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City Council Sets Dates for Equipment Loan, Street Project Hearings

By Edward Lynn
Editor

The Eagle Grove City Council met Monday, Jan. 20, a night so frigid that the internet went out in the meeting room. The council plodded on, however, and addressed a range of agenda items, including a dangerous dog appeal, streets improvements, a pair of development agreements, and a loan for the replacement of worn out and obsolete equipment.

Mayor Mike Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Council members Al Pamperin, Tony Axtell, Wally Lorenzen, Denny Vandewater, and Mike Weland were present, with member Kelly Limerick absent. City officials in attendance included City Administrator Bryce Davis, City Attorney Lynn Seaba, Captain Hennigar, and Nuisance Officer Valentine of the Eagle Grove Police Department. Nancy Strubb provided the opening prayer.

Dangerous Dog Order Upheld

The council held a public hearing regarding a dangerous dog appeal. Jaime Lawson provided testimony about her experience with the animal, while Nuisance Officer Valentine and City Attorney Seaba outlined the city's ordinances and legal procedures. Following discussion, the council voted unanimously to affirm the dangerous dog order. As a result, no action was taken on Resolution 2025-12, which would have reversed the order.

Development Agreements and Loan Consideration

The council reviewed multiple development agreements. No action was taken on a resolution authorizing a development agreement with First Bank (Resolution 2025-08). And, agreements with Gold-Eagle Cooperative (Resolutions 2025-09 and 2025-10) which have been discussed at length in recent issues were approved unanimously.

Public Hearings Set

Additionally, the council discussed Resolution 2025-11, which sets a date for a public hearing for a proposed loan of \$350,000 earmarked to cover the replacement cost of worn out vehicles and equipment, such as mowers, pumps, and a loader among other needed items. The hearing was set for Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 PM.

A second public hearing, regarding the 2025 Street Improvement project, as set for Monday, March 3, at 6:30 PM.

Other Business

The council also reviewed the final dismissal report from the Iowa Public Information Board concerning a complaint by Kevin and Rachel Cahalan, which was placed into the public record with no further action taken.

The council set the mileage reimbursement rate for city employees at \$0.70 per mile for CY2025.

In preparation for the upcoming fiscal year, council members discussed the FY2026 budget process and committee dates. Department reports from the police, public works, city administrator, and mayor were also presented.

Region Beats State Jobs Report

By Michael Hohenbrink
Mid-America Publishing

Area counties outperformed the latest state jobs report.

The latest report has Wright County at 2.4 percent to lead the region.

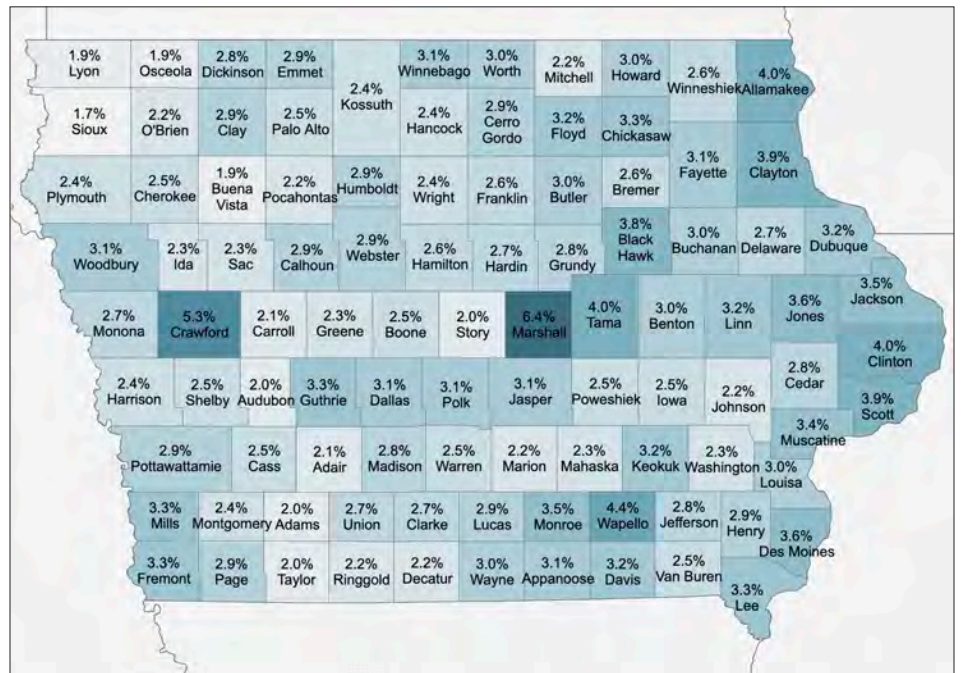
Franklin County came in at 2.6 percent, tying Hamilton County while Hardin County stood at 2.7 percent.

Grundy County came in at 2.8 percent while Butler County was at three percent even.

Statewide, Iowa climbed from 3.1 to 3.2 percent while Marshall County the highest in the state at 6.4 percent and Crawford County second highest at 5.3 percent.

Sioux County at 1.6 percent was the lowest in the state.

“December’s report shows modest growth as a result of hiring across most parts of the Iowa economy, and employers added 4,000 jobs,” said Beth Townsend, Executive Director of Iowa Workforce Development. “The increase in labor force participation was driven largely by college graduates who quickly decided to enter our workforce. With over 50,000 open jobs in Iowa, there is still an abundance of opportunities for graduates and other Iowans looking for their next job.”



State of Iowa's Labor Market

More Statistics on Iowa's Labor Market

3.2%

Unemployment Rate (December 2024)

7,400

Job Growth Over the Past Year

50,544

Current Job Openings in Iowa

Unemployment Statistics (December 2024)

66.4%

Labor Force Participation Rate

-17,500

Change in labor force over the past year

53,900

Total Unemployed

Guth, Thompson Begin 2025 Legislative Session

By Rebecca Peter
Mid-America Publishing

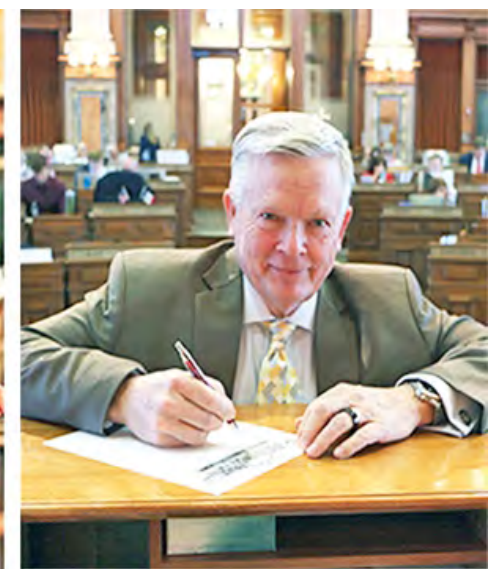
DES MOINES—The oath of office was administered to two local state legislators, State Senator Dennis Guth and State Representative Mark Thompson on Monday, Jan. 13, prior to the start of the 2025 Iowa Legislature.

Guth Sworn in for 4th term

Senator Dennis Guth, R-Klemme, was sworn in for his fourth term in the Iowa Senate.

“As your senator, I will continue supporting a strong foundation for a prosperous

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L-R: State Senator Dennis Guth of Klemme takes the oath of office prior to the 2025 Iowa Legislature. Mark Thompson (R-Clarion) took the oath of office in the Iowa House Chamber on January 13, 2025. (Photos submitted)

ICE Agents Have Been Seen Making Raids Across America—Here's the Situation in North Iowa So Far

By Edward Lynn
Editor

Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials have been observed operating

across the country, including throughout Iowa this week, following President Donald Trump's pledge to intensify efforts against undocumented workers.

Governor Kim Reynolds has instructed Iowa law enforcement agencies to "fully cooperate and assist" federal authorities in executing deportation measures. However, local officials in Webster County have expressed concerns about their ability to comply, citing a critical lack of space in the county jail.

While the Wright County Sheriff's Office reports that

Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, had not yet made contact with them as of Tuesday morning, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office did have a visit from ICE. "Immigration had not contacted me," Franklin County Sheriff Aaron Dodd told the Eagle. "My understanding is that they picked up 2 persons from our courthouse, who had court dates scheduled. But I can't confirm that."

Likewise, the Webster County Sheriff's Office had not yet heard from ICE, as of Monday. "As immigration and legal residency

status is a matter of federal, rather than state or local law, I do not believe it will be necessary for county attorneys to play a role," said Webster County Attorney Darren Driscoll. "However, it is possible that county jail facilities could be used to hold individuals for federal authorities. In Webster County, that would be very difficult."

The Wright County Jail and the Hardin County Jail, which also takes prisoners from Franklin County which does not have a jail, are not currently overcrowded, ac-

ording to jail officials. However, in keeping with a common theme across much of Iowa, Webster County's jail faces chronic overcrowding and has been forced to outsource inmate housing. Currently, the county maintains a waiting list of 1,200 individuals who have been sentenced but cannot serve their time due to the lack of available space.

"We are not staffed to commit several deputies to begin enforcing immigration laws," Webster County Sheriff Luke Fleener told the Messenger. "Also, we

do have an agreement in place to house federal inmates if needed. However, as most people are aware, the Webster County Jail is always at capacity. We currently have 20 inmates housed out of county at a cost of \$2,000 a day, and we would not have room for a federal detainee for immigration violations. Those individuals would have to be transported elsewhere by the arresting agency. This is one of the reasons that taxpayers were asked to consider funding the construction of a new jail."



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A Car Story: Riding Out the Flood

**Kirk Cramer,
Columnist**

My love for cars started at an early age and 60 years later, I enjoy going to car shows whenever I get the chance. As the saying goes, when the top goes down the price goes up. However, not in my case, especially when the car is under three feet of water.

It all started when I went to the Good Guys Car Show in Des Moines, Iowa in 2018. After the show I drove my 1968 Camaro Convertible back to my daughter's house, who lived in Des Moines at the time, thinking it would be nice and safe there instead of on the fairgrounds. I went to bed early so I could get a good start on day two of the show. My night was interrupted when my wife woke me up in the middle of the night screaming that the backyard was flooding.

There were flashing lights outside warning the neighborhood that the levy had broken upstream and this area was flood-

ing fast. I ran to check on my car right when their garage door gave way to the rushing waters and I was in three feet of water trying to keep the debris in the garage from banging against my beautiful car. My display signs and pictures were floating in the backseat and the engine was underwater. I knew it was a lost cause.

It took me six weeks to move on after realizing that not only my dream car but our other two cars that were parked there, were totaled out. I decided to thumb through the Hemmings Motor News and lo and behold, I saw my future car!

The picture of a 1967 Camaro black hardtop RSSS was staring up at me. I called the number and after telling the owner my story, he said he'd hold the until I made the four-hour trip to Kansas City. I took my trailer knowing this was my *new* dream car and I *would* be bringing it home, which I did.



(Photos provided by Kirk Cramer)

Wright County Conservation Prepares Wood Duck Nesting Boxes Ahead of Spring

Last week, The Wright County Conservation staff worked on cleaning wood duck nesting boxes that are placed around our wildlife areas.

These beautiful birds once faced the risk of extinction during the late 19th century and early 20th century due to overhunting and loss of habitat. However, with conservation efforts, the Wood Duck population is increasing and is considered one of the most widespread nesting duck species in Iowa.

During the spring around March, Wood Ducks begin returning to Iowa to start nesting. Wood ducks exhibit a pretty unique nesting behavior. Now, most species of ducks lay their eggs in depressions on the ground, which allows them easy escape from predators and an easy transition for ducklings who are ready to leave their nest. Wood ducks, instead, lay their eggs in cavities of trees. They are unable to create their own cavities, so they usually find an abandoned cavity or a hole in the tree where a branch broke off. Sometimes these cavities can be 60 feet high!

Being in an enclosed space

while nesting means that if a predator ventures into the cavity, it is much harder for the wood duck hen to escape; leading wood ducks to have some of the highest mortality rates out of all of our duck species in Iowa. Wood duck chicks leave the nest only 24 hours after hatching! They do this by jumping out of the nest and falling to the ground. Yes, their nest can be up to 60 feet from the ground, but luckily since they are so light they don't get harmed. Chicks will stay on the ground with their mother until they are about 5-6 weeks old and forage for their own food. Once they reach about 8-9 weeks old they will be able to fly. Around early fall, Wood Ducks will migrate south to warmer weather.

Staff found wood duck eggs in nearly all of the boxes so they are being well used! Sometimes multiple wood duck hens will lay eggs in the same nest, known as dumping, and could result in over 20 eggs in the same nest. These eggs are not incubated, and they often do this either because there is a threat of predators or there are not enough available nesting sites. Staff did find



(Photo by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service)

evidence of this interesting behavior in some of the nest boxes.

If you are a landowner with possible wood duck habitat and are interested in building wood duck-specific nesting boxes, check out

this publication from ISU: Woodworking for Wildlife - Wood Duck Box (ISU How to Build a Wood Duck Box). The NRCS may also be able to provide financial assistance to building costs, contact your local agency.

Woodland Management and Water Quality Workshop to Be Held Feb. 18 near Webster City

By Elizabeth Ripley

AMES, Iowa — Iowa Learning Farms, in partnership with Iowa State University, will host a woodland management and water quality workshop on Tuesday, Feb. 18, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Briggs Woods Conference Center near Webster City. Farmers and landowners are welcome to attend the free workshop and have a complimentary meal.

Hosted by Billy Beck, ISU Extension and Outreach forestry specialist, and Michelle Soupir, professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering at Iowa State, the workshop will cover how woodland management and woodchip bioreactors can work together to reduce nitrate and improve water quality. Through an innovative research and demonstration project supported by USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture, the team is exploring how traditionally low-value timber species perform in woodchip bioreactors in an effort to meet both landowner woodland management and statewide water quality goals.

The event will be held at the Briggs Wood Conference Center, Van Diest Supply Company Meeting



Woodchip bioreactor installation in Buena Vista County June 2019. (Photo courtesy of Iowa Learning Farms.)

Room, 2501 Briggs Woods Trail, Webster City, and is free and open to farmers and landowners, though reservations are required to ensure adequate space and food. Attendees will enjoy a complimentary meal and be entered in a drawing for ISU Prairie Strips honey. For reasonable accommodations and to RSVP, please contact Liz Ripley at 515-294-5429 or ilf@iastate.edu.

This event is supported by USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture grant

award 2024-68016-42660. Iowa Learning Farms field days and workshops are supported by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. For more information about Iowa Learning Farms, visit www.iowalearningfarms.org.

About Iowa Learning Farms

Established in 2004, Iowa Learning Farms is building a Culture of Conservation by encouraging adoption of conservation practices. Farmers, researchers and

ILF team members are working together to identify and implement the best management practices that improve water quality and soil health while remaining profitable. Partners of Iowa Learning Farms include the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Iowa Department of Natural Resources (USEPA section 319) and GROWMARK Inc.

