Emergency order

The national emergency executive order at the southern border also requires, within 90 days, for the DOD and DHS secretaries to submit a joint report to the president “about the conditions at the southern border of the United States and any recommendations regarding additional actions that may be necessary to obtain complete operational control of the southern border, including whether to invoke the Insurrection Act of 1807.”

The Insurrection Act of 1807 grants the president the authority to deploy the U.S. military domestically and use it against Americans under certain conditions, such as domestic unrest like civil disorder or rebellion.

Another executive order ended several forms of legal immigration such as the use of humanitarian parole programs for nationals from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. It also ended the use of the CBP One app that allowed migrants to make appointments with asylum officers. The app was shut

down within an hour of Trump’s inauguration.

Noem had noted in her confirmation hearing that on Trump’s first day in office the app would be suspended, but that DHS would maintain the data collected.

Nearly 1 million migrants have used the app to secure appointments, according to CBP data.

Later Monday, the ACLU filed a suit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, against the Trump administration’s decision to terminate the CBP One app.

That same executive order also reinstated policies from the first Trump administration such as the so-called Remain in Mexico policy.

Under that order, asylum seekers were required to remain in Mexico — often in dangerous circumstances — while their asylum cases were pending in the courts, something that can take months or even years.

It also reinstated a ban on so-called “catch and release,” which allows migrants who are detained to live in U.S. communities while they await having their asylum cases heard by an immigration judge.

It also directs the Secretary of DHS to establish contracts in order to “construct, operate, control, or use facilities to detain removable” immi-

grants.

### The military and the border

Additionally, the executive orders will clarify the U.S. military’s role in protecting U.S. territory, the Trump official said.

“What this action does is it assigns the mission to seal our borders and institutes campaign planning requirements for the military,” the official said. “The executive order directs the military to prioritize our borders and territorial integrity and strategic planning for its operations to maintain sovereignty, territory integrity and security of the U.S. against all forms of invasion, including unlawful mass migration, narcotic trafficking, human smuggling, attacking and other criminal activities.”

Trump also reinstated an executive order from his first administration, which issued guidance on immigration enforcement policies to focus on removing undocumented immigrants. The Biden administration rescinded that order in 2021.

### Asylum, birthright citizenship

Some of the incoming administration’s actions are likely to face immediate legal challenges. Officials said they plan to move to end asylum — something that is in U.S. law — as well as



A supporter holds up a “Finish the Wall” sign at a 2018 campaign rally for President Donald Trump at the International Air Response Hangar at Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport in Mesa, Arizona. (Gage Skidmore/Flickr, CC BY-SA 2.0)

birthright citizenship, which is guaranteed in the 14th Amendment and affirmed in an 1898 U.S. Supreme Court case.

“The federal government will not recognize automatic birthright citizenship for children of illegal aliens born in the United States,” a Trump official said.

Trump acknowledged that the executive order he signed regarding birthright citizenship might face legal hurdles.

“I think we have good grounds,” Trump said in the Oval Office.

One of the executive orders Trump signed also designates cartel groups as global terrorists.

Another will suspend refugee resettlement operations for at least four months, starting on Jan. 27. The U.S. Office of Refugee Resettlement handles un-

accompanied minors and helps refugees settle into the U.S. In fiscal year 2024, the office resettled more than 100,000 refugees in the country.

Another executive order will direct the attorney general to pursue capital punishment — the death penalty — for the murder of law enforcement officials and capital crimes committed by people in the country without legal authorization.

However, the White House stated that the Department of Justice intends to seek the death penalty for “illegal migrants who maim and murder Americans.”

“This is about public safety, and this is about the victims of some of the most violent, abusive criminals we’ve seen enter our country in our lifetime,” the Trump official said. “And it ends today.”

## Biden Pardons His Family Members, Fauci, Milley and Jan. 6 Committee Members and Staff

By Ashley Murray

WASHINGTON — Hours before his four-year term ended, President Joe Biden issued preemptive pardons early Monday to several officials and lawmakers who have been the target of incoming President-elect Donald Trump’s threats of retaliation as well as several members of his family.

