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The Daybreak Foods plant, on the north edge of Eagle Grove. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

Ongoing Investigation Into Possible Contamination from Daybreak Eggs

Amanda Rink, Mid-America Publishing

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is investigating whether Daybreak Eggs, south of Eagle Grove, has released wastewater high in ammonia into a nearby creek that flows into the Boone River.

DNR Environmental Specialist Daniel Watterson confirmed that an investigation is ongoing with ammonia testing coming back positive, but the source of the ammonia is still unclear. Watterson is also unsure how far down the creek the ammonia could have leached. The creek in question, identified on maps as Ditch #49, runs north of the facility and could carry contaminants downstream.

Daybreak Eggs primarily

ly processes eggs, including washing and breaking them. While the company's wastewater is supposed to be piped to the Eagle Grove treatment facility, investigators are examining how ammonia may have made its way into a stormwater pond on-site. Watterson noted that there should not be anything but clean stormwater in the pond. However, a potential spill or overflow could have allowed contamination to enter the creek.

Adding to the concern, the Boone River is used by at least one area farmer south of Daybreak Eggs to water cattle. Recent research suggests that avian flu can be transferred to cows through wastewater. This raised alarms about

the potential impact on livestock in the area. When asked about the significance of the issue, Watterson acknowledged the concerns, sharing that "it is a puzzle" as to why there would be any ammonia-laden water in the stormwater pond.

One challenge in the investigation has been winter conditions. When Watterson initially visited the site late last week, thick ice covered the pond and creek, making sampling difficult. However, with the recent warmer weather, he hopes gathering samples will be easier.

Daybreak Eggs has previously faced scrutiny for wastewater management. Before connecting to the Eagle Grove system several years ago, the company land-applied its wastewater, leading to concerns about runoff entering local waterways.

The Wright County Public Health Department is aware of the situation but declined to comment with The Wright County Monitor. While there has been no official public notice yet, Watterson stated further developments could prompt additional action.

For now, Area farms and residents who rely on the Boone River for water should receive additional information as it becomes available.



Ditch 4, on the outskirts of Eagle Grove, is near Daybreak Foods. But it's Ditch 49 that's under investigation. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

Development Agreement Between City and First Bank Approved

By Edward Lynn, Editor

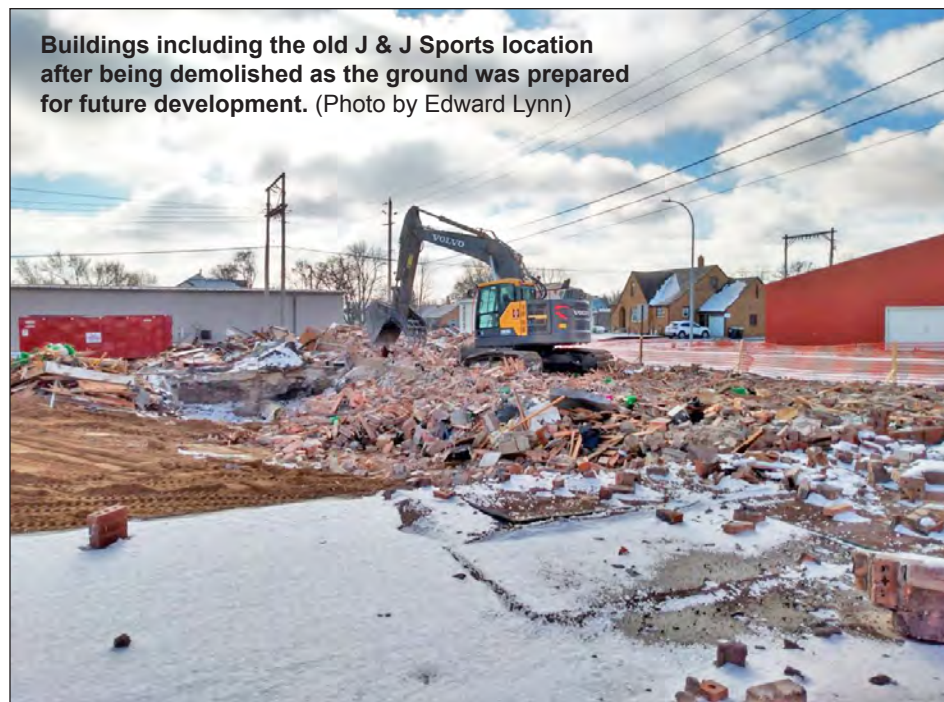
The city council approved a development agreement with First Bank on Monday, authorizing tax increment financing (TIF) payments not to exceed \$400,000 to support a downtown project.

"This is for the project

downtown, where taxing payments will not exceed \$400,000," said City Administrator Bryce Davis. "Typically, we do 50% of your taxes get rebated back to you over a 10-year time span, not to exceed \$400,000. Based on their development, it's unlikely that they'll pay \$400,000

in taxes over 10 years. So they'd like to increase that to 70%, which means the city maintains 30%, and once they pay their taxes, we'll reimburse 70% twice a year and not to exceed \$400,000."

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Buildings including the old J & J Sports location after being demolished as the ground was prepared for future development. (Photo by Edward Lynn)



The vacant lot where J&J once stood, now ready for development. With the current home of its proposed new resident in the background. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

More Charges for Former Eagle Grove Officer

By Amanda Rink, Mid-America Publishing

A former Eagle Grove police officer has been arrested following an investigation into allegations of misconduct involving a minor. The Wright County Attorney's office has added another charge after their investiga-

tion. According to a press release from the Wright County Attorney's Office, Colt Allen Richardson was taken into custody on January 13, 2024.

Authorities say the investigation uncovered evidence of criminal violations both

while he was on duty as a police officer and off duty.

The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) has charged Richardson with Dissemination and Exhibition of Obscene Material to a Minor, a serious misdemeanor.

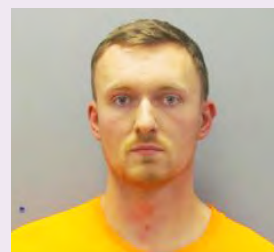
After reviewing the case,

the Wright County Attorney's Office added a charge of sexual exploitation of a minor, a Class D felony.

The Wright County Sheriff's Office carried out the arrest, with assistance from the DCI, the Eagle Grove Police Department, and the Wright County Attorney's

Office.

Assistant Wright County Attorney Joseph Corrow shared in a written statement, "Any criminal charges are merely an accusation, and all suspects are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law."



Colt Allen Richardson

City Council Approves Equipment Loan

By Edward Lynn, Editor

The Eagle Grove City Council voted Monday night to move forward with a General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement. The loan, originally

proposed at \$315,000 but increased to \$350,000, will finance city equipment replacements, including a loader, cemetery mowers, a water department van, storm water pumps, and communication radios.

Resident Dick Callahan voiced concerns about the timing and justification for the loan, citing the city's \$4.8 million surplus and questioning whether the expenditure should be delayed until the next budget cycle.

"Why not delay this, any needed expenditures, and put it in next year's budget," Callahan suggested. "We have to find a lender now and negotiate a loan agreement and then pay interest on money that we really don't at the

moment, need."

Callahan also questioned the city's financial management, stating, "a recent audit showed that the city had a \$4.8 million surplus, and last year's surplus was \$2 million over the previous year's surplus. So it seems like we had cash available. But that's clouded by the back step last year's budget, according to the auditor, with several accounts that were over budget. I don't understand how that happened. He also said that we couldn't reconcile the bank statements. And that's the kind of basic, you know."

City Administrator Bryce Davis explained that financing the purchase through a loan rather than using surplus funds allows the city to

maintain cash reserves for larger infrastructure projects.

Davis further justified the loan by detailing specific needs. "The number one reason for the increase from \$315,000 to \$350,000 is the loader. Our current one is 12 years old, and we replace them every 10 years," Davis said, noting we are two years overdue in replacing it, and that the price has jumped from \$90,000 to \$150,000 plus trade-in. The city is also replacing a 1996 pickup, an old Chevy Astro van that had a bungee cord holding the door shut, and two cemetery mowers that have exceeded their lifespan, and cost \$18,000 each.

Davis emphasized the importance of keeping cash on

hand for future critical infrastructure repairs. Noting that upcoming major expenses will ultimately include a quarter-million-dollar street sweeper, a \$400,000 jet vac truck, and eventually, the replacement of our water plant.

Davis also explained the role that decreasing interest rates play in choosing a loan. "If we have 4 million into an interest bearing account, which generates about \$200,000 a year right now, interest rates are ticking down, so we're at about 3.8%," he noted. "So if our borrowing, interest rate is close to that, it's pretty much a wash, right? What we earn, but we still have the cash on hand. So if we have some-

thing catastrophic happen, and like he said, it might take a while to get a loan, but we have enough money to start a project with cash and then get a loan to, like, reimburse."

City Attorney Lynn Seaba added some more context, explaining that this method avoids more taxation. "You don't ever want to deplete your cash reserves. You know, you could add it, sure, you could add it to the budget, do budget amendments, and then increase your tax levy, right? But, you know, when you're doing fiscal management, Bryce has a pretty good handle on this."

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\$1.50



Free Naloxone Available at Wright County Public Health

Clarion, Iowa – Administrator Sandy McGrath announced recently that Wright County Public Health has been certified as a free Naloxone (also known as Narcan) distributor.

“This is great news for Wright County because it can, and will, save lives,” said McGrath.

Naloxone is used to reverse and block the effects of opioids including, but not limited to, fentanyl, heroin, oxycodone, and morphine. It is safe to give to people of all ages, including infants. In addition, it is not harmful if given to someone

believed to have overdosed but actually did not use an opioid.

Introduced during the Iowa 90th General Assembly (House File 595), legislation passed allowing specified entities the authority to distribute an opioid antagonist such as Naloxone to individuals defined as a person in a position to assist. These entities have the authority to distribute NARCAN® provided to them by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services. Wright County Public Health is a participant of this initiative.

A person in a position to

assist is defined as a family member, friend, caregiver, community-based organization, health care provider, employee of a substance abuse treatment facility, school employee, first responder as defined in section 147A.1, or other person who may be in a place to render aid to a person at risk of experiencing an opioid-related overdose (Iowa Code Section 135.190).

If you would like more information, you are encouraged to call (515) 532-3461 or stop by their new location at 120 First Avenue NW, Clarion, Iowa. The facility

is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Some of the services offered at Wright County Public Health include but are not limited to: Early Childhood Services like HOPES and Early Head Start visits, medication assistance, foot and blood pressure clinics, immunization and flu/COVID vaccines, WIC, and Stop the Bleed Training. For a full list of their services, please visit the website at: https://www.wrightcounty.iowa.gov/departments/residents/public_health/index.php



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County Supervisors Working on Pipeline Setbacks Ordinance

The Wright County Board of Supervisors gave information on the next steps in approving an ordinance on property setbacks for pipelines at a brief meeting held February 3.

Jeremy Abbas of Planning and Zoning explained that an ordinance used by other counties is available, but that ordinance has not been

considered by Planning and Zoning. Julie Glade then asked the board what their next steps would be.

Supervisor Betty Ellis responded, “I’d like to review it and see what’s going on in other counties and if they have had any resistance at all.” Ellis said the board could approve the first two readings of the ordinance

and wait on the third. “If something comes down the pike and we have to pass something, we could do the third reading and be done,” Ellis said.

