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Boil Advisory Issued for NW Goldfield

By Edward Lynn, Editor

GOLDFIELD, Iowa — Residents in the northwest portion of Goldfield are advised to boil their water before drinking or using it for cooking after a loss of water pressure on Friday, Feb. 7. The City of Goldfield issued a drinking water advisory as a precaution due to the potential for bacterial contamination in the water supply.

Water service was restored to the affected homes, but the advisory remains in effect until tests confirm the water is safe. Residents should boil water for at least one minute and allow it to cool before using it for drinking, cooking, brushing teeth, or making ice. Bottled water is also a safe alternative. The water is safe for bathing and other non-consumption uses.

Goldfield Public Works Superintendent Jim Sisson emphasized that this was an advisory, not an order, and was issued out of an abundance of caution rather than a confirmed contamination. "It's something we do for precautionary reasons, for the safety of the public," Sisson said. "Better safe than sorry." Speaking on Tuesday, he added that test results are expected by early afternoon on Tuesday, or on Wednesday morning. When the city has results, updates will be provided to the public, Sisson said.

As water service returns, residents may experience air

in their pipes or notice discoloration. The city advises running a faucet without an aerator, such as a bathtub, until the water runs clear. The cloudiness may be due to air bubbles or small particles dislodged when the pipes refilled. If discoloration persists, residents should use bottled water and

contact city officials. The advisory only affects homes that lost water service and received an official notice. The City of Goldfield will inform residents when the advisory is lifted through its official communication channels, including the city's Facebook page.

For more information, residents can contact Goldfield City Hall at (515) 825-3613 or Jim Sisson at (515) 851-2403. General water safety guidelines are available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.



Bringing Healthcare Back Home

Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing

In Wright County, a new healthcare initiative led by Iowa Specialty Hospitals and Clinics is making a significant impact on the lives of homebound residents.

Registered Nurse Cyndi Rector has stepped up to head the newly established program to provide crucial in-home nursing care for those who need it most. The Visting Nurse Services' main goal is to ensure that homebound residents continue to receive the care and attention they need but the program has become more than that.

Great ideas are often born once a problem is recognized. Amy McDaniel, CEO of Iowa Specialty Hospital in Belmond, saw the gap left by the removal of the county home health services. Without in-home nursing care, many residents, mostly the elderly and those with chronic illnesses, struggle to maintain their health.

Iowa Specialty Hospitals and Clinics were determined to change that



Cyndi Rector RN is the newly established Visiting Nurse Services Leader with Iowa Specialty Hospital. (Photo: ISH)

health professionals right at their doorstep.

The Visiting Nurse Service program exists to enhance the quality of life for those who are homebound. It provides healthcare tailored to their needs. But beyond the medical benefits, it also offers peace of mind to patients and their families.

When a Visiting Nurse steps through a patient's front door, they bring with them a wealth of services, including medication management, wound care, chronic disease assessment, and education, bloodwork services, care coordination, specialized medical needs, and even personal hygiene assistance.

This stunning accidental sculpture of striated sand is somewhere in Eagle Grove. Do you know where it is? Go to our Facebook page at fb.me/eaglegroveeagle to add your answer! (Photo by Edward Lynn)

and pursued the necessary certification to launch the new Visiting Nurse Services in Wright County. Thanks to their efforts, homebound people once again have access to professional and caring

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Health Insurance for Millions Could Vanish As States Put Medicaid Expansion on Chopping Block

by Anna Claire Vollers Stateline

Republican lawmakers in several states have Medicaid expansion in their crosshairs, energized by President Donald Trump's return to the White House and a GOP-controlled Congress set on reducing spending on the public health insurance program for low-income people. As the feds consider cuts to Medicaid, some states are already moving to end or shrink their expanded Medicaid programs.

Legislators in Idaho have introduced a bill that would repeal voter-approved expansion, while Republicans in Montana are considering allowing their expanded program to expire. Some South Dakota lawmakers want

to ask voters to let the state end expansion if federal aid declines. Nine other states already have trigger laws that will end their expansion programs if Congress cuts federal funding.

Meanwhile, discussions have stalled in non-expansion states such as Alabama, as lawmakers wait to see what the Trump administration will do. Many conservatives argue that Medicaid expansion has created a heavy financial burden for states and that reliance on so much federal funding is risky. They argue that expansion shifts resources away from more vulnerable groups, such as children and the disabled, to low-income adults who could potentially get jobs.

In South Dakota, where

voters approved Medicaid expansion in 2022 by a constitutional amendment, Republican state Sen. Casey Crabtree wants to bring expansion before voters again with a trigger measure. He told Stateline via text that his proposed amendment to the state constitution "empowers voters to maintain financial accountability, ensuring that if federal funding drops below the agreed 90%, the legislature can responsibly assess the state's financial capacity and the impact on taxpayers while still honoring the will of the people."

But even some Republicans are uneasy about what repealing expansion would mean for their constituents.

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Mid-America Publishing Shines at Iowa Newspaper Awards

By Edward Lynn, Editor

DES MOINES, Iowa – Mid-America Publishing had a remarkable showing at the 2025 Iowa Better Newspaper Contest, taking home multiple awards at the Iowa Newspaper Association's annual convention in Des Moines on Thursday. The company's journalists placed in nearly every cat-





egory they entered, highlighting their dedication to local journalism and storytelling.

The contest, judged by the Kansas Press Association, featured about 3,200 entries across a wide range of categories, with newspapers competing in five circulation-based classes. Despite the steep competition, Mid-America Publishing's staff excelled, earning top honors in several key categories.

Mid-America's winners were:

• Jennifer Burnham and Matt Grohe, *Hampton Chronicle* – Best Use of Social Media, Class III, First Place

• Rebecca Peters, *Garner Leader* – Best News Feature Story, Class II, First Place

• Amanda Rink, Wright County Monitor – Best News Story, Class II, Third Place

• Mike Hohenbrink, *Calmar Courier* – Coverage of Court and Crime, Class I, First Place

• Casey Jarmes, *Sigourney News-Review* – Best Continuing Coverage, Class II, First Place

For *Hampton Chronicle* Editor Jennifer Burnham, the recognition was a testament to the hard work of her team. "I am just so dang proud of our team," she shared in a Facebook post, later writing on the Chronicle's page, "Thank you for your continued support. We couldn't have done this without you!"

One of the more controversial entries was Mandi Rink's third-place winning article, "*No Eminent Domain for Private Gain.*" The article tackled the controversial issue of a proposed carbon dioxide pipeline planned to pass through Wright County near Eagle Grove, connecting to the CornLP ethanol plant in Goldfield. The piece explored the concerns of landowners opposed to the pipeline, bringing to light legal and ethical debates surrounding eminent domain. Rink acknowledged the challenges of covering divi-

chanenges of covering divisive topics but emphasized the importance of local journalism. "It was an incredibly proud moment," she wrote in the *Wright County Monitor*, "not just because of the award but because it confirmed something I believe: local journalism matters, even when it's not easy or fun."

She further reflected on the role of reporters in serving their communities. "As I've written before, journalism isn't about writing what is comfortable," Rink said. "It's about covering the issues that impact our community."

The contest judge who reviewed Rink's piece commended the depth of reporting and the courage it took to write such a story. "I've done such stories and gotten some very angry comments from the property owners and their friends," the judge remarked, acknowledging the sensitivity of the topic.

Mid-America Publishing's continued success at the Iowa Newspaper Association Awards clearly illustrates the strength of community journalism and its role in keeping local readers informed.

For a full list of contest results, visit https:// inanews.com/convention/ contestresults/. Rink's award-winning article can be read at shorturl.at/6caDf.



Hampton Chronicle Editor Jennifer Burnham shows off the Chronicle's First Place award for Best Use of Social Media at the INA awards dinner, in Des Moines, on Thursday. (Photo by Edward Lynn)



Local News



Baby girl Thielen

Dylan and Taylea Thielen of Baxter, Iowa are the proud parents of a daughter, Sophia Irene, born on February 6, 2025 at 12:44 a.m. Sophia is the couple's first child. Grandparents are Deb Thielen and the late Mark Thielen, of Eagle Grove and Bob & Lisa Manley of Hedrick, Iowa. Great-grandmother, Sharon Seibert of Eagle Grove, Iowa.

Baby boy Anderson

Abigail and Jesse Anderson of Bode, Iowa are pleased to announce the birth of a son.

James Edwin Anderson was born on Feb. 8, 2025, weighing 8 pounds, 12 ounces. He joins siblings Ruby (5) and Henry (3). Grandparents are Ed and Brenda Anderson of Dallas Center.

Iowa, and James and Patricia Kirchner of La Crosse, Wisconsin. Great grandparents are Jean Lehman of Eagle Grove and

Beverly Anderson of Webster City.

5 Local Students Make ISU Fall Dean's List

AMES, Iowa (February 10, 2025) More than 11,500 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2024 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

The following students from our area are recognized:

- **Eagle Grove**
- Adam Herrington, Senior, Kinesiology and Health, B.S. • Casey Jergens, Sophomore, Cyber Security Engineering, B.S.
- Evan Thul, Sophomore, Business Analytics, B.S.
- Shea Whaley, Senior, Agricultural Communication, B.S. Goldfield

• Olivia Andersen, Senior, Industrial Engineering, B.S. Congratulations to these students on their accomplishment!

6 Local Students Make University of Iowa Fall Dean's List

Wright County Supervisors **Focus on Budget Amendments** and Wage Increases

Amanda Rink, **Mid America Publishing**

The Wright County Board of Supervisors gathered for their regular meeting last Monday to discuss various county matters. Those in attendance were Dean Kluss, Ashley Bosch, and Lynn Loux with Rick Rasmussen and Betty Ellis joining through Zoom.

The board heard updates on secondary roads, budget amendments, and wage increases for county employees

Wright County Engineer Adam Clemons provided an update on secondary road maintenance, sharing the completion of brush cutting and ongoing work orders.

"We've pretty much got all that done this year," Clemons shared, referring to the brush-cutting work.

He also discussed recent and upcoming winter weather events.

"We are slated to have some winter events this week, so we're going to keep on top of that."

He noted that the county monitors the National Weather Service briefings and may hold an emergency meeting with the sheriff's

office and emergency management to discuss a potential courthouse closure if the weather worsens.

"We've seen in the past that it does help us in secondary roads, the sheriff's office, and emergency management when the courthouse closes," he said.

The board reviewed and accepted the January monthly revenue report from the Wright County Sheriff's Office. This included county car service fees and mileage, new and renewed weapons permits, and copy fees totaling \$2,776.07.

The board also received budget amendment documents for the current fiscal year, outlining an increase in revenues of \$252,370 and a reduction in expenses of \$533,518. The resulting increase in carryover totaled \$785,888.

Supervisors also discussed specific departmental budget adjustments with consideration from county department heads, including:

• Treasurer: Reduction of \$24,100

• Auditor: Reduction of \$20,636

• Engineer: Reduction of \$396,270

 Conservation: Reduction of \$186,954

• Public Health: Reduction of \$66,700

· Sanitarian: Increase of \$66,857

The public hearing for the budget amendment is set for March 3, 2025, at 9:30 AM. Wage Increases for County

Employees Supervisors also reviewed

and approved wage increases for county employees, including:

• Treasurer's Department: \$1,000 increase

• Recorder's Office: \$1,500 increase

• Sheriff's Office: \$2,600 increase

"This is just for one employee in my office, my office manager," clarified Wright County Sheriff Jason Schluttenhofer.

The board also heard an update from Wright County Engineer Adam Clemons about the ongoing bridge project south of Eagle Grove. An equipment malfunction occurred while installing pilings.

"They got down to about 16 feet, and then the sound changed," Supervisor Bosch said, who was visiting the site when the malfunction occurred. "They hit bedrock, and the piston shot out of the top of the hammer. Thankfully, nobody was hurt."

Supervisor Kluss also shared an ongoing legal dispute from another Iowa county involving drainage issues and railroad regulations. The case is likely to progress to higher courts. This is relevant to Wright County, considering the non-responsiveness of the railroad company regarding various problems in the county.

In other updates, the board: • Approved a liquor license renewal for Goldfield's Oak **Ridge Golf Course**

• Passed Resolution 2025-08, which updated the depository limits for county funds. The change increased the Green Belt Bank and Trust limit from \$3 million to \$3.5 million

• Will attend the Farm Bureau board meeting on Thursday, February 13. 2025.

The next Supervisors meeting will be held on Monday, February 17, at 9:00 AM. This meeting and others can be watched online at YouTube.com/@Wright-CountyIowaOfficial8312.

Planning and Zoning Workshops for Local Officials Now Open for Registration

By Luke Seaberg. **Esther Crompton**

AMES, Iowa - Iowa State University Extension and Outreach is offering Intro to Planning and Zoning for Local Officials workshops this spring to help local leaders navigate zoning laws, understand their roles and make informed land-use decisions. Three-hour workshops will be held across Iowa to focus on real-world applications of planning and zoning principles. Luke Seaberg, an ISU Extension and Outreach community development specialist, said the sessions are designed to be interactive and practical. "Planning and zoning decisions affect everything from housing and business development to farmland and public spaces," said Seaberg. "These workshops provide local officials with useful tools to guide thoughtful, well-informed decisions that

serve their communities." Workshop dates and locations

Each session includes a light dinner and networking time, giving local officials an opportunity to connect with others facing similar challenges.