Biden pardoned retired Gen. Mark Milley, Dr. Anthony Fauci, members and staff of the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the U.S. Capitol, and Capitol and D.C. Metropolitan Police officers who testified before the committee.

“I believe in the rule of law, and I am optimistic that the strength of our legal institutions will ultimately prevail over politics. But these are exceptional circumstances, and I cannot in good conscience do nothing. Baseless and political-

ly motivated investigations wreak havoc on the lives, safety, and financial security of targeted individuals and their families,” Biden said in a statement Monday morning.

“Even when individuals have done nothing wrong — and in fact have done the right thing — and will ultimately be exonerated, the mere fact of being investigated or prosecuted can irreparably damage reputations and finances,” Biden said.

Just last month during an interview with NBC News’ “Meet the Press with Kristen Welker,” Trump said that Rep. Bennie Thompson and former Rep. Liz Cheney “lied” and “should go to jail.” The Mississippi Democrat and Wyoming Republican led the panel that investigated the Capitol attack on Jan. 6, 2021.

On that day a violent mob of Trump supporters

marched to the Capitol — at Trump’s urging — and assaulted over 140 police officers and caused upwards of \$2.8 million in damage to the Capitol, according to the Department of Justice.

Trump has promised to pardon those who were convicted on or pleaded guilty to charges related to the attack, describing them as “hostages,” “patriots” and “warriors.” Approximately 1,580 have been charged, according to the latest Department of Justice figures.

Former U.S. Capitol Police Sgt. Aquilino Gonell, who was among law enforcement officers to testify before the Jan. 6 committee, wrote on X Sunday that “The law and order dude is about to pardon those who assaulted the police. Collectively more than 40 rioters attacked me that day.”

Milley was chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff during Trump’s first administration

and continued into Biden’s time in the Oval Office. The retired general is on record describing Trump as a “fascist” and a “wannabe dictator.”

Milley has been the target of Trump’s ire after he refused orders from Trump — among them a directive to send the military to quash protesters in D.C. during a wave of nationwide demonstrations after the murder by police of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

Trump has called for political retribution against Milley. The retired general has been receiving “a nonstop barrage of death threats” since his retirement, according to journalist Bob Woodward.

Fauci, who led the U.S. as the chief medical expert during the COVID-19 pandemic, has for years also been the target of threats and investigations from congressional Republicans.

Trump launched partisan attacks on Fauci and began name-calling the former director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases as early as 2020, describing him as “a total disaster.”

### Pardons for the Biden family

Minutes before Trump swore his oath of office, the White House announced Biden’s preemptive pardons of his siblings and their spouses.

They include James B. Biden, Sara Jones Biden, Valerie Biden Owens, John T. Owens, and Francis W. Biden.

“My family has been subjected to unrelenting attacks and threats, motivated solely by a desire to hurt me — the worst kind of partisan politics. Unfortunately, I have no reason to believe these attacks will end,” Biden said in a statement.

Biden said the pardons

“should not be mistaken as an acknowledgment that they engaged in any wrongdoing, nor should acceptance be misconstrued as an admission of guilt for any offense.”

Rep. James Comer, the Kentucky Republican who chairs the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability, said in a statement that the “preemptive pardons for the Biden Crime Family serve as a confession of their corruption as they sold out the American people to enrich themselves.”

Comer’s committee limped along for years on an investigation of Biden that the GOP-led panel said would lead to Biden’s impeachment, which did not occur.

Comer said his committee’s investigation “will be remembered as one of the most successful ever conducted by Congress.”

## Trump Issues Pardons for 1,500 Defendants Charged in Jan. 6 Attack on U.S. Capitol

By Ashley Murray

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Monday night issued sweeping pardons for nearly all Jan. 6 defendants, erasing accountability for those who violently tried to stop the certification of the 2020 presidential election results on that date in 2021.

Behind the desk of the Oval Office, Trump told reporters he signed a pardon

for nearly 1,500 defendants who participated in the attack and commuted the sentences for several others whose punishments require “further research,” he said.

“We hope they come out tonight. They’re expecting it,” Trump said about the defendants.