Bob Ritter told the board that he listened to the Greene County Board of Supervisors meeting that morning, which included a report from Riley Gibson of Summit Carbon

Solutions. Ritter said one of the supervisors mentioned that updated recommendations from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration now put the proposed carbon capture pipeline too close to his property. In addition, someone mentioned an artesian well that is not included on the pipeline map. The SCS

representative did not know what an artesian well was or how the pipeline could affect other wells nearby.

In other business, the board:

- heard that the Voss Quarry Bridge has been completely removed and the contractor is preparing to install pilings for abutments;
- heard from the public

health director that cases of Influenza A are ramping up in Wright County. She said flu shots are available from public health for people who have no insurance or are under-insured;

- approved the claims after the recipient of a \$375 invoice was corrected;
- and approved the treasurer’s semi-annual report.

Mandi Rink Nominated for Best News Story in INA Better Newspaper Contest

The Iowa Newspaper Association’s annual awards gala is coming up this week, on Thursday. And, once again we have a local nominee for an award in the 2025 Iowa Newspaper Association Better Newspaper Contest:

Best News Story (W01),

Amanda Rink: The Wright County Monitor.

In addition, several other Mid-America Publishing staffers have been named as finalists this year:

Coverage of Education (E06), Coverage of Court and Crime (E09), Michael Hohenbrink: The Calmar

Courier.

Best Use of Social Media (I05), Jennifer Burnham, Matt Grohe: The Hampton Chronicle.

Best Special Section-Editorial (E10), Michael Hohenbrink, Nadine Brock: The Postville Herald. Best Continuing Cover-

age (W11), Casey James: The News Review of Sigourney.

Please join us in congratulating our co-workers on being recognized for their exceptional work, and wishing them good luck at the awards dinner!

Increased Traffic Enforcement Planned for the Super Bowl

By Edward Lynn, Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa – With the Super Bowl approaching, the Eagle Grove Police Department reminded residents of increased traffic enforcement planned for February 9.

The department will participate in the “Super Bowl Enforcement” initiative,

which targets impaired and reckless driving.

“People tend to have a lot of gatherings for families and a lot of people get on the road,” said Chief Ray Beltran of the EGPD. “And so they’ve got to drive safely.”

The initiative will be promoted on the city’s social media channels and website in the coming days.

Local Teachers Awarded Grants

The Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation (IALF) has awarded nearly 120 grants to schools across Iowa to bolster the integration of agriculture into classroom instruction and after-school programs with an academic focus.

The Agriculture in the Classroom (AIRC) Teacher Supplement Grants are designed to help teachers initiate new projects and/or expand upon existing programs that promote agriculture literacy for students. Grants can be used to fund innovative lessons, activi-

ties, classroom resources, guest speakers, outreach programs, field trips, and other projects. Teachers received up to \$200 to fund their projects.

Some of the innovative projects launching this spring include farm robotics, culinary and nutrition programs, crop and animal lifecycles, tree propagation, pollinators, ecosystems, renewable energy, aquaponics, farm-to-fork projects, dairy field trips, egg hatching, and agricultural history tours.

The grants are made pos-

sible through organizations and individuals, including the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF). Ronnette Vondrak, IFBF’s Community Relations manager, emphasized the importance of agricultural literacy in recognizing agriculture’s value and impact. “The Iowa Farm Bureau Federation is proud to support teachers in their classrooms. Agricultural literacy is crucial in fostering a deeper appreciation of agriculture’s influence, both in Iowa and globally.”

Local Recipients:

- Kendra Haugen, Richard O. Jacobson Elementary, Belmond
- Tanja Jensen, Clarion Elementary, Clarion
- Jordan Omvig, Robert Blue Middle School, Eagle Grove

About the Iowa Agriculture Literacy Foundation
Iowa is the leading producer of agricultural products that are essential to feed a growing world population. The Iowa

Agriculture Literacy Foundation (IALF) believes it is important for all Iowans to understand the essential role agriculture has in their lives. Through Agriculture in the Classroom efforts, IALF engages with teachers and students throughout Iowa. IALF is supported by the Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, Iowa Pork Producers Association, GROWMARK, Iowa Beef Industry Council, Iowa Turkey Federation, Corteva Agriscience, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Midwest Dairy, Iowa Farm Bureau Financial Services, Nutrien, and others in support of strengthening agriculture literacy among pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade teachers and their students. For more information, visit IALF online at www.IowaAgLiteracy.org.



Putneys welcome baby girl

Jacob and Amanda Putney of Goldfield have welcomed their first child, a baby girl named Wyatt Eleanor-James Putney. She was born on Jan. 27, 2025, weighing 8 pounds.

Her grandparents are Roxanne Putney of Clarion, and Brent and Renee Evje of Eagle Grove.

Wagners welcome baby boy

Aaron and Bre Wagner of Eagle Grove are pleased to announce the birth of a boy.

Arlo John Wagner was born on Jan. 31, 2025, weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces. He joins siblings Abe (5) and Vera (2). Grandparents are Arnie and Vicki Wagner of Eagle Grove and Bryan and Deb Branderhorst of Prairie City.

Great grandparents are Lucile Wagner of Eagle Grove, Shary Branderhorst of Monroe, and Bill and Karen Elrod of Prairie City.

UNI releases Fall 2024 graduation and dean’s lists

The University of Northern Iowa is proud to recognize the academic accomplishments of students each semester by announcing the graduation and dean’s lists. These lists highlight the hard work and dedication of students who have excelled in their studies.

To qualify for the dean’s list, students must have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while completing at least 12 semester hours, with at least one semester hour of graded credit.

Join us in celebrating the success of our Panther students as they continue to make UNI proud!

Dean’s List

- Belmond, IA:**
Addie Buseman
Leslie Carlos
Emma Carlson
Kaleb Carlson

- Cristina Garza
Bailey Johnson
Grace Sheehan
Claudia Simonson
Valeria Torres
Acelia Watts
Clarion, IA:
Lauren Brooks
Shannon Brooks
Deborah Coldiron
Alexander Greving
Katherine Lopez
Owen Tew
Nicole Waters

- Dows, IA:**
Anthony Ramos
Eagle Grove, IA:
Madison Axtell
Elinor Jensen
Heather Mack
Shanlyne Pineda-Mendez
Hannah Sampson
Goldfield, IA:
Reagan Goodell
Alaura Lewis
Paige Nelson
Kayla Potratz

- Kanawha, IA:**
Kara Legleiter
Meservey, IA:
Benjamin Eckhoff
Rowan, IA:
Jaace Weidemann
Congrats Grads!
Belmond, IA:
Leslie Carlos – Bachelor of Arts, Interactive Digital Studies
Valeria Torres – Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education
Clarion, IA:
Katherine Lopez – Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education
Gavin Wilson – Bachelor of Arts, Family Services
Goldfield, IA:
Paige Nelson – Bachelor of Arts, English Teaching
Kanawha, IA:
Kara Legleiter – Bachelor of Arts, Early Childhood Education

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Auditor: More Than \$400K in Public Money Misspent Through State-Run Program

By Clark Kauffman, Iowa Auditor of State Rob Sand issued a report Thursday that says more than \$400,000 in taxpayer money was improperly spent through a program run by Iowa Workforce Development.

At a press conference Thursday, Sand characterized the matter as a case of “embezzlement” that involves programs funded by the U.S. Department of Labor and administered by Iowa Workforce Development.

The federal money was routed from IWD to the Central Iowa Workforce Development Board, and then to the so-called “sub-recipient” of the funds, Children and Families of Iowa, Sand said.

At Children and Families of Iowa, administrator Jodi Spargur-Tate headed a program tasked with distributing the funds to Iowans, Sand said. “This is a program that’s oriented around making sure that people have job-training opportunities and pathways to success and prosperity,” he said.

The auditor’s investigation identified \$436,180 worth of improper and unsupported disbursements, including \$324,586 in payments that were routed to Spargur-Tate herself, according to the report.

“And then there was about another \$100,000 that was diverted to Spargur-Tate’s family members for things like rent, utilities and cellphone service,” Sand said.

Sand said the manner in which the alleged fraud was uncovered was a “classic story” typical of such cases. A worker who was filling in for Spargur-Tate during the latter’s 2022 vacation noticed one recipient of the funds didn’t have a car but was claiming expenses for auto repairs.

Children and Families of Iowa investigated further and then alerted IWD to the potential issues. IWD then requested a special investigation by the auditor.

Sand said the case underscores the importance of public agencies following through on recommendations from the state

auditor on how to avoid fraud and protect public money.

“For five of the last six years,” he said, “our office’s audits of Iowa Workforce Development told them they needed to be doing more subrecipient monitoring... We have been asking (IWD) for six years to go back and look more closely at the people who are getting these funds to make sure that there was a sense of oversight there and that IWD was paying attention to how these funds were spent.”

Sand said IWD did make some progress on that issue, and he noted that the agency had its “world turned around” during the COVID-19 pandemic as a result of the demands placed on the state’s unemployment system.

Some of the improper payments made by Spargur-Tate at Children and Families of Iowa are alleged to include \$77,730 that was routed to a relative, Dee Dee Millard, for day care services that were never rendered; \$10,014 that went to U.S. Cellular; and \$6,167 in payments to MidAmerican Energy.

Sand has again recommended that IWD officials implement additional safeguards, including the monitoring of subrecipients’ use of public money, to strengthen the agency’s internal controls.

In addition, Sand has recommended that Children and Families of Iowa implement procedures to ensure their internal controls are strengthened, including basic segregation of duties surrounding the disbursement of money.

As of Thursday, no criminal charges had been filed in the case, but Sand said his office’s findings have been shared with the Polk County Sheriff’s Office, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, the Polk County Attorney’s Office and the Iowa Attorney General’s Office.

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You use debt service as part of, you know, he’s retiring \$150,000 of the debt on another loan. And then this is a new one, and it’s part of the process.”

“We are putting this on capital improvements which does not increase property taxation,” Davis also noted.

Mayor Mike Boyd thanked Callahan for his diligence, saying, “I do appreciate Mr. Callahan being

conscientious about our spending, and appreciate people asking questions and this complicated matters city financing with so many different funding streams and departments and just the way that the rules of funding can get very confusing, for sure.”

After discussion, the council voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2025-13, allowing the loan process to continue.

End of the Season Squirrel Hunt

Every year I tell myself that I’m going to get after them. Most of the time I don’t.

By Lowell Washburn

When I was a kid, squirrel hunting was listed among Iowa’s most popular outdoor pastimes. Not just for young hunters, but for adults as well. Then, as now, you looked for squirrels in places where newly fallen acorns covered the forest floor like a carpet of marbles. In a time preceding road ditch to road ditch farming practices, acorn producing oak woodlots were abundant. Squirrels were beyond plentiful. A .22 caliber rifle was the weapon of choice and ammo was cheap enough that even a kid could scratch up the money needed to sharpen his ‘squirrel eye’ by plinking tin cans. In addition to being fun to hunt, squirrels were also flavorful and nutritious. Fried or baked, squirrels became one of my favorite outdoor entrees.

Times change, and squirrel hunting no longer enjoys its former popularity. Most of my boyhood woodlots have been bulldozed, burned, and buried. The boisterous autumn clamor of blue jays and distinctive churring of curious squirrels has been replaced by the brittle rustle of drying corn leaves. But all



Flavorful and nutritious, the fox squirrel is one of Iowa’s most abundant -- and most neglected -- game species. (Photos courtesy of Lowell Washburn)

is not lost. Wherever scattered stands of mature oaks remain, squirrel populations thrive.