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Supervisors Address Bridge Project, Battery Fires, and Medical Examiner Fees

Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing

During Monday's meeting, the Wright County Board of Supervisors considered a range of issues, including the Voss Quarry Bridge project, landfill safety concerns, and support for county medical examiners. Public input during the meeting sparked discussion, which is covered in the article below.

Construction and Conservation

Wright County Engineer Adam Clemons shared an

update on the Voss Quarry Bridge project. The bridge's deck has been removed, and crews are halfway through dismantling the structure's abutments and piers. Crews hope to complete the bridge demolition before the migration of the Topeka Shiner, a federally protected fish species.

For those curious about the project, the county has been posting updates, including drone footage, on its Facebook page. In addition to infrastructure up-

dates, the Board discussed administrative decisions regarding county medical examiners.

County Medical Examiners

The board spent time considering whether to cover annual membership fees for the county medical examiners. In the past, the county has paid for the training but not membership. Membership reduces training costs by \$50. The board agreed to pay the \$100 membership fee per examiner, seeing it as

a way to save money and support the important work of the medical examiners.

Landfill Fires

Lithium batteries are still causing headaches—and fires—at the Wright County landfill. Supervisor Lynn Loux highlighted ongoing concerns about lithium batteries causing fires at the Wright County landfill. When disposed of in regular trash, these batteries can ignite, posing safety risks despite the installation of new fire detection and grinding systems.

The supervisors discussed options for additional safety measures.

Drainage District

In their role as Drainage Trustees, the supervisors reviewed and approved a repair request for a damaged tile in DD 30, Pleasant Township.

The Supervisors will meet again on Monday February 3, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. You can stream this meeting and past meetings at youtube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312.

Eagle Grove Community School District -MENU-

Monday, Feb. 3

BREAKFAST: Breakfast Pizza, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Pretzel Bites, Corn, Salad, Fruit

Tuesday, Feb. 4

BREAKFAST: Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Chicken Tacos, Black Beans, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday, Feb. 5

BREAKFAST: Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Shepherds Pie, Broccoli, Fruit Cocktail, Bread & Butter

Thursday, Feb. 6

BREAKFAST: French Toast, Smokies, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Chicken Nuggets, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce

Friday, Feb. 7

BREAKFAST: Cereal, Frudel, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Chili, Carrots/Celery, Apple, Cinnamon Roll

Supervisors Face Pressure to Address Pipeline Safety Concerns

Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing

The Wright County Board of Supervisors meeting featured passionate public input from Julie Glade, a landowner who could be affected by the proposed CO2 pipeline by Summit Carbon Solutions. Glade urged the Board to pass protective ordinances to regulate pipeline setbacks, even without full consensus from the Planning and Zoning Board.

Landowner Requests Action

During the open forum, Glade called on the Board to revisit the issue of setbacks. She noted other counties have passed ordinances with setbacks to protect schools, nursing homes, and rural residents from potential pipeline dangers.

"We've been told in the past that the Board of Supervisors can't move ahead without zoning ordinances from the Planning and Zoning Board," Glade said. She shared that it is her understanding that it is the Supervisors' responsibility to direct the Planning and

Zoning Board to draft ordinances. "The public doesn't have the power to direct them," she stated following up with. "We can't keep passing the buck."

Glade stated that Wright County has more miles of pipelines than any other county in the state, increasing the risk of a rupture. "If this thing goes through, there will be a rupture in Wright County," she said with confidence. "People are going to suffer, and people are going to possibly die."

Iowa Senate File

Glade also referenced Iowa Senate File 136, introduced on January 23, which would allow counties to establish setbacks. The file is introduced by Republicans Salmon, Campbell, Taylor, Rowley, Alons, Lofgren, Green, Evans, Westrich, and Shipley. Lobbyists currently against the bill are from Iowa Propane Gas Association and the American Petroleum Institute. Iowa Farmers Union and the Iowa Chapter of Sierra Club have expressed sup-

port with the Linn County Board of Supervisors undecided.

Still, Glade urged the Board to act now rather than waiting for litigation outcomes in other counties.

Supervisors Respond

Supervisor Dean Kluss pointed to past decisions by the Board, stating, "I think it's clear from the record where we stand... whether we are opposed to the pipeline or for the pipeline."

Glade challenged the Supervisors to take the next step by passing ordinances, noting that other counties with fewer pipeline miles have already done so. Supervisor Betty Ellis stated that Wright County's Planning and Zoning Board had drafted an ordinance but placed it on hold due to concerns over lawsuits against other counties.

County Engineer Adam Clemmons clarified that while the Supervisors could direct Planning and Zoning to act, the board itself must vote to enact any recommendations. "They have their own vote to enact it or

not," he said.

According to the Iowa Code, the Planning and Zoning Board along with the Board of Adjustments has two specific roles: prepare the zoning ordinance, and review and recommend zoning amendments and updates. The Planning and Zoning Commission "acts in an advisory capacity to the elected body".

When Glade asked why the Supervisors had not moved forward as other counties had, Kluss noted ongoing litigations and rulings by the Iowa Utilities Board. "The Iowa Utilities Board has already made a decision (to approve eminent domain to install and operate the CO2 pipeline), and that decision is contingent upon certain things," he stated.

The Wright County Board of Adjustments will hold a public hearing to "address variances requested at 1825 Cornelia Drive in Clarion" at 5:00 P.M. at 416 5th Ave. SW, Clarion, Iowa. A resident has requested setback variances, specifically

which setbacks were not stated in the agenda.

Press for Power

Glade argued that the Supervisors have the power to act, regardless of Planning and Zoning's position. Ellis and Kluss acknowledged the complexity of the issue, promising to consult with legal counsel and the board of Planning and Zoning/Adjustments.

Glade pushed back against relying on litigation to protect people from the maybe hazardous pipeline. "We can't rely on other things (or people) to stop this pipeline when we have a chance to do what we can locally," she said.

As the debate continues, Wright County residents and leaders face the challenge of balancing legal issues with the urgent need to address public safety concerns.

For more details on this meeting or related documents mentioned in this article, visit the Wright County, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach or LegiScan websites.

Iowa Central Fuel Testing Laboratory Announces Grand Opening February 7, 2025

Iowa Central Community College is thrilled to announce the grand opening of the new, state-of-the-art Fuel Testing Laboratory. The grand opening will take place on Friday, February 7, 2025, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at 1310 A Street West, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501.

We are honored to welcome Governor Kim Reynolds as our featured speaker for the occasion. Joining her

as distinguished guests are Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig and Congressman Randy Feenstra.

This facility represents a major step forward in our commitment to meeting the needs of our region and advancing leadership in the sustainable fuel industry. It will serve as a hub for innovation reflecting the longstanding dedication of the Iowa Central Fuel Test-

ing Laboratory to fostering progress in sustainable fuels.

Dr. Jesse Ulrich, President of Iowa Central Community College, expressed excitement about the unveiling: "On behalf of Iowa Central Community College, we extend our greatest congratulations to the teams that have contributed to the opening of the expanded, state-of-the-art Iowa Cen-

tral Fuel Testing Laboratory. It is an honor for the college and the Fort Dodge community to be partners in supporting the Fuel Testing Laboratory as they continue to innovate the industry and contribute to the sustainability and economic strength of our region."

The grand opening will include remarks from our esteemed guests and tours of the new laboratory. We

invite the Fort Dodge community to celebrate this milestone with us and learn more about how this facility will contribute to a sustainable future for our region.

Grand Opening of Iowa Central Community College Fuel Testing Laboratory:
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economy to create jobs, and protect Iowa's sovereignty and states' rights," said Senator Guth. "I am proud to continue to serve the great state of Iowa, and I look forward to continuing working on behalf of the people of my district."

Senator Guth serves on the Agriculture, Appropriations, Health and Human

Services, and Local Government committees.

Dennis Guth was born and raised near Klemme. After graduating from high school and earning an Ag Mechanization degree at Iowa State University, he returned to work on his family's farm.

Senator Guth has served on church boards as well

as community boards including: Hancock Co Pork Producers, Hancock Farm Bureau, and Family Leader/Iowa Family Policy Center.

Senator Guth and his wife, Margaret (Campbell) have been married for over 40 years. They have five adult children and many delightful grandchildren.

Thompson Sworn in for the 91st General Assembly
Rep. Mark Thompson (R-Clarion) was sworn into the Iowa House of Representatives on the first day of the 91st General Assembly.

The swearing-in ceremony was followed by opening remarks by Speaker of the House Pat Grassley, outlining some of the priorities of

the Legislature for the 2025 session.

This is Rep. Thompson's second term in the Iowa House of Representatives. He is the current Vice Chair for the Justice Systems Budget Subcommittee. He serves on the Local Government, Veterans Affairs, Judiciary, and International Relations Committees.

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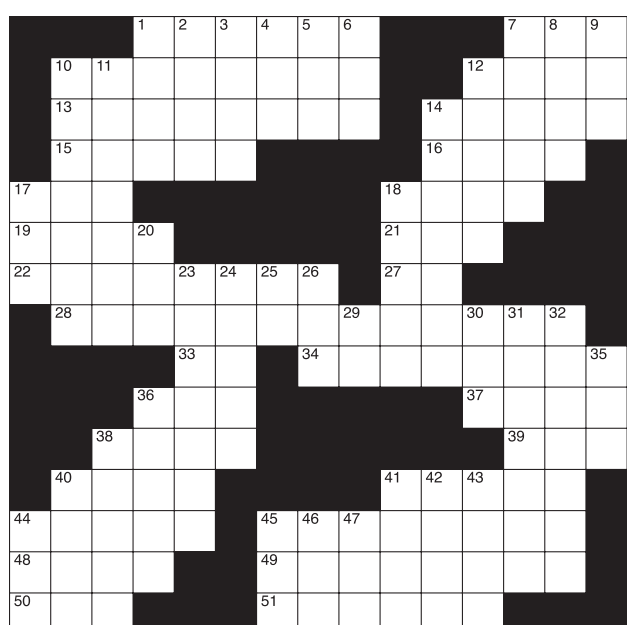
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Where entertainers perform
- 7. Miller beer variety
- 10. Ageless
- 12. River in SE Europe
- 13. Able to be repaired
- 14. Type of wrap
- 15. Atomic #54
- 16. Type of tent
- 17. U.S. Treasury position
- 18. Opposed to
- 19. Protective covering
- 21. Bridge building degree
- 22. Clouding of the lens
- 27. Priestess of Hera loved by Zeus
- 28. Unacceptable
- 33. Mr. T's "The A-Team" characters
- 34. American national park
- 36. One point south of due east
- 37. Assist in a crime
- 38. Greek mythological personification of Earth
- 39. A major division of geological time
- 40. German courtesy title
- 41. English family dating back to Norman times
- 44. Discounts
- 45. South American nation
- 48. Former Milwaukee Buck Michael
- 49. Hostile
- 50. Passports and drivers licenses are two
- 51. Discourages from doing

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Supreme god of ancient Egyptians
- 2. Nevada city
- 3. Energy, style and enthusiasm
- 4. Bird's beak
- 5. Language
- 6. Midway between south and southeast
- 7. Punjab village
- 8. Small biting flies
- 9. Sportscaster Patrick
- 10. A way to get around
- 11. Repeat
- 12. A way to cook with fat
- 14. Temporary loss of consciousness
- 17. Reciprocal of a sine
- 18. Fir tree genus
- 20. "Transformers" director Michael
- 23. Criminals who steal
- 24. Genus of leaf-footed bug
- 25. Music product
- 26. "Talk to you"
- 29. Santa says it three times
- 30. Doctors' group
- 31. African nation
- 32. Ageless
- 35. When you hope to get somewhere
- 36. Worn
- 38. Deprives of vigor
- 40. Used to have (Scottish)
- 41. Where you live
- 42. Muslim ruler title
- 43. Basics
- 44. Type of drug (abbr.)
- 45. Spanish soldier
- 46. It precedes two
- 47. Illuminated

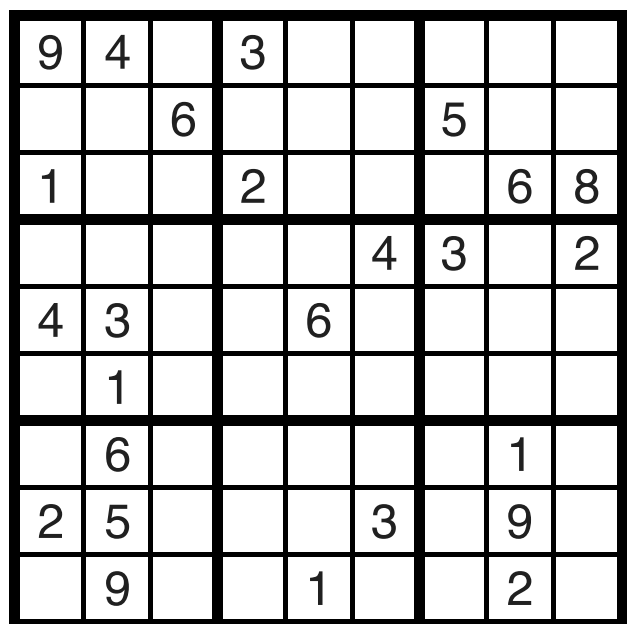
Solutions can be found on the Classified page

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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



Level: Intermediate

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SLOW COOKING WORD SEARCH

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Fort Dodge Couple Sues City Alleging Misconduct by a Police Officer

By Clark Kauffman

A Fort Dodge couple is suing the city, alleging a police officer improperly entered their home and violated their civil rights.

Robert and Tamisha Benedict are suing the City of Fort Dodge and Officer Leighton Walker in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa, alleging assault, trespassing, negligent hiring and supervision of city personnel, and civil rights violations

related to an unreasonable search.

The couple alleges that on Aug. 15, 2024, Walker was on duty and patrolling the city while Tamisha Benedict was at home with her two teenage sons and their friends – one of whom was Walker's daughter.

Around 7 p.m., the lawsuit states, Tamisha Benedict had to leave the house to take one of the children to an event and communicated that fact to Ashley Utley, the

mother of Walker's child. She later gave her address to Utley so she could pick up her daughter.

According to the lawsuit, Walker then drove to the Benedict house and, while on duty, armed and in uniform, entered the home and conducted a complete search of the property.

"Walker eventually cornered the teenagers in the basement," the lawsuit alleges, and "battered his daughter and dragged her

out of the house."

The lawsuit alleges the Benedict children were "terrified" by the incident.

The lawsuit was originally filed late last year in Webster County District Court but was transferred recently to federal court. The city has yet to file a response in either state or federal court.

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Ag Pest Control and Seed Treatment Course Set for February 19

Clarion, Iowa – Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Wright County will host an Ag Pest Control and Seed Treatment Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for commercial pesticide applicators Wednesday, February 19, 2025. The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), is available at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is the Wright County

Extension office. Preregistration may be required. Walk-ins are not guaranteed admission. The course runs from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45. There will be one reshod date available, at no extra charge, on Monday, March 3, 2025. This course runs 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Alondra Perez at the ISU Extension and Outreach Wright County office at 515-532-3453.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for commercial pesticide applicators certified in categories 1A, 1B, 1C, and 4. Topics covered will include pesticide use and the environment; pesticide labels and comprehension; and pests, pest management, and pesticides.

Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) Continuing Education Units (CEUs) will be offered at this program. Interested participants should bring their CCA number.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered by the PSEP program can be accessed at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP>.

Contact: Betsy Danielson, ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program, 515-294-1122, betsydan@iastate.edu

Alondra Perez, Office Assistant and Program Coordinator, 515-532-3453, alperetz@iastate.edu

With 29.9 Million Birds Lost, Iowa is Worst State for Bird Flu

by Lauren Cross, Investigate Midwest

This story was originally published on Investigate Midwest.

The latest data from the CDC and USDA show the continued devastating effects of bird flu outbreaks across the United States – with Iowa, the nation's leading egg producer, suffering substantial losses.

Since November 2023, more than 12.1 million poultry birds have been affected in Sioux, Iowa.

On Jan. 17, health officials in Georgia, the nation's leading state for chicken production, announced it was suspending poultry sales after detecting bird flu, for the first time, in flocks designated for commercial sale. This recent development is not yet reflected in the CDC and USDA databases used for this analysis.

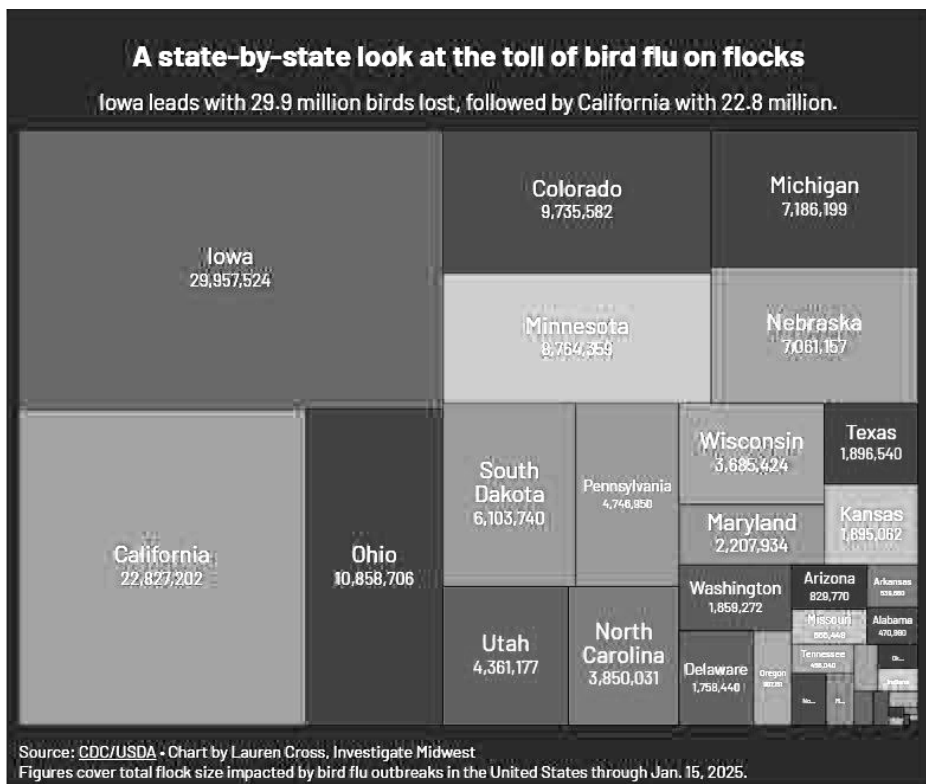
"This is a serious threat to Georgia's #1 industry and the livelihoods of thousands of Georgians who make their living in our state's poultry industry. We are working around the clock to mitigate any further spread of the disease and ensure that normal poultry activities in Georgia can resume as quickly as possible," Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Tyler Harper said in a news release.

Since federal and state government officials began tracking in February 2022, at least 1,400 outbreaks have been reported in more than 600 counties nationwide, affecting nearly 135 million birds.

Other counties experiencing severe losses include Weld County, Colorado, with 9.95 million since April 2022, and Merced County, California, recording 8.35 million, according to the data.

Midwest states with the highest number of birds affected include Iowa, Ohio, Minnesota, Michigan, and Nebraska.

Meanwhile, 67 human cases have been reported in the U.S. since the flu was



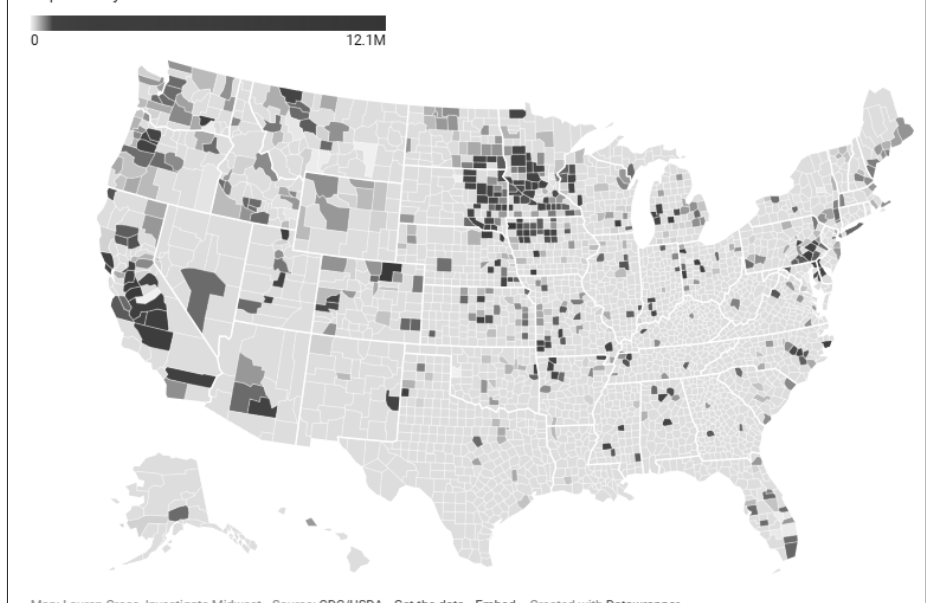
Source: CDC/USDA • Chart by Lauren Cross, Investigate Midwest. Figures cover total flock size impacted by bird flu outbreaks in the United States through Jan. 15, 2025. * A Flourish hierarchy chart

County	State	Flock Size	Outbreak Date
814 Wright	Iowa	1.02M	November 6, 2022
837 Wright	Iowa	1.1M	October 31, 2022

Bird flu count data from the CDC is current as of Jan. 24, 2025 with data going back to February 2022. Table: Lauren Cross, Investigate Midwest • Source: CDC/USDA data • Get the data • Created with Datawrapper

Counties with reported bird flu outbreaks

This map shows counties with reported bird flu outbreaks as of Jan. 15, 2025. Darker shades indicate larger flock sizes impacted by the outbreaks.



Map: Lauren Cross, Investigate Midwest • Source: CDC/USDA • Get the data • Embed • Created with Datawrapper

first detected in humans in 2024, according to the CDC.

"While the current public health risk is low, CDC is watching the situation

carefully and working with states to monitor people with animal exposures," the agency stated on its website, which is regularly updated with the latest in-

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By Iowa State Senator Dennis Guth (R-Klemme)

Martin Luther King Day on Monday meant the Iowa Legislature was not in session. That allowed several Iowa senators the opportunity to attend the inauguration in D.C. Tuesday was quiet, with a few subcommittees being run and landowners protesting the CO2 pipelines.

Wednesday was very busy all day with committees, subcommittees and constituents. One of the highlights was having the FFA (Future Farmers of America) groups from several schools in my district visit the Capitol. I always enjoy speaking with these kids and learning how they want to use the skills they acquire in FFA. They learn how to be good citizens, as well as understanding the agricultural industry. These students include many of the future leaders of agriculture and industry in our state. It's good to see the next generation engaged in public service by being informed and active.

I chaired the subcommittee for SF 6, which would require all daycare, schools and colleges to inform parents about exemptions, both medical and religious, to vaccine mandates. Those exemptions have been in place in the past, but many schools chose to avoid informing parents and promoted the idea "no shots, no school." That is not the law. We had around 20 people show up in support of the bill by telling their stories about being bullied by schools. The only objection was received by email from the Iowa Osteopathic Medical Association. While they had a representative attending the subcommittee, they chose not to speak up after hearing the other side. This bill was passed in the House on the same day and will advance to full committee in both chambers.

I think this reflects the enthusiasm of conservatives after seeing President Trump win re-election and the increase in the Republican majorities in Iowa. There is a lot of energy in the Capitol right now and

I hope to see many good things happen this session.

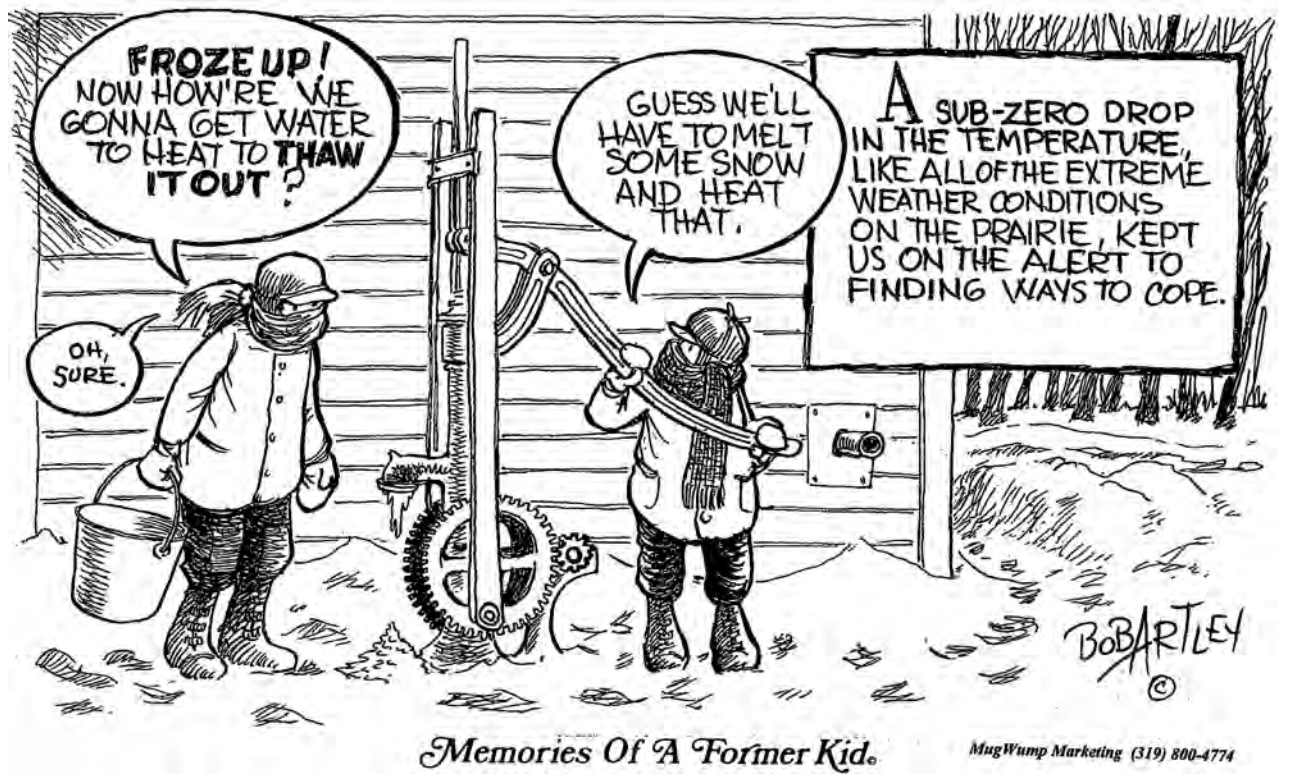
One of those things I hope to see advance is SSB 1028. This bill requires the human growth and development instruction in grades 1-12 include instruction related to human development inside the womb, a high-definition ultrasound video showing the presence of the brain, heart, and other vital organs in early fetal development, and a high-quality, computer generated rendering or animation that depicts the humanity of the unborn child by showing prenatal human development, starting at fertilization. SSB 1028 also passed out of subcommittee on Thursday.

I have submitted bills to promote medical freedom and limit the use of eminent domain to projects of true public benefit. I support a bill being introduced by Senator Salmon that would limit the Governor's emergency powers to 60 days without the legislature's authorization of an extension.

Quote for the week:

A life of challenge is more satisfying than a life of regrets.

Editor's note: When asked for follow-up on his reference to "bullying by schools," Senator Guth replied that at the subcommittee for SF 6, testimony from the mother of an allegedly vaccine injured child with a medical exemption was heard. He related the anecdote that the mother witnessed another mother being told 'no shots, no school' by a school official, and the official stuck to that point in spite of the first mother's assertion that the law says that there are medical and religious exceptions. "I could call that intimidation," Guth wrote to the Eagle in a text message exchange. "Instead I said bullying. Bullying is defined as being verbal, social or physical. It is caused by an imbalance of power." And, Guth added, "when parents feel powerless to oppose the institution of a school, that would certainly meet the definition of bullying."



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The past week was short, but rather intense. Whenever veterans and FFA students show up on the same day, the capitol is packed. I led a subcommittee on Veterans issues relating to local veterans' service officers (VSO) and state veterans' affairs implementation of services.

In the local government arena, I led a subcommittee regarding a proposal to alert taxpayers more effectively regarding changes in tax rates and bonds. The proposal was tabled. I was in favor of tabling due to feedback last year in which small counties (like ours) were forced to spend their own funds to send out additional statements that ultimately (in many cases) did not clarify how our taxes were being spent.

There are several pictures of the FFA students that were taken in the well of the House Chambers. Unfortunately,

I was only able to take one group to the top of the Capitol, due to other meetings that day. Hopefully in the future, such large groups are deconflicted.

We also held our first subcommittee meeting on justice appropriations. While that sounds rather bland, I discovered it has significant potential since resources for victims of human trafficking and other violent crimes originate from this subcommittee. Victims (and survivors) are a key component of future human trafficking legislation and this was a valuable meeting to understand the process to pay for such assistance as well as the investigative and prosecutorial elements.

There has been a deluge of bills being introduced, some more impactful and meaningful than others. I remain committed to being part of meaningful legislation.

First-Ever Federal and Other Funds Budget Subcommittee Meeting

The newly-formed Federal and Other funds Budget Subcommittee also met for the first time this week.

Historically, any money allocated to the state of Iowa from the federal government comes with many strings attached.

Federal programs too often treat states like Iowa exactly the same as California, even though our needs are very different. The reality is that states are much better equipped to react to situations and know what is best for their citizens. But too often, the federal government stands in our way.

The current administration has expressed a willingness to work with states to make these programs better tailored to each state's needs.

With this new committee, Iowa will be one of the lead-

ers in the country on how to best use this new flexibility from the federal government.