Journalists outside the D.C. Central Detention Facility, where many Jan. 6 defendants are being held,

reported families began gathering there Monday in anticipation of the pardons.

The White House released the names of 14 defendants whose sentences Trump commuted. They include numerous right-wing militia leaders convicted of seditious conspiracy.

Among them are Stewart Rhodes of Texas and Kelly Meggs of Florida, the founder and current leader of the Oath Keepers, as well as members of the Proud Boys, including Joseph Biggs of Florida, Ethan Nordean of Washington, Zachary Rehl of Pennsylvania, and Dominic Pezzola of New York.

All remaining Jan. 6 defendants convicted of crimes related to the Capitol attack received a “full, complete and unconditional pardon,” according to the order.

Trump praised the defendants on the campaign trail as “hostages,” “patriots” and “warriors,” and pardoning them became a major theme of Trump’s rallies.

Former U.S. Capitol Police officer Harry Dunn said

the pardons marked a “dark day in American history.”

“This decision is a betrayal to the officers who were severely injured — and died — as a result of the insurrection. This decision puts Americans at risk as these violent criminals return to their communities. These pardons are a reflection of what abuse of power looks like and what we the people are bound to witness over the next four years,” Dunn said in statement released by the anti-Trump group Courage for America.

The U.S. Department of Justice launched its largest-ever investigation following the attack that left over 140 police officers injured and upwards of \$2.8 million in damage to the Capitol.

As of early January the department had charged just over 1,580 people for crimes related to the riot, 608 of whom were charged with assaulting, resisting or impeding law enforcement, including nearly a third who used a dangerous or deadly

weapon, according to the department’s latest figures.

Weapons, and objects used as weapons, brought on the Capitol grounds ranged from firearms and tasers to chemical sprays and sharp-edged weapons, including knives, axes and even a sword, according to the department.

Approximately 1,000 have pleaded guilty — 682 to misdemeanors and 327 to felonies. Just over 200 defendants were found guilty at contested trials, including 10 who were convicted of seditious conspiracy.

Earlier Monday, Trump promised an overflow inauguration crowd in the Capitol Visitors Center that would deliver “action” for the Jan. 6 “hostages.”


He slammed Biden’s preemptive pardoning of the “unselect committee of political thugs,” referring to the former president’s Monday morning action for members and staff who served on the House select committee that probed the Jan. 6 Capitol attack.

Biden also preemptively pardoned police officers who testified before the committee. The officers have lambasted Trump’s promise to pardon the rioters.

Former U.S. Capitol Police Sgt. Aquilino Gonell, one of the officers to receive the pardon, said in a statement Monday that he “was just doing my job and fulfilling my oath” when “American citizens attacked the U.S. Capitol, injuring me and my colleagues.”



“Thank you President Biden for upholding our nation’s democracy, for your years of service to this country, and — in your final moments as Commander-in-Chief — issuing preemptive pardons for me and other loyal Americans. I did not seek a pardon, and I did nothing wrong. My family and I are grateful for your empathy and leadership.”

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# Late Comeback Not Enough To Overcome West Hancock

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**  
A week ago, the Eagle Grove Eagles and West Hancock Eagles girls basketball teams met for the second time this season. Eagle Grove, who lost 62-28 on the road in West Hancock in December, got off to a slow start on Friday, but played the "other" Eagles much tighter this go around.

Both teams struggled to score in the 1st quarter, but West Hancock took a 10-4 lead after a last minute three.

In the 2nd quarter, Kendra Schild sacrificed her body by taking a charge, and Taytum Edwards scored on a putback and again with a nice layup in transition.

Starting forward Myah Edwards was in foul trouble early and sat for most of the 2nd quarter, but she checked in in the 3rd and immediately got a basket. Ellie Lenning got to the hole for two, and Taytum Edwards followed it with a steal, fastbreak layup, and free throw that cut the deficit to seven.

Eagle Grove trailed 38-26 to start the 4th quarter, but Myah Edwards sank a three and Salem Willard converted on two free throws to reduce the lead to single digits. Soon after, Myah and Taytum Edwards both fouled out. Holly Anderson had a late game scoring spurt, but West Hancock made adjustments out of a timeout

and walked out with the 55-38 win.