I must admit that I’m not much of a squirrel hunter anymore. Every year I tell myself that I’m going to get after them. Most of the time I don’t -- too busy scanning the sky above a spread of duck decoys, sitting in a tree hoping to arrow the ‘big one’, chasing pheasants with my falcons, or messing with the dogs. Same thing happened again this year until, glancing at the calendar, I realized that the season’s January 31st squirrel closure was less than a week away. Time

to get it in gear.

Blowing the dust off my Ruger .22, I grabbed a handful of long rifle cartridges and headed for the woods. Weather conditions were less than ideal. Although the day was sunny -- squirrels love sunshine -- the wind was roaring -- squirrels hate wind. With gusts topping 30 mph, the timber was far from peaceful. Branches were twisting and turning. The noise was deafening. Moving to the woodlot’s downwind side, I took a seat and hoped for the best. Despite the wind, I soon spotted a big, orange-bellied fox squirrel moving in

my direction. Slowly taking careful aim, I squeezed the trigger. The little .22 barked and the first bushytail was in the bag. Squirrel number two hit the ground about ten minutes later. I soon spotted two more squirrels chasing each other round and round the massive trunk of a nearby tree. They eventually parted company with one going to the left and one going to the right. The one that went to the right became squirrel number three.

And so it went until before I knew it, I was in possession of a daily limit of six prime squirrels. The bag was pleasingly hefty, and the outing had clearly surpassed my expectations. Walking to the truck, I asked myself why I didn’t do this more often. When I later removed an ample serving of meat from the fragrant confines of a sizzling skillet, I was instantly reminded of why fried squirrel was, and is, one of my favorite outdoor entrees.

Enjoy more wildlife tales online at Washburn’s *Outdoor Journal* at iawildlife.org/blog/.

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Council member Denny Vandewater raised concerns about the agreement’s provision for the city to acquire property at 2321 West Broadway, currently the First Bank drive through location. “Why do we need to purchase?” Vandewater asked. Davis explained that the property transfer was part of the overall incentive package. “They want us to liquidate it. But that’s part of the incentive of the \$400,000, so we get it with that \$400,000,” he said. “Then they can write the \$75,000 off, and then we can liquidate it.”

Council members sought clarification on whether the city would be paying for the property. “So we need to make that clear that there’s no check going from the city,” City Attorney Lynn Seaba said. “Or the city will accept dedication at the value of \$75,000, so maybe the word ‘purchase’ isn’t the word we need.”

The agreement also in-

cludes infrastructure improvements related to overhead power lines. “If those go underneath, such as going to, like, a transformer, there’s some assistance there,” Davis said.

Asked if the plan was to demolish the building, sell it, or just use the parking lot for city purposes, Davis responded, “that’s a conversation piece if we want to sell the building as is, once it’s dedicated or additional parking space. Yeah, we can have that conversation later.”

The resolution was amended to clarify that the city is not making a financial transaction for the property and to explicitly state that the \$75,000 valuation is for tax and depreciation purposes. “We’re just changing the verbiage as far as explaining what the terms are,” Council member Mike Weland clarified.

The motion to approve the agreement, with clarifications, passed unanimously.



Congregate Meal Menu:

Monday, Feb. 10
Ham Slice, Roasted Sweet Potatoes, Whole Wheat Bread, Vegetable, Fruit

Wednesday, Feb. 12
Salmon Loaf, Baked Potato, Whole Wheat Bread, Vegetable, Fruit

Friday, Feb. 14
Chef’s Choice

Eagle Grove Community School District -MENU-

Monday, Feb. 10
BREAKFAST: Breakfast Taco, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Mr. Rib, Potato Wedges, Coleslaw, Pineapple

Tuesday, Feb. 11
BREAKFAST: Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Taco Salad, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Pears

Wednesday, Feb. 12
BREAKFAST: Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Cheeseburger, Fries, Salad, Peaches

Thursday, Feb. 13
BREAKFAST: Waffles, Ham, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Cherry Blossom, Fried Rice, Stir-Fry Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges

Friday, Feb. 14
BREAKFAST: Cereal, Crescent, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Italian Pull Apart, Soup, Carrots/Celery, Fruit

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- Your telephone number

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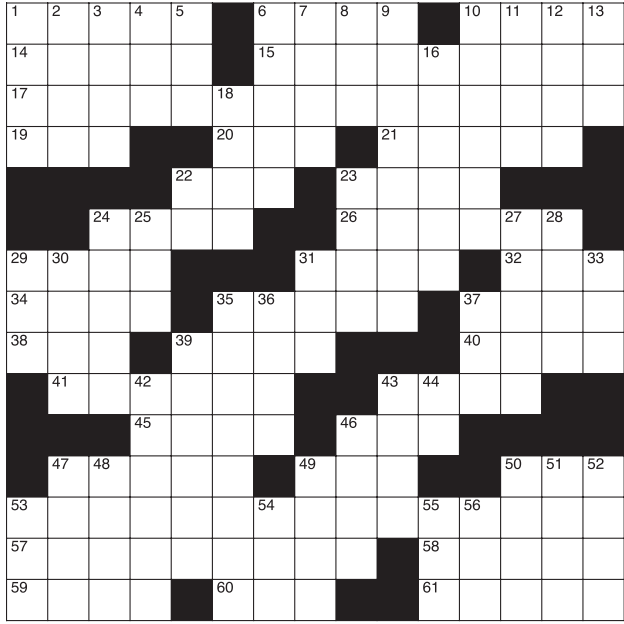
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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. "The Las Vegas of the East"
- 6. Cook
- 10. Manning and Wallach are two
- 14. Chameleon
- 15. A way to fill up
- 17. What MLBers hope to play in
- 19. Unhappy
- 20. Indefinite period of time
- 21. Excites
- 22. Males
- 23. Mongol leader Genghis
- 24. Turfs
- 26. Soda comes in them
- 29. Not nice
- 31. Professional organization
- 32. Part of a play
- 34. Sea eagle
- 35. Emily Blunt's character in "Sicario"
- 37. Beige
- 38. Mental sharpness
- 39. Valley
- 40. Alycane's husband
- 41. A place to gamble
- 43. Flightless Australian birds
- 45. Call out somebody's name over a P.A. system
- 46. US spy group
- 47. Pancakes from buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Disfigure
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Early English council
- 59. Square measures
- 60. 2,000 lbs.
- 61. Siskel and ___, critics

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Mouths
- 2. Buffalo
- 3. You plug it in
- 4. Each
- 5. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
- 6. King of Thebes
- 7. English name meaning "mythical hunter"
- 8. Indicates near
- 9. More herbaceous
- 10. Gas-powered cars need one
- 11. Dishonest individual
- 12. Systems, doctrines, theories
- 13. The woman
- 16. The whole of one's holdings
- 18. Witnesses
- 22. Doctor
- 23. Paul ___, Swiss painter
- 24. Kids look for him on December 24
- 25. Single
- 27. Competitions
- 28. Predict the future
- 29. Cage for trained hawks
- 30. Musician Clapton
- 31. Frozen water
- 33. Semiformal men's evening attire
- 35. Most worn
- 36. Common soap ingredient
- 37. Former EU monetary unit
- 39. Provisions
- 42. Book parts
- 43. Republic of Ireland
- 44. Partner to "Pa"
- 46. Sammy ___, songwriter
- 47. Dutch colonist
- 48. Clare Booth ___, American writer
- 49. Solar disk in Egyptian mythology
- 50. Minute arachnid
- 51. From a distance
- 52. Monthly apartment cost
- 53. Young women's association
- 54. Tourist destination
- 55. "Woman" in Ojibwe language
- 56. Pointed end of a pen

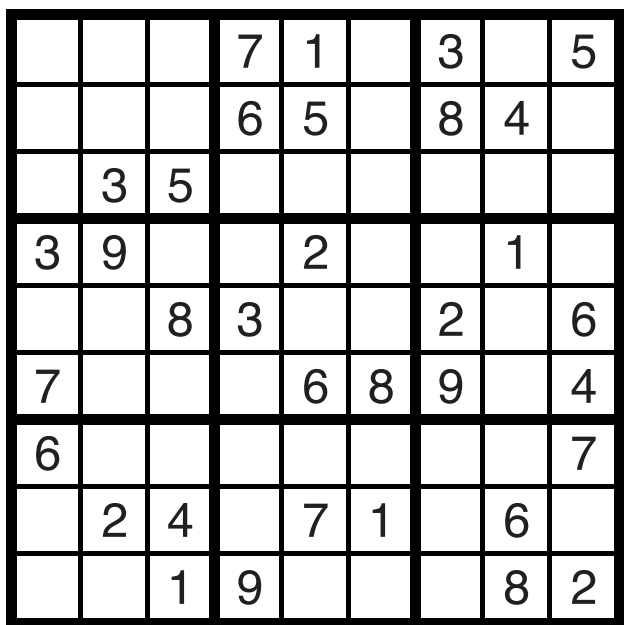
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

- BOWL FEEDING OVERNIGHT TRUST
- CARE HELP PETS VETERINARIAN
- CAT HOME REFERENCES WALKS
- COMPANION INSTRUCT SITTING WELFARE
- DOG LEASH SNUGGLE
- FAMILY MEDICINE TRAVELING

Bill Would Require Iowa K-12 Materials Follow Trump Order on 'Gulf of America,' 'Mount McKinley'

by Robin Opsahl, Iowa Capital Dispatch

Iowa lawmakers have advanced a bill that would require Iowa schools to replace in educational materials any references to the Gulf of Mexico with "Gulf of America" and "Denali" with "Mount McKinley."

House Study Bill 97 comes weeks after President Donald Trump announced the U.S. Department of the Interior would work with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names to rename these two geographic formations. Mount McKinley, the highest peak in North America, was renamed Denali in 2015 after 40-years of advocacy from Alaska leaders. Alaska state lawmakers have called for Trump to reverse his executive order on renaming the mountain.

The Gulf of Mexico is in international waters. Though part of its shore is in the U.S., it is shared with Mexico and Cuba. While the directive could influence how the U.S. federal government refers to the body of water, it would not necessarily change the name used by the international community or private organizations, such as mapping platforms and media organizations.

Educational companies that provide materials to U.S. schools would not necessarily be required to refer to the body of water as "the Gulf of America" under Trump's directive. But the change could be required in Iowa school instruction and handouts under the legislation brought forward by GOP House lawmakers.

Michelle Johnson with the Iowa Association of School Boards said her organization was registered undecided on the bill as they're still waiting to learn more about the impact and implementation of Trump's executive order.

"How does an executive order impact what local schools do?" Johnson said. "We don't deal with that super often, so we're just kind of waiting to see what happens. There probably would be a cost associated with this — it would be new handouts, new information, that would be given to students. So there would be something to consider with cost when it comes to giving materials to students."

Heaven Chamberlain, a speaker with the liberal organization "B— Get Stuff Done," said her big question on the legislation was, "Why is this needed?" Chamberlain said lawmakers

should be focused on improving funding for Iowa's K-12 education system rather than printing new materials with reference to the new names for natural formations.

"We have a budget surplus, but we're not spending it on education," Chamberlain said. "I don't know what's going on. Why are we printing pamphlets for children when we could be buying them textbooks and investing in higher paid wages for teachers and actually investing in school buildings?"

Rep. Mary Madison, D-West Des Moines, did not sign off on the bill at the subcommittee meeting, saying it was a "political" bill that doesn't take into consideration the manner in which people in both areas refer to those geographic features.