• April 2 – ISU Extension and Outreach Dickinson including city council members, county supervisors, planning and zoning commissioners, zoning board of adjustment members, municipal staff and regional planners.

"For many attendees, this is their first formal introduction to planning and zoning," Seaberg explained. "For cal decision makers with the tools and knowledge they need to make well-informed decisions about land use in their communities," Seaberg said.

How to register

The registration fee is \$65 per participant, with a discounted rate of \$55 per person for groups of three

IOWA CITY, IA (02/05/2025)- More than 8,700 students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2024 fall semester.

Eagle Grove and Goldfield students recognized are:

- Cael Chase of Goldfield
- Kenya Martinez of Eagle Grove
- Carson Nesheim of Goldfield
- Megan Schafer of Eagle Grove
- · Garrett Seaba of Goldfield
- Nicholas Sisson of Goldfield
- Guidelines for inclusion on the list are:

Degree seeking undergraduate students in the Carver College of Medicine, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, the College of Public Health, the Tippie College of Business, and University College who achieved a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of UI graded coursework during a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of "I" (incomplete) or "O" (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the dean's list for that semester.

Undergraduate students in the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine may qualify for the dean's list with fewer than 12 semester hours of graded credit, if deemed appropriate by the college

College of Nursing students participating in clinical courses who have a total of 12 semester hours of earned credit, with eight semester hours of graded credit with a GPA of 3.50 or higher

County Office, Spirit Lake • April 8 - ISU Extension and Outreach Johnson

County Office, Iowa City • April 16 - ISU Extension and Outreach Webster Coun-

ty Office, Fort Dodge • April 22 - ISU Extension

and Outreach Woodbury County Office, Sioux City • April 29 - ISU Extension and Outreach Dubuque

County Office, Dubuque • May 6 – Hilton Garden Inn Des Moines/Urbandale, Johnston

Who should attend?

This workshop is designed for local decision-makers,

others, it's a chance to get a refresher and discuss new trends and legal updates. Eization. ther way, participants leave with practical knowledge

they can use in their roles.' What will you learn?

The curriculum covers planning, comprehensive variances, special uses, nonconforming uses, spot zoning, hearing procedures and ethical considerations. Using real-world case studies, participants will see how these principles are applied in local zoning decisions.

"We don't just talk about zoning rules. We provide lo-

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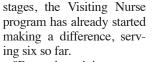
uled workshops, ISU Extension and Outreach's Community and Economic Development unit offers place-based customized, planning and zoning training for cities, counties and townships across Iowa as needed.

For more information, contact Luke Seaberg at seaberg@iastate.edu or Esther Crompton, ISU Extension and Outreach communication specialist, at eecrompt@ iastate.edu.

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By providing these services at home, the program reduces hospital visits while improving their clients' overall comfort and quality of life.

Though still in its early



which is, of course, the prial connection."

Cyndi Rector, who earned her Associate in Nursing from Iowa Central Community College, is an experienced healthcare worker. When she isn't working, she enjoys spending time with her family, Eric, Macken-



zie, Madison, Maycie, and Mason. The response from the

community about the new program has been overwhelmingly positive.

"I've received so many encouraging comments," Rector shared. "People are truly excited to have these services available in Wright County again."

Could this program serve as a blueprint for other rural areas struggling with home healthcare access? Rector thinks so.

"Other communities would need to meet the requirements set by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, but I highly recommend looking into itfor the betterment of their residents," she explained.

Healthcare access in rural areas remains a challenge, but programs like the one led by Rector prove that solutions do exist. She encourages local leaders and policymakers to support health initiatives.

The team behind the new Visiting Nurses services didn't just solve a community-wide program; they re-established a lifeline.

"They [Iowa Specialty] don't just have the motto of 'consistently exceeding expectations'-they truly live it," Rector shared. "I'm proud to work for Iowa Specialty and to bring these essential services to our community."

For many in Wright County, the services are more than healthcare, it is a powerful reminder that even in rural areas, no one is forgotten, and everyone deserves care.





ing six so far. "Beyond receiving care-

> mary goal-many patients also appreciate the companionship," Cyndi Rector told The Wright County Monitor. "Some individuals live alone, and our visits bring not just medical support, but also a much-needed person-

Plan Now for How to Use Your Tax Refund

AMES, Iowa – Iowans who are expecting a sizable income tax refund have choices about how to use that money, says Barb Wollan, a human sciences specialist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

"Keep in mind that how you use your refund will affect your household's financial wellbeing all year long. However, before you receive your refund, consider how much money to pay for tax preparation," said Wollan, who specializes in family wellbeing.

Wollan offers these suggestions.

Maximize your refund by not overpaying for tax return preparation

If your income is below about \$67,000 per year, you may be eligible for free tax preparation through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. Some ISU Extension and Outreach county offices are also VITA sites and a list of these VITA sites is available online. If your income is below \$84,000, you can use VITA's free do-it-yourself software.



Learn more by sending an email to Central Iowa VITA, centraliowavita@gmail. com; an auto reply will provide you with the link and instructions.

Plan for use of your refund As with any type of income, you have three main choices for how to use your tax refund: spend, save or pay off debt.

"Careful thought can help

you ensure that your family benefits all year long from the refund," Wollan said.

Save your refund

Saving substantially from the tax refund may be overlooked when immediate needs and wants are always present. However, for many families, saving a large portion of the refund may be the best possible option.

"There are good reasons

to save your income tax refund," Wollan explained.

• Think back to the financial challenges you faced in the past year and think ahead to special needs you anticipate in the year ahead. In many cases, having money in savings prevents an unusual or unexpected expense from becoming a major crisis.

• Without savings, any

major repair, medical bill or large seasonal expense could disrupt your financial stability. For example, paying a car repair bill might leave you short on funds to pay your regular monthly bills on time, leading to late fees or additional interest charges.

• Having savings reduces costs, prevents stress and helps you maintain positive relationships with your land-lord and other regular vendors.

• What seasonal expenses might you want to save for? What emergency expenses might arise? Consider setting saving goals for your tax refund to help prevent a financial crisis in the coming year. **Pay off debt**

Your first priority for your refund may be to pay off any problem debt. If you're behind on a bill, getting caught up is important. If you have high-interest credit card debt, paying it off will save a lot of interest expense, Wollan said.

Make a special purchase After paying off problem

debt, though, it becomes a balancing act: saving for an-

ticipated needs in the coming year versus making special purchases now.

"Keep in mind that spending the money is irreversible. However, if you save a large portion of your refund and no emergencies arise, you can always make purchases later, or next year," Wollan said.

Most families will make some purchases with their tax refund. Consider purchases that will pay benefits for a long time, so that even six to eight months from now your family will still enjoy what you purchased and feel like it has made your life better.

As you look ahead to tax season, Wollan suggests planning for how you will use your tax refund. Without a carefully thought out plan, it can be easy to spend your refund on the first few good ideas that you encounter, rather than in the ways that will benefit your family the most. Paying debt may be inevitable, but prioritizing substantial savings can set the stage for a year without financial ups and downs.



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Battle Over the Legality of Iowa's School Book Ban Heats Up

by Clark Kauffman

A long-running legal battle over Iowa's school book ban took another turn Thursday with opponents and lawyers for the state arguing their case before a federal judge.

Lawyers for a book publisher that is challenging the law called it a "statewide, one-size-fits-all statute that eliminates discretion by school librarians," while lawyers for the state characterized it as an appropriate and lawful attempt by lawmakers to control the materials publicly funded schools are offering their students. The law is part of Senate File 496, which was approved in May 2023, and includes provisions that ban, for grades K-12, virtually all books containing descriptions or depictions of a sex act. The bill also includes a provision that, for grades K-6, forbids "curriculum" or "instruction" that is related to gender identity or sexual orientation. The law was scheduled to go into effect in July 2023 with penalties for violations beginning in January 2024. Within months of the bill's passage, thousands of books were removed from Iowa school shelves, including "To Kill a Mockingbird," "1984," and "A Catcher in the Rye." In November 2023, the ACLU of Iowa and the Lambda Legal Defense Educational Fund, representing Iowa Safe Schools, a nonprofit group that supports LGBTQ+ youth, filed a federal lawsuit against the state, seeking an injunction to block enforcement of the new law. Book publisher Penguin Random House and the Iowa State Education Association also filed a lawsuit seeking an injunction that would prevent enforcement of the book ban.

District Court Judge Stephen Locher issued an injunction blocking some elements of the law. The state appealed that decision and in August 2024, a three-member panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit sent the case back to Judge Locher, directing him to reconsider the law's constitutionality in light of a recent First Amendment decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in Moody v. NetChoice. That case involved a lawsuit over speech on social media platforms.

The ACLU and Lambda

in both constitutional and unconstitutional restrictions on books.

Sperling noted that some books that would be subject to the ban are nonfiction historical works that include brief descriptions of sex acts within a much a larger, nonsexual context. "These are important books for high school seniors," Sperling said. "They're not appropriate for third-graders."

Sperling argued that "if there's a single sentence" in a book that describes a sex act, the book is "pulled off the shelves" without regard to the context and without regard to whether it is made available to third-graders or to graduating seniors who are adults. "You can't use a tool to unconstitutionally restrict free speech, even if you're also using that same tool to constitutionally restrict free speech," he told the court.

ment of Education, which books should be pulled from school shelves. He said the status quo is one of "chaos and confusion," which is one reason why an injunction would be appropriate.

Locher indicated he was struggling with certain aspects of the case, particularly the fact that certain, brief descriptions of sex may appear to be salacious when read in isolation, but not when read as one element of a 300-page book.

At one point, he asked whether the state feels a teacher can assign a book to a class if that book makes reference to a same-sex couple. Admussen indicated that if the reference was "neutral," and didn't endorse or advocate such a relationship, such a book would not be prohibited by the new law.

At the conclusion of Thursday's two-and-a-halfhour hearing, Locher told the parties he hopes to render a decision in the case "as fast I can, but it probably won't be terribly fast," noting that he's scheduled to preside over a trial next week.

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In December 2023, U.S.

Legal then filed a renewed request for a preliminary injunction, as did Penguin Random House and the ISEA. On Thursday, attorneys for all parties in both cases argued their case before Judge Locher at the federal courthouse in Des Moines.

'Stupid' or 'unconstitutional'?

During Thursday's hearing, Judge Locher observed that not all laws that are ill advised are unconstitutional, noting that former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia used to joke that federal judges should be given two stamps when ruling on new laws, with one stamp marked "stupid," and the other marked "unconstitutional."

"You can break out both stamps for this one, your honor," said Thomas Story, attorney for the ACLU of Iowa, drawing laughter from lawyers on both sides of the case.

A key argument by Frederick Sperling, attorney for Penguin Random House, was that the law is so vague and so open to interpretation — it doesn't distinguish between books that are appropriate for second-graders and those that are suitable for high school seniors, he said — that it has resulted

'Chaos and confusion'

Asked by Locher whether he believes the state has the authority to control the actions or communications of the public schools, Sperling said "the problem with the statute is that it takes away discretion by local school librarians."

In a brief filed with the court recently, Sperling argued the law "unconstitutionally prohibits school librarians and other trained educators from considering the age of the potential reader and the value of each book as a whole."

William Admussen, representing the state, told the court a preliminary injunction wouldn't be appropriate in the case given the fact that it has been in effect for almost a year — albeit not continuously, due to the the various preceding court rulings.

Story argued otherwise, noting that it's still unclear, even to the Iowa DepartAdmussen said the book ban does not violate the First Amendment, and noted that higher courts have held that limitations on school-sponsored speech are constitutional if they are reasonably related to a legitimate pedagogical purpose. Specifically, he said, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals has held that school libraries are a form of school-sponsored speech.



Monday, Feb. 17 Hearty Veg Beef Soup, Breadstick, Lettuce/Spinach Salad, Fruit

Wednesday, Feb. 19 Tator Tot Casserole, Whole Wheat Bread, Lettuce/Romaine Salad, Fruit

Friday, Feb. 21 Swedish Meatballs over Egg Noodles or Mashed Potatoes, Whole Wheat Roll, Vegetable, Fruit for questions: info@iowa-capitaldispatch.com.

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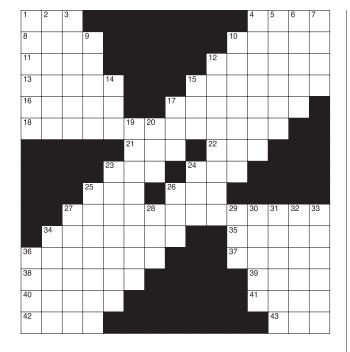
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Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

Final All Things Beef Workshop in Marshalltown Set for Feb. 19

By Chris Clark

Marshalltown, Iowa -Beef producers are invited to attend an Iowa State University Extension and Outreach program to learn about estrus synchronization strategies and the use of artificial insemination of beef cows.