Newly Formed Higher Education Committee's Agenda Takes Shape

This week, the newly formed "Higher Education" committee released 14 bills for consideration. These bills give a good idea of what's on the table for this committee this year.

These bills include ideas to make college more affordable, review academic programs' alignment with the state's workforce needs, ensure students are free from indoctrination, and eliminate DEI from all institutes of higher education, among other ideas.

ESA Funding

Recently, it was posted on Facebook that the state's ESA program will cost Iowa taxpayers \$1 billion. The actual number expected to be spent on ESAs during this school year is \$218 million.

In the FY 2025 budget, state aid to public schools' accounts for 43.62% of the entire state budget. That's the biggest piece of the pie by far. ESAs, meanwhile, account for 2.01% of the total state budget.

Biden Was Right About Oligarchy

Look no further than Trump's second inauguration and its tech billionaire guests.

By Sam Pizzigati

Over three score years ago, President Dwight Eisenhower had a warning for America.

"We must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex," Eisenhower exhorted in his 1961 farewell address. "The

potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

"We must never let the weight of this combination," Ike continued, "endanger our liberties or democratic processes."

Sadly, Eisenhower's warning went largely unheeded. In the years since, the "military-industrial complex" has

morphed into an even more worrisome concentration of wealth and power.

In his own farewell address, President Joe Biden gave that concentration a grim label. An "oligarchy" of "extreme wealth, power, and influence," Biden intoned, now "literally threatens our entire democracy, our basic rights and freedoms, and a fair shot for everyone to get ahead."

We now face a "dangerous concentration of power in the hands of very few ultra-wealthy people," a reality that Biden warned is eroding our "unity and common purpose" and fomenting "distrust and division."

The end result? We stand today unable to adequately confront the challenges that face us.

America's oligarchs, Biden explained, are wielding "their unchecked influence to eliminate the steps we've taken to tackle the climate crisis." By resisting safeguards over artificial intelligence — "the most consequential technology of our time" — they're also opening the door to "new threats to our rights, our way of life, to our privacy, how we work, and how we protect our nation."

Perhaps most ominously of all, these oligarchs are burying Americans "under an avalanche of misinformation and disinformation."

"Participating in our democracy," the departing president lamented, has become "exhausting and even disillusioning" for

average Americans. They no longer "feel like they have a fair shot."

But Biden also stressed that by working together, average Americans can shear our new oligarchy — and its "tech-industrial complex" core — down to democratic size. We can get the "dark money" of billionaires out of our politics. We can ban members of Congress from making stock trades while they're legislating. We can tax the richest among us and make sure they're paying their fair tax share.

In the days right after Biden's farewell address, progressives added more specifics to Biden's list of antidotes to oligarchy. We could and should, as former U.S. labor secretary Robert Reich pointed out, either bust up giant, billionaire-owned tech media platforms like X and Facebook or start treating these platforms as public utilities.

We could even ban our wealthiest from owning critical media properties.

But realizing any of these reforms won't be easy. Our wealthiest have never enjoyed a greater direct presence at our government's highest levels.

Nothing symbolized the reality of this oligarchic power like Trump's second inauguration. The inaugural ceremony featured America's three richest men — Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, and Mark Zuckerberg — seated prominently in attendance, alongside other billionaires, as Trump addressed the nation.

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Sarah's Law Heads to President Trump's Desk

By Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Hull)

On Wednesday January 22nd, I voted for, and the U.S. House of Representatives passed, the Laken Riley Act, which included my legislation with Senator Joni Ernst — Sarah's Law — as an amendment. This important bill now heads to President Trump's desk for his signature and will truly save countless innocent lives that would have otherwise been lost due to blatant loopholes in federal law.

In the early morning hours of January 31st, 2016, Michelle and Scott Root received the call that is every parent's worst nightmare. Their daughter — Sarah — had been tragically killed in a car accident. What's worse is that Sarah was murdered by an illegal immigrant who was driving while under the influence of alcohol — three times over the legal limit. Instead of being held accountable for his horrible crimes, the illegal immigrant posted bail, was released from jail, and fled the country — never to be seen again.

Similarly heartbreaking,



Laken Riley — a 22-year-old nursing student — was murdered in broad daylight. She was attacked while out for her morning run on the University of Georgia campus. Desperate calls for help were made from her phone as early as 9:00 AM. Her attacker — an illegal immigrant — was previously arrested for shoplifting offenses but was released ahead of his trial. He was also apprehended at the border and was subsequently released into our country with no vetting whatsoever. It's absolutely sickening.

These egregious loopholes in federal law had to be closed so that victims like Sarah, Laken, and their families receive the justice

they are owed, and violent criminals do the hard time they deserve.

That's why — alongside Senator Joni Ernst — I proudly introduced Sarah's Law, which was included in the Laken Riley Act. This legislation not only delivers justice for the Root family but also ensures that any illegal immigrant who harms or kills an American citizen is swiftly detained and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. It is just common sense that criminals pay the full price for their horrific actions.

After the Laken Riley Act — strengthened by Sarah's Law — passed the House of Representatives, I immediately called Michelle Root, Sarah's mother. For nearly a decade, through the shock and heartbreak, Michelle advocated and persevered to make sure that no other family would have to suffer the pain that her family endures to this day. I've spoken with her many times over the years, and she even came to my office in our nation's capital to talk to me about Sarah and the importance of getting Sarah's

Law across the finish line. I so appreciate all that she has done to collaborate with me to make certain that illegal immigrants answer for their heinous crimes.

As a father of four, I cannot fathom the pain that the Root and Riley families feel to this day. The avoidable tragedies that took the lives of their beautiful children should never be allowed to happen again. In Congress, I will continue to work with my colleagues — and President Trump — to secure our border, build the wall, and combat despicable crimes committed by illegal immigrants. I look forward to President Trump signing this bill into law so that illegal immigrants who break our laws are held accountable — as they should be.

The passage of the Laken Riley Act — with Sarah's Law attached — and President Trump's work to lock down our border are already making our country safer and stronger. In honor of Sarah and Laken, who were taken far too soon, we will restore law and order in our country to protect our families and communities.

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3:15 p.m. Adoration/Benediction at St. Francis
4 p.m. Mass at St. Francis
7:15 p.m. Adoration/Benediction at St. John
8 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. John
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Food Pantry and SCRIP Cards
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8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
9:45 a.m. Adoration/Benediction at St. John
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. John
Monday, February 3
8:15 a.m. Rosary St. Francis
1 p.m. Cluster Social Justice at St. Francis

6:30 p.m. OCIA at St. John
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Obituary

Don Reed
1947-2025



Donald Denton Reed, the son of Warren D. and Ruth P. (Hanson) Reed, was born on February 9, 1947, in Charles City, Iowa. He was raised and educated in Clarion – graduating from Clarion High School in 1965 and ICC - Elevator and Farm Supply Program in 1971.

Don served in the United States Marine Corps from January 1968 to December 1969 during the Vietnam War. On October 9, 1971, Don was united in marriage with Janice Carter at the Ullensvang Lutheran Church in Thor. Don worked many years in the agricultural field. Don retired from the USPS in 2009 after 20 years as a rural mail carrier.

Don never met a stranger. He became a friend to everyone he met. His greatest passion was his family – his grandsons being the sparkle in his eyes.

Don passed away at home after a courageous twelve-year battle with cancer on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at the age of 77 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws John and Lucille Carter and brother, Brian Reed.

Don is survived by his wife of 53 years, Jan Reed; sons, Kyle Reed (Mandy) of Ankeny and Kirk Reed of Fort Dodge; grandsons, Tyson Carter and Langdon Tate Reed; brothers, Dennis Reed (Denise), Kevin Reed (Julie) and Brent Reed; sisters, Melia Asche (Steve), Brenda Reed (Jim Fisher) and Lori Kloberdanz (Jerry); brother-in-law, Gary Carter (Sue); sister-in-law, Carolyn Matteson (Jon); step mother, Millie Reed; several nieces and nephews; special lifelong friends, Steve and Beth Core of Frost, MN and his faithful, furry companion, Libby Lou.

Visitation was Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Foust Funeral Home. Memorial services were held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 11 a.m. at Samuel Lutheran Church in Eagle Grove- the service was livestreamed on the Samuel Lutheran Church Eagle Grove, Iowa Facebook page. Burial with Military Honors was in East Ullensvang Cemetery in Thor. Memorials may be left to ONE VISION (In the Memo: of Don Reed).

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"Everybody," a satisfied president-elect Trump mused last month at a Mar-a-Lago news conference, "wants to be my friend." Well, no, not everybody. Just everybody with a grand fortune that our new president — and his Republican controlled Congress — can zealously safeguard and grow.

So what can the rest of us do? With Trumpism locked in federally, we can challenge our oligarchs at the state and local level.

Maryland's governor, for instance, has proposed a series of tax changes that would raise the combined state and local income tax rate on most Marylanders making over \$1 million a

year to 10.7 percent. But Maryland, one of the nation's richest states, could do better. Rich Californians are already paying taxes at a 12 percent rate.

But that won't happen more broadly unless average Americans organize — and confront our oligarchs at every opportunity.

Sam Pizzigati, an Institute for Policy Studies associate fellow, co-edits Inequality.org. His latest books include The Case for a Maximum Wage and The Rich Don't Always Win. Follow him on Bluesky at @sppbsky.social. This op-ed was adapted from Inequality.org and distributed for syndication by OtherWords.org. (CC BY-ND 3.0)

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The Gospel of John begins with this metaphysical equation of God with "the Word," who it becomes clear shortly thereafter, is Jesus. But the Word that would take on flesh and become Jesus is here being identified with the principle of creation through whom all things were made, and we aren't necessarily compelled to believe that prior to Jesus' physical existence it was Jesus who was creating the world, but rather that the Word is the creative aspect of the Godhead which would later take on the physical and historical aspect of Jesus. Jesus is the historical manifestation of the Word, who existed at a particular time and place and with a particular body, but the Word is also the ahistorical and timeless creative part of God which brought the physical universe into being and continues this creative function as the universe continues to unfold. Jesus helps us to understand God and at the same time helps us to see the invisible God in the visible universe.
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Eagle Grove Police Report

January 16

8:03 AM: Driving Complaint, black Chevrolet speeding on Highway 3 heading into Goldfield.

8:26 AM: Driver out of gas at Bomgaars.

10:18 AM: Civil matter at Eagle Grove School.

11:19 AM: Caller seeking information on an impounded truck.

2:13 PM: Return call caller received a letter regarding an animal, would like Officer assistance.

2:36 PM: Report of an occupied vehicle at the Wellness Center.

3:45 PM: Traffic stop reported at the intersection of 230th Street and Highway 17 in Eagle Grove.

4:46 PM: Report of a vehicle that had been sitting in the parking lot of Eagle Grove High School for several days. The reporting party did not recognize the registered owner.

7:19 PM: Officer-originated case incident occurred at a residence in the 200 block of South Jackson Avenue.

7:27 PM: Return call request for officer assistance regarding a matter at a residence in the 200 block of South Jackson Avenue.

7:44 PM: Report of a noise disturbance in the 800 block of North Wright Avenue.

7:54 PM: Traffic stop at El Valle in Eagle Grove.

8:15 PM: Report of an unoccupied vehicle located on Highway 17 between 240th and 250th street.

8:31 PM: Return call request for Officer at the Eagle Grove Police Department.

9:04 PM: Traffic stop involving a black Chevrolet Silverado with no license plate in Eagle Grove on 265th Street.

January 17

7:20 AM: Report of assistance provided in the 400 block of North Garfield Avenue.

7:56 AM: Traffic stop conducted near the Eagle Grove Airport.

10:21 AM: Complaint of cars parked in the road blocking the stop sign near North Iowa Avenue by the high school.

11:55 AM: Return call requested an officer to call back regarding questions about an ex driving her car.

11:59 AM: Traffic stop reported in the 200 block of East Broadway Avenue.

1:11 PM: Report of a burglary alarm at an ATM in the 300 block of West Broadway Avenue.

1:15 PM: General information reported at the Eagle Grove Police Department.

3:15 PM: Report of a white GMC Acadia driving erratically on Highway 3 West in Goldfield.

3:57 PM: Return caller had questions about how fault is determined in accident reports.

4:04 PM: Traffic stop conducted at the intersection of South Avenue and Southwest 10th Street.

4:34 PM: Return call request for an officer at the Eagle Grove Police Department.

4:58 PM: Traffic stop conducted near Fisher Welding in Eagle Grove.

5:09 PM: Traffic stop in the 1000 block of 1st Street NW in Eagle Grove.

5:39 PM: Report of a dog-related issue around Ampride in Eagle Grove.

5:41 PM: Traffic stop conducted near the intersection of Jackson Avenue and East Broadway in Eagle Grove.

7:12 PM: Report of an occupied vehicle on Highway 17 between 240th and 250th Street in Eagle Grove.

11:04 PM: Traffic stop reported in the 300 block of West Broadway Avenue in Eagle Grove.

January 18

1:07 AM: Traffic stop conducted near Northeast 7th Street and Eastern Avenue in Eagle Grove.

4:25 AM: Burglar alarm triggered in the 100 block North Commercial Avenue in Eagle Grove.

9:11 AM: Report of a burglary alarm at 1st State Bank's lobby. Someone on site hung up before

verification in the 300 block of West Broadway Avenue.

12:13 PM: Argument in the 300 block of South Commercial Avenue, Officer assistance requested.

2:25 PM: Return call by a father wanting an officer to talk to a child about family related issues.

4:16 PM: Unknown problem near Ampride in Eagle Grove.

5:29 PM: Caller requested help getting her children's belongings from their father in the 500 block of North Washington Avenue.

7:48 PM: Traffic stop near Subway in Eagle Grove.

9:25 PM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of South Commercial Avenue in Eagle Grove.

11:55 PM: Return caller for officer assistance in the 200 block of North Iowa Avenue in Eagle Grove.

January 19

12:45 AM: Traffic stop in the 300 block of South Lucas Avenue in Eagle Grove.

1:30 AM: Traffic stop at Bomgaars Eagle Grove.

1:53 AM: Traffic stop near the Smoke Shop in Eagle Grove.

2:13 AM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of South Lucas Avenue in Eagle Grove.

10:30 AM: Traffic stop in Eagle Grove on Hwy 17.

1:28 PM: Lost and Found, Caller found tablet wanted to make sure it was not property of Eagle Grove Police Department.

2:18 PM: Accidental 911 Call.

8:28 PM: Noise Complaint near the 800 block of Northwest 1st Street in Eagle Grove.

9:07 PM: Traffic stop near Lincoln Avenue and Northwest 3rd Street in Eagle Grove.

10:28 PM: Complaint in the 500 block of North Iowa Avenue in Eagle Grove.

10:53 PM: Report of an unoccupied vehicle in the 400 block of South Commercial Avenue in Eagle Grove.

11:10 PM: Request for officer assistance reported in Eagle Grove.

January 20

1:46 AM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of East Broadway Avenue in Eagle Grove.