Taytum Edwards finished with nine points and three steals. Holly Anderson added seven points, seven rebounds, and two steals.

Ellie Lenning shot well and finished with seven points. Schild secured 12 boards and scored six.



Holly Anderson vies for position.



Myka Anderson takes an open shot.



The Eagles run an out of bounds play vs. West Hancock. (Photos by Taylor Smith)

# Trio of Eagles Place 4th in Perry

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**  
A few days after a tough outing in Lake Mills, boys wrestlers from Eagle Grove travelled to Dallas County for Saturday morning's Perry Invitational.

15 schools competed, and the Eagles finished 11th with a team score of 65.5. West Delaware, Manchester won the tournament with a score of 225.5.

Andrew Orozco was one of Eagle Grove's top finishers. The freshman placed 4th at 113 lbs. after earning major decision and fall wins. James Decker of West Marshall beat him via tech fall in the 3rd place match.

Dylan Terwilliger (120) wrestled his way to the 5th place match, but lost by

fall to a Sergeant Bluff-Luton grappler.

Hunter Waldo-Martinez went 3-2 at 126 for 4th place, and Jackson Babcock placed 8th at 138.

Jayden Kreitlow (175) won twice by fall and once by decision for 7th. The junior's record now stands at 22-13.

Jesus Baez would win a decision and pin a man on his way to 4th place at 285.

# Two Wrestlers Earn Bronze At Conference

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**  
Eight schools from the Top of Iowa Conference met in Saint Ansgar on Friday for their conference girls wrestling meet.

Catherine Orozco would win two and lose two in St.

Ansgar. The 19-10 light-weight won by fall over Kesley Roedel of Lake Mills and had a 10-5 decision over a Saint Ansgar wrestler on her way to 3rd place.

Jaymie Anderson wrestled at 115 and picked up two victories by fall. The junior

fought her way to the 5th round, but was defeated via fall by 32-2 Mariah Michels of Saint Ansgar to finish 3rd overall.

Keylyee Collins weighed in at 125 for Eagle Grove and placed 6th.

# Wright County Pool League

## TEAM STANDINGS:

#	Name	Rnd		Pts+	Pts-*	Wins	Loss	Win %	Avg*
		W	L						
1	Moes	28	8	698	695	54	27	66.67	8.58
2	Wizards	22	14	663	639	45	36	55.56	7.89
3	Rookies	20	16	642	630	45	36	55.56	7.78
4	Stokers and Pokers	18	18	664	652	45	36	55.56	8.05
5	Fa'que	18	18	627	612	37	44	45.68	7.56
6	Replacements	17	19	639	639	44	37	54.32	7.89
7	Motley Cue	13	23	604	592	34	47	41.98	7.31
8	Kim Jong Pool	8	28	544	499	21	61	24.69	6.16