"I think it's unnecessary," Madison said. "It's an additional cost. ... The only person that's upset or wants to change it, is for political reasons, and I don't think we have to jump every time somebody wants to do something, especially when it costs us money that we won't put into our public schools."

Rep. Bob Henderson, R-Sioux City, said the U.S.

Interior Department has already moved on changing the name to "Mount McKinley," and said that he believed referring to the southern body of water as the "Gulf of America" was more fitting.

"(It) would be more appropriate to be called the Gulf of America, only because about half of that gulf is bordered by America — by the United States — then the other half is bordered by Mexico," Henderson said. "Both, of course, are in either North America or Central America. So the Gulf of America seems to be a more appropriate name for that, even though it has been about, I think, probably close to 200 years it has been known as Gulf of Mexico."

The legislation advanced 2-1 and will be available for consideration by the House Education Committee.

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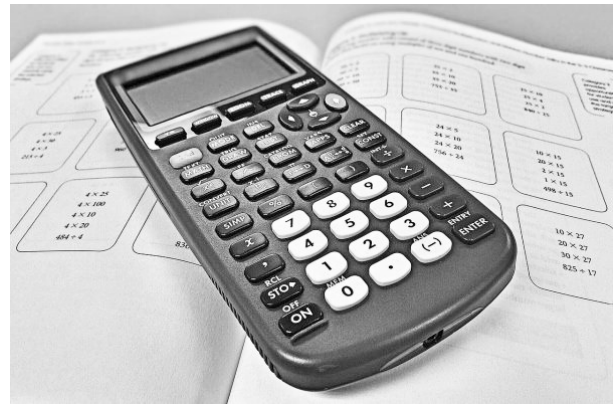
Gov. Reynolds Introduces Bill on Iowa Mathematics, Civics Education

By Robin Opsahl, Iowa Capital Dispatch

Following a recent national assessment that found decreases in Iowa students' mathematics scores, Gov. Kim Reynolds announced legislation Monday to help identify and assist students struggling with math.

The bill's text is not yet available on the Iowa Legislature's website. A news release from the governor's office said the measure would require early screening and targeted intervention strategies for K-12 students struggling with math, in addition to providing parents and teachers more resources to aid math instruction. The state Department of Education would provide support to schools and districts to help construct personalized mathematics plans to assist students identified as needing help in the subject.

Reynolds' office named math education a focus area for her office heading into the 2025 legislative session, but the proposal comes as mathematics proficiency is identified as an area for improvement in the state by recent national test scores.



Though Iowa's 2024 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) results showed gains for eighth grade reading scores, mathematics scores decreased for both fourth and eighth graders. The state's national math rankings fell from 7th to 30th for fourth graders, and from 15th to 23rd for eighth graders, according to the report.

Iowa Department of Education Director McKenzie Snow said in a news release Jan. 29 that the results show the "the critical need to support evidence-based mathematics instruction statewide" as proposed by Reynolds and the Department.

success than math proficiency," Reynolds said. "More than a quarter of Iowa fourth graders are not proficient in math—that is unacceptable. We must provide math instruction in the way we know it works to keep our students competitive and set them up to excel in life after school."

The legislation will also include a requirement for Iowa students to pass the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services' Naturalization Test with 60% or higher in order to graduate from high school, a measure the governor has said she supports. Students would be allowed to retake the test until they pass, and accommodations would be provided for students with disabilities and English language learners.

The House Education Committee approved this requirement as a standalone bill, House File 165, in a 14-8 vote in late January.

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Iowa Learning Farms to Host Forestry on Tap in Indianola

by Ann Staudt

AMES, Iowa — Iowa Learning Farms, in partnership with Conservation Learning Group and Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Warren County, will host "Forestry On Tap," Thursday, Feb. 20, 6-7 p.m. at West Hill Brewing Co. in Indianola. Complimentary food will be available beginning at 5:30 p.m. Beverages will be available for purchase.

The event will provide local farmers, landowners and urban residents with a chance to discuss and ask questions about conserva-

tion practices aimed to improve water quality and soil health, as well as managing risk from weather variability and climate change. There will be an opportunity for networking following the event. To ensure adequate space and food, please RSVP by Feb. 14 by calling 515-294-5429 or email ilf@iastate.edu.

"Our intent with this event is to help build community through encouraging farmers, landowners and urban residents to talk about topics important within the community, what keeps them up at night, what

challenges they see with conservation practices, and what they want to learn more about," said Liz Ripley, Iowa Learning Farms conservation and cover crop outreach specialist. "There will be no formal presentations or agenda, just a chance to talk, ask questions, listen and learn while enjoying a beverage and provided food. We are looking forward to learning alongside everyone else who attends."

Iowa State hosts at the event will include Billy Beck, ISU Extension and Outreach forestry special-

ist, and Michelle Soupir, professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering. A member of the West Hill Brewing Co. team will begin the discussion by highlighting the importance of water quality in the brewing process.

This event is supported by a USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture grant award 2024-68016-42660. To learn more about planned field days, virtual field days, webinars and other conservation events, please visit the Iowa Learning Farms website.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
The overwhelming generosity of the people of Eagle Grove, helped provide joy to children in need through Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts this season. Across the U.S., the Samaritan's Purse project collected 10.5 million shoebox gifts in 2024. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2024, the ministry is now sending over 11.9 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.
Shoebbox packers brought joy and hope to children around the world through fun, full, personalized gifts. For many children, this is the first gift they have ever received. Each shoebox gift is a tangible expression of God's love, given to children in need around the world. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 232 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children

in more than 170 countries and territories.
Across the region, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at samaritanaspurse.org/occ.
Although local Eagle Grove drop-off locations for shoebox gifts are closed until Nov. 17 – 24, 2025, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at samaritanaspurse.org/buildonline.
These simple gifts, packed with love, remind children around the world that they are loved and not forgotten.
Sincerely,
Hannah Murphy
Samaritan's Purse

Letter to the Editor:
In mid-January I read a blue-highlighted article about Dr. Jon Ahrendsen. I do not know the problems or the correction. We expect doctors to have extensive knowledge, that gives us hope that we will get better than we are right now.
I wonder how often I do things right especially the first time through. Most of what I have seen is that we try the best possible option, and continue trying what is known and available. There are times that the cure works well, other times it takes more time and more options. How many factors are there within what is suggested for the pa-

tient and the patients own unique makeup to make the process successful.
I have known Dr. Ahrendsen and his family for 40 plus years. He was our family doctor for years. I was always amazed and thankful for the fact that Dr. Ahrendsen had a passion for knowing why and how. He had a desire to search things out that might be additional help for the patients if their current treatment was not yielding good results.
It is my hope that Dr. Ahrendsen is given the space and grace to continue his work. A price has been paid.
Margaret Cramer,
Blairsburg, IA

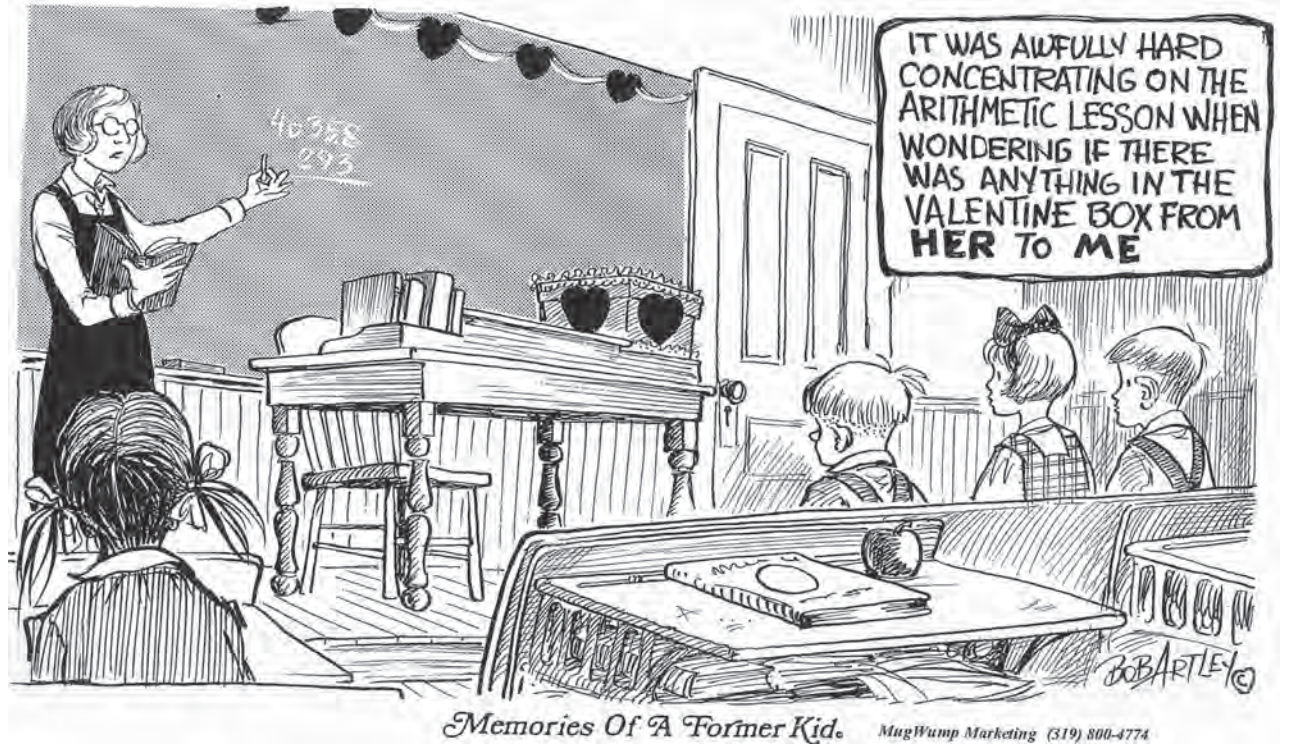
Protecting the 2nd Amendment From Government Overreach

By Rep. Randy Feenstra, (R-Hull)
Earlier this month, I joined more than 120 of my colleagues in introducing H.R. 38, the Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act. In 1791, the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified by Congress. One of our great Founding Fathers — James Madison — believed that the security and longevity of the American Republic depended on free, well-armed citizens. The 2nd Amendment reads, "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

These states do not honor the issued carry permits of any other state. When Iowans travel from state to state, their driver's license is honored in all fifty states as a form of identification and as a license to operate a motor vehicle. My colleagues and I believe that concealed carry permits should work the same way. Our constitutional rights are not limited by state borders.

The Constitutional Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act harkens back to this deep-rooted, uniquely American ideal. This legislation gives law-abiding citizens reciprocity for their concealed carry permits from one state to the next. In other words, a concealed carry permitted issued in one state would be valid in all fifty.
Living in the northwest corner of Iowa, I am within short driving distance of three different states — some with different laws concerning concealed carry permits. Carry permits issued by the State of Iowa are not valid in over ten different states, including our neighbors, Minnesota and Illinois. Our constitutional right to bear arms should not be limited when traveling twenty minutes north into Minnesota — that's ridiculous.