8:31 PM: Report of an unoccupied vehicle on Highway 17, just south of Highway 3 in Goldfield.

January 21

10:04 AM: Request for a report at Eagle Grove Police Department.

11:02 AM: Traffic stop near the intersection of Commercial Avenue and Southwest 2nd Street in Eagle Grove.

11:30 AM: Caller requested to meet with an Officer at Eagle Grove Police Department.

11:40 AM: Return call for Officer assistance from a reporting party in Ames.

January 21

10:27 PM: Report of an open door at Fareway in Eagle Grove.

January 22

8:34 AM: Report of a disruptive student at Eagle Grove High School requested Officer assistance.

8:57 AM: Report of a large white fluffy dog running loose in the 400 block of West Wright Street in Goldfield.

11:10 AM: Two-car accident involving a Chevy Silverado and a Dodge Ram near Fareway. No injuries reported.

1:17 PM: Request for a copy of the accident report at the Eagle Grove Police Department.

1:48 PM: Traffic stop near the intersection of Blaine Avenue and Southeast 2nd Street in Eagle Grove.

2:30 PM: Traffic stop near Dollar General Market in Eagle Grove.

3:51 PM: Caller requested to meet with an officer at the Eagle Grove Police Department.

7:28 PM: Caller in the 100 block of South Water Street in Goldfield requested officer assistance.

7:37 PM: Report of suspicious activity in the 300 block of South Park Avenue in Eagle Grove.

8:42 PM: Report of an open door in the 200 block of East Broadway Avenue in Eagle Grove.

Wright County Courthouse

Property Transfers

Warranty Deeds - Land Deeds: Kriettlow Jennifer J, to Jennifer J Kriettlow Revocable Trust, Kriettlow Revocable Trust, Kriettlow Jennifer J Trustee, Jennifer J Kriettlow Revocable Trust - 6-91-24 SW Tract in NW 1/4; Kriettlow WD 000012305004561824; 24-2193.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Kriettlow Jennifer J, to Jennifer J Kriettlow Revocable Trust, Kriettlow Revocable Trust, Kriettlow Jennifer J Trustee, Jennifer J Kriettlow Revocable Trust - Clar Walnut Grove Addn Blk 20 Lot 4; Kriettlow WD 000012305004561826; 24-2194.

Quit Claim Deeds - Town Lot: Dixon Gary D, Weets Dylhan A, Weets Robyn L - EG Wright's Addn Blk 6 Lot W 1/2, Lot E 1/2; Dixon QCD 000026344004652669; 24-2197.

Contracts - Town Lot: Sencor Holdings LLC, Vasquez Barrios Billy Yoel, Barrios Vasquez Billy Yoel to Lopez Vasquez Kemberlin Soemy - Senor Holdings LLC Assignment - 000026344004563905, related documents: 23-70 02-004 Contracts-Town Lot; 25-1.

Quit Claim Deeds - Land Deeds: Schincke Glenda L, Schincke Merlin D, Merlin and Glend Schincke Living Trust to Schincke Glenda L Trustee, Schincke Merlin C Trustee, Schincke Merlin Living Trust, Schincke Glenda Living Trust - 31-90-25 NE Tracts, 13-90-26 Parcel D in S 1/2, 22-90-26 Tract in N 1/2; Schincke 00001834400553361; 25-5.

Warranty Deeds - Land Deeds: Strayer Marian, Strayer Marian Estate, Schultz Christine Executor to Reyes Hernandez Jose, Hernandez Reyes Hose, Refes Sofia - Belm O'Larry First Addn Blk 2 Lot 11 and Part RR on S; Reyes Hernandez 9067615 00002148004569575; 25-7.

Quit Claim Deeds - Town Lot: Young Bourdet A, Young Bonnie D to Youngshine Holdings LLC - Clar Original Addn Blk 14 Lot 1 N 1/2 of S 45', Clar Original Addn Blk 14 Lot 2 N 1/2 of S 45', Clar Original Addn Blk 14 Lot 3 E 6' of N 22' of S 45'; Burdette A. Young QCD 000026344004656581; 25-10.

Contracts - Town Lot: Sencor Holdings LLC, Vasquez Barrios Billy Yoel, Barrios Vasquez Billy Yoel to Lopez Vasquez Kemberlin Soemy - EG Wright's 2nd Addn Blk H Lot 6 W 90', EG Wright's 2nd Addn Blk H Lot 7 W 90', EG Wright's 2nd Addn Blk H Lot 8 W 90'; Senor Holdings, LLC Assignment Corrected 000026344004569221, related documents: 23-70 02-004 Contracts-Town Lot; 25-15.

Warranty Deeds - Land Deeds: Stoakes Timothy S, Stoakes Lori F to Stoakes Timothy S Living Trust, Timothy S Stoakes Living Trust - 19-92-26 SW 1/2, 30-92-26 SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, 30-92-26 NW 1/4 of SW 1/4; Stoakes to Stoakes Trust, 000012305004569478, related documents: 25-27 01-001 Warranty Deeds-Land Deeds; 25-17.

Warranty Deeds - Land Deeds: Pinkele Donald G, Pinkele Louise J to Pinkele Donald G, Pinkele Louise J - 17-91-25 SE W 1/2, 17-91-25 NE SW 1/4; Pinkele 000019316004507018; 25-18.

Warranty Deeds - Land Deeds: Dersheid Ricky L, to Dersheid Ricky Thiel - EG Debra L, Mallot Jill M - EG Hewett's Park Addn Blk 1 Lot 11, EG Hewett's Park Addn Blk 1 Lot 12,

EG Hewett's Park Addn Blk 1 Lot 13, EG Broadway Addn Blk 4 Lot 7 N 37', EG Broadway Addn Blk 4 Lot 8; Dersheid WD 000013261004507025; 25-19.

Warranty Deeds - Land Deeds: Welt Jacob to Gleason Jackson - 6-92-24 SW W 363' of N 480' of NW 1/4, 1/3G3/1 of N 80' of NW 1/4; Jackson Gleason 000026851004563254, related documents: GWH 56-001 Groundwater Hazard; 25-20.

Affidavit Transfer: Schluttenhofer Karen Joyce to Olson Joann Sue, Olson Joann Sue Life Estate, Schluttenhofer Karen Joyce, Lunde Rebecca Jane, Foss Denise Ann - 6-91-24 NW Lot 5 NE 1/4; Joann Sue Olson 000012305004561626 of Death Terminating LE; 24-2199.

Affidavit Transfer: Beecher Jarika E, to Beecher Jared L - 26-91-26 NW Lot 7 Exc N 384' SW 1/4, 26-91-26 NW Lot 8 Exc S 130' SW 1/4; 26-91-26 NW Lot 9 Exc s 130' SW 1/4, 7-91-26 NE Parcel F, Beecher, Jarika 000013261004561937 Rerecorded, related documents: 24-2082 05-002 Affidavit Transfer; 24-2195.

Warranty deed - Town Lot: D and R, LLC to Kymello Holdings LLC - EG Orig Addn Blk 24 Lot 9; D and R, LLC 000014534004570402; 25-22.

Warranty deed - Land Deeds: Root Marilyn H to Root Marlyn Trustee, Root Marlyn Revocable Trust, Marlyn Root Revocable Trust - Dows Eskridges's 2nd Addn Blk 1 Lot 4; Root 000024280004570619; 25-24.

Others - Town Lot Deeds: Wright County Treasurer, Samol Salazar Luis Rene to Salazar Samol Luis Rene, ACC 848 LLC - Dows First Addn Blk 1 Lot 5, Dows First Addn Blk 1 Lot 6; tax sale deed; 25-25.

Warranty deed - town lot: Larick Joan C, Baker Joan C, Baker Joan, Baker Lary to Baker Joan Life Estate, Schultz Melissa - EG Scott's Highland Park Addn Blk 4 Lot 7 and E 1/2 of Alley Abutting; EG Scott's Highland Park Addn Blk 4 Lot 8 and E 1/2 of Alley Abutting; EG Scott's Highland Park Addn Blk 4 Lot 9 S 35' and E 1/2 of Alley Abutting; Baker, Joan 000013261004571601; 25-26.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Stoakes Timothy S, Stoakes Lori F to Stokkes Timothy S Living Trust, Stokkes Timothy S Living Trust - 19-92-26 SW N 1/2; 30-92-26 SW W 1152.1' of SW 1/4; 30-92-26 SW W 1141.1' of NW 1/4, Stoakes - Corrected Deed 000012350004571807 re-recorded; 25-27.

Warranty deed - land deeds: McCay Shane M to Wright County Treasurer - Clar Railroad Addn Blk 7 Lot 7 W 82'; tax sale deed.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Evans James Allen Trustee, Evans Richard Family Trust, Evans Donna Mae Family Trust, Richard Evans Family Trust, Donna Mae Evans Family Trust, Richard Evans And Donna Mae Evans Family Trust to Evans James Allen, Evans Thomas Trent, Evans Timothy Melhus - 30-91-23 NE N 1/2; 30-91-23 NE SW 1/4; Trustee warranty deed; 25-29.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Brown Scott P, Jones Sarah Ann to Kliest Collin E - 19-93-23 SW Tract in SW 1/4; Jones Sarah 000008138004572172; 25-30.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Eagle Avenue

Partners LLC to A to Z to JMJR - 35-90-24 SE S 1/2; A to Z to JMJR 000012510004573397; 25-42.

Warranty Deed-Land Deeds: John & Mariana Reburn Family Trust, Reburn John Martin Trustees, Reburn Mariana Alexia Trustees, Reburn John Family Trust, Reburn Mariana Family Trust to JRMAR Acres LLC - 35-90-24 SE S 1/2 except tract; 173644015716 1736440415716-1; 25-48.

Others-Town Lot Deeds, Wright County Treasurer, Beyer Larry E, Beyer Darlene A To Whitetail Creek LLC - 30-93-23 Nw Tract In Ne 1/4; Tax Sale Deed; 25-26

Others - Land Deeds: Wright County Treasurer, Integrity Investment REO Holdings LLC to Coyote Creek LLC - 34-92-23 Ne N 62.5' Of Lot 2 SW 1/4; Tax Sale Deed; 25-26.

Warranty deed - town lot: Tincer Sylvia R, Tincer Sylvia, Tincer Norman E, Baker Miriam Power Of Attorney To Tincer Robert - EG Orig Addn Blk 34 Lot 11; EG Orig Addn Blk 34 Lot 12 and Adj Tract; Tincer, Sylvia 000013261004575154; 25-57.

Contracts - Town Lot: Dnc Properties Inc To Chinchilla Cardona Sandy, Cardona Chinchilla Sandy, Revolorio Chinchilla Christopher, Chinchilla Revolorio Christopher - Clar Dows Addn Blk 7 Lot 6; Dnc Properties, Inc. 000014534004573231; 25-60.

Civil

Ziegler, INC. V Fenske's Construction and Brian Fenske. Judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$8,337.44, plus 7.05% interest per from September 13, 2024, attorney fees and \$195 in court costs.

Small Claims

LVNV Funding LLC V. Jessica Castorena. Judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$555.83 plus 7.22% interest from 10/17/2024, and \$95 in court costs.

Tickets

Gregorio Jose Cristiano of Clarion, IA, failure to yield to vehicle on right.

Nickolas Jose Reighard of Alexander, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (1 thru 5 over).

Sarpreet Singh of Tracy, CA, failure to comply with safety regulations.

Aron Thomas Bartling of Toledo, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Ed Jhomson of Goldfield, IA, no valid drivers license.

Elmer Antonio Lopez Alvarez of Goldfield, IA, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Elmer Antonio Lopez Alvarez of Goldfield, IA, no valid drivers license.

Justn chance Boley of Thor, IA, failure ure to maintain or use safety belts - Adu.

Tiffany Rae Clabaugh of Clarion, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

William H Woolery of Belmond, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (1 thru 5 over).

Jason Matthew Davidson of Eagle Grove, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Sonja Michelle Smith of Eagle Grove, IA, failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way.

Edjhomson Enrique Mateo Velasquez of Badger, IA, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Edjhomson Enrique Mateo Velasquez of Badger, IA, no valid drivers license.

Japrie Martin Posey of Saint Paul, MN, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over).

Jacqueline Jesenia Lopez of Clarion, IA, speed-

ing 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Gage Cramer of Goldfield, IA, dark window or windshield.

Stephanie Rae Nelson of Goldfield, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (21 or over).

Cesar Gutierrez Castro of Belmond, IA, permitting unauthorized person to drive.

Travis Allen Reinier of Ottumwa, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Roberto Calles Castro of Eagle Grove, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Deana Latrice Jiles of Las Vegas, NV, speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Joshua Alan Wendling of Manchester, IA, CMV - Chapter 325a - General penalty.

Jason Matthew Davidson of Eagle Grove, IA, failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way.

Jose Antonio Cruz Gomez of Eagle Grove, IA, open container - driver 21 yrs old and older.

Anthony Duane Babcock of Sneads Ferry, NC, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Mason Eugene Oberender of Galt, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Christiaan Werner Laas of Goldfield, IA, maximum gross weight violation - 4001 to 5000.

Jonathon Lynn Nelson of Goldfield, IA, restrictions on taking game - deer and turkey.

Jonathon Lynn Nelson of Goldfield, IA, fishing and hunting - no license over \$20 but.

Jonathon Lynn Nelson of Goldfield, IA, no deer license or tag.

Jonathon Lynn Nelson of Goldfield, IA, restrictions on taking game - deer and turkey.

Jonathon Lynn Nelson of Goldfield, IA, failure to pay wildlife habitat fee.

Jose Andres Washington Lopez of Des Moines, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (16 thru 20 over).

Damon James Richter of Eagle Grove, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Madison Ann Crawford of Belmond, IA, registration violation.

Edwin Alfredo Madrid Figueroa of Jordan, MN, speeding over 55 zone (21 or over).

Kyle Donald Heimann of Appleton, WI, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over).

Kevin Charles Callesen of Albuquerque, NM, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Todd Daniel Nash of Belmond, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Bruce Allen Wyatt of Eagle Grove, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Jacob R Noah of Belmond, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Brian Dean DeBower of Aplington, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (1 thru 5 over).

Larry James Hall of Badger, IA, speeding 55 or under Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Kelly Ann Gaulke of Shawnee, KS, operation of motor vehicle with expired license.

Alan Spencer Davids of Lakota, IA, failure to comply with safety regulations.

Austin Lee Dean of Goodell, IA, dark window or windshield.

Agustin de Jesus Garcia Rivas of Belmond, IA, operation without registration card or plate.