"We will cover some options for estrus synchronization, reference the protocols from the Re-

productive Task Force and maybe experiment briefly with Iowa State's Estrus Synchronization Planner," said Chris Clark, beef specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "Then we plan to talk a little bit about the basics of artificial insemination. This is not an AI certification class with all the hands-on practice, but we will talk through some potential benefits of using AI as well as bovine anatomy and technique. It would be a good primer to get someone ready for an AI certification course."

The All Things Beef workshop, the final one in the Marshalltown series, will be held Feb. 19 at 5:30 p.m. at the ISU Extension and Outreach Marshall County Office, located at 2608 S 2nd St., Marshalltown. Please RSVP to Chelsea Llewellyn by email at chelsea@ iastate.edu, by phone at 641-752-1551 or by text at 515-421-9345. There is no charge for the workshop. A light supper will be provided.

For more information, please contact Chris Clark at 712-250-0070 or by email at caclark@iastate. edu.

U.S. Senate Confirms Russ Vought, a Project 2025 Author, To Manage the Nation's Budget

by Jennifer Shutt

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate voted Thursday to confirm Russ Vought as director of the Office of Management and Budget, giving support to one of the architects of Project 2025 and someone who hopes to erode Congress' control over government spending.

Vought, who worked as OMB director during President Donald Trump's first term in office, was confirmed on a 53-47 party-line vote that followed Democrats keeping the chamber in session overnight to highlight their opposition.

Objections to Vought centered around his goal to give the president more authority over federal spending decisions, which Democrats said is a violation of the separation of powers in the Constitution.

"Congress makes laws and appropriates funds, not the president," New Hampshire Sen. Maggie Hassan said. "At stake is not a legal technicality, at stake is our

The Office of Management and Budget, also called the White House budget office, is responsible for submitting the president's annual budget request to Congress, but it also has sweeping authority over federal regulations and federal agencies.

Acting OMB Director Matthew J. Vaeth caused considerable confusion in late January when he released a two-page memo calling for a halt to trillions in federal funding for grant and loan programs spread across departments and agencies.

The memo, which was later rescinded, led to two separate lawsuits and two federal judges issuing temporary restraining orders blocking the Trump administration from implementing the proposed funding freeze.

Senate Majority Leader John Thune, R-S.D., said Wednesday that Vought is qualified to become OMB director, in part, because possible."

Senate-confirmed nominees include, Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Central Intelligence Agency Director John Ratcliffe, Defense Secretary Peter Hegseth, Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem, Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lee Zeldin, Interior Secretary Douglas Burgum, Energy Secretary Christopher Wright, Attorney General Pam Bondi and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Eric Turner.

'Impoundment' struggle

Vought has spent the past four years leading the Center for Renewing America, a think tank he launched following his tenure in the first Trump administration.

The organization has published repeatedly about the 1974 Impoundment Control Act and impoundment authority, arguing the president should be able to pose."

During his confirmation hearing in the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Vought testified he believes the president holds the ability to impound funding approved by Congress. Vought has also said repeatedly he believes the 1974 law is unconstitutional.

"The president has run on the issue of impoundment and has reminded the country that 200 years of presidents have used this authority," Vought said during the hearing. "And we'll be developing our approach to this issue and strategy once his administration is in office."

Democrats have sounded alarm bells over the president potentially holding impoundment authority, saying it would make it extremely difficult for lawmakers to negotiate bipartisan agreement on the dozen annual government funding bills.

The president simply ig-

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

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very notion of self-government, a notion that Mr. Vought appears to disdain."

Hassan, a Democrat, referenced the Trump administration halting congressionally approved funding for grant and loan programs in late January as one example of OMB overreaching.

"The grant money was never the president's to cut, freeze, or restore - it doesn't belong to him or to Mr. Vought, it belongs to the American people," Hassan said.

She also pointed to the Government Accountability Office finding OMB "violated" a federal law known as the Impoundment Control Act when it withheld \$214 million in security assistance for Ukraine during the first Trump administration.

"It was five years ago this week that this body debated President Trump's attempt to illegally impound funds that were intended for Ukraine," Hassan said, referring to the first of two impeachments. "An impoundment attempt that was supported and directed by Mr. Vought."

Obscure office with big clout

he has already been OMB director.

"There's no question that he will be able to hit the ground running," Thune said. "As director of OMB, Mr. Vought will have the chance to address two key economic issues - cutting burdensome government regulations and addressing excessive spending."

Thune said the United States is on a "dangerous spending track" and that the government should find 'ways to reign in our spending and to target government waste."

"And I'm confident that Mr. Vought will help lead that charge," Thune said.

Rapid confirmation for Trump nominees

Vought's confirmation marked the 13th of Trump's nominees to receive Senate confirmation in the three weeks that he's been in the Oval Office.

"That's roughly twice as fast as nominees were confirmed at the start of the two previous administrations," Thune said. "The Senate will take up additional nominees next week and will maintain an aggressive pace to get the president's full team in place as soon as



The U.S. Constitution gives the legislative branch the so-called power of the purse, putting the authority over how federal dollars are spent in the hands of lawmakers.

Congress passed the Impoundment Control Act more than 50 years ago, after then-president Richard Nixon halted billions in funding the body had approved.

The law gives the president two ways to request that Congress rescind funding it already appropriated - sending a rescission request via a special message, which allows the president to hold onto the money for 45 days, or through a deferral sent through a special message.

"The President, OMB, or a department or agency head or employee may defer budget authority to provide for contingencies, effect savings, or as specifically provided by law," according to a report from the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service. "No officer or employee of the United States may defer budget authority for any other pur-



noring parts of a spending agreement would lead to even more distrust and gridlock within Congress, Democrats say.

Project 2025

Vought also wrote part of the Heritage Foundation's Project 2025, a 922-page document outlining the conservative organization's goals for a second Trump administration.

In a 26-page chapter on the executive office of the president, Vought wrote the OMB director "must ensure the appointment of a General Counsel who is respected yet creative and fearless in his or her ability to challenge legal precedents that serve to protect the status quo."

Vought wrote that Trump "should use every possible tool to propose and impose fiscal discipline on the federal government."

"Anything short of that would constitute abject failure," Vought contended.

Vought also wrote about the management aspect of OMB's portfolio, pressing for political appointees to have more authority and influence than career staff.

"It is vital that the Director and his political staff, not the careerists, drive these offices in pursuit of the President's actual priorities and not let them set their own agenda based on the wishes of the sprawling 'good government' management community in and outside of government," Vought wrote. "Many Directors do not properly prioritize the management portfolio, leaving it to the Deputy for Management, but such neglect creates purposeless bureaucracy that impedes a President's agenda-an 'M Train to Nowhere.'

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As I write this, I have just finished the fourth week of the legislative session. February 14 is the last day that I can request new legislation to be written. With the end of the session planned on May 2, you may think this is too early to put the brakes on new ideas. The truth is the legislative process takes time and if we didn't have a cutoff date for writing new legislation, we would never get done. We will probably have around 900 bills filed this year. Less than a fourth of those will become law.

When I talk about a bill it's usually because it's a bill that interests a lot of people, or it's a bill that I had a part in.

A bill that has a lot of interest by the public is SSB 1051. It deals with the warnings on pesticide labels. We discussed this issue last year, and are working on it more this year. The main avenue that is used to sue a chemical company is a failure to have warning labels about the potential harm they could pose to health. However, the EPA dictates what must be put on the label. If the company doesn't abide by those rules, they can't sell the product. It makes no sense to allow the company to be sued for following the law. The company can still be sued, but not for following the law on the label. This would apply to widely used chemicals like Round Up.

A bill I wrote is SF 128, dealing with what is recorded on the form used to fill out a death certificate of a child from 0-3 years old. Currently there is only one question asked about the child's vaccinations. Was at the time.

A large number of moms showed up to testify in favor of the bill. Two medical professionals showed up to say this could lead to people being more reluctant to vaccinate their children. I maintain that the best way to increase confidence in the safety of vaccines is to have hard data to prove it. This is easy to do and hard to fake.

Also dealing with vaccines is SF 120, which would require parental consent before a minor can get vaccinated for sexually transmitted diseases. The best known of these vaccines has the worst safety record of any vaccine, except for the Covid-19 vaccines. A minor is not ready to weigh the risks and rewards of getting this vaccine before age 18.

I'll conclude with a quick note about the bill we passed in 2023 to reorganize the state government. Its goal was to make government more efficient by aligning similar departments and eliminating redundancies. It would also help all the departments communicate with each other by getting them all on computer systems that can talk to each other. The Governor announced in her Condition of the State speech that in the first 18 months since the reorganization was implemented, Iowa has saved \$217 million. This amount will grow as time goes on, and the speed and efficiency of government response to citizens should also increase.

The last two weeks have been full and tiring. However, I am encouraged by this verse to stay at it --



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the funding of our schools. In 2024 K-12 made up 46% of our state budget. In 2014 K-12 education was 16.6% of our budget (Ballotpedia). This year the Senate and the Governor have proposed a 2% increase in SSA funding for education for the upcoming fiscal year. Iowa House is interested in getting more funding to public schools. The House SSA funding is proposed at 2.25% with several other budget items increased to equate to an overall 3.93% increase in state funding to public schools.

-The new state cost per pupil under this proposal would be **\$8,039 per pupil**.

-In FY 2025, we allocated \$3.7876 billion to public education. This proposal would allocate \$3.9368 billion, an increase of nearly \$150 million.

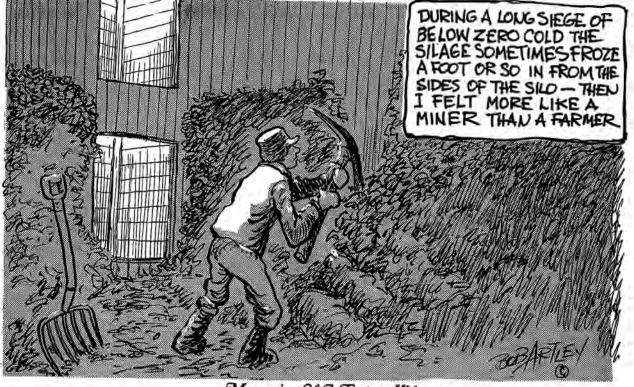
Later this month Belmond-Kleme Superintendent Jenn Peters is hosting a zoom call for all District 56 superintendents and me to discuss education topics and concerns I can bring back to the House for further consideration.

Other topics of importance include:

Iowa House Environmental Protection Panel Hears Presentation on Status of Jordan Aquifer from DNR. Over the last several decades, demand for Iowa's high-quality groundwater has been growing as biofuel production has soared and as major electronic data server farms come to Iowa because of its relative safety from catastrophic environmental circumstances and low cost electrical power.

Judiciary Committee Works on Bills to Protect Minors. The House Judiciary Committee has begun working on multiple bills to protect children from obscene material both online and in person. These bills focus on the online world of pornography, AI created images, and strong penalties for those who prey on children. House File 62 establishes liability for a commercial entity that publishes or distributes pornography on the internet, if a minor gets access to the material. The bill is **not intended to** target internet providers, instead it is focused on the websites and companies that produce and distribute the pornographic materials. As of now, 19 states have laws requiring some type of age verification before an individual can view a pornographic site. The language of the bill is being carefully evaluated and will be up for a vote in the Judiciary Committee in the next several weeks.

On February 6th a Cedar Rapids man was found guilty of trafficking a minor. This is the first time the human trafficking law the legislature passed, and the governor signed in 2023 was implemented invoking much tougher penalties. This criminal was found guilty of a Class A felony with the possibility of life in prison. His sentencing will be in April. The victim testified at the trial and demonstrated incredible courage. This case, like all other human trafficking cases, illustrates that the victim IS the evidence, and that our state must dedicate resources to save the countless vulnerable people still forced to live this vile existence.



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the child fully vaccinated according to the schedule recommended by the CDC? The same form asks five questions about the last thing the child ate. Some medical examiners have requested that we ask when the child's last vaccination was, what they were vaccinated for, and did they receive multiple vaccinations *"The hand of the diligent shall rule"*. *Proverbs* 12:24 I will be having 2 forums on Feb. 15th.

• 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 Chelesvig Building

A Hostile Corporate Takeover of Our Democracy

By Alex Jacquez, Elizabeth Pancotti

Befitting a presidency inaugurated by a parade of tech billionaires, President Trump has taken Mark Zuckerberg's infamous "move fast and break things" approach to the opening weeks of his second term — and break things he has.

Trump quickly handed over the federal government's keys and wallet to unelected billionaire Elon Musk, who has treated Congress, federal law, and regulators with the same brazen disregard he displays in his business ventures.

Under the guise of the Orwellian Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), Musk — the richest man in the world — has bought de facto control of the U.S. government for a cool \$288 million in political donations. That's a bargain compared to the nearly \$7 trillion in taxpayer dollars currently at his fingertips.

After sparking confusion, outrage, and temporary restraining orders with their hasty attempt to halt federal spending — imperiling vital programs like Head Start, Meals on Wheels, and Medicaid — Trump and Musk continue to rampage through government.

In a few short weeks,

they've shuttered federal agencies, fired civil servants, and handed over access to Americans' sensitive personal and classified information to a group of 20-somethings — all illegally.