I also recently cosponsored the No REGISTRY Rights Act to stop the ATF's overreach. Their Out-of-Business Records Imaging (OBRIS) System has collected nearly 1 billion firearm transaction records. This system requires federally licensed firearm businesses to turn over records of all their transactions should they go out of business. The No REGISTRY Rights Act removes this requirement to turn over all records to the ATF and mandates that the ATF destroy the database of transactions they have collected so far.
The Firearm Owners' Protection Act of 1986 prohibits the federal government from establishing a national firearms registry and entitles gun owners to an expected level of privacy from federal agencies. The ATF's collection of transaction records is a direct attempt by the federal government to encroach on that privacy.
As a strong supporter of the Second Amendment, I will continue to vote to protect every Iowan's constitutional right to keep and bear arms. I will always be a strong advocate for the free, well-armed citizenry our Founding Fathers dreamt of.



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Representative Martin Graber, one of my fellow representatives and good friend died suddenly on Friday, January 31 after leaving the Capitol. I will personally and professionally miss his presence—a great man and a great leader. We extend our heartfelt prayers to his wonderful wife of 49 years, Coni. Martin served 32 years in the Army National Guard, retiring as a Brigadier General and was first elected to the House in 2020. We all grieve at this great loss at the Capitol.

Sheriff's Office will be working hand-in-hand to take the criminals off the streets to make our community safe. In the last four years of the previous administration, I can only think of one illegal alien that was deported out of our jail. Under the previous administration, we had four illegal aliens in our jail that had committed crimes in our community. Under the Biden administration, immigration did not put detainees on them. After President Trump took office, we again called Immigration and immediately, four detainees were put on these individuals holding them for deportation once they are done in Wright County's court system.

I have received several questions about apprehending those who have entered the U.S. illegally. The following is from our Wright County's senior law enforcement officer, Sheriff Jason Schluttenhofer.
Wright County Sheriff's Office will assist the US immigration enforcement agencies to help deport criminals from our county if an illegal alien is arrested in our county and comes to jail. We will contact immigration and allow them to speak to them. Immigration can put on a detainee at that point. After he or she goes through our legal system, immigration will pick him up and he will be deported. We will not be going into schools picking up illegal aliens contrary to the rumors out there. The

Farm to Table Meat Sales
During this past week, the House Agriculture Committee passed a bill in hopes of a full House vote that creates a new type of food processing entity that is licensed and inspected by the Department of Inspection, Appeals and Licensing (DIAL) agents that can store officially processed packaged meat or poultry raised by the licensee and offered for sale at a premise or farm on a wholesale or retail basis. The bill legalizes the on-farm storage of processed inspected packages and allows the sale on a wholesale or retail ba-

sis. This legislation builds on other recent legislation and will facilitate proliferation and growth.

Education Funding
Education funding is already being discussed. State supplemental aid (SSA) is one of the principle topics. The Senate and Governor are promoting a 2% increase. Most representatives are on board with a greater than 2% SSA, myself included. Currently, grades K-12 account for 47% of the state's multi-billion-dollar budget. When 3 regent universities are included, the amount exceeds 50%. Operational sharing, transportation cost, and other categories are all also being discussed.

These next few weeks there will be a flood of bills making it through subcommittee and full committee votes in hopes of making it to the floor for a House vote. A few that have made it through the process are below.

HF 37- Local Government Moves Bill to Provide Flexibility for County Attorneys
This week the Local Government Committee advanced House File 37 for consideration for the full House of Representatives. The bill would provide flexibility to counties for salaries of county attorneys. Currently, 97 counties are not allowed to provide an annual salary to a county attorney higher than Iowa district court judge. Many rural counties in Iowa have struggled to higher quali-

fied county attorneys with this salary cap. Additionally, assistant county attorneys' salaries are limited to 85% of their county attorney's salaries. These factors have increasingly made it difficult for counties to hire adequate staffing for the county attorney office.

HF 64- Obscene Material Penalty- Stone amendment 64.84
The bill as drafted, increases the penalty for disseminating obscene material to a minor from a serious misdemeanor to a class "D" felony. None of the minimum sentences can be deferred or suspended

HSB 47- School Safety Enhancement
• This week, the Education committee passed HSB 47 to build upon Iowa House's efforts to make our schools as safe as possible.
• This bill encourages collaboration between schools, law enforcement and mental health professionals to ensure the safest environment possible for our students and staff in schools.
• It provides immunity from civil liability for individuals who report credible threats.

As the session speeds up, the number of bills and proposed legislation is larger than any news article can contain. As I hear from constituents, I try to summarize those that garner the most interest. Our state website has all legislation listed by number, committee, or subject at www.legis.iowa.gov/ legislation.



The third week of the '25 legislative session was a very busy one for me. Subcommittees and research filled my days along with meeting many constituents. We started the week with a Rally for Life and celebrating the steps Iowa has taken to reduce abortion in Iowa and providing more support for pregnant women, families and adoption. I hope we can make further progress to eliminate all abortion in our state.

school start date to the second to the last day of August.
The Local Government Committee passed a moratorium on increasing the number of casinos in the state. SSB 1069 would limit the number of casinos in Iowa to 19 for the next 5 years. Of course the current casinos are all in favor of limiting expansion. This seems to be an interference with the Racing and Gaming Commission we set up to regulate this industry. I would like to decrease, not increase, gambling in the state. Passing this bill will not do that. I, and many senators, are a little divided on how to vote on this issue.
There are plenty of other issues we dealt with this week in the Senate. I'd like to share a little of my work

outside the Capitol building.
I was contacted by a non-profit group that wants to force blood banks to collect and store blood from directed donations. They used to allow a person with a scheduled surgery to bank blood ahead of the surgery so they could receive their own blood or that of another volunteer with a matching blood type. That sounded like a very reasonable accommodation to make when a doctor authorizes this for their patient. Wanting to know why blood banks no longer cooperated with this request, I set up a meeting with the biggest blood bank in Iowa.
They were very gracious in setting up a tour and conversation with the CEO on short notice. I learned many things about the difference between non-profit blood banks and those that collect blood/platelets for pharmaceutical use. Important considerations in deciding to collect and store blood for a directed donation are a couple of facts. First, blood can only be stored for 42 days before use. Second, most surgeries

require at least 3.5 units of blood to replace what is lost. That makes it very hard to collect enough blood before a surgery to supply the need of that surgery. If you have only 2 units of blood stored and need 3 or 4, you are getting other blood any way, negating the supposed benefit to self-donation.
As a legislator, I must get the facts before I take action that will affect Iowans. I'd love to have your input on these and any other issues important to you. I am reminded of **Proverbs 18:17. The first to plead his case seems just, until another comes and examines him.**
I learned years ago to be careful about committing to one side of an issue until I have had a chance to hear both sides.
I will be having 2 forums on Feb. 15.
• League of Women Voters Wake-Up forum at 8:30 in Nevada at the Public Library
• Eggs and Issues at 11:00 at Iowa Central Community College in Webster City, Tom Cheloesvig Building

Many Americans find themselves in similar situations. States like California, New York, and Illinois, have gotten away with denying citizens of many other states the right to legally carry within their borders.

Another bill dealing with schools is SF 8, which prohibits a school board from taking action against an employee for using a student's legal name or the pronoun that matches their sex at birth rather than their "preferred" pronoun.
An Education subcommittee also passed SSB 1036, which would change the



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Last week's trivia questions:
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What actor starred in the movie Groundhog Day, and co-starred in movies including Ghostbusters, Caddyshack, Scrooged, and Stripes? Answer: Bill Murray.

This week's trivia questions:
Which two pro football quarterbacks have won Super Bowls with two different teams?
Which two pro football teams have been to the Super Bowl four times, and lost all four?

February is National Snack Food Month, National Cherry Month, National Children's Dental Health Month, National Women Inventors Month, Library Lover's Month, American Heart Month, Cancer Prevention Month, Hot Breakfast Month, International Friendship Month, Black History Month, Bake for Family Fun Month, National Embroidery Month, National Weddings Month, and National Grapefruit Month.

Feb. 5 is National Girls and Women in Sports Day; Feb. 6 is National Valentine Shopping Reminder Day; Feb. 7 is Rose Day, Ballet Day, and Bubble Gum Day; Feb. 8 is National Kite-Flying Day, National Boy Scout Day / Boy Scout Anniversary Day; Feb. 9 is Chocolate Day, National Pizza Day, Super Bowl Sunday, and World Marriage Day; Feb. 10 is International Cribbage Day, and Children's Hospice Day; Feb. 11 is National Inventor's Day, and National Guitar Day.

This week is Women's Heart Week, Boy Scout Anniversary Week, and Burn Awareness Week.

"Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!" - 1 Chronicles 16:11

Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." - Luke 5:31-32

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." - Galatians 5:22-23

"Most of the important things in the world have been accomplished by people who have kept on trying when there seemed to be no hope at all." - Dale Carnegie

"Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching." - C.S. Lewis

"Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great ones make you feel that you, too, can become great." - Mark Twain

"I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; And just because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do." - Edward Hale

"They all laughed at me when I said I was going to be a comedian. Well, nobody's laughing now!"

"My boss is going to fire the employee with the worst posture. I have a hunch it could be me."

Ticket prices for the first Super Bowl in 1967, between the Green Bay Packers and Kansas City Chiefs, cost around \$10. The cheapest tickets for this year's Super Bowl, between the Kansas City Chiefs and Philadelphia Eagles, start at around \$5,000.

No coach has ever won a Super Bowl with two different teams. But there are seven coaches who have taken two different teams to the Super Bowl -

- Don Shula (Baltimore Colts and Miami Dolphins)
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Wright County Showdown in The Grove

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Longtime EGHS rival, Clarion-Goldfield-Dows – the No. 9 ranked team in 2A – visited town last week for a Tuesday night of boys wrestling. The home and away bleachers were congested for a short and mostly one-sided dual that saw the Cowboys prevail 71-11. The lightweights went

head-to-head to start the action, and freshman 106-pounder Ethan Schreiber fell behind 7-0 in the 1st period of his match with Cole Wibholm. The slippery Schreiber refused to be pinned, but lost a 15-0 tech fall in the 2nd.

Andrew Orozco battled intensely in his skirmish with Paxton Redenius at 113. Orozco led 4-3 in the

1st period after recording an escape and a takedown, but Redenius eventually won by fall in 3:27.

Eagle Grove's star 120-pounder Dylan Terwilliger gave his home crowd something to cheer for in his match vs. Angel Cortes. He outmaneuvered and outwitted the Cowboy on his way to an 18-2 tech fall win in 2:51.

Hunter Waldo-Martinez (126) and Jackson Babcock (138) would both lose their matches via fall, and Eagle

Grove surrendered 30 additional points due to open weights at 132, 144, 150, 165, and 215.

Hayden Schafer dominated C-G-D's Caden Hauenstein at 157, jumping to a 17-3 lead before winning via fall in 3:34.

Carter Bjorklund (175) and Jayden Kreitlow (190) were both bumped up a weight class. They, along with Jesus Baez at 285, would lose by fall in the 1st period of their respective matches.



Hayden Schafer needed some tape from Aaron Schafer during a break in the action.



Senior Jesus Baez was honored before the C-G-D dual. (Photos by Taylor Smith)

Girls Wrestlers Wrap Up Season In Osage

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On Saturday, girls wrestlers from Eagle Grove competed in their Class 2A Reg. 4 state qualifying meet in Osage. A slew of ranked wrestlers from 18 schools were in attendance and only the top two individual finishers from each weight class would advance to this weekend's state tournament in Coralville.

Catherine Orozco, who weighed in at 100 lbs. for most of the season, was bumped up to 105 in Osage. She lost by fall in the quarterfinal to a Sumner-Fredericksburg opponent, but rebounded with a 2nd period win by fall over Ashlyn Blake of MFL MarMac.