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EAGLE GROVE CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES • JAN. 20, 2025

Regular Council Meeting Monday January 20th, 2025 Public Safety Building 210 E. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa 50633 Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Axtell, Weland, Vandewater and Pamperin. Absent: Limerick Also present: City Administrator Davis and City Attorney Seaba. Public Forum: Kevin Cahalan, area representative for Wright County Charitable Foundation, encouraged the Council to support Eagle Grove Concerned Inc. A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Axtell to approve the Consent Agenda which includes January 6th 2025 minutes and claims. Roll Call: All Ayes AIRGAS USA LLC, TANK RENTAL 298.52 AXON ENTERPRISE INC, LICENSE BUNDLE 195.00 BOB JOHNSON'S COMPUTER STUFF, TOUGHBOOK REPAIR 386.98 BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, EMS SUPPLIES 201.48 CINTAS, FLOOR MATS 60.61 CITY CLERK, GARBAGE BILLING FEES 2,626.00 COMM 1 THE LOCAL 1, TELEPHONE, INTERNET 264.10 CORPORATE TRANSLATION SERV INC, INTERPRETATION SVCS 35.57 ANCILLARY BILLING DEPARTMENT, LIFE INSURANCE... 136.38 DOUBLE EAGLE 5, LLC, CAR WASH FOR EMS 19.25 FAREWAY STORE, SUPPLIES 50.87 VISUAL EDGE IT, XEROX C405N 66.92 HANSON & SONS TIRE AND AUTOMOT, NEW HOLLAND TRACTOR REPAIR 375.00 HENNINGAR'S WRECKER SERVICE, TICKET #26150 300.00 HEWETT WHOLESALE INC, SUPPLIES 589.20 HIWAY TRUCK EQUIPMENT, 20 F250 PLOW/SANDER 20,873.00 IOWA D.O.T., BLADES FOR SNOW/ICE 2,148.39 L & L SERVICE INC., '21 INTERCEPTOR 508.37 MARTIN MARIETTA MATERIALS, SAND FOR SNOW/ICE 1,737.46 MENARDS, LIGHTING STRIPS 479.88 MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING, HELP ADS 71.02 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, ELECTRICITY 119.98 N.C. IA REG. SOLID WASTE, QUARTERLY ASSESSMENT 4,069.13 OLDSON'S INC., REPAIRS-FILTERS 302.53 PAYROLL FUND, PAYROLL FUND TSY 111,451.36 PEDERSON SANITATION, PACKER RENTAL/HAULING 975.00 PETTY CASH, POLICE POSTAGE 93.18 PURCHASE POWER, POSTAGE METER REFILL 48.38 RANGEMASTERS TRAINING CENTER, UNIFORM-NUISANCE-VALENTINE 197.48 SADLER CONSTRUCTION INC., LIBRARY ADA DOORS ... 11,258.00 SHERWIN-WILLIAMS, PAINT FOR JETVAC 494.78 SIMMERING-CORY & GRANT SVC-217 W BROADWAY ... 2,000.00 SPENCER STEEL L.L.C., METAL FOR JETVAC 499.77 T. P. ANDERSON COMPANY P.C., AUDIT FEES 7,000.00 THE GROVE INN AND SUITES, LODGING-ON CALL 285.60 THE TRASH MAN, REVENUES LESS FEES 16,124.11 USCELLULAR, TABLETS ... 108.58 VERIZON, CELLPHONES, LINES 739.05 WINDOW MAN LLC, CLEANING... 119.00 Iowa Ins. Division, 2024 Annual Report 81.00 Library 274.01 Fund totals GENERAL 83,867.08 ROAD USE TAX 17,623.76 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ... 8,260.13 CDBG UPPER STORY HOUSING. 2,000.00 GARBAGE 18,216.76 WATER 19,820.86 SEWER 17,126.34 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT 20,395.00 December Revenue GENERAL 82,567.37 ROAD USE TAX 41,319.55 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ... 20,418.46 SWWC EMS DISTRICT FUNDS 30,007.62 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX 35,626.05 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING 4,741.22 GARBAGE 21,492.25 HOTEL TAX 2,885.16 DEBT SERVICE 5,799.06 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESV. .. 5,218.22 NEIGHBOR REVITALIZATION 9,353.00 PERPETUAL CARE 100 WATER 97,580.63 METER DEPOSIT FUND ... 3,650.00 WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 13,564.44 SEWER 286,974.13 SEWER REV BOND SINKING 125,000.00 SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT 12,750.41 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT 28,250.00 Beer/Liquor License: Caseys General Store #2494 Kurt Knudsen provided a handout and information on the importance of Eagle Grove Concerned, Inc. which entails congregate meals and home delivered meals around the community. The Council will discuss financial assistance during the budgeting process. Mayor Boyd opened the Dangerous Dog Hearing at 6:47 p.m. Jaime Lawson provided testimony regarding her experience with this animal. Nuisance Officer Valentine and City Attorney Seaba provided an overview of the ordinances and process for this hearing. With no further discussion or evidence, Mayor Boyd closed the Hearing at 7:01 p.m. A motion was made by Vandewater and seconded by Pamperin to affirm Dangerous Dog Order. Roll Call: All ayes. No action was taken on Resolution 2025-12: A Resolution Reversing the Dangerous Dog Order. No action on was taken as the Fi-

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ORIGINAL NOTICE

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF E.A.P., MINOR CHILD. CASE No. - JGJV0030445 ORIGINAL NOTICE TO: Alirio Hernandez Lopez: YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the above Court, a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for Minor. The Attorney in this matter is Megan A. Lantz, Dentons Davis Brown, P.C., 215 10 th Street, Suite 1300, Des Moines, Iowa 50309. The Attorney's phone number is (515) 288-2500; and her facsimile number is (515) 243-0654. You are further notified that this case has been filed in a county that uses electronic filing. You must register through the Iowa Judicial Branch website at http://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/efile and obtain a log in and password for the purposes of filing and viewing documents on your case and of receiving service and notices from the court. For general rules and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 pertaining to the use of the electronic document management system: http://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/efile. You are further notified that unless, within 20 days after the third publication of this original notice, you serve, and within a reasonable time thereafter file a motion or answer, in the Iowa District Court for Wright County, at the courthouse in Clarion, Iowa, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in court because of a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator at 515-576-6336 (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942).

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January 13, 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 9:46 a.m. Members present were Rasmussen, Kluss, Bosch, Loux and Ellis. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to receive the Auditor's quarterly revenue report. Motion carries. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Loux to appoint Jailer, Israel Rivera as a Civil Process Server. Motion carries. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to appoint Darrel Steven Carlyle to the Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund. Motion carries. Adam Clemmons, Wright County Engineer gave an update on Secondary Roads department. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries. Rick Rasmussen, Chairman Wright County Board of Supervisors Deb Lukes, Wright County Deputy Auditor

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PROBATE • LOUIS NICHOLS

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUIS NICHOLS, Deceased ESPR017674 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Louis Nichols, Deceased, who died on or about January 3, 2025: You are hereby notified that on January 22, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate. Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated on January 23, 2025. Linda Christian, Administrator of the Estate PO Box 74 Goldfield, IA 50542 Dani L. Eisentrager, ICIS#: 20041 Attorney for the Administrator Eisentrager Law 109 South Commercial Avenue P.O. Box 346 Eagle Grove, IA 50533 Date of second publication: 2/6/2025

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WRIGHT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT • PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 Wright County Emergency Management Commission

The Emergency Management Commission of the above-named County will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year 2025/2026 budget as follows: Meeting Date: 2/10/2025 Meeting Time: 9:40 PM Meeting Location: Wright County Board of Supervisor Room At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the County Coordinator.

Table with 4 columns: Line Item, Actual FYE June 30, 2024, Estimated FYE June 30, 2025, Proposed FYE June 30, 2026. Rows include BEGINNING FUND BALANCE, REVENUES (County Contribution, Other Revenues, Total Revenues (2+3)), EXPENDITURES (Administration and Operations, Capital Outlays, Total Expenditures (5+6)), and Total Ending Fund Balance.

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Hampton Man, Dumont Woman Arrested for Stealing Grave, Historical Site Markers

By Jennifer Burnham
Mid-America Publishing

Local law enforcement has arrested two residents in connection to the missing grave and historical site markers in the area.

The plaques were bronze and some were for veterans. A press release was distributed by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Friday evening after the arrests were made earlier in the day.

Brandon Smith, 44, of Hampton, was arrested and charged with theft in the first degree, criminal mischief in the first degree and theft in the fourth degree.

Lauren Johnson, 34, of Dumont, was also arrested and is facing a charge of theft in the first degree.

Two other suspects have been identified, with charges pending, as noted in the press release.

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office executed the search warrant and arrest for Smith, with help from the Hampton Police Department. The Butler County Sheriff's Office executed the search and arrest for Johnson, with assistance from the Franklin County Sheriff's Office.

The press release stated that the arrests were made after an extensive investigation into the disappearance of grave markers and historical site markers reported missing over the last month. The markers were taken from multiple



The bronze military plaque was stolen from this gravestone at Beeds Lake cemetery. The gravestone belonged to Howard Muhlenbruch. (Photo Courtesy of Kathy Hotchkiss)

rural and city cemeteries across Franklin County, with additional reports of missing markers in Butler and Cerro Gordo counties.

The plaque on the large rock in Memorial Park in Hampton was one of the targeted locations, along with Harlan Cemetery in Dumont, Maynes Grove Cemetery and Beeds Lake cemetery.

"It's just such a violation for us and all who are dealing with these thefts," said Kathy Hotchkiss.

The bronze military plaque was stolen from her father's gravestone at Beeds Lake cemetery. His name was Howard Muhlenbruch.



L-R: 44 year old Brandon Smith of Hampton and 34 year old Lauren Johnson of Dumont. (Photo courtesy of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office)

According to reporting by KCCI, the thieves scrapped over 700 pounds of metal stolen from memorials, and netted only about \$2,000.

In the sky during February

By David Voigts



February will be a special month in the sky. The brightest stars and constellations of the year will be well placed for viewing in the early evening with a quick look outside. Orion (the Hunter) with its iconic belt of three stars will be in the southern sky and in the midst of the bright winter stars. The belt will be flanked by reddish Betelgeuse above and Rigel below, both in Orion. The belt will point up to Aldebaran in Taurus (the Bull), with brighter Jupiter to its left, and down to Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, in Canis Major (the Great Dog). Procyon in Canis Minor (the Little Dog) will be to the left and above Sirius, and Capella in Auriga (the Charioteer) will be above and to the left of Aldebaran. Completing this grouping of bright stars and planets will be the unmistakable Castor and Pollux, the twin stars of Gemini (the Twins) that will be a little above a line between Capella and Procyon, with bright Mars to the right of Pollux and to the lower right of Castor.

Adding to this lustrous grouping of bright stars and planets will be brilliant Venus that will rule the western evening sky. Dimmer Saturn also will be present, but after having passed Venus in January, it will be moving lower in the sky until it is lost in the twilight glow. The last day to see it will be around February 20 when it will be very low in the early evening sky. If you can find Saturn, look below it for Mercury, which will be climbing into the evening sky to join the alignment of planets. Alignment happens because the solar system is flat. Planets do not wander all over the sky, but they move along a narrow path.

During February, Mars will be moving in retrograde motion, or westward when compared to the background stars. This motion will take it farther to the upper right of Pollux, one of the bright twin stars of Gemini. However, that motion will slow until Mars stops on February 23. It then will begin its regular, or eastward motion, slowly at first and then picking up speed.

The motion of Mars and the other outer planets can be difficult to understand. During the night, we see them moving westward along with the background stars, an apparent motion that is caused by the rotation of the Earth. We also see them drifting westward during the course of several months, an apparent motion that is caused by the Earth's faster orbital speed as we catch up to them and leave them behind. However, their true motion is eastward, and that can be seen as they pass background stars. Adding to this motion complexity is their seeming retrograde or westward mo-

tion that occurs when Earth passes an outer planet. During retrograde motion, a planet will still rise in the east, move westward during the night, and drift slowly westward over the course of several weeks. It is only its westward motion past the background stars that is different. This is easiest to see with Mars because of its faster orbital speed.

Finally, these stars and planets will be followed by Regulus, the brightest star in Leo (the Lion) that will rise at about 7:00 early in the month, and later in the evening by Spica, the brightest star of Virgo (the Maiden), and to its left brighter Arcturus, the brightest star in Bootes (the Herdsman). The appearance of these stars is a sure sign that spring is not far away.

Observing Highlights

Feb. 1 The crescent Moon will be close to the left of brilliant Venus and farther above much dimmer Saturn.

Feb. 6 The Moon will be above very bright Jupiter with dimmer Aldebaran, the eye of Taurus (the Bull), below Jupiter.

Feb. 7 The Moon will be close to the lower left of Elnath, the second brightest star of Taurus. It represents the tip of one of the bull's horns. However, Elnath is also part of the five-sided constellation Auriga (the Charioteer).

Feb. 9 The Moon will be to the lower left of Mars and closer to the right of Pollux, the slightly brighter star of Gemini (the Twins). Castor, Gemini's other twin star, will be to the left or upper left of Mars.

Feb. 12 After they rise at about 6:30, the full Moon be to the left of Regulus, the brightest star of Leo (the Lion). The Moon will probably be too bright to see Regulus, but on the 16th, Regulus should be visible before the Moon follows it into the sky.

Feb. 16 The Moon will lead Spica, the brightest star in the constellation Virgo (the Maiden) into the sky at about 11:00.

Feb. 21 Before dawn, the Moon will be close below Antares, the brightest star in Scorpius (the Scorpion).

Moon Phase, Date, Rises, Highest Point, Sets, When Visible

First quarter, Feb. 5, Noon, Sunset, Midnight, P.M.

Full moon, Feb. 12, Sunset, Midnight, Sunrise, All night

Last quarter, Feb. 20, Midnight, Sunrise, Noon, A.M.

New Moon, Feb. 27, Sunrise, Noon, Sunset, Not visible

*Dates and times are approximate.

Sources: *StarDate*, Jan-Feb 2025. Vol. 53, No. 1.

Northern Lights, e-newsletter of the North Central Region of the Astronomical League. Vol. 9, No. 3.

SkyandTelescope.org

Iowa Department of Revenue Helps You Prepare for Tax Time

DES MOINES, Iowa—With tax filing season soon upon us, the Iowa Department of Revenue is reminding Iowans of the many resources available that can assist taxpayers with filing their tax return. The Department will begin processing individual income returns at the same time as the IRS on January 27. Iowa taxpayers are required to provide their federal return with their Iowa return. Iowa income tax returns are due on April 30.

Updated in July 2024, the Department website (revenue.iowa.gov) is a good starting point to find tax forms and answers to all kinds of tax questions. The Tax Guidance section has been improved to allow taxpayers and tax

professionals the ability to easily search for tax guidance in a single location. The Expanded Instructions provides line by line details to help complete the IA 1040. Specifically for tax year 2024, What's New? addresses some of the most common filing questions about individual income tax changes, including:

* Rounding off to whole dollars

* Increased 529 plan deduction limit

* Changes to Iowa capital gain deduction for cattle, horses, or other breeding livestock

* New public safety officer moving expense tax credit

Filing Made Easy (https://refunds.tax.iowa.gov/) explains the filing

process in three simple steps and includes information on how to file, avoiding common mistakes, and details regarding the status of a refund. The Department is committed to helping Iowans understand and comply with their tax obligations. Last year, refund processing averaged 30 days or less throughout the tax season.