According to reporting, Musk's minions have seized control of the Treasury Department's payments system. That's the plumbing that ensures that tax refunds, Social Security payments, and other democratically authorized spending reaches its destination, leaving experts and longtime employees fearful of what comes next.

With Musk serving as judge, jury, and executioner for what constitutes "wasteful" government spending, there's nothing to stop him from, say, killing investigations into Tesla's workplace harassment in his California plant or self-driving systems after a fatal pedestrian crash in Arizona.

There's nothing to stop him from cutting off rivals and securing even more in federal funding and contracts for his company SpaceX, which has taken in more than \$15 billion in taxpayer dollars to date.

More concerning, there's nothing to stop him from using the vast reams of

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is requiring PBMs to reimburse pharmacies based on acquisition cost. Perhaps our federal government will be addressing this issue nationally also.

gov but one I find important

Another recurring issue is

Bolstering our border security and keeping fentanyl out of our communities

By Rep. Randy Feenstra There's no denying that the United States has an opioid crisis. Unregulated, deadly drugs have found their way into our urban centers, our suburbs, and even our rural main streets. Every year, these fatal substances indiscriminately kill hundreds of thousands of Americans regardless of age, race, or creed. There is no questioning what needs to be done. We must cut the flow of these drugs, often manufactured by foreign adversaries like China, and secure our borders.

In 2023, nearly 110,000 Americans died of drug overdoses. Almost 70% of these untimely deaths were due to synthetic opioids like fentanyl and other illicit, man-made drugs. Fentanyl-related deaths are now the number one cause of death among adults 18-49 and the drug is responsible for 77% of adolescent overdose deaths. These drugs destroy our most vulnerable and wreak havoc on our families.

That's why I voted for, and the U.S. House of Representatives passed, the HALT Fentanyl Act, which intends to cut the flow of these illicit opioids into American communities. This legislation would permanently establish the class-wide scheduling order for fentanyl related substances (FRS) - which is currently temporary and soon to expire. The bill also ensures that law enforcement agencies have the tools and resources that they need



to keep deadly drugs like fentanyl out of our communities. If the scheduling expires, many of these substances would become street-legal and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) would no longer be able to seize these drugs as they cross our borders.

But protecting our communities from external threats isn't limited to drug trafficking. In 2016, 21-year-old Iowan, Sarah Root, was tragically murdered in a drunk driving accident caused by an illegal immigrant - who was driving three times over the legal limit and had prior arrests. However, due to an egregious loophole in federal law, the illegal immigrant posted bail, was released from jail, fled our country, and was never seen or heard from again. Without a doubt, this tragedy - and many more like it occurring around the nation - demanded serious legislative action to keep our communities safe from violent illegal immigrants.

That's why Senator Ernst and I introduced Sarah's Law – in honor of Sarah Root – to ensure that illegal immigrants who harm or kill American citizens are swiftly detained and brought to justice. Fortunately, our legislation was included in the Laken Riley Act, which President Trump signed into law on January 29th. We were glad to be joined by Sarah's father, Scott Root, for the signing ceremony at the White House and even had the opportunity to talk to Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem and Vice President J.D. Vance about Sarah's story.

The passage of this law the first law signed by President Trump - is symbolic of the new administration's commitment to the will of the people. Throughout his campaign, President Trump made promises to secure our border and protect our communities from drug trafficking and criminals. Just a matter of weeks into his presidency, President Trump has kept these promises, and I'm thrilled that we could work with him to honor Sarah's memory and deliver real solutions to our border crisis.

But President Trump will not rest. After talks with Mexico's President Claudia Sheinbaum, President Trump negotiated Mexico's mobilization of 10,000 soldiers to the Mexican side of our southern border. He later spoke to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau who pledged to send additional personnel to secure our northern border and address drug trafficking. In conjunction with the service men and women on our side of the border, the members of the Mexican National Guard and border personnel from Canada will assist in cutting off the flow of human trafficking, drug trafficking, and violent criminals seeking to harm our citizens and profit from our suffering.

Since I've taken office and with every subsequent oath that I have sworn to the American people - bolstering our border security has been a top priority for me. I've supported legislation ranging from the SAVE Act, which prevents illegal immigrants from voting in our elections, to the Preventing Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act, which ensures that illegal sex criminals and domestic violence offenders are deported from our country, to supporting efforts to keep building the border wall on our southern border. We must do everything in our power to keep our families and communities safe.

For the last four years under the Biden administration, the effects of an unsecured, open border have seeped their way into every facet of the American way of life — it must be put to an end. I look forward to continuing to work with President Trump — and our new Secretaries of State and Homeland Security, Marco Rubio and Kristi Noem, respectively — to restore law and order in our country. 6A Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025 EAGLE GROVE EAGLE

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10 a.m. Service



Donald Pinkele

1950-2025

Donald Pinkele, 74, of Clear Lake died Monday, February 10 at Oakwood Care Center surrounded by his loving family. He was the son of Louis & Geneva Pinkele, born October 2, 1950 in Ft. Dodge, IA. He was raised on a farm east of Eagle Grove where he attended school and excelled at wrestling. He attended Iowa Central



Community College and helped to start their wrestling program. He later attended Buena Vista College where he got his business degree while working a variety of jobs.

In 1973 Donald was married to Louise Janette Nelson. They had two boys Andrew and Adam.

Donald worked as an activity director at a group home in Ft. Dodge and again in Osceola before staying home to care for his disabled son.

Survivors are his wife Louise, son Andrew, daughter in law Caitlin, grandchildren Samantha, Jolet, Corbin, Kaiser & Elara, also his sister Donna Gonzalez and sister in law Jeanine Pinkele.

Preceded in death by his son Adam, Brother Douglas and parents Geneva and Louis.

Funeral services provided by Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel & Crematory (641) 357-2193.

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sensitive and personal information he's now stolen from millions of Americans to train his artificial intelligence systems, hone his X (formerly Twitter) algorithms, or even go after specific individuals and nonprofits that criticize him on social media.

This isn't a government efficiency program — it's a hostile corporate takeover of American democracy.

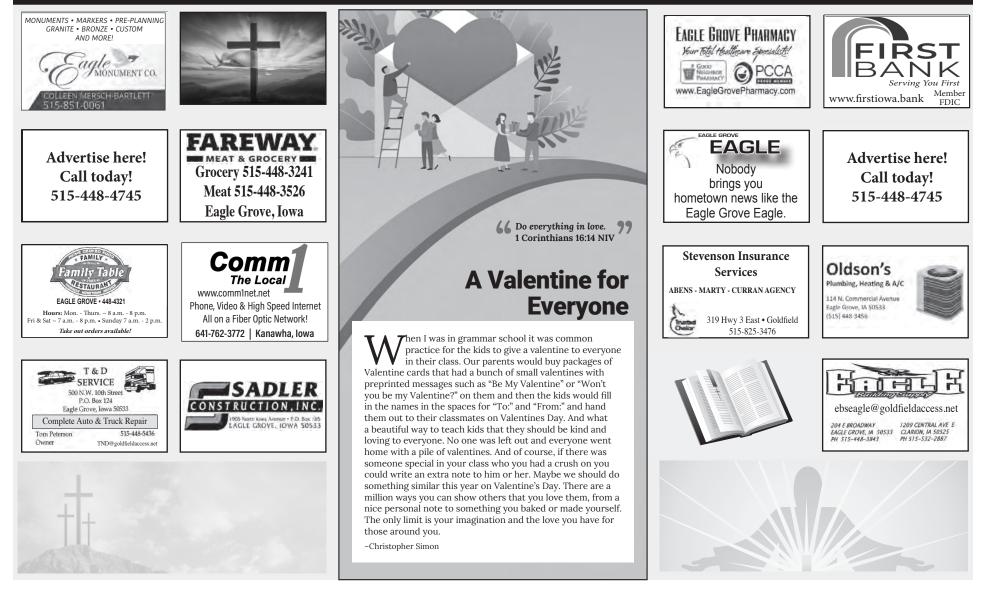
While the ultra-rich and large corporations have long used their political influence to secure power and advance their own interests, never before has one billionaire so thoroughly infiltrated the federal government and bent it to their will for personal racin reer federal workers who serve under both Democratic and Republican administrations as "unelected bureaucrats," but you know them as your mail carrier, your social worker, and your Veterans Administration nurse.

New polling for our organization, Groundwork Collaborative, shows that nearly 60 percent of voters already believe this unelected tech billionaire has too much influence over Trump and the federal government.

The more they learn, the less they like. Musk's audacious \$2 trillion target for spending reductions is infeasible without deep, painful cuts to veterans benefits, Social Security, Medicare, and food assistance, all of which



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February 11 – Jennifer Aniston, Actress (56)
February 12 – Christina Ricci, Actress (45)
February 13 – Peter Gabriel, Singer (75)
February 14 – Freddie Highmore, Actor (33)
February 15 – Matt Groening, Cartoonist (71)



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

A good first impression is really important right now, Aries. Be sure to wear your best clothes and check out your appearance before you meet up with anyone this week.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you are bound to have a lot of fun this week, and you will spread cheerfulness to others. You might host a party or plan some sort of night out with friends.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

None of the usual strategies to confront family issues are working right now, Gemini. You may need to take a step away and give others distance for the time being until things cool off.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, some tech upgrades can help ensure an exciting new project starts off on the right foot. Enlist others to help and welcome any insight.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

This week is your chance to take a break and let someone else take center stage for a bit while you enjoy time out of the spotlight, Leo. Right now you may need a little alone time.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you know what you have to get done, so it is well past time to put one foot in front of the other and get moving. Others have helped, but you have to see it to completion.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Focus all of your energy on the important people in your life right now, Libra. Other things can wait for the time being. Don't be too hard on yourself for not getting everything done.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, as things in your life continue to evolve, you may be tempted to jump into something new. You might want to slow the pace and exercise due diligence first.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, have you bitten off more than you can chew this week? If so, you probably have to ask for some helpers to step up and pitch in. Teamwork is a good thing.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Some tough decisions are ahead of you, Capricorn. It might be best to think things through logically and leave emotion

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"Quite honestly, I have received hundreds of emails from constituents that have said, 'please do not repeal.' I have received zero asking me to repeal, which I think is very telling," said Idaho state Rep. Lori McCann, a Republican who represents a swing district in the northern part of the state.

McCann said she's interested in reining in Medicaid costs, but skeptical about a full expansion repeal. More than 89,000 Idahoans could lose their coverage if the state repeals its expansion, according to the latest numbers from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. McCann said she learned this month that only a fraction of those would qualify to buy discounted insurance on the state exchange.

"For the rest, what's going to happen to them? They will utilize the emergency rooms again, and we'll be back to the same problems we had prior to the Medicaid expansion."

Before President Barack Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law in 2010, traditional Medicaid insurance was mainly available to children and their caregivers, people with disabilities and pregnant women. But under the ACA's Medicaid expansion program, states can extend coverage to adults making up to 138% of the federal poverty level - about \$21,000 a year for a single person - and the federal government will cover 90% of the costs for those newly eligible enrollees. States kick in the rest.

All but 10 states, most of them controlled by Republicans, have taken the deal. Nationwide, more than 21 million people with low incomes get their health insurance because of expanded Medicaid eligibility.

But the Trump administration and a Republican-controlled Congress are seriously considering options for shrinking Medicaid as they look for ways to pay for extending tax cuts enacted during Trump's first term in office. Proposals include reducing the federal 90% funding match, which could shift a greater chunk of Medicaid spending onto states, and greenlighting extra hurdles such as requiring enrollees to work in order to qualify for coverage. The swirl of uncertainty at the federal level is supercharging efforts by Republican state lawmakers who have long opposed the program, despite its popularity. In a public address last month, Arkansas Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders, a Republican, announced the state would ask the federal government for permission to institute work requirements for adults to qualify for coverage. "If you want to receive free health care — paid for by your fellow taxpayer able-bodied, working-age adults have to work, go to school, volunteer or be home to take care of their kids" she said. Sanders argued coverage without such requirements discourages people from working and being self-sufficient.

point to a wide body of research that links Medicaid expansion to lower uninsured rates, better health care outcomes and economic benefits for states, hospitals and other providers.

Without expansion, they say, many of the working poor who don't have employer-sponsored insurance exist in a coverage gap: They don't earn enough to afford private insurance, and yet they earn too much to qualify for traditional Medicaid. Expansion bridges that gap.

And, advocates argue, yanking health insurance from tens of thousands of people in a state would have far-reaching consequences for families, hospitals and state finances.

"It would be absolutely disastrous for everybody at all levels of the state," said Idaho Democratic state Rep. Ilana Rubel, the House minority leader, who is on the committee considering bills that could repeal the state's Medicaid expansion.

"We would go right back to people being unable to seek preventative care until it's too late, back to loss of life, loss of health and financial catastrophe."

A coordinated national effort

Many of the attempts to repeal Medicaid expansion in states such as Idaho and Montana are coordinated by national conservative-backed groups, said Joan Alker, executive director of Georgetown University's Center for Children and Families.