Orozco lost by fall in the next consolation round and ended her season with a 23-12 record.

Jaymie Anderson, who battled injuries for a portion of her junior season, wrestled at 120 for the Eagles. She earned a 2nd period win by fall in her first match, but drew #10 (1A) Taylor Thayer of Emmetsburg in the semifinals. Anderson was pinned by Thayer, but came back with a pin of her own in the consolation semis. In the 3rd place match, Anderson lost by fall to Tori Keonigs of Riceville and had to settle for 4th place.

Keylyee Collins (125) faced wrestlers from Northwood-Kensett and North

Butler-Clarksville, but lost both matches by fall.

As a team, the Eagles finished with 18 points for 16th place overall.

Osage won the tournament with 235 points, followed by Decorah (205) and Sumner-Fredericksburg (146.5).



Catherine Orozco smiles after a wrestleback win.



Keylyee Collins crouches in her match vs. Jessika Ausborn of Northwood-Kensett.



Jaymie Anderson went 18-7 this season. (Photos by Taylor Smith)

Trio of Eagles Place 4th in Guthrie Center

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On Saturday, the Eagle Grove boys wrestling team traveled to AC/GC High School for the massive Charger Invitational.

Dylan Terwilliger went 4-2 and finished 4th at 120. He won twice by fall, once by major decision, and once by technical fall before losing by fall to Waylon Logue of Southeast Warren/Melcher-Dallas in the 3rd place match.

Hayden Schafer also took 4th place after going 3-2 at 157. The junior won two decisions and a major decision, but lost a 4-1 de-

cision to Caden Gibbons of Central Springs in his final match of the day.

At 175, Jayden Kreitlow held his own and went 3-2 on his way to 5th place. He won twice by fall and once by medical forfeit.

Jesus Baez pinned his way to the 3rd place match at 285, but lost by fall in the 3rd period and finished 4th.

As a team, Eagle Grove scored 93 total points, good enough for 11th place out of 24 schools. Southeast Polk (237.5) won the invitational, followed by Riverside, Oakland (236.5) and Central Springs (202).



Ellie Lenning blows past a Central Springs defender. (Photo by Mitch Jones Photography)

Freshmen Perform Well To Close Out January

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Eagle Grove's girls basketball team went up against two Top of Iowa opponents last week.

On Tuesday night, the purple and gold faced 9-7 Lake Mills on the road and lost 56-31. Against Central Springs on Friday, they fell 48-16.

Salem Willard shot 80% from the field and was Eagle Grove's highest scorer with 10 points. Myka Anderson sank a pair of threes and had eight points to go along with four rebounds.

Myah Edwards recorded two steals, two blocks, and six boards. Taytum Edwards scored six with two steals against the Bulldogs, and Kendra Schild grabbed seven rebounds.

In the game vs. the 7-9 Panthers, Taytum Edwards led the way with seven points and four steals. Ellie Lenning scored seven, secured five boards, and had three steals.

Schild pulled down another eight rebounds, and Willard finished the game with two points, two steals, and six boards.

Wright County Pool League

TEAM STANDINGS:

| # | Name | Rnd | Rnd | Pts+ | Pts+* | Wins | Loss | Win % | Avg* | |
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| 1 | Moes | 34 | 10 | 858 | 855 | 66 | 33 | 66.67 | 8.64 | |
| 2 | Wizards | 28 | 16 | 820 | 796 | 57 | 42 | 57.58 | 8.04 | |
| 3 | Rookies | 26 | 22 | 853 | 835 | 58 | 50 | 53.7 | 7.73 | |
| 4 | Strokers and Pokers | 22 | 22 | 805 | 793 | 56 | 43 | 56.57 | 8.01 | |
| 5 | Replacements | 22 | 22 | 786 | 783 | 55 | 44 | 55.56 | 7.91 | |
| 6 | Fa'que | 22 | 22 | 763 | 739 | 44 | 55 | 44.44 | 7.46 | |
| 7 | Motley Cue | 16 | 28 | 737 | 716 | 40 | 59 | 40.4 | 7.23 | |
| 8 | Kim Jong Pool | 10 | 38 | 729 | 660 | 29 | 79 | 26.85 | 6.11 | |

*No Handicap

PLAYER STANDINGS:

| # | Name | Team(s) | Pts+ | Pts- | Diff* | Gms | Wins | Loss | Win % | Avg+ |
|----|------------------|---------------------|------|------|-------|-----|------|------|-------|------|
| 1 | Zach Martin | Rookies | 301 | 222 | 79 | 36 | 24 | 12 | 66.67 | 8.36 |
| 2 | Steve Martin | Moes | 297 | 198 | 99 | 33 | 26 | 7 | 78.79 | 9 |
| 3 | Dave Walker | Wizards | 294 | 183 | 111 | 33 | 27 | 6 | 81.82 | 8.91 |
| 4 | Alec Martin | Rookies | 286 | 274 | 12 | 36 | 19 | 17 | 52.78 | 7.94 |
| 5 | Steve Evans | Moes | 281 | 247 | 34 | 33 | 20 | 13 | 60.61 | 8.52 |
| 6 | Dick Stumpf | Moes | 277 | 227 | 50 | 33 | 20 | 13 | 60.61 | 8.39 |
| 7 | Mike Rolo | Strokers and Pokers | 275 | 233 | 42 | 33 | 20 | 13 | 60.61 | 8.33 |
| 8 | Jason Stumpf | Replacements | 262 | 253 | 9 | 33 | 17 | 16 | 51.52 | 7.94 |
| 9 | Daryl Ward | Motley Cue | 262 | 251 | 11 | 33 | 16 | 17 | 48.48 | 7.94 |
| 10 | Steve Gordon | Wizards | 262 | 252 | 10 | 33 | 16 | 17 | 48.48 | 7.94 |
| 11 | Derrick Linn | Strokers and Pokers | 259 | 212 | 47 | 30 | 20 | 10 | 66.67 | 8.63 |
| 12 | Brandon Thompson | Replacements | 256 | 240 | 16 | 33 | 19 | 14 | 57.58 | 7.76 |
| 13 | Blake Jackson | Rookies | 248 | 301 | -53 | 36 | 15 | 21 | 41.67 | 6.89 |
| 14 | Eric Hogle | Replacements | 243 | 213 | 30 | 30 | 18 | 12 | 60 | 8.1 |
| 15 | Dart Humphrey | Motley Cue | 243 | 258 | -15 | 33 | 15 | 18 | 45.45 | 7.36 |
| 16 | Keith Larue | Fa'que | 242 | 264 | -22 | 33 | 13 | 20 | 39.39 | 7.33 |
| 17 | Ryan Gardalen | Fa'que | 241 | 267 | -26 | 33 | 13 | 20 | 39.39 | 7.3 |
| 18 | Tom Thielen | Wizards | 240 | 277 | -37 | 33 | 14 | 19 | 42.42 | 7.27 |
| 19 | Jeff Asmus | Strokers and Pokers | 233 | 266 | -33 | 33 | 14 | 19 | 42.42 | 7.06 |
| 20 | Denny Gardalen | Fa'que | 226 | 228 | -2 | 30 | 15 | 15 | 50 | 7.53 |
| 21 | Kyle Disney | Kim Jong Pool | 207 | 320 | -113 | 36 | 10 | 26 | 27.78 | 5.75 |
| 22 | Dean Kirstein | Replacements | 199 | 249 | -50 | 30 | 12 | 18 | 40 | 6.63 |
| 23 | Kelly Hill | Kim Jong Pool | 144 | 226 | -82 | 24 | 4 | 20 | 16.67 | 6 |
| 24 | Adam Russel | Kim Jong Pool | 132 | 194 | -62 | 21 | 4 | 17 | 19.05 | 6.29 |
| 25 | Brant Buhr | Motley Cue | 111 | 116 | -5 | 15 | 6 | 9 | 40 | 7.4 |
| 26 | Colt Allen | Motley Cue | 100 | 169 | -69 | 18 | 3 | 15 | 16.67 | 5.56 |
| 27 | Jeff Linn | Fa'que | 56 | 37 | 19 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 83.33 | 9.33 |

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Morris Shows Out On Senior Night

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

A few days after a nine-point loss in Lake Mills, the Eagle Grove boys basketball team ended their three-game skid with a home win over Central Springs.

The game was knotted at 43 after three quarters, but Eagle Grove outscored the Panthers 19-8 in the 4th and escaped with a 62-51 senior night win.

Jaxon Morris shot 59% from the field and finished with team-highs of 21 points and seven steals. Abraham Lin added 17 points, eight rebounds, three steals, and two blocks.

Josh Miller dropped 12 points and shot at an 83% clip. Sophomores Adrian Whipple and Gavin Pedersen both scored five. Whipple dished out four assists with four steals, and Pedersen wrangled in nine boards.



Josh Miller flushes the ball as a defender looks on. (Photo by Mitch Jones Photography)

SPORTS

UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Thursday, Feb. 6**
- Varsity Esports vs. Woodward-Granger, 4 p.m.
 - Junior High Boys/Girls Wrestling @ EG Elementary, 4:15 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 7**
- Girls JV/Varsity Basketball vs. North Iowa @ EG Elementary, 4 p.m.
 - Boys JV/Varsity Basketball vs. North Iowa @ EG Elementary, 5 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 8**
- Boys Varsity Wrestling @ EG Elementary, 10 a.m.
- Monday, Feb. 10**
- Junior High Boys Wrestling @ West Hancock, 4:15 p.m.
 - Boys J JV Boys Basketball vs. West Bend-Mallard @ EG Elementary, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 11**
- Girls JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura @ EG Elementary, 4 p.m.
 - Boys JV/Varsity Basketball vs. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura @ EG Elementary, 5 p.m.
 - Junior High Girls Basketball vs. West Hancock @ EGHS, 4:15 p.m.

Winter Sports Seniors Recognized

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

16 Eagle Grove senior basketball players, wrestlers, and cheerleaders were honored last week at the Tuesday night wrestling dual vs. C-G-D and at the Friday night basketball game against Central Springs.

Escorted by their loved ones and wearing shirts that featured their baby pictures, the group enjoyed a special moment in the spotlight in front of their home fans. Four seniors involved in wrestling or cheerleading walked on Tuesday, and the remaining group received their flowers on Friday.

Boys Wrestling: Jesus Baez
 Wrestling Cheerleading: Elizabeth Lopez, Ashley Deleon, Gizelle Gonzalez
 Boys Basketball: Patrick Heaton, Joshua Miller, Jaxon Morris, Connor Willard, Lin Ya-Bo, Evan Cooper, Jared Arelolo, Dylan Beck
 Girls Basketball: Myah Edwards, Yarisette Pelico
 Basketball Cheerleading: Arianna Bisson-Rink, Ashley Deleon, Nydia Lopez.