The Kernel, GovConnectIowa's virtual assistant. Available 24/7, including holidays, The Kernel can answer general tax and licensing questions. With just a few clicks of the keyboard, users can access instant, helpful, insightful answers. It's important to note that The Kernel does have some limitations. The Kernel is pre-programmed

with answers to common questions, therefore, users with detailed questions pertaining to their unique circumstances are encouraged to consult their tax preparer or contact the Department directly. The Kernel is meant to enhance the customer experience by providing quick, reliable information. For more details or to experience The Kernel, visit govconnect.iowa.gov. Ask The Kernel - he's all ears!

If you still need assistance, there are multiple ways to contact the Department:

Website: revenue.iowa.gov

Phone: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

515-281-3114 or 800-367-3388

Email: idr@iowa.gov

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

- Tails & Ales BINGO fundraiser for the Wright County Humane Society. Limited edition shirts are available, and must be preordered at: https://exploretriumph.com/tails_and_ales/shop/home

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- Valentine's Night Dinner Special 5 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Nine & Dine. Choice of Grilled Ribeye or 2 Grilled Chicken Breast

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- Ducks Unlimited Banquet. Chain-O-Lakes Dinner at Red Shed in Clarion. Food, Fun and Raffle. Door opens at 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- Ultimate Souper Bowl Contest at Nine & Dine. 3pm Register. 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. Judging. \$10 to Taste/Judge. Call or message 515-448-4166 to sign up

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

COURTHOUSE from page 7A

Gabriel Mauricio Munguia Pacheco of Hampton, IA, failure to use child restraint device.

Silvina Maricela Villatoro Gonzalez of Clarion, IA, no valid drivers license.

Gregorio Jose Cristano of Clarion, IA, failure to prove insurance.

Gregorio Jose Cristano of Clarion, IA, operating w/O drivers license.

Luis Manuel Rosales Alonso of Hampton, IA, speeding 11 thru 15 over.

Gabriel Rhods of Eagle Grove, IA, no drivers license.

Amanda Marie Pelz of Webster City, IA, speeding 1

thru 5 over.

Bianca a baker of Eagle Grove, IA, speeding 1 thru 5 over.

Adael Valladares Diaz of Eagle Grove, IA, driving while license under suspension.

Adael Valladares Diaz of Eagle Grove, IA, Dus – driving while license denied, suspended or cancelled.

Maria Esther Calles Castro of Eagle Grove, IA, Dus – driving while license denied, suspended or cancelled.

Jonathon Lynn Nelson of Goldfield, IA, no deer license or tag.

Cayci Dawn Ruth White

of Clarion, IA, Dus – driving while license denied, suspended or cancelled.

Criminal
State of Iowa vs Foltz, George Lucas, Serious Misdemeanor Person Ineligible To Carry Dangerous Weapons. Defendant pled guilty and was jailed for 4 days, and fined \$430 plus \$5,100 in court costs, less a \$5,000 appearance bond refund.

State of Iowa vs Johnson, Anthony Scott, Simple Misdemeanor Public Intoxication. Defendant pled guilty and fined \$105, plus \$60 in court costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

State of Iowa vs Garcia Hernandez, Esniel, Simple Misdemeanor Assault – General. Defendant pled guilty and fined \$105, plus \$60 in court costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

State of Iowa vs Pabon Baez, Jose Luis, Serious Misdemeanor Possession of Controlled Substance – Marijuana 2nd Offense. Defendant pled guilty and was jailed for 4 days, and fined \$430 plus \$345 in court costs, and a \$64.50 surcharge.

City of Eagle Grove vs Mayavi Maa Meldi & Maa Vagheli LLC, Case dismissed without prejudice.



Homemade pasta makes for flavorful comfort food

Pasta is enjoyed across the globe. Whether it's the main course of a meal or served up as a side dish, pasta will seemingly always have a place on the dinner table.

Pasta may not be the first thing people think of when pondering comfort food, but certain dishes, including ravioli, certainly meet the comfort food criteria. Such is the case with this recipe for "Herb Ravioli" courtesy of Lines+Angles.

Herb Ravioli

Makes 4 servings

- For the dough:**
14 ounces flour; for pasta
2 egg yolks
2 eggs
1 pinch salt
1 tablespoon olive oil
- For the filling:**
7 ounces baking potatoes
1 slice stale white bread
3 1/2 tablespoons soft butter
1 bunch finely chopped chives
1 bunch finely chopped parsley
Sprig chervil
4 ounces crème fraîche
1 finely chopped shallot
Salt
Pepper
- In addition:**
Flour for the work surface
1 egg white
4 1/2 ounces bacon
1 bunch chives
Chervil or parsley, to garnish
- Combine the flour, egg yolks, eggs, oil, salt, and 2 to 3 tablespoons cold water and quickly knead to a pliable dough. Form into a ball, cover with plastic wrap and let rest for 1 hour.
 - For the filling, peel and quarter the potatoes and cook in boiling, salted water for 20 minutes.
 - Finely dice the bread. Heat 1 tablespoon butter and fry the diced bread until golden brown to make croutons. Let cool, then reserve 1 tablespoon of the croutons for serving.
 - Drain and mash the potatoes, let cool slightly, then mix with the rest of the butter, salt, pepper, herbs, croutons, and crème fraîche.
 - Divide the pasta dough in half and roll out thinly into 2 sheets. Put teaspoonfuls of the filling on one of the sheets of pasta, leaving about 2 inches between them.
 - Brush the dough around the filling with egg white. Lay the second sheet of pasta dough on top and press together between the heaps of filling.
 - Cut out the ravioli with a pastry wheel.
 - Drop the ravioli into boiling, salted water and cook for 4 to 5 minutes, then take out and keep warm.
 - Dice the bacon and fry until crisp and brown. Wash the chives, shake dry and snip. Serve the ravioli onto warmed plates, scatter with bacon, chives and croutons and serve garnished with chervil or parsley.



- January 26 – Joseph Quinn, Actor (31)
- January 27 – Noah Schnacky, Singer (28)
- January 28 – Ariel Winter, Actress (27)
- January 29 – Madison Bailey, Actress (26)
- January 30 – Christian Bale, Actor (51)
- January 31 – Justin Timberlake, Singer (44)
- February 2 – Lauren Conrad, TV personality (39)



- ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**
Express yourself with great confidence this week, Aries. You feel like you are in control and well organized. This is a recipe for success regarding the things you need to accomplish.
- TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**
Taurus, you have a clear mind this week to put plans in place. But you might need some inspiration to get started. Avoid procrastinating.
- GEMINI - May 22/June 21**
There are many tasks that lie ahead this week, Gemini. It will be essential that you stay focused. One of the areas to consider is changing personal health for the better.
- CANCER - June 22/July 22**
Cancer, you may find you're an asset and sought-after among friends and coworkers. Use social situations to your advantage to network even more.
- LEO - July 23/Aug 23**
Clear up some space at home so you can work more easily, Leo. Too much clutter in your home or work area can be a distraction. Disorganization can make tasks harder.
- VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**
Practice being smooth and professional in your manner, Virgo. This will be the best way to get good results at work. Others may be impressed by how you handle yourself under pressure.
- LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**
Libra, you might be very popular with superiors at work this week. Use this to your advantage to seek out a raise. Ask to head an important project.
- SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**
Scorpio, you can do anything you set your mind to. Share your ideas with others and determine which concepts have merit. If nothing comes up, go back to the drawing board.
- SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**
Others admire your ability to be a good friend, Sagittarius. This week you will showcase your compassion and humility in myriad ways. It might garner you extra attention.
- CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**
Capricorn, happy news is coming your way this week. Share the good fortune with others in your life, either a spouse or a sibling. These people can use some sunshine as well.
- AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**
Aquarius, if at first you don't succeed, you may need to change your approach to things. Enlist the help of others to help turn your ideas into results.
- PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**
Develop a better strategy for saving money, Pisces. You need some extra funds to pay for larger expenses, and clipping coupons alone might not be the answer.

WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:
What actor starred in movies including American Gangster, Cinderella Man, 3:10 to Yuma, and Gladiator? Answer: Russell Crowe.

What actor starred in movies including The Perfect Storm, From Dusk Till Dawn, O Brother Where Art Thou?, and Ocean's Eleven? Answer: George Clooney.

This week's trivia questions:
What is the name of the famous groundhog celebrated each year on Feb. 2?

What actor starred in the movie Groundhog Day, and co-starred in movies including Ghostbusters, Caddyshack, Scrooged, and Stripes?

Jan. 29 is National Puzzle Day, and National Carnation Day; Jan. 30 is NASA's Day of Remembrance, and School Day of Non-Violence and Peace; Jan. 31 is National Hot Chocolate Day, and International Zebra Day; Feb. 1 is Dark Chocolate Day, and National Freedom Day; Feb. 2 is Groundhog Day, World Wetlands Day, and National River Day; Feb. 3 is American Painter's Day, and National Women Physicians Day; Feb. 4 is World Cancer Day, Farmer's Day, and Sweater Day.

This week is Catholic Schools Week, and National Meat Week.

"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

– Micah 6:8

"And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."

– Jesus

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

– Romans 12:2

"True leaders inspire others. If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

– John Quincy Adams

"The best way to predict your future is to create it."

– Abraham Lincoln

"The harder the conflict, the greater the triumph."

– George Washington

"Honestly, if I were two-faced, would I be showing you this one?"

– Abraham Lincoln

"How has retirement affected my golf game? A lot more people beat me now."

– Dwight D. Eisenhower

"If one morning I walked on top of the water across the Potomac River, the headline that afternoon would read 'President Can't Swim.'"

– Lyndon B. Johnson

"I will not make age an issue of this campaign. I am not going to exploit for political purposes my opponent's youth and inexperience."

– Ronald Reagan

"I have often wanted to drown my troubles, but I can't seem to get my wife to go swimming."

– Jimmy Carter

Groundhogs are related to squirrels, chipmunks, and prairie dogs. (Groundhogs, also known as woodchucks, belong to the squirrel family and are part of the marmot tribe, which includes ground squirrels like chipmunks and prairie dogs. As the largest members of this family, groundhogs share characteristics with their relatives, such as being skilled diggers and creating extensive underground caves).

Actor Chris Pratt apparently stole his Star-Lord costume from the set of his movie "Guardians of the Galaxy", so he could show up in costume to visit sick children in the hospital, who might want to meet Star-Lord.

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Fifty Youth Attend Iowa 4-H Beef and Equine Blasts

By Sydney Peterson, Amy Powell

AMES, Iowa—Fifty Iowa youth participated in the 2024 Beef and Equine Blasts at Iowa State University, gaining a better understanding of real-world topics that affect the industries. ISU Extension and Outreach 4-H Youth Development organized the Dec. 8 event for youth in grades 7-12.

“By providing hands-on experiences and in-depth knowledge, the Beef and Equine Blasts not only enhance participants’ understanding of animal science but also open doors to potential career paths in the field,” said Amy Powell, 4-H animal science education specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

Beef Blast focuses on feedlot fundamentals

Beef Blast participants. The theme of Beef Blast was feedlot fundamentals and covered nutrition, selection, welfare and marketing of beef cattle. While touring the ISU Beef Nutrition Research Farm, participants engaged

in sessions on beef nutrition, where they learned about the essentials of feeding cattle and creating balanced diets. They also had the opportunity to evaluate cattle, learning how to evaluate finish on cattle and enhancing their skills in assessing livestock.

Nearly all youth who attended the Beef Blast reported going on the farm tour and to see behind the scenes at Iowa State University research farms. They also reported enjoying learning about feed rations, moving cattle, cattle balance points and stress, bud boxes and meat quality.

Participants also engaged in a demonstration of modern techniques for determining meat quality while discussing quality assurance. After hearing from Brad Skaar and Randi Culbertson, associate professors in the ISU Department of Animal Science, the youth participated in various quality assurance stations, where they learned to identify hazards around the farm, practiced strategies for successfully loading cat-

tle and gained insights into cattle carcass pricing.

“I enjoyed going to the farm and seeing how things work,” one youth said. Another youth added that the Beef Blast event differed from other events they had previously attended because of the educational sessions. They enjoyed the various ways they were able to be hands-on.

Equine Blast features Horse Ownership 101

The theme of the Equine Blast event was Horse Ownership 101, covering nutrition, welfare and tack. Participants engaged in sessions on horse nutrition, where they learned about the essentials of feeding practices to ensure optimal equine health. They also had the opportunity to engage in horse care, learning about maintaining horse health and well-being.

Several youth who participated in the Equine Blast reported enjoying the breeding genetics session. One youth said, “The most important thing I learned was [more about] the genetic codes be-

hind the wide range of colors and patterns [in equine].” Participants also reported enjoying learning about horse care, nutrition and the genetics of coat color.

Equine Blast participants toured Iowa State University’s horse barn. They heard from Nikki Ferwerda, associate teaching professor and equine farm manager in the ISU Department of Animal Science, and Peggy Auwerda, ISU Department of Animal Science associate professor and equine extension and outreach specialist.

The youth also learned about techniques for evaluating stallions, equine welfare, coat color and careers in the horse industry.

Another youth participant said, “I learned about a lot of job opportunities for the future and a lot about color genetics and basic care of horses.”

Both events were designed to equip young participants with practical knowledge and skills, fostering a deeper understanding of animal science and husbandry.



Beef Blast participants determine the best way to load cattle on a trailer safely. (Photo provided)

For more information about Iowa 4-H Youth Development, please contact your ISU Extension and Outreach county office or visit the Iowa 4-H website.

Iowa Immigrants Fear the Trump Administration’s Move Toward Mass Deportation

The spread of misinformation has fueled anxiety and alarm within Iowa’s Latino immigrant community. It is estimated that the state is home to more than 52,000 undocumented immigrants.

by Mónica Cordero, Investigate Midwest/ Report for America

This story was originally published on Investigate Midwest

President Donald Trump’s pledge to enact mass deportations has spread fear and panic across Iowa’s immigrant communities, especially in parts of the state where immigrants are a large part of the agriculture and meat-packing workforce.