"It's important to understand this is part of a well-orchestrated and financed effort to undermine Medicaid generally, especially for adults," said Alker, who is also a research professor at Georgetown's McCourt School of Public Policy, where her work focuses on Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurvived his Medicaid bill. It would repeal Medicaid expansion next year if the federal government does not maintain the 90% match and the state does not receive federal permission to enact work requirements and a host of other new restrictions, including a 50,000 cap on expansion enrollment — just over half of its current enrollment and a three-year limit on receiving benefits.

"This safeguard approach will strengthen Idaho's Medicaid program while maintaining flexibility," Redman told the Idaho House Health & Welfare Committee earlier this month. "If the federal government or state agencies fail to meet the program's safeguards, this legislation ensures those Medicaid dollars will be redirected to serve the truly needy." Redman did not respond to an interview request from Stateline.

Rubel, the Democratic leader, described Redman's bill as "Medicaid repeal in sheep's clothing."

"It's a type of trigger law with incredibly unlikelyto-be-met conditions," she said. "Basically, they're saying unless you can fly a unicorn to the moon and back, Medicaid expansion will be repealed."

Idaho voters approved Medicaid expansion by ballot measure in 2018, with nearly 61% in favor. The law took effect in 2020.

Conservative lawmakers in Idaho have tried without success to repeal Medicaid expansion ever since, including introducing another repeal bill last month. But this could be conservatives' year. Before the session, Idaho's Republican House speaker expanded the committee from 13 seats to 15. It's a move that some state Democrats say was an effort to ram through Medicaid expansion repeal. At federal funding is cut: Arizona, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Montana, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Utah and Virginia. Three additional states — Iowa, Idaho and New Mexico would require the government to take cost-saving steps to ease the financial impact of federal cuts.

Alker is skeptical that Congress would be able to get such legislation passed before most state legislative sessions end this spring. But if cuts are made, the impacts could start showing up in 2026.

Regardless of possible cuts at the federal level, states including Arkansas and Idaho are looking at ways to reduce the number of Medicaid-eligible people by instituting work requirements or benefit caps.

States need federal approval to impose such additional conditions on Medicaid eligibility.

The first Trump administration approved work requirements in 13 states, but the courts later struck those down and the Biden administration rejected such requests. States, including Arkansas, are trying again, hoping they're more likely to get what they want under the new Trump administration.

Redman told Idaho legislators that he expects the Trump administration to grant the waivers that would be needed under his proposed bill.

"I actually spoke to several folks at the new federal administration, and they said they're looking for waivers that are unique and creative, that they want to grant," he said.

Meanwhile, Republican lawmakers in non-expansion states have in recent years warmed to the idea of expansion. It was arguably the biggest issue of last year's legislative session in solidly red Mississippi, and was backed by Republican Lt. Gov. Delbert Hosemann. Expansion is back on the table this year, though lawmakers have said they won't consider a plan unless it includes work requirements. But in Alabama last month, House Speaker Nathaniel Ledbetter, a Republican, said expansion would no longer be a priority this session because Medicaid was likely to see changes at the federal level. "I think we are better off seeing what they are going to do," he told reporters. This story was originally published by Stateline, which is part of States Newsroom, a nonprofit news network supported by grants and a coalition of donors as a 501c(3) public charity. Stateline maintains independence. editorial Contact Editor Scott S. Greenberger for questions: info@stateline.org. Iowa Capital Dispatch is part of States Newsroom, a nonprofit news network supported by grants and a coalition of donors as a 501c(3) public charity. Iowa Capital Dispatch maintains editorial independence. Contact Editor Kathie Obradovich for questions: info@iowacapitaldispatch.com.

out of the equation for the time being. AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, it can be dangerous to think you know everything. This week, listen to what others have to say before deciding if their ideas have merit. This approach can benefit all involved.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Step up this week with confidence, Pisces. Now is not the time to be inflexible or shy. Go with the flow as much as possible, and learn and listen along the way.



There's always room for pizza

When it comes to pizza, it is often difficult to stop after just one slice. Although pizza originated in Italy, people from all around the world have made pizza their own by experimenting with different flavor combinations and toppings.

Whether you're in the camp who thinks it isn't pizza if there's more than mozzarella cheese and red sauce on the crust or the one who feels the sky's the limit for pizza adventures, it's hard not to like "Buffalo Chicken Pizza." This recipe pairs the heat and tang of Buffalo wings with the familiarity of pizza's crunch. Try this medley of flavor, courtesy of "30-Minute Meal Prep: 100 Healthy and Delicious Recipes to Eat All Week" (Sourcebooks) by Robin Miller.

Buffalo Chicken Pizza Serves 4

1 13.8-ounce container refrigerated pizza dough

1 cup ricotta cheese

3 tablespoons powdered ranch dip/dressing mix

2 cups shredded cooked chicken

1/4 cup hot sauce, such as Frank's, or hot sauce of choice

1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Chopped fresh chives for serving (optional)

Bottled ranch dressing for serving (optional)

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or aluminum foil.

2. Unroll the pizza dough on the prepared pan, and shape as desired. I chose a 10-by-12-inch rectangle. Bake for 6 minutes.

3. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, combine the ricotta and powdered ranch, and mix well.

4. In another bowl, combine the chicken and hot sauce, and mix to cover the chicken with the sauce.

5. Spread the ricotta mixture all over the pre-baked crust, to within half an inch of the edge.

6. Arrange the chicken over the ricotta, and top with the mozzarella.

7. Bake for 6 to 10 minutes, until the edges of the crust are golden brown and the cheese melts.

8. Top with fresh chives (if using), and serve with ranch dressing on the side (if using).

But advocates and experts

ance Program.

Conservative-backed think tanks, including the Foundation for Government Accountability and the Paragon Health Institute, have testified before several state legislatures against Medicaid expansion and have worked to thwart state ballot initiatives.

In Montana, where Medicaid expansion is set to expire this year unless the legislature and governor opt to renew it, representatives from the foundation and the institute urged state lawmakers to scrap Medicaid expansion. Montana Republican state Rep. Jane Gillette, a dentist, appeared in a video produced by the foundation advocating for the state to allow its expansion to expire.

Neither organization responded to interview requests.

In Idaho last year, state Rep. Jordan Redman, a Republican, ceded most of his time introducing his Medicaid bill to a representative from the Foundation for Government Accountability. That bill later failed to advance out of committee after intense public pushback.

'Repeal in sheep's clothing'

This month, Redman re-

least eight committee members have pledged support for the Idaho Republican Party's platform, which calls for repeal of Medicaid expansion.

Medicaid is popular nationally, in expansion and non-expansion states. Three-fourths of Americans have a favorable view of Medicaid, according to a January 2025 health tracking poll from KFF, a health research organization. It's a preference that crosses political boundaries: 63% of Republicans, 81% of independents and 87% of Democrats view it favorably.

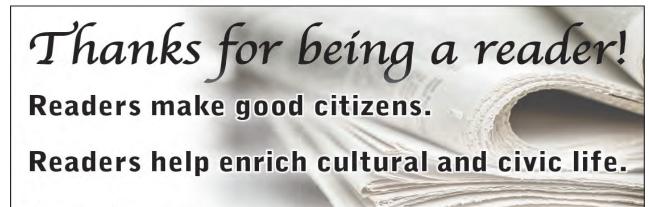
Polling in Idaho in 2023 found 75% of voters — including 69% of Republican voters — held a favorable view of Medicaid.

"Citizens should not have to work this hard to get something passed that they want and need so desperately, and then keep imploring legislators not to take it away again," Rubel said.

Trigger laws

If Congress reduces the 90% federal match rate for Medicaid expansion, more than 3 million adults could immediately lose their health coverage.

That's because nine states have so-called trigger laws that would automatically end Medicaid expansion if



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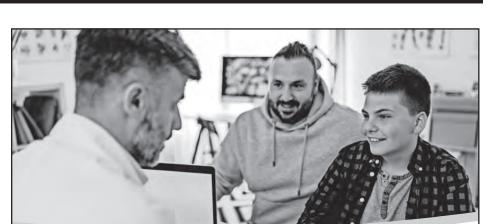
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WRIGHT COUNTY ASSESSOR • PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 Assessing Jurisdiction: WRIGHT COUNTY ASSESSOR

The Conference Board of the above-named Assessing Jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows: Meeting Date: 2/24/2025 Meeting Time: 04:30 PM Meeting Location: Supervisor's Board Room, Wright County Courthouse, 115 N Main St, Clarion, IA 50525 At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present their 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 Conference Board Clerk. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished to



any taxpayer upon their request. tact Name: Tonee Nicholas, Wright County Assessor Contact Telephone Number: (515) 532-3737

Contact Name: Tone	ee Nichola	s, Wright Cou	inty Assessor	Contact	Telephone Nu	mber: (515) 53	2-3/3/		
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	30, 2024 Actual	S0, 2025 Re- estimated	30, 2026 Proposed	Out	Fund Balance FY 2026	Fund Balance FY 2026	Other Receipts	Iransfers	be RaisedBy Taxation
1. Assessment Expense	615,556	688,668	724,829		262,992	387,821	11,976	0	588,024
2. FICA				0	0	0	0		0
3. IPERS				0	0	0	0		0
4. Emergency				0	0	0	0		0
5. Unemployment Comp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
6. Tort Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
7. TOTAL	615,556	688,668	724,829	0	262,992	387,821	11,976	0	588,024
Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.53181									

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WRIGHT COUNTY TREASURER • SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Wright County Treasurer - Accounting Semi-Annual Report Peggy Schluttenhofer, Wright County Treasurer, Clarion, IA For the period from July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024, Inclusive Statement of Account By Fund

Fun	d	Balance July 1, 2024	Revenues	Total to be Accounted for	Disbursements	Fund Balance December 31, 2024	Auditor's Warrants Outstanding
01	General Basic	3,878,870.01	3.475.389.68	7,354,259.69	2,981,163.77	4,373,095.92	30.642.95
02	General Supplemental	808,178.27	1,819,601.30	2,627,779.57	1,599,190.03	, ,	7,391.17
03	Rural Services Basic	833,932.76	1,911,684.75	2,745,617.51	1,800,307.66	, ,	12.241.25
04	Rural Serv. Supplemental	.00	50,224.16	50,224.16	34,154.91	16,069.25	.00
05	Secondary Road	2,072,994.23	3,694,903.15	5,767,897.38	4,266,113.31	1,501,784.07	19,308.29
12	Capital Projects	264,496.20	4,731.45	269,227.65	51,973.95		3,826.27
13	Debt Service	2,122,942.97	913,203.03	3,036,146.00	369,394.56	2,666,751.44	.00
14	Drainage Funds	518,557.52	379,452.19	898,009.71	340,001.36		336,168.85
15	Drainage Administration	120,294.24	57,512.62	177,806.86	34,571.90		41.94
16	Local Emergency Management	198,929.71	103,418.01	302,347.72	76,299.95		.00
18	Property Tax Agency	39,984.82	11,855.21	51,840.03	51,319.99	520.04	.00
20	Township Control	20,751.39-	179,443.12	158,691.73	165,290.24	6,598.51-	.00
21	Corporation Control	74,043.44	4,182,369.71	4,256,413.15	4,204,919.69	51,493.46	.00
22	School Control	398,035.77-	8,083,821.37	7,685,785.60	7,567,726.12	118,059.48	.00
23	Area School Control	30,166,57-	867,910.11	837,743.54	825,242.15	12,501,39	.00
24	Sanitary District	.05	.00	.05	.05	,	.00
29	Co. Ag. Extension	8,249.81-	164,521.36	156,271.55	153,862.00		.00
30	Co Cons Land Acquisition Trust	545,436.98	336,857.07	882,294.05	119,816.03	,	204.00
31	Co. Assessor	484,594.43	348,105.96	832,700.39	318,348.82	,	492.36
32	Motor Vehicle Trust	232,471.10	1,870,344.55	2,102,815.65	1,799,693.65	,	492.30
33	Use Tax Trust	215,021.22	1,169,798.32	1,384,819.54	1,219,524.65	,	.00
33	City Special Assess. Project C	10,356.30	4,901.74	15,258.04	13,944.46	,	.00
35	Tax Redemption Trust	.00	164,611.60	164,611.60	164,611.60		.00
54	Emergency Medical Services	629,734.47	342,996.06	972,730.53	170,630.73		.00
55	Resource Enhancement	37.756.23	11,279.73	49.035.96	.00		.00
56	E911	348,870.46	105,296.86	454,167.32	190,055.90		6,266.23
57	Wright County Revolving Housing	220,490.77	5,077.76	225,568.53	.00		.00
59	Public Health Resource	111,391.13	2,367.99	113,759.12	1,310.57		.00
60	Recorder's Records Management	25,824.31	1,724.91	27,549.22	.00		.00
62	Wr Co Employees Side Fund	532,096.20	1,296,042.37	1,828,138.57	1,248,448.22	579,690.35	169,361.36
64	FmHA Int. Relending Loan	146,305.47	22,969.35	169,274.82	17,043.50	152,231.32	15.68
66	Wr Co Communications Commission	136,493.38	222,524.56	359,017.94	273,616.41	85,401.53	630.50
68	Econ Dev Marketing	67,891.06	2,492.09	70,383.15	750.00		.00
69	Bangs & TB	20.13	1,154.01	1,174.14	1,157.37	16.77	.00
70	Sheriff's Donation Fund	2,411.09	.00	2,411.09	.00		.00
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74	Drivers License Trust	.00	25,441.50	25,441.50	.00 25,441.50		.00
75	Recorder's Electronic Fee Fund	.00	1,225.00	1,225.00	1,225.00		.00
76	Empowerment YDC	13,846.15	86.321.75	100.167.90	79.936.27	20.231.63	243.23
78	Jail Commissary	103,986.87	3,725.77	107,712.64	1,650.25		500.00
79	Jail Room & Board	125,799.07	2,422.66	128,221.73	7,335.00		.00
90	Wright Co Search and Rescue	3,114.03	.00	3,114.03	.00		.00
91	American Rescue Plan of 2021	601,691.86	.00	601,691.86	275,626.01	326,065.85	5,894.47
92	LG Opioid Abatement Fund	97,488.27	27,497.03	124,985.30	348.81	124,636.49	.00
93	Boone River WMA Fiscal Agent	304.31	.00	304.31	.00		.00
94	Agribusiness Park Water Supply	33,814.01	7,772.97	41,586.98	11,602.65	- ,	1,200.00
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Clarion, IA 50525 January 27, 2025

I, Peggy Schluttenhofer, Treasurer of Wright County Treasurer, do hereby certify that the report given is a correct summary of the business transacted by me as said during the period therein specified.