Jaxon Morris



Josh Miller



Dylan Beck



Elizabeth Lopez



Jared Arelolo



Evan Cooper (L) and Lin Ya-Bo (R)



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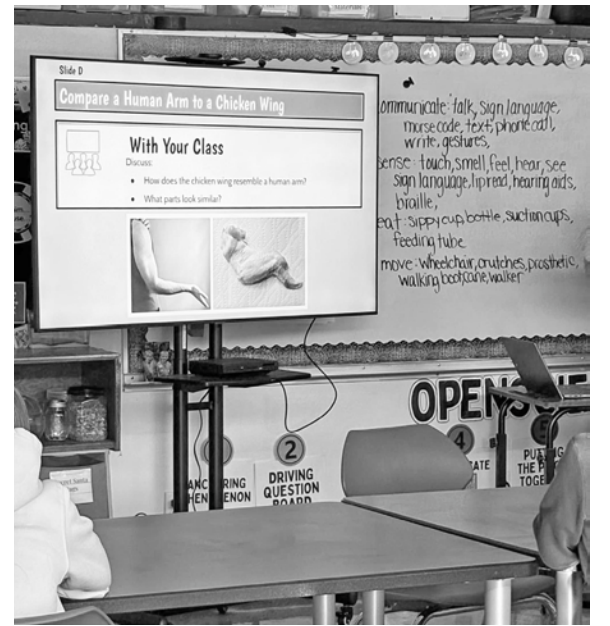
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Mrs. Omvig's 6th grade science class got to see what chicken wings look like on the inside.



Pupils were able to discuss the differences and similarities between chicken wings and human arms. (Photos from Eagle Grove Community Schools Facebook)

Science Experiments Can Get Hairy



Mr. Ascherl's science class took part in several experiments to see how charged objects can alter other materials.



It's static-electricity!



What's the conclusion here? (Photos from Eagle Grove Community Schools Facebook)

Middle Schoolers Take Part in Honor Band



After a day spent playing with kids from other schools, the students were able to showcase their work at a concert.



On Saturday, seven RBMS students participated in the Middles & Music Honor Band at South Hamilton schools. (Photos by Elizabeth Schwake Facebook)

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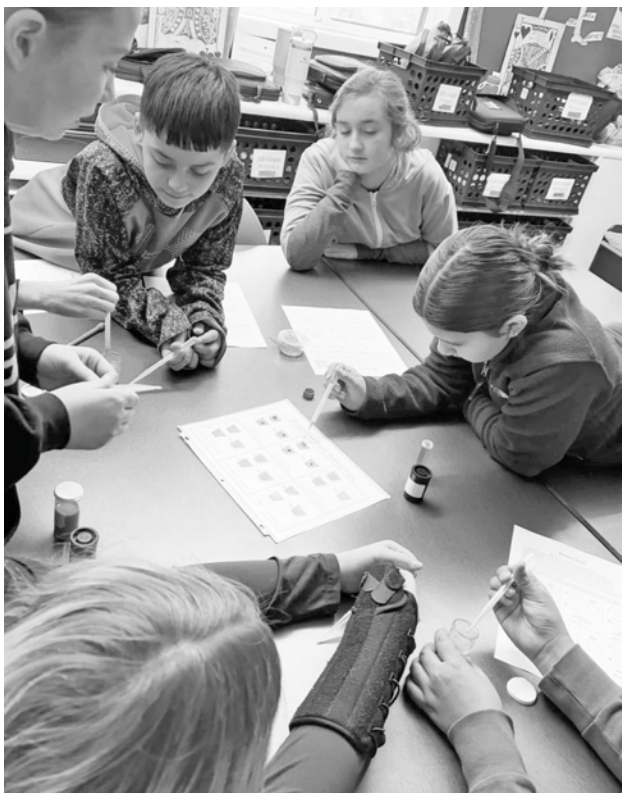
Whodunnit?



Just a drop will do! (Photos from Robert Blue Middle School Facebook)



Last week, 6th graders used clues to help solve the mystery of "who killed Ernie?"

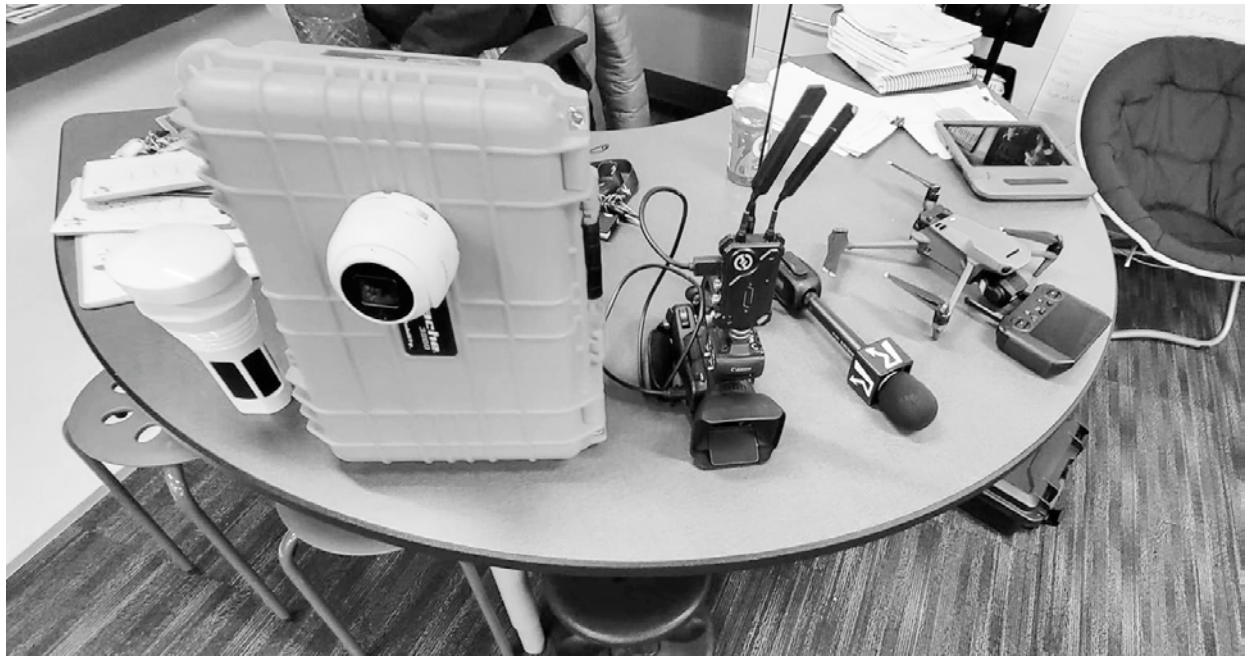


Middle schoolers discussed blood types during their cells and systems unit.

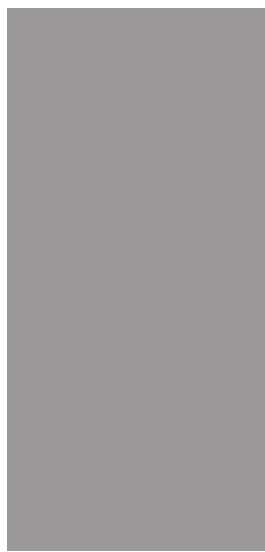
Wondering About The Weather



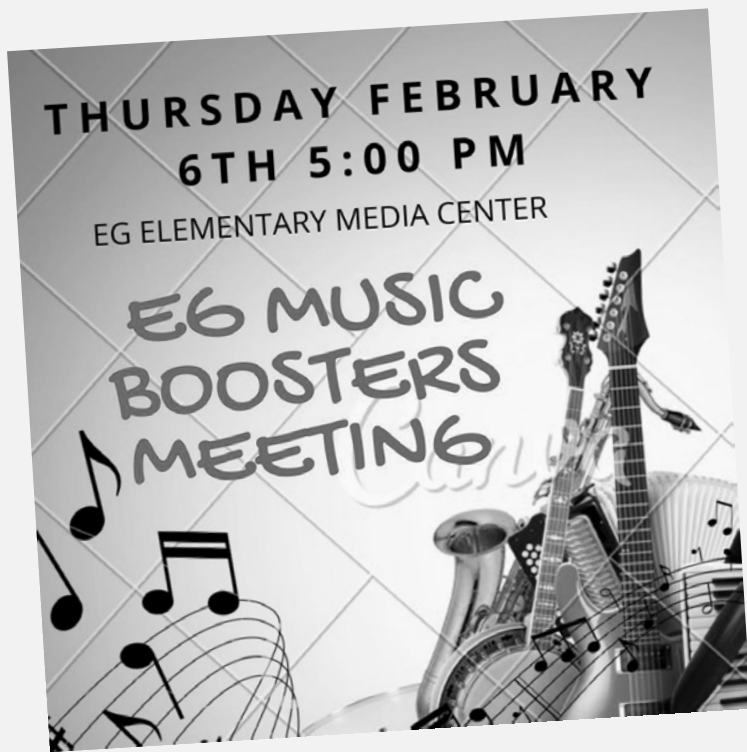
Tornadoes and hurricanes are enthralling subjects.



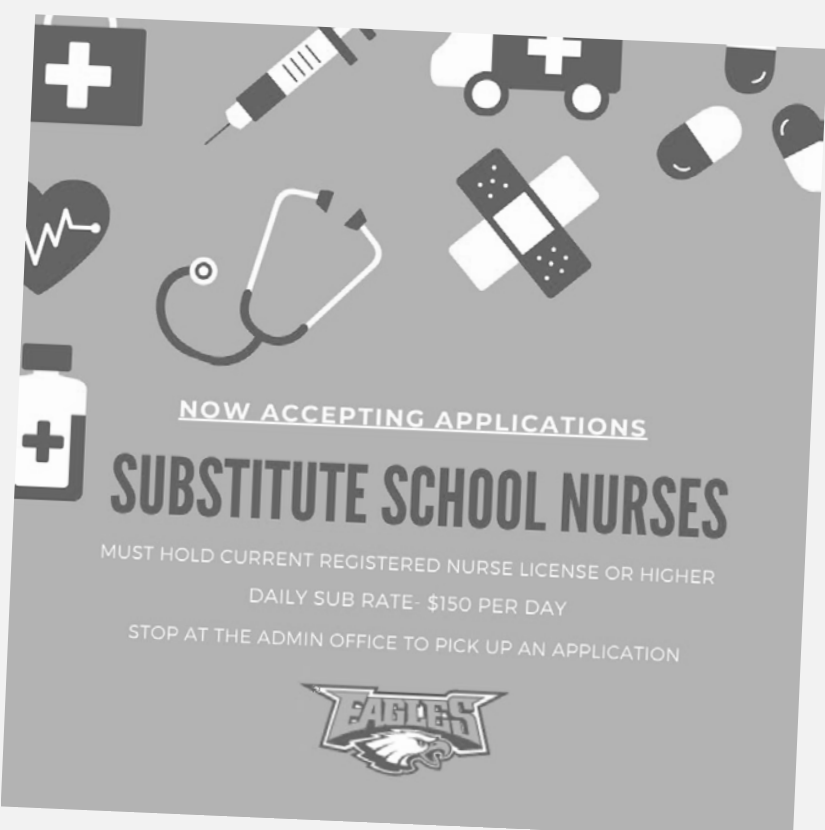
Mr. Beacham was kind enough to show off some of his storm chasing tools.