\*No Handicap

## PLAYER STANDINGS:

#	Name	Team(s)	Pts+	Pts-	Diff*	Gms	Wins	Loss	Win %	Avg+
1	Dave Walker	Wizards	240	163	77	27	22	5	81.48	8.89
2	Steve Martin	Moes	240	166	74	27	21	6	77.78	8.89
3	Zach Martin	Rookies	231	168	63	27	19	8	70.37	8.56
4	Mike Rolo	Stokers and Pokers	228	184	44	27	17	10	62.96	8.44
5	Steve Evans	Moes	228	206	22	27	16	11	59.26	8.44
6	Dick Stumpf	Moes	227	180	47	27	17	10	62.96	8.41
7	Alec Martin	Rookies	221	202	19	27	16	11	59.26	8.19
8	Jason Stumpf	Replacements	219	207	12	27	14	13	51.85	8.17
9	Daryl Ward	Motley Cue	216	208	8	27	13	14	48.15	8
10	Steve Gordon	Wizards	211	205	6	27	13	14	48.15	7.81
11	Ryan Gardalen	Fa'que	207	212	-5	27	12	15	44.44	7.67
12	Derrick Linn	Stokers and Pokers	206	176	30	24	15	9	62.5	8.58
13	Denny Gardalen	Fa'que	206	201	5	27	14	13	51.85	7.63
14	Brandon Thompson	Replacements	202	202	0	27	14	13	51.85	7.48
15	Dart Humphrey	Motley Cue	202	216	-14	27	12	15	44.44	7.48
16	Keith Larue	Fa'que	199	214	-15	27	11	16	40.74	7.37
17	Eric Hogle	Replacements	196	169	27	24	15	9	62.5	8.17
18	Jeff Asmus	Stokers and Pokers	192	220	-28	27	11	16	40.74	7.11
19	Tom Thielen	Wizards	188	231	-43	27	10	17	37.04	6.96
20	Blake Jackson	Rookies	178	228	-50	27	10	17	37.04	6.59
21	Kyle Disney	Kim Jong Pool	152	246	-94	27	6	21	22.22	5.63
22	Dean Kirstein	Replacements	145	171	-26	21	9	12	42.86	6.9
23	Adam Russel	Kim Jong Pool	113	167	-54	18	3	15	16.67	6.28
24	Brant Buhr	Motley Cue	111	116	-5	15	6	9	40	7.4
25	Kelly Hill	Kim Jong Pool	111	169	-58	18	3	15	16.67	6.17
26	Coit Allen	Motley Cue	63	109	-46	12	3	9	25	5.25
27	Jeff Linn	Stokers and Pokers	26	22	4	4	3	1	66.67	8.67

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# SPORTS

## Morris Secures Double-Double In Win Over West Hancock

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

The 2-11 West Hancock Eagles arrived in The Grove on Friday night for a boys basketball conference battle against the purple and gold.

Shortly after tip-off, Jaxon Morris beat the shot clock with a three and finger rolled a layup on the break to give EG a 7-0 lead. Josh Miller added five 1st quarter points, and Issiac Williams subbed in and showed off his baby hook.

A pair of Adrian Whipple and Morris shot 54% from the field and finished with 19 points and 11 boards. The senior also had three steals

quarter.

The home student section showed some love after Williams hit from distance in the 3rd quarter, and Whip converted twice on strong drives to the basket.

Eagle Grove led 45-30 going into the 4th, but West Hancock took advantage of turnovers and quickly brought the deficit back down to 10. In crunch time, Morris answered the call and calmly guided his team to a 54-39 win.

Morris shot 54% from the field and finished with 19 points and 11 boards. The senior also had three steals

and two blocks for Eagle Grove. This season, Jaxon averages 14.6 points per game and a team-high 2.3 steals per game.

Miller shot 63% from the field and dropped 12 points with eight rebounds, four assists, and three steals.

Whipple struggled with his shot early, but ended the night with 11 points, four steals, and a team-high five assists. Williams scored five off the bench, and sophomore Gavin Pedersen showed his versatility with six points, 10 rebounds, four assists, and three steals.



Adrian Whipple and Josh Miller get back on defense after a free throw.

### UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, Jan. 23

- Varsity Esports vs. Okoboji, 4:00 p.m.
- 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball @ West Hancock, 4:15 p.m.
- Boys J JV Basketball vs. West Hancock @ EG Elementary, 6:30 p.m.

#### Friday, Jan. 24

- Girls JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Bishop Garrigan @ EG Elementary, 4:00 p.m.
- Boys JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Bishop Garrigan @ EG Elementary, 5:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, Jan. 25

- Boys Varsity Wrestling (Top of Iowa Conference Meet) @ St. Ansgar, 10:00 a.m.

#### Monday, Jan. 27

- Junior High Boys Wrestling @ Newman Catholic, 4:15 p.m.
- 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Forest City @ EGHS, 4:15 p.m.
- Boys J JV Basketball vs. North Iowa @ EG Elementary

#### Tuesday, Jan. 28

- Girls JV/Varsity Basketball @ Lake Mills, 4:15 p.m.
- Boys JV/Varsity Basketball @ Lake Mills, 5:00 p.m.
- Varsity Boys Wrestling vs. C-G-D @ EG Elementary, 6:00 p.m.