PROBATE • Robert Lyle Wepel

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT LYLE WEPEL, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR017676 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ROBERT LYLE WEPEL, Deceased, who died on or about September 11, 2024: You are hereby notified that on February 4, 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 February 4, 2025. Lisa Foust

Administrator of the Estate 1115 SW 2 nd Street Eagle Grove, IA 50533 Dani L. Eisentrager Attorney for the Administrator Eisentrager Law 109 South Commercial Avenue P.O. Box 346 Eagle Grove, IA 50533 Date of second publication:

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February 20, 2025

WRIGHT COUNTY BOS • JAN. 27, 2025

January 27, 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 9:03 a.m. Members present were Rasmussen, Kluss, Bosch, Loux and Ellis.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the tentative agenda with item 9, receive Treasurer semiannual report, tabled until next week. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of January 20, 2025 were read and approved with taking out the detailed drainage minutes. Approved claims for payment.

In open forum for public input, Julie Glade addressed the board about citizens being concerned about the Summit Carbon Pipelines going through Wright County. She would like the board to approve protection ordinances with setbacks. She would also like the board to go on record with their position on approving protection ordinances. Supervisor Kluss stated that the board had previously made their position clear. He then went on to explain that the Wright County Planning and Zon-ing Commission Board is working on an ordinance, but it has been put on hold while other counties go through litigation due to their ordinances. The Board of Supervisors said they will reach out to our Planning and Zoning Director. Also, in open forum for public in

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put, LeRoy Jensen asked for more details on some claims paid by the County that were published in the newspaper. After receiving the information, he was informed that we only have a small space to enter details, but anyone can go to the Auditor's office and request more information.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on the current bridge construction and Secondary Roads department.

Discussion was had regarding the County paying the annual membership fees to the IACME (Iowa Association of County Medical Examiners) for Wright County Medical Examiners. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to approve paying for the annual membership fees. Motion carries.

The Board gave updates about meetings they had attended. Dean Kluss attended a MIDAS meeting and also attended the Wright County Landfill meeting. Rick Rasmussen attended the Central lowa Juvenile Detention Center meeting. Lynn Loux attended the Wright County Landfill meeting. Ashley Bosch attended the CICS, and DCAT meetings. The Supervisors will all attend the Statewide Supervisor meeting in Des Moines on Thursday. Motion by Kluss and seconded by

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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Bill To Kill Carbon Pipeline Property Tax Exemption in North Dakota Fails

by Jeff Beach

A bill that would have required carbon dioxide pipeline developer Summit Carbon Solutions to pay property taxes in the first 10 years of operation in North Dakota failed Thursday in the state Senate.

Sen. Jeff Magrum, R-Hazelton, sponsored Senate Bill 2320 that would have removed a tax exemption for interstate carbon dioxide pipelines such as the Summit project. North

Dakota law requires the state to reimburse counties for the property tax they would have collected for the first 10 years the pipeline is operating.

Summit Carbon Solutions is attempting to build a 2,500-mile pipeline network across five states, including Iowa, ending in western North Dakota. About 333 miles would be in North Dakota.

Summit officials testified last week that about \$800 million of the \$9 billion

project would be spent on the North Dakota portion of the pipeline that would gather carbon emissions from ethanol plants for permanent underground storage.

Sen. Dale Patten, R-Watford City, contended that eliminating the exemption would be a "bait and switch tactic" at this stage.

Magrum argued that the Iowa-based company has already benefited from research by the Energy and Environmental Research Center in Grand Forks and will benefit from other tax breaks.

"We're trying to reduce property tax for our residents," Magrum said. 'Why wouldn't we charge these out-of-staters?"

The bill is one of several related to carbon dioxide bills in the 2025 session. ©Copyright 2025, North Dakota Monitor. Published under Creative

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Iowa Lawmakers Try Again To Shield Pesticide Companies From Lawsuits

By Cami Koons

In a cramped Senate meeting room, Iowa senators voted 2-1 Wednesday to advance a bill that would defend pesticide companies from lawsuits based on failure to warn claims.

The same bill was put forward last year and is again supported by Bayer, which manufactures the pesticide RoundUp, and is opposed by environmental groups and the Iowa Farmers Union.

Bayer has faced a series of lawsuits where plaintiffs allege the product caused their cancer, though the company maintains its product and the chemical glyphosate is not carcinogenic.

Sen. Mike Bousselot, chair of the Senate Judiciarv subcommittee, said Senate Study Bill 1051 means "you shouldn't be able to sue a company for having a label that is appropriately following all the rules for labeling.'

The legal protection from the bill would only apply to pesticides that are registered with the Environmental Protection Agency, which RoundUp is. Sen. Tony Bisignano, D-Des Moines, who voted against the bill, said the Legislature should not stand up for a company, but should stand up for Iowans. "I just want to leave the door open to all the farmers in this state," Bisignano said. "Anybody who crosses these chemicals, those of us who live in an urban area and drink it ... Just leave the door open so we can have justice if it's necessary."

Bisignano referenced a series of U.S. maps distributed to the subcommittee showing the rates of exposure to glyphosate by state and the rates of non-Hodgkin lymphoma, a cancer which some studies have linked to exposure to the chemical.

"There is something there with this, and all I think that Iowans want is their opportunity," Bisignano said. "They want their opportunity to seek redress when they've been harmed."

Andrew Mertens, executive director for the Iowa Association for Justice, which registered against the bill, said the manufacturers have a "responsibility" for product safety.

"What this bill does is it flips that responsibility on its head and it says that the minimum standard of safety, which is federal regulation, now becomes the ceiling," Mertens said.

said.

Proponents of the bill say it supports farmers by ensuring they have access to the chemicals and tools they need. This is the basis of a Bayer-sponsored campaign, under the Modern Ag Alliance coalition, which has billboards and ads urging Iowans to "control weeds, not farmers" by supporting the bill.

Lobbyists from agricultural groups, including Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, declared and spoke in favor of the bill.

Dave Tierney spoke on behalf of the Iowa Soybean Association and said glvphosate is one of the "critical" tools farmers use, and it should be protected.

"Our state is a leading producer of many agricultural products here in the United States, with approximately 30 million acres of farm ground," Tierney said. "To raise crops on our ground, farmers need tools." Tommy Hexter with Iowa Farmers Union read a statement from union member Seth Watkins, a farmer who described the experiences he has had and seen with farming families who have developed cancers and been burdened by its financial implications.

income," Hexter read from the letter. "So when I see this bill, I want to remind all of you that you can't be both pro life and pro Senate Study Bill 1051.

medical director at Mercy One Cancer Center in Des Moines, spoke on the relationship between pesticides and cancer rates. He said it took decades to gather conclusive evidence that cigarettes, which are known carcinogens today, were causing cancer.

"What we're dealing with in ag chemicals are hundreds of different chemicals causing dozens of different cancers, so it's not unusual that we haven't got this specific cause and effect," Deming said. "But we do have considerable association."

Sen. Tom Shipley and Bousselot signed off on the bill, with the latter offering a closing statement that the bill has some misunderstandings.

"What it does say is it says, if you follow feder-

Eagle Grove Police Report

Jan. 31

8:39 AM: Return call requested regarding missing belongings in the 100 block of Western Ave.

9:17 AM: Traffic stop on Hwy 17.

10:31 AM: Met complainant at EGPD.

10:43 AM: Assistance requested in the 400 block of Garfield.

11:04 AM: Walk-in report of harassment at EGPD.

11:07 AM: Return call requested regarding break-ins suspect, in the 300 block of NE 3rd St.

11:25 AM: Return call requested regarding an unwelcome tenant in the 200 block of S Garfield.

12:47 PM: Met complainant in the back lot of Rotary North regarding a note found on a vehicle.

4:32 PM: Complaint of vehicle blocking garage in the 500 block of NE 2nd Ave.

5:33 PM: Officer-initiated case in the 300 block of NE 3rd St.

10:16 PM: Officer-initiated case in the 200 block of Railroad Ave.

10:43 PM: Information report in the 100 block of N Lucas.

Feb.1 2:35 AM: Lift assistance requested in the 100 block of S Garfield. No injuries.

1:04 PM: Return call requested in Eagle Grove.

10:30 PM: Return call requested by caller claiming someone is "using powerful computer equipment to block his TV signal" in the 300 block of S Kirkwood Ave.

Feb. 2

12:03 AM: Attempted burglary reported in the 400 block of East Boone St., Goldfield.

7:18 PM: Return call requested from Humboldt. 8:25 PM: Complaint in the 100 block of S Park.

Feb. 3

9:27 AM: Met complainant at EGPD.

1:10 PM: Return call requested, officer needed for civil standby in the 800 block of NE 4th St.

1:24 PM: Traffic stop at the airport.

2:45 PM: Driving complaint at the high school, officer to pick something up at the office.

3:20 PM: Dog complaint at NE Washington and NE 2nd St.

4:55 PM: Traffic stop at NE 15th St. and Washington, no plate.

5:33 PM: Complaint in the 400 block of N Garfield. 6:50 PM: Concerned cit-

izen report at Emerson Vet Clinic.

7:14 PM: Return call requested in the 400 block of N Wright.

7:41 PM: Animal complaint in the 400 block of S Iowa Ave.

9:23 PM: Extra patrol requested in the 500 block of E Broadway.

10:38 PM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of S Western Ave.

11:56 PM: Traffic stop at NE 8th St. and Iowa Ave.

Feb. 4

10:19 AM: Return call requested in Eagle Grove.

8:12 PM: Accident reported at Subway on Hwy 17.

9:35 PM: Return call requested in the 300 block of W Cedar St., Goldfield. Caller sought to retrieve items from a vehicle.

Feb. 5

12:22 AM: Traffic stop at Hwy 3 and Main St., Goldfield.

3:53 AM: Traffic stop at Hwy 3 and Main St., Goldfield.

1:40 PM: Assault complaint at the middle school.

7:10 PM: Assistance requested with an upset spouse in the 400 block of N Garfield.

Richard Deming, the

A lobbyist for Bayer, Brad Epperly, said the bill would not give the company "immunity" from lawsuits and that Iowans would still be able to sue on other grounds, such as negligence, warranties, or malfunctions. The bill, he said, would make it so "the label is the law."

"We ask, simply support a very simple bill, which is merely addressing the labeling requirements," Epperly

"This is the real impact of farm chemicals on farm

al law, and you label it the right way, then you can't sue for using the wrong label," Bousselot said.

The bill introduced in 2024 passed the Senate in Iowa but did not become law. Similar bills were introduced last year in other states where Bayer has ties, Idaho and Missouri, but did not pass. A similar bill has been introduced this session in Missouri.

CITY OF EAGLE GROVE • FEB. 3, 2025

Regular Council Meeting Monday February 3rd, 2025 Public Safety Building 210 E. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Axtell, Weland, Vandewater, Limerick and Pamperin. Also present: City Administrator Davis and City Attorney Seaba.

Public Forum: Eric Thede, who lives on Parkview Drive, would appreciate the Council reviewing Quiet Zones regarding trains throughout the City.

A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Axtell to approve the Consent Agenda which includes January 20th, 2025 minutes and claims with the exclusion of Hennigar Wreckers . Roll Call: All Ayes AIRGAS USA LLC, OXYGEN. .. 261.05

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and are these items really needed? With no further discussion, Mayor Boyd closed the hearing at 6:40 p.m.

A motion was made by Vandewa ter and seconded by Weland to approve Resolution 2025-13: A Resolution taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General **Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan** Agreement. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Axtell to approve Resolution 2025-14: A Resolution Authorizing a Development Agree-ment with First Bank with clarification to section 5 and fair market value of the drive-up building. Roll Call Vote: all aves

Hearing opened at 6:59pm on Status of Funded Activities for 217 W. Broadway

CITY OF EAGLE GROVE

2024 Upper Story Housing Project - 217 W. Broadway STATUS OF FUNDED ACTIVITIES (SOFA) PUBLIC HEARING AN-

NOUNCEMENTS A. Funding of Activities and Sourc-

es of Funds. This project is funded in part by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The City was awarded 2024 CDBG Funding for \$550,000. To date, \$59,529 of the CDBG allocation has been expended. There is a local obligation of \$280,800 committed towards project costs. To date, \$30,476 has been expended.

B. Explain how the need for the activities was identified.

The need for the project is to help provide affordable, safe, and adequate housing for residents of the City of Eagle Grove, especially families who are considered low-to-moderate income (LMI). The project will help establish six new residential units at this property of which five of the units will be made available to LMI families and individuals for a period of at least five

C. Nature of and Status of the Activities.

The nature of the project involves the construction of six new residential units on the second floor of an existing commercial building in the Citv's historic downtown. The proj-

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ect includes construction of walls, kitchen and bathroom facilities, new windows, a secondary exit at the back of the building, and other utility, electrical, plumbing, and life safety improvements. Torkelson Construction is the prime

contractor for the work on the project. Work on the project is approximately 11% complete. There has been no change to the

project beneficiaries as proposed in the application submitted to State for funding.

D. Announce the estimated por-tion of funds that will benefit low-and-moderate income persons. The project will result in the construction of six new rental units including two one-bedroom units and four two-bedroom units. Of the six units created by this project, at least five of the units will be rented to families or individuals who meet the LMI requirements for the County for a period of at least five years.

F . Announce where the activities are being conducted. The project activities are taking

place at 217 W. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa. F. Announce plans to minimize

displacement of persons and businesses resulting of funded activities. The project will not result in the displacement or relocation of any persons or businesses

G. Announce plans to assist per sons actually displaced. Since this project will not result in

the displacement or relocation of any persons or businesses, there are no plans being made to assist displaced persons.

Hearing closed at 7:04pm A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Pamperin to approve Pay Application No. 1 in the amount of \$57,529.00 to Torkelson Construction, LLC regarding the 217 W. Broadway Upper-Story Conversion Project. Roll Call: all ayes Reviewed 2025 Street Improve ment Project Plans, Final Cost

Opinion and Specs. Department reports were given A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Pamperin to adjourn the meeting at 7:24pm. Mayor

City Administrator

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-01

An Ordinance Providing for the Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Proper-ty Pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. On February 20, 2024, the City Council of Eagle Grove, Iowa passed an ordinance, and a summary is as follows: Section 1. Purpose . The purpose of this ordinance is to pro-vide for the division of taxes levied on certain taxable property in the Eagle Grove Urban Renewal Area of the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa, each year by and for the benefit of the state, city, county, school districts or other taxing districts after the effective date of this ordinance in order to create a special fund to pay the principal of and interest on loans, moneys advanced to or indebtedness, including bonds proposed to be issued by the City of Eagle Grove to finance projects in such area. Section 2. Definitions. For use within the remainder of this ordinance the following terms shall have the following meanings: "City" shall mean the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa. "County" shall mean Wright County, Iowa. "Tax Increment Financing District Addition" shall mean certain real property situated in the Eagle Grove Urban Renewal Area, legally described as follows: Parcel ID: 0927301007 - 710 NW 2nd Street, Eagle Grove, Iowa with a legal description as follows: Lot 1 and North $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 2, Block 5, Hewett's 2nd Addition, Wright County, Iowa. "Urban Renewal Area" shall mean the entirety of the Eagle Grove Urban Renewal Area as amended from time to time. Section 3. Provisions for Division of Taxes Levied on Taxable Property in the Tax Increment Financing District Addition. After the effective date of this ordinance, the taxes levied on the taxable property in the Tax Increment Financing District Addition each year by and for the benefit of the State of Iowa, the City, the County and any school district or other taxing district in which the Tax Increment Financing District Addition is located, shall be divided as follows: (a) that portion of the taxes which would be produced by the rate at which the tax is levied each year by or for each of the taxing districts upon the total sum of the assessed value of the taxable property in the Tax Increment Financing District Addition, as shown on the assessment roll as of January 1 of the calendar year preceding the first calendar year in which the City certifies to the County Auditor the amount of loans, advances, indebtedness, or bonds payable from the special fund referred to in paragraph (b) below, shall be allocated to and when collected be paid into the fund for the respective taxing district as taxes by or for said taxing district into which all other property taxes are paid. For the purpose of allocating taxes levied by or for any taxing district which did not include the territory in the Tax Increment Financing District Addition on the effective date of this ordinance, but to which the territory has been annexed or otherwise included after the effective date, the assessment roll applicable to property in the annexed territory as of January 1 of the calendar year preceding the effective date of the ordinance which amends the plan for the Tax Increment Financing District Addition to include the annexed area, shall be used in determining the assessed valuation of the taxable property in the annexed a rea. (b) that portion of the taxes each year in excess of such amounts shall be allocated to and when collected be paid into a special fund of the City to pay the principal of and interest on loans, money $\ s \ advanced$ to or indebtedness, whether funded, refunded, assumed or otherwise, including bonds issued under the authority of Section 403.9(1), of the Code of lowa, incurred by the City to finance or refinance, in whole or in part, projects in the Urban Renewal Area, and to provide assistance for low and moderate-income family housing as provided in Section 403.22, except that taxes for the regular and voter-approved physical plant and equipment levy of a school district imposed pursuant to Section 298.2 of the Code of Iowa, taxes for the instructional support program levy of a school district imposed pursuant to Section 257.19 of the Code of Iowa and taxes for the payment of bonds and interest of each taxing district shall be collected against all taxable property within the taxing district without limitation by the provisions of this ordinance. Unless and until the total assessed valuation of the tax-able property in the Tax Increment Financing District Addition exceeds the total assessed value of the taxable property in such area as shown by the assessment roll referred to in subsection (a) of this section, all of the taxes levied and collected upon the taxable property in the Tax Increment Financing District Addition shall be paid into the funds for the respective taxing districts as taxes by or for said taxing districts in the same manner as all other property taxes. When such loans, advances, indebtedness, and bonds, if any, and interest thereon, have been paid, all money thereafter received from taxes upon the taxable property in the Tax Increment Financing District Addition shall be paid into the funds for the respective taxing districts in the same manner as taxes on all other property. (c) the portion of taxes mentioned in subsection (b) of this section and the special fund into which that portion shall be paid may be irrevocably pledged by the City for the payment of the principal and interest on loans, advances, bonds issued under the authority of Section 403.9(1) of the Code of Iowa, or indebtedness incurred by the City to finance or refinance in whole or in part projects in the Urban Renewal Area. (d) as used in this section, the word " taxes" includes, but is not limited to, all levies on an ad valorem basis upon land or real property. Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. Section 5. Saving Clause. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law By Order of the City Council, Bryce Davis, City Clerk

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Registration Is Open for March 24 Virtual Teacher License Renewal Course in Financial Security

By Carol Ehlers

AMES, Iowa - Iowa K-12 teachers can improve their own personal finance skills as well as build skills in their students by participating in "Small Change: **Building Financial Security** for Educators." This Iowa State University Extension and Outreach blended course starts Monday, March 24, with an introductory session from 4:30-6:30 p.m., followed by a fourweek, self-paced, facilitator-led online learning experience that ends April 21.

The course content is embedded in the financial literacy standards of the Iowa Core 21st Century Skills and Social Studies, and connects participants with curricula, resources and school-based programs for elementary, middle and high school levels, said course instructor Carol Ehlers, a human sciences specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. Educators can earn one Iowa License renewal credit. Register by Monday, March 17, on the Iowa State Education Association website.

The "Small Change: Building Financial Security" course features vetted curriculum and resources. It has been accepted as an Iowa Board of Educational Examiners Endorsement Class for Financial Literacy and Business Teachers.

"Research shows that school-based financial education programs impact both students and their teachers. As students build financial skills from financial literacy classes, their teachers also benefit by improving their rates of savings, lowering levels of debt and increasing rates of asset accumulation," Ehlers

said.

The course is designed to help K-12 educators to make more informed decisions about financial management and build greater confidence to make small changes that can make a difference. Participants explore gamified lessons that are timely and relevant to themselves personally and to their classroom.

Lesson topics are:

• Finance Fundamentals — getting organized, smart borrowing, estate planning

• Insurance – life, health, disability, long-term care, auto, home, liability coverage

• Investing — risk tolerance, investment choices, funding long-term goals

• Retirement — preparing for retirement, building a nest egg, Social Security, IPERS

The course format re-

Bill Would Require Parental Consent

for Children's HPV Vaccine

quires participants to:

• Participate in a live, virtual two-hour introducto-

ry workshop on March 24 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. • Complete at least four of

12 gamified online lessons covering financial topics over the next four weeks.Complete assignments

to promote financial literacy and connect with resources.

The course fee is \$30 to Iowa State Education Association members and non-members. Those who do not need license renewal credit may register and audit the course for a \$15 fee. Register online by March

17. Space is limited to 25 participants.

For more information, contact Ehlers at 712-732-5056 or xehlers@iastate. edu or visit the Health and Human Sciences Extension and Outreach website.





Last week's trivia questions:

Which two pro football quarterbacks have won Super Bowls with two different teams? Answer: Peyton Manning and Tom Brady.

Manning won a Super Bowl with the Indianapolis Colts and the Denver Broncos. Brady won Super Bowls with the New England Patriots and one with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

(Kurt Warner won a Super Bowl with the St. Louis Rams and lost one with the Arizona Cardinals. Craig Morton led the Dallas Cowboys and the Denver Broncos to a Super Bowl, losing both times.)

Which two pro football teams have been to the Super Bowl four times, and lost all four? Answer: The Minnesota Vikings and Buffalo Bills. (The Vikings lost the Super Bowl in 1970, 1974, 1975, and 1977. Buffalo is the only team to appear in four consecutive Super Bowls, but lost all four, from 1991 to 1994).

This week's trivia questions:

What popular website made its debut on Valentine's Day in 2005?

What state produces most of America's red roses?

Feb. 12 is Abraham Lincoln's Birthday; Feb. 13 is Galentine's Day, and National Cheddar Day; Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day, Library Lover's Day, and Organ Donor Day; Feb. 15 is International Childhood Cancer Awareness Day; Feb. 16 is National Almond Day, and World Whale Day; Feb. 17 is Presidents' Day, and National Tennis Pro Day; Feb. 18 is Pluto Day, and Drink Wine Day.

"For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." -1 Samuel 16:7

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"Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own troubles be sufficient for the day." -Jesus

My new girlfriend works at the zoo. She's a keeper.

Just went on a date with a welder. Man, were the sparks flying.

You should never date a tennis player. Love means nothing to them.

Two territories became U.S. states on Valentine's Day. Oregon became the 33rd state on Feb. 14, 1859, even if its residents didn't know it right away. (It took a full month for the news to travel across the country via a combination of telegraph, stagecoach, and steamship).

Exactly 53 years later on Feb. 14, 1912, Arizona became the 48th state.

In 1929, the Saint Valentine's Day Massacre happened in Chicago. Seven members of Chicago's North Side Gang were gathered at a garage on Feb. 14, 1929. They were shot by four unknown assailants, two of whom were disguised as police officers. The murders resulted from the competition for control of organized crime in the city, during Prohibition. The largely Irish North Siders were headed by George "Bugs" Moran, and their largely Italian Chicago Outfit rivals were led by Al Capone. The perpetrators have never been conclusively identified, but former members of a gang working for Capone are suspected of involvement.

Iowa parents told state about the potent lawmakers Thursday that a bill requiring parental consent for children's vaccinations against sexually transwas "common

tions against sexually transmitted diseases or infections would bolster parental rights, while medical experts argued the measure is at odds with efforts to lower Iowa's high cancer rates.

by Robin Opsahl

Currently, Iowa law gives minors the ability to consent to medical care — without consent from their parents or guardians — in cases where the care is related to the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of sexually transmitted diseases or infecexpressed their concerns about the potential side effects associated with vaccines. Tracy Kennedy, a mother of five, said the bill was "common sense" in giving parents the ability to direct their child's medical care.

"We all may have big feelings about vaccines, whether they're efficient, whether they're not," Kennedy said. "But this is a bill about giving parents some power over their children's decisions."

But health care advocates said the HPV vaccine is highly effective, and argued the provision allowing minors to consent to vaccination was put in place specifically for vaccines related to STIs and STDs because some families may not have open conversations about such issues. HPV can cause several types of genital cancer, including cervical cancer, penile cancer, anal cancer and vaginal cancer.

who maybe are worried that allowing that child to have an HPV vaccine is giving their consent for their child being sexually active - we know that's not true," Chaney Yeast of Blank Children's Hospital said. "We know health care providers, their goal is to help educate, have that discussion with the parent, the child, and then ultimately ... we're talking about adolescents having some autonomy in some of their body decision-making to prevent cancer."

Jackie Cale with the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network said the bill cancers that were mentioned are life-altering, life-threatening and very expensive. And with many of those cancers, you are at risk of losing your fertility."

The bill was approved by the subcommittee on a 2-1 vote, with Sen. Janet Petersen, D-Des Moines, opposing the legislation. Sen. Sandy Salmon, R-Janesville, said she supported the measure, saying the HPV vaccine should be treated the same as other childhood vaccinations.

"I think that if a child has to have parental consent for all the other vaccines, that this one should be no exception," Salmon said. "Vaccines, its risks and benefits can be long-term, so I think a minor needs to have parental input on that decision regarding this vaccination, just like any other vaccination."

tions. The Iowa Legislature is considering Senate File 120, which would remove the ability for minors to consent to vaccines — such as the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine — without a parent's input.

At Thursday's meeting of the Senate Health and Human Services Subcommittee, several parents and speakers with groups such as Informed Choice Iowa

"I think there's some well-intentioned parents

goes against the goals stated by Gov. Kim Reynolds and others who say they want to combat the state's high cancer rates. According to the Iowa Cancer Registry, Iowa has the nation's fastest rising rate of cancer, and has had the second highest rate of new cancer cases for two years.

"This bill would be a step backwards in fight against cancer," Cale said. "The ©Copyright 2025, Iowa Capital Dispatch. Published under Creative Commons license CC BY-NC-ND 4.0. Read more at iowacapitaldispatch.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

• Middle School Valentine's Dance, 7-9pm, \$5, Memorial Hall Open to all Middle School Students. Featuring J&K Productions

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

Souper Bowl Contest at Nine & Dine 3 p.m. 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

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Senate Panel Votes To Require School **Cellphone Policies**

A Senate subcommittee gave initial approval Wednesday to Gov. Kim Reynolds' proposal to set a statewide minimum policy restricting students' cellphone use in schools.

The bill, Senate Study Bill 1065, would require school boards to adopt policies that, at minimum, ban use of personal electronic devices during instructional periods. Schools could add further restrictions on the use of cellphones through the school day.

The measure would require school districts specify disciplinary action if a student uses their cellphone during class or tests, and requires schools set protocols to securely store personal electronic devices. The policies would begin in the 2025-2026 school year.

The legislation includes caveats for students with Individualized Education Program (IEP) or 504 plans that require accommodations involving the use of cellphones or other electronic devices. It also requires school districts to allow parents to petition to let their child keep their cellphone with them during class if they can establish "a legitimate reason related to the student's physical or mental health."

The Department of Education would be required to develop and distribute model policies to Iowa school districts. It would also require the education department to work with the Department of Public Safety to develop and reform emergency plans in line with the cellphone use restrictions, so parents and guardians would be able to contact their child during the school day in the case of an emergency.

Molly Severn, legislative liaison for the governor's office, cited a survey from the Pew Research Center that showed 72% of high school teachers said students being distracted by cellphones was a major problem in their classrooms.

"With digital distractions at an all time high, Gov. Reynolds wants ensure that Iowa's classrooms maintain environments for focus, learning and productivity," Severn said.

Several Iowa school districts have already implemented cellphone use policies. In a news release on the governor's proposal, Ottumwa Community Schools Superintendent Michael McGrory said the bill would "undoubtedly benefit students across Iowa" and that his district has already seen positive impacts from implementing a cellphone policy.

Education advocates were largely in support of the measure, though several organizations were registered as "undecided" because of questions about the timeline for implementation and certain professional development provisions.

Sen. Herman Quirmbach, D-Ames, who voted against the measure, asked if school districts are already implementing school cellphone use policies across the state, "why does the governor need to get involved?" He said cellphone use in schools was a problem, but that legislative action was not necessarily required as school districts already had the authority to set policies on the issue.

Quirmbach also said he did not support the measure's limit requiring parents to obtain permission for their child have a cellphone with them in class if having the device is related to the stu-

dent's health.

"You can imagine situations where a student who has problems with diabetes, epilepsy, food allergy and food poisoning, asthma there are lots of situations where students may need to have immediate access, first of all, to their parents to let them know something's going on, but also direct access to medical resources to help them avoid a catastrophe,' Quirmbach said.

In addition to cellphone use, the legislation would require 6th- through 8th-grade students to take "effects of social media" training. Sen. Jeff Taylor, R-Sioux Center, said he was appreciative of the measure as a way to help students navigate these online spaces. Several studies have found links between high social media use and negative mental health outcomes among teens.

"Social media, although in some ways, is wonderful, in other ways it can be quite harmful and upsetting, especially to kids of certain age," Taylor said.

The measure is available for consideration by the Senate Education Committee.

Ladies Continue Conference Play

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Last week, the Eagle Grove girls basketball team competed in a Tuesday night road game at North Union and a Friday night home game against North Iowa. The purple and gold fell 64-25 to the 13-7 Warriors and 58-42 to the 3-18 Bison.

In the North Union contest, Ellie Lenning led Eagle Grove with team-highs of 10 points and three assists. Kendra Schild grabbed 11 rebounds, and Holly Anderson added five points, five boards, and a steal.

Myka Anderson finished with five points, and Taytum Edwards hit a three-pointer and secured six rebounds.

Against North Iowa, the girls trailed 35-31 late in the game. The Bison would prevail after scoring 23 in the 4th quarter.

Taytum shot an impressive 33% from long range. She had 19 points and five steals on the night.

Lenning dropped another 10 points in the loss, and Schild led the team with 14 boards and three assists. Holly Anderson contributed 10 rebounds and four steals for the Eagles.



Ellie Lenning scored in double digits in games against North Union and North Iowa. (Photo by Mitch Jones Photography)

McIntire Named to South Dakota **State University's Fall Dean's List**

Morgan Named to Wartburg Fall **Dean's List**

WAVERLY, IA- Mack Morgan of Eagle Grove was named to the Wartburg College Fall Term Dean's List.

The college recognized 554 students for Fall Term. The list honors students who earned a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above in at least four course credits during the term. Three of the four course credits have to be graded with a traditional letter grade.

Wartburg College, a four-year liberal arts college internationally recognized for community engagement, enrolls about 1,500 students. A college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Wartburg is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning. The college is characterized by vigorous academic expectations and community engagement within an environment of strong personal support.

10 Local Students Make UNI Fall **Dean's List**

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa - 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.

The Fall 2024 graduates and dean's list honorees are now available online. Community members, families and friends can easily access the names by searching via zip code, county or state. Visit the Graduation / Dean's List Reports page and follow the simple instructions to find and celebrate these outstanding students.

2 Area Students Make DMACC Fall **President's List**

Des Moines Area Community College President Rob Denson recently released the names of students eligible for the Fall Semester President's List. To be eligible, a student must have completed a minimum of six credits and earned a 4.0 grade point average for that semester

Those recognized from our area include:

• McKenna Knight, Human/Family Services-Transfer, Goldfield

• Lexie Lane, Pre-Nursing, Goldfield

Congratulations to these students on their achievement!

Scheuring Named to BCŬ Fall **Dean's List**

Sioux City, Iowa-Briar Cliff University is pleased to announce 302 students have been named to the Dean's List for the Fall semester of the 2024-25 academic year, including 91 students who achieved a perfect GPA of 4.0.

Full-time students who have a semester GPA of 3.5 or greater and part-time students who complete six or more credits in a semester with a GPA of at least 3.5 are eligible for the Dean's List. An asterisk following a student's name denotes a 4.0 GPA.

Among those honored this term is Derek Scheuring of Eagle Grove, Iowa.

Congratulations Derek!



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!

- Local students to earn a place on the Dean's List were:
- Madison Axtell, Eagle Grove
- Amalea Friedl, Goldfield
- Reagan Goodell, Goldfield
- Elinor Jensen, Eagle Grove
- · Alaura Lewis, Goldfield
- Heather Mack, Eagle Grove
- Paige Nelson, Goldfield
- Shanlyne Pineda-Mendez, Eagle Grove
- Kayla Potratz, Goldfield
- Hannah Sampson, Eagle Grove

BROOKINGS, S.D. (01/17/2025)- South Dakota State University announces Ava McIntire of Thor, Iowa, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2024 semester. McIntire earned a 4.0 GPA.

McIntire is a student in SDSU's College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Overall, 3,901 students from 40 states and 32 foreign nations are on the list. More than 1,600 students received a 4.0 GPA.

TEAM STANDINGS:

#	Name	Rnd	Rnd	Pts+	Pts +*	Wins	Loss	Win %	Avg*
		W	L						
1	Moes	38	10	945	942	74	34	68.52	8.72
2	Wizards	30	18	893	866	61	47	56.48	8.02
3	Replacements	26	22	864	858	61	47	56.48	7.94
4	Rookies	26	22	853	835	58	50	53.7	7.73
5	Fa'que	24	24	833	809	49	59	45.37	7.49
6	Strokers and Pokers	22	26	864	852	59	49	54.63	7.89
7	Motley Cue	16	32	798	768	41	67	37.96	7.11
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	Steve Martin	Moes	327	216	111	36	29	7	80.56	9.08
2	Dave Walker	Wizards	316	208	108	36	28	8	77.78	8.78
3	Steve Evans	Moes	308	264	44	36	22	14	61.11	8.56
4	Dick Stumpf	Moes	307	244	63	36	23	13	63.89	8.53
5	Mike Rolo	Strokers and Pokers	302	252	50	36	22	14	61.11	8.39
6	Zach Martin	Rookies	301	222	79	36	24	12	66.67	8.36
7	Brandon Thompso	nReplacements	286	256	30	36	22	14	61.11	7.94
8	Alec Martin	Rookies	286	274	12	36	19	17	52.78	7.94
9	Steve Gordon	Wizards	284	277	7	36	17	19	47.22	7.89
10	Jason Stumpf	Replacements	283	279	4	36	18	18	50	7.86
11	Daryl Ward	Motley Cue	280	281	-1	36	16	20	44.44	7.78
12	Derrick Linn	Strokers and Pokers	271	242	29	33	20	13	60.61	8.21
13	Eric Hogle	Replacements	267	230	37	33	20	13	60.61	8.09
14	Keith Larue	Fa'que	267	284	-17	36	15	21	41.67	7.42
15	Tom Thielen	Wizards	266	297	-31	36	16	20	44.44	7.39
16	Dart Humphrey	Motley Cue	264	285	-21	36	16	20	44.44	7.33
17	Ryan Gardalen	Fa'que	256	297	-41	36	13	23	36.11	7.11
18	Jeff Asmus	Strokers and Pokers	253	292	-39	36	15	21	41.67	7.03
19	Blake Jackson	Rookies	248	301	-53	36	15	21	41.67	6.89
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	Dearraistein	Replacements	199	249	-50	30	12	18	40	6.63
23	T Con y T IIII	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	OUIT AIICH	Motley Cue	113	199	-86	21	3	18	14.29	5.38
26	Diancoan	Motley Cue	111	116	-5	15	6	9	40	7.4
27	Jeff Linn	Fa'que	56	37	19	6	5	1	83.33	9.33
28	Steve Haugland	Fa'que	30	20	10	3	3	0	100	10
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Eagles Prepare For Districts At Home Meet

Taylor Smith, **Sports Editor** At Eagle Grove Elementary on Saturday morning, the Eagle Grove boys wrestling

team hosted Alta-Aurelia, lia, the Eagles had four open Garner Hayfield-Ventura, South Central Calhoun, and South Hamilton. In their dual vs. Alta-Aure-

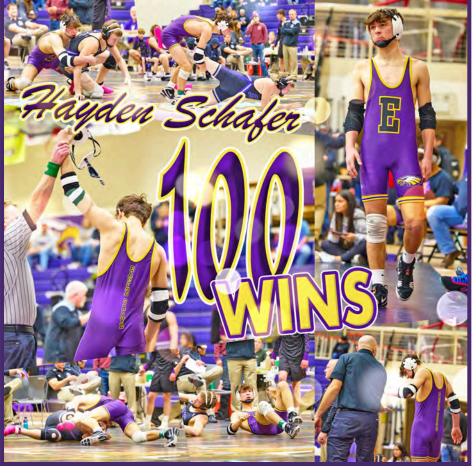
weight classes from 138 to 150. They would lose 53-26. Hunter Waldo-Martinez delivered a 16-0 technical fall

over Laeton Langschwager at 126, and Jayden Kreitlow knocked off Nolan Reeves in a 4-3 at 175. Reece Demuth wrestled at 190 and pinned Juan Carlos-Sanchez in 31 seconds.

It was a similar stoagainst Garner-Hayrv field-Ventura. The Cardinals took down Eagle Grove 53-24, but Waldo-Martinez and Dylan Terwilliger (120) both posted 1st period pins. Kreitlow and Carter Bjorklund (165) won via forfeit.

Although the purple and gold lost to South Central Calhoun by a score of 56-23, the dual was highlighted by Hayden Schafer's 100th career win. The junior 157-pounder dismantled Layth Witte 19-3 in just 52 seconds for the achievement. Against South Hamilton, Waldo-Martinez and Andrew Orozco (113) earned 1st period pins. Jesus Baez (285) and Terwilliger both recorded 15-0 technical falls in the 46-21 Eagle Grove victory.

At the meet, the Eagles were dressed in their throwback singlets to honor the memory of former wrestler and 2015 graduate, Jared