Caleb Beacham, a professional storm chaser with "Ryan Hall Y'all and The Y'all Squad" visited the 3rd graders during science class. (Photos from Eagle Grove Community Schools Facebook)



All are welcome to attend a meeting for the Eagle Grove Music Boosters (Graphic by Eagle Grove Music Boosters Facebook)



If you hold an RN license and are interested in competitive pay, stop by the administration office and apply to be a substitute school nurse! (Graphic by Eagle Grove Community Schools Facebook)

PEI IS FOR ME



Jerry

AP HISTORY 62 YEARS EAGLE GROVE CSD

What is the most rewarding part of what you do? Seeing young men and women go on to be leaders in their communities and professions. What advice would you give a new teacher? Find a job you love to do and you will NEVER WORK a day in your life. What is a resource you recommend? Up the Down Staircase by Bel Kaufman PEI IS FOR ME BECAUSE... "...it represents me and gives me a voice without dictating to me what my beliefs or approach to my profession should be."

www.peiowa.org

Jerry Becker, who teaches history for EGCSD, was recently recognized by Professional Educators of Iowa for his 62 years of service. (Graphic by Professional Educators of Iowa Facebook)

WRIGHT COUNTY SUPERVISORS • JAN. 20, 2025

January 20, 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.

counts Payable Clerk, to manage and make changes to the County Visa Credit Cards. Motion carries. Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, reviewed a bridge replacement project on Taylor Ave over Luicks Creek in section 31, of Pleasant Township, explaining that they will be replacing a 24' by 57' Triple Span Timber Bridge with a 24' by 80' Triple Span Continuous Concrete Slab Bridge.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries. Minutes of the previous regular meeting of January 13, 2025 were read and approved.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the Wright County Charitable Foundation gave an annual update and presented the board with a list of 39 different funds that the foundation gives grants from. Asbe then requested that the board considers the Wright County Charitable Foundation when discussing budgets and continues to support the foundation financially.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to appoint Kent Kirstein as Grant Township Trustee to fulfill the remaining two years of Gary Martin's four year term. Motion carries. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Loux to authorize Amanda Meyer, Auditor and Joan Shillinglaw, Ac-

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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PUBLIC NOTICE | Ordinance No. 187

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR ORDINANCE NO. 187
Public notice is hereby given that the Council of the City of Goldfield, Iowa, will meet in the council chambers of the City Hall in Goldfield at 6:00 p.m. on February 10, 2025, to consider and act upon Ordinance No. 187, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GOLDFIELD, IOWA, BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO PARKING.

ing violations to \$75.00; decrease the time limit for continuous parking upon a street to 48 hours; and place restrictions on storage and parking of vehicles, machinery, boats, trailers, and recreational vehicles within the strip between the curb and lot line also known as the tree berm. This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, posting and publication as required by law. By order of the City Council of the City of Goldfield, Iowa. Kathy Nelson City Clerk

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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.

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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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

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Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the City of Eagle Grove, at City Hall, 121 North Commercial Avenue, PO Box 165, Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533 before 2:00 p.m. on the 19th day of February 2025, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud for the 2025 Mill and Overlay Project.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa on the proposed Contract Documents (plans, specifications, and form of contract), and estimated cost for the 2025 Mill and Overlay project at its meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the 3rd day of March 2025, at the Public Safety Building, 210 East Broadway Avenue, Eagle Grove, Iowa.

Bids will be considered by the City Council at a meeting to be held at the Public Safety Building, 210 East Broadway Avenue, Eagle Grove, Iowa beginning at 6:30 p.m., on the 3rd day of March 2025, and will be acted upon at such a time and place or at such later time and place as may then be fixed. The 2025 Mill and Overlay Project includes replacement of curb and gutter, resurfacing with hot mix asphalt, and select utility improvements. The construction proposed consists of, but is not limited to the following work items:

Table with 3 columns: Item Name, Quantity, Unit. Includes Modified Subbase, Surface Aggregate, Shoulder Material, Pavement Milling, Sidewalk Removal, etc.

Method of construction shall be by contract and all work is to be done in strict compliance with Plans and Specifications prepared by Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) which have theretofore been approved by the City of Eagle Grove and are now on file for public examination in the Eagle Grove City Hall.

Complete digital image (.pdf) copies of the Bidding Documents, Contract Documents, and Plans and Specifications are available for download at no cost at https://www.questcdn.com. These documents may be viewed or downloaded by entering eBidDocTM Number 9515191 on the QuestCDN Search Projects page.

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A deposit of \$125.00 will be required for the Plans and Specifications, refundable if returned in an unmarked, reusable condition within fourteen (14) days after the award of the contract.

Work under the proposed contracts shall be completed within the following time requirements:

Work shall commence upon the issuance of a written notice to proceed, no earlier than April 1, 2025. Work shall be substantially complete by no later than August 8, 2025. All work shall be completed and ready for final acceptance by September 15, 2025. All streets must be open and accessible for public use prior to ground freezing.

Substantial completion is defined as follows: All work is complete except for finish grading of turf restoration areas, seeding and minor clean up.

The contract times noted are subject to any extension which may be granted by the City Council of Eagle Grove, Iowa.

The kinds of materials proposed to be used and approximate amounts are as set out in the "Bid Form" which by this reference is made a part of this notice.

Each bid shall be sealed in an envelope marked "Bid for 2025 Mill and Overlay Project, Eagle Grove, Iowa." Each bid must be accompanied in a separate envelope by a bidding check or bid bond in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid price, said check being either a certified or cashier's check, drawing on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States, made payable to the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa, as security that the bidder will furnish the required bonds and enter into a contract within ten (10) working days, excluding Saturday, Sunday and holidays, after award of the contract to him.

Bidders shall not be permitted to withdraw their bids for a period of thirty (30) days after the same are opened.

This Work shall be subject to minimum wages and labor standards in accordance with Iowa State law.

By virtue of statutory authority, preference will be given to products and provisions grown and coal produced within the State of Iowa.

In accordance with Iowa statutes, a resident bidder shall be allowed a preference as against a nonresident bidder from a state or foreign country if that state or foreign country gives or requires any preference to bidders from that state or foreign country, including but not limited to any preference to bidders, the imposition of any type of labor force preference, or any other form of preferential treatment to bidders or laborers from that state or foreign country.

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Bidders shall be expected to comply with Chapters 91C and 103A of the Code of Iowa concerning the registration and bonding of construction contractors and the successful bidder shall be required to supply the City of Eagle Grove with proof of said compliance.

Payment for said "2025 Mill and Overlay Project" will be made from the General Funds of the City of Eagle Grove, or from such other funds as may be legally used for such purposes. Monthly estimates will be submitted to the ENGINEER and payment will be made to the CONTRACTOR in the amount of ninety-five percent (95%) of said estimate on or about the twentieth of the following month. Final payment will be made no sooner than thirty (30) days following final acceptance of the work by the City of Eagle Grove.

The bidder's attention is called to the prompt payment to the subcontractors under Chapter 573.12 of the Code of Iowa.

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Advertisement for iowanotices.org. Text: 'WITHOUT PUBLIC NOTICES, YOU'RE LEFT GUESSING. You have a right to know how state and local governments spend your hard-earned tax dollars -- and it's your responsibility to find out. Without public notice, you're left to guess how elected officials are spending your money. iowanotices.org All Iowa public notices in one place... free, searchable and online!'

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What's Cookin' this week?

There's nothing chilly about this warm meal

Winter dinner tables tend to look a lot different at meal time than they do in summer. Come winter, people look to balance flavor with additional qualities that can chase away the chill.

In spite of its name, chili can warm anyone up quickly. Chili is often spicy, which means the dish gives off warmth in a multi-layered approach.

This recipe for "Totally Excellent Chili" from "Clueless in the Kitchen" (Firefly) by Evelyn Raab is spicy, but not too hot, and thin enough to be eaten with a spoon, but not to be mistaken for soup. Home cooks can customize the recipe further depending on their desired flavors.

Totally Excellent Chili

Serves 6

- 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced or pressed
- 1 28-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon Mexican chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper (or one small fresh jalapeño pepper, minced, or both)
- 2 19-ounce cans red kidney or pinto beans, drained & rinsed

In a large saucepan or Dutch oven, combine the ground beef with the onions and garlic, and cook, stirring to break up the clumps, until the meat is no longer pink and the onions are softened - about 10 minutes. Add the tomatoes, chili powder, cumin, salt, curry powder, and cayenne or jalapeño, cover, and simmer for about 30 minutes. Add the beans and cook for another 30 minutes, stirring often.

Serve this chili sprinkled with shredded cheese and accompanied by plain rice or freshly baked corn bread. If the chili is too spicy for you, a spoonful of plain yogurt or sour cream will help cool things down.

KIDS Corner

Math Blocks
Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20. The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

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| 1 | | 5 | 15 |
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| 23 | 24 | 13 | |

Solution

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| 7 | 14 | 8 |
| 5 | 6 | 4 |
| 9 | 3 | 10 |

Get Scrambled
Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.
B N S E L I B N O D S E E S

Answer: Nibbles on seeds

THIS DAY IN HISTORY
FEBRUARY
5

62: An earthquake strikes in Pompeii, Italy.

1852: The New Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg, Russia, opens to the public.

1924: The Royal Greenwich Observatory begins broadcasting the hourly time signals.

NEW WORD
FLEDGLING
a young bird that is learning to fly

Animal FACT:
This activity is a popular hobby that enables people to interact with and observe wildlife.

How they say that in...
English: Seed
Spanish: Semilla
Italian: Seme
French: Graine
German: Samen

Did You Know?
Bird feeders can be placed at different levels, including on the ground, on a table top or higher. This allows various birds to enjoy a meal.

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to low vision. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 5 = S)

A. 7 19 6 20 26 20 25 5 5
Clue: Not being able to see

B. 25 3 25 5
Clue: Enable sight

C. 16 6 5 6 2 20
Clue: State of being able to see

D. 4 19 8 5 5 25 5
Clue: Help with sight

Answers: A. blindness B. eyes C. vision D. glasses

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WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to low vision.
L P I U P

Answer: Pupil

GUESS WHO?
I am a singer born in California on February 8, 1961. I was interested in music and various sports in high school. In 1981, I formed the hair metal band I would be in for the majority of my life. We had many hits throughout the 1980s.

Answer: Vince Neil

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- Clarion Chocolate Crawl: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., downtown Clarion
- Music Boosters Meeting
EG Elementary Media Center, 5pm (free, all are welcome)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- Valentine's Day Custom Shirt Class, Pushing Up Daisies, Clarion, 4:30 p.m.
- Super Bowl Sunday Tailgate Party. Noon at The Bru, Clarion.
Prizes, drink specials, potluck, the game on 13 TV's.
Wear your team gear, bring a dish to share.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- Valentine's Night Dinner Specials
Nine & Dine: 5 p.m. - 9 p.m., choice of Grilled Ribeye or 2 Grilled Chicken Breasts.
Pop's Pizza & Pub: Prime Rib, Brisket, or Turkey meals, NY cheesecake and free champagne. Call 515-448-5072 for reservations.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- Abate District 10 Meeting, Chili & Soup Feed, and Auction
Rails Bar & Grill, 5pm.
Bring an item for auction. Auction starts about 6pm.
Bring soup or chili to serve if desired.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- Cupid's Carnival
Indoor Carnival \$10 per kid.
At the Highschool in Clarion. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- BINGO for Pups & Paws at Soldier Creek Winery, 3 - 5 p.m.
Benefits Pups * & Paws Pound.
Bring a wish list item for a BINGO card: cat litter, dry cat food, flea treatment for cats, litter boxes, dry dog food, wet dog food, paper towels, Lysol, cat toys, cat scoopers, or laundry soap.
Win wine prizes!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- Clarmond Country Club Stockholder's Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to share ideas, voting limited to stockholders.

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

- Chamber of Commerce & Community Development Corp. Annual Banquet
\$20 per ticket at Nine & Dine. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m.
Allbaugh award presentation at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- Jordan Beem live, Rails Bar & Grill, 8 p.m.
2024 Iowa Music Awards Country Artist of the Year
2023 Midwest County Artist of the Year

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