ESPN reporters covered the West Hancock game from the sidelines.



Issiac Williams calls for the ball against West Hancock. (Photos by Taylor Smith)

## Schafer Goes 3-0 in Mitchell County

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

On January 14, the Eagle Grove boys wrestling team competed against North Butler-Clarksville, Newman Catholic, and St. Ansgar in a Top of Iowa quad held at St. Ansgar High School.

In a head-to-head with North Butler-Clarksville, Hunter Waldo-Martinez (126), Hayden Schafer (157), and Jesus Baez (285) all pinned their opponents, but the Eagles were defeated 42-29. Jayden Kreitlow won a

19-4 technical fall at 190 lbs.

Against Newman Catholic, Schafer, Baez, Ethan Schreiber (106), and Dylan Terwilliger (120) all earned 1st period falls. The Eagles forfeited four weight classes, but still prevailed 42-36.

Schafer wrapped up his perfect quad with a 19-4 technical fall over Jevin Dammen of St. Ansgar. Carter Bjorklund wrestled at 165 and pinned his man in under a minute to help lead the Eagles to a 41-36 team win.



Hayden Schafer, pictured here in Eagle Grove, smiles after a win. (Photo by Mitch Jones Photography)

## Eagles Battle At Home Quad

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

Girls wrestling teams and fans from Humboldt, Webster City/Clarion-Goldfield-Dows, and Northwood-Kensett braved frigid Monday temperatures for a varsity quad at Eagle Grove Elementary. The three grapplers that took the mat for Eagle Grove went a combined 5-1 against some formidable local competition.

Two-time state qualifier Jaymie Anderson wrestled first for the Eagles in their dual vs. Humboldt. The 120-pounder earned near fall points in the 1st period of her match with Emilie Schriber and held a 6-0 lead going into the 2nd. Anderson pinned Schriber in 4:15 and put six points on the board for Eagle Grove.

Next, Keylyee Collins wrestled Madison Parker at 125, losing via technical fall (19-3) in the

2nd period.

Catherine Orozco outclassed Humboldt's Letty Jensen at 100, winning by fall in 1:30. The loaded Wildcat squad won 10 matches by forfeit and defeated EG 65-12.

All three Eagles won their matches against a combined Webster City and Clarion-Goldfield-Dows team. Anderson pinned Marlee Thompson in 1:25, and Collins led for the majority of her match before winning by fall over Isabelle McNeil in the 3rd period. Orozco dominated Amielia Lindsey, winning via fall in just 57 seconds. There were double forfeits at seven weight classes, but the Lynx escaped with the 24-18 dual win.

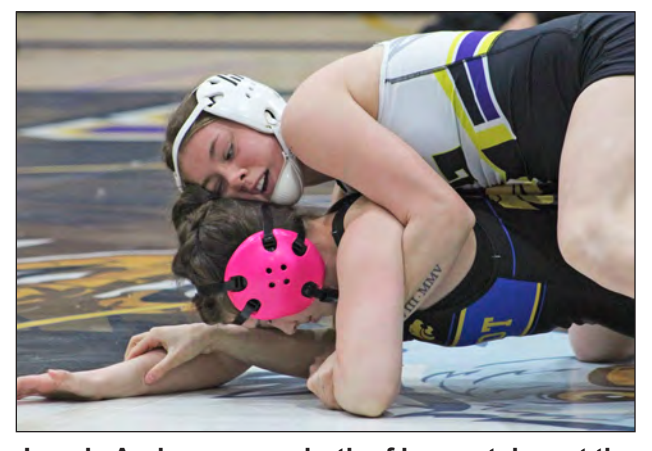
Eagle Grove and Northwood-Kensett did not face each other due to having no weight classes in common. Humboldt defeated WC/C-G-D 66-11.



Keylyee Collins wrestled at 125 for Eagle Grove.



Catherine Orozco pinned a Lynx wrestler in under a minute.



Jaymie Anderson won both of her matches at the Eagle Grove Quad. (Photos by Taylor Smith)



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