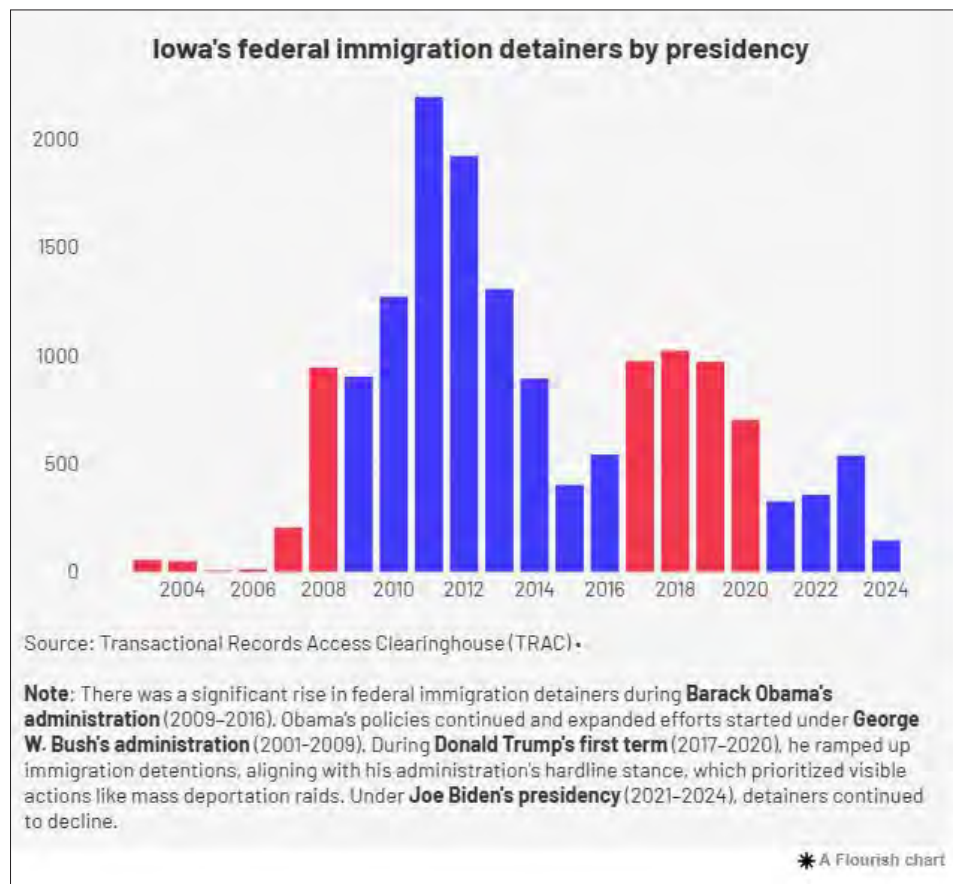
Community organizations and religious leaders have been inundated with frantic phone calls as warnings spread over social media. Some posts claimed without evidence that Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE, officers were actively patrolling Latino neighborhoods across the state, conducting operations to capture undocumented individuals.

“I want to convey a clear message to everyone listening, no matter where you are — remain calm,” said Father Nils Hernandez, from the Queen of Peace Parish, in Waterloo, during a Facebook Live session organized by the community media outlet El Trueque on Tuesday night. The session aimed to counter the misinformation circulating among the immigrant community.

Trump officials have said raids should be expected in large Democratic-controlled cities, including New York City, Chicago and Denver.

But there’s also concern in many of America’s rural communities, especially as some Republican governors have pledged to help the Trump administration with its deportation efforts.

Iowa, with a population of more than 3 million people, is home to approximately 52,300 undocumented immigrants, according to 2022 estimates by the American



Immigration Council. Many undocumented residents work in the state’s agricultural industry — one of its most vital economic sectors.

“Here in Iowa, the immigrant community plays a very important role in agriculture, construction and service sector health care,” said Joe Henry, state political director of the League of United Latin American Citizens.

Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds, a Republican, has also directed state law enforcement to assist the federal government in its anticipated campaign to deport undocumented immigrants.

In a memo to state law enforcement agencies, Reynolds instructed them to comply with the Department of Homeland Security’s detainer requests and ensure the transfer of individuals to immigration authorities.

The directive also mandates notifying Immigration and Customs Enforcement when individuals are scheduled for release from criminal custody and holding them until they can be transferred to federal authorities.

“Let’s Make America Safe Again!” Reynolds wrote in a social media post accompanying the announcement, signaling her support for the incoming administration’s headline immigration policies.

This is not the first action against undocumented immigrants in the state. Last year, Reynolds approved a law that criminalizes entering the state after being deported or denied entry into the United States. The law also grants state law enforcement the authority to arrest individuals who violate this provision. It was temporarily blocked by a

federal judge.

Trump’s swift action

Iowa averaged 919 immigration-related arrests per year during Trump’s first term, according to data from Syracuse University’s Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse or TRAC, which tracks immigration enforcement across the United States. It was lower than the 1,575 average during President Barack Obama’s first term.

One of the most significant immigration raids in U.S. history occurred in Iowa in 2008 during the Obama administration, when 389 immigrant workers were arrested at the Agriprocessors meatpacking plant in Postville.

At the time, it was the larg-



A couple protested in Waterloo to overturn the new immigration law, which a federal judge had blocked from taking effect, in Waterloo, Iowa, on July 1, 2024. (Photo by Eric Benson, for Investigate Midwest)

est raid of its kind, leaving a profound and lasting impact on the local community, as families were torn apart and the local economy suffered severe disruptions.

Arrests dropped to a 787 annual average during Obama’s second term before increasing again under Trump.

But many who work in the immigrant community say there is fear Trump’s second term will be even more focused on deportations.

“People are afraid, people are nervous, people don’t want to go to work,” said Ninoska Campos, a member of Escucha Mi Voz Iowa, an Iowa city organization that works with immigrants and refugees. “This was not the experience during his first term. There was always fear, but there wasn’t as much threat.”

On his first day back in office, Trump signed several executive actions targeting the undocumented population, including granting federal authorities the pow-

er to detain individuals in or near schools and churches. Trump also attempted to restrict automatic birthright citizenship in the United States, but this latest executive order was blocked by a federal judge on Thursday. Nationwide, an estimated 42% of farm workers were undocumented in 2022, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Economic Research Service.

Mass deportation could lead to a 10% increase in food prices, according to a September study from the Peterson Institute for International Economics, a non-partisan think tank based in Washington, D.C.

“If we lost half of the farmworker population in a short period of time, the agriculture sector would likely collapse,” Mary Jo Dudley, the director of the Cornell Farmworker Program, told Investigate Midwest. “There are no available skilled workers to replace the current workforce should this policy be put into place.”

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SPORTS

UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Thursday, Jan. 30**
- Varsity Esports vs. Sheldon, 4 p.m.
 - 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Belmont-Klemme, 5 p.m.
- Friday, Jan. 31**
- Girls JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Central Springs @ EG Elementary, 4 p.m.
 - Boys JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Central Springs @ EG Elementary, 5 p.m.
 - Girls Varsity Wrestling (1A Regional) @ Osage High School, 4 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 1**
- Boys Varsity Wrestling @ AC/GC High School, 9:30 a.m.
- Monday, Feb. 3**
- 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Bishop Garrigan, 4:15 p.m.
 - Junior High Boys Wrestling @ Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, 4:15 p.m.
 - Boys J JV Basketball @ North Iowa, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 4**
- Girls JV/Varsity Basketball @ North Union, 4 p.m.
 - Boys JV/Varsity Basketball @ North Union, 5 p.m.

EG Hoopers Swept By Broncos

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On January 21, the Eagle Grove boys and girls basketball teams made the short trip to Belmont-Klemme High School for Tuesday night contests against their Bronco counterparts.

The boys built a 29-24 lead at the half, but struggled in the 3rd quarter and watched Belmont-Klemme pull away for good in the 4th. The Broncos improved to 8-7 after their 58-49 win.

Adrian Whipple shot 43% from deep and finished with team-highs of 15 points, three assists, and three steals. Jaxon Morris poured in 14 points and grabbed two steals.

Josh Miller contributed 12 points and nine rebounds, and Issiac Williams added four points. Gavin Pedersen hauled in six boards for the Eagles.

In the girls' game, the senior heavy Broncos improved to 7-6 after defeating Eagle Grove 58-28.

Taytum Edwards drained four three-pointers on her way to a team-high 15 points. The freshman also dished out three assists and had three steals.

Salem Willard added six points, two steals, and a block, and Ellie Lenning finished the game with four points and four rebounds.



LEFT: Adrian Whipple, pictured here from an early season home game, averages 9.3 points per game for Eagle Grove. RIGHT: Taytum Edwards, pictured here from a December game in Eagle Grove, averages 11.5 points per game this season. (Photos by Mitch Jones Photography)

Wright County Pool League

TEAM STANDINGS:

#	Name	Rnd	Rnd	Pts+	Pts+*	Wins	Loss	Win %	Avg*
		W	L						
1	Moes	31	9	782	779	61	29	67.78	8.66
2	Wizards	25	15	742	718	51	39	56.67	7.98
3	Stokers and Pokers	21	19	742	730	52	38	57.78	8.11
4	Replacements	21	19	721	721	51	39	56.67	8.01
5	Rookies	21	19	707	692	47	43	52.22	7.69
6	Fa'que	19	21	694	670	39	51	43.33	7.44
7	Motley Cue	13	27	665	644	36	54	40	7.16
8	Kim Jong Pool	9	31	608	554	23	67	25.56	6.16

*No Handicap

PLAYER STANDINGS:

#	Name	Team(s)	Pts+	Pts-	Diff*	Gms	Wins	Loss	Win %	Avg+
1	Dave Walker	Wizards	270	170	100	30	25	5	83.33	9
2	Steve Martin	Moes	267	184	83	30	23	7	76.67	8.9
3	Steve Evans	Moes	258	224	34	30	19	11	63.33	8.6
4	Dick Stumpf	Moes	254	202	52	30	19	11	63.33	8.47
5	Mike Rolo	Stokers and Pokers	254	207	47	30	19	11	63.33	8.47
6	Zach Martin	Rookies	253	190	63	30	20	10	66.67	8.43
7	Jason Stumpf	Replacements	245	226	19	30	16	14	53.33	8.17
8	Alec Martin	Rookies	238	232	6	30	16	14	53.33	7.93
9	Derrick Linn	Stokers and Pokers	236	194	42	27	18	9	66.67	8.74
10	Daryl Ward	Motley Cue	236	234	2	30	14	16	46.67	7.87
11	Steve Gordon	Wizards	235	230	5	30	14	16	46.67	7.83
12	Brandon Thompson	Replacements	232	218	14	30	17	13	56.67	7.73
13	Denny Gardalen	Fa'que	226	228	-2	30	15	15	50	7.53
14	Eric Hogle	Replacements	222	186	36	27	17	10	62.96	8.22
15	Keith Larue	Fa'que	222	241	-19	30	12	18	40	7.4
16	Ryan Gardalen	Fa'que	222	242	-20	30	12	18	40	7.4
17	Dart Humphrey	Motley Cue	218	242	-24	30	13	17	43.33	7.27
18	Jeff Asmus	Stokers and Pokers	214	241	-27	30	13	17	43.33	7.13
19	Tom Thielen	Wizards	213	254	-41	30	12	18	40	7.1
20	Blake Jackson	Rookies	201	254	-53	30	11	19	36.67	6.7
21	Kyle Disney	Kim Jong Pool	172	268	-96	30	8	22	26.67	5.73
22	Dean Kirstein	Replacements	161	201	-40	24	9	15	37.5	6.71
23	Adam Russel	Kim Jong Pool	132	194	-62	21	4	17	19.05	6.29
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	Colt Allen	Motley Cue	79	139	-60	15	3	12	20	5.27
27	Jeff Linn	Stokers and Pokers	26	22	4	3	2	1	66.67	8.67

*No Handicap



Ranked Bears Get Past Eagles

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Eagle Grove and Bishop Garrigan's basketball teams tipped off in The Grove on Friday night. Despite their best efforts, neither EG varsity team was able to secure a win.

Bishop Garrigan's boys squad, now the tenth ranked team in 1A, improved to 14-2 after their 57-36 road victory.

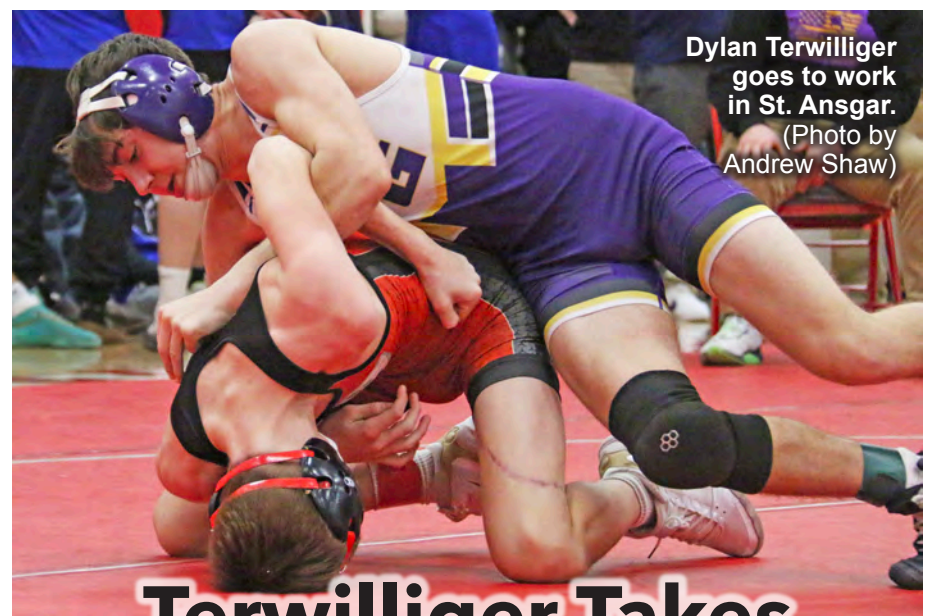
The Eagles were led by a 13-point scoring performance from Jaxon Morris. He also had eight rebounds and three steals. Josh Miller finished the night with five points and 10 rebounds, while Issiac Williams added seven points and five boards for the purple and gold.

The girls would face a #4 (1A) ranked Golden Bear squad that boasts the sec-

ond best record in the Top of Iowa-West Conference. Bishop Garrigan defeated the Eagles 62-17.

Freshman Myka Anderson was EG's top scorer with six points. Senior Myah Edwards added four points and grabbed six rebounds.

Salem Willard scored three, and Ellie Lenning and Kendra Schild both had two points.



Dylan Terwilliger goes to work in St. Ansgar. (Photo by Andrew Shaw)

Terwilliger Takes Bronze At Conference

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On Saturday, 14 schools from across the Top of Iowa Conference met in Saint Ansgar for their annual boys conference wrestling tournament.

Eagle Grove placed 11th with 73 team points. Nashua Plainfield (249.5) took the team title, followed by Lake Mills (217), Osage (214), and Central Springs (191.5).

2023-24 state qualifier Dylan Terwilliger was Eagle Grove's top place winner. The sophomore 120-pounder won by fall in the consolation semifinals and again in the 3rd place match to bring home bronze.

Hayden Schafer lost a close bout in the consolation semifinals, but bounced back with a 17-2 technical fall victory in his final match. Schafer defeated Ty Voigt of Osage and earned 5th place at 157 lbs. He now holds a 31-7 season record.

Jayden Kreitlow pinned Max Merrill of North Union for 5th place at 175, and Hunter Waldo-Martinez took 6th at 126.

Jesus Baez (6th place - 285), Ethan Schreiber (7th place - 106), and Andrew Orozco (8th place - 113) also placed for the Eagles.



Dylan Terwilliger is 29-11 this year at 120 lbs. (Photo by Mitch Jones Photography)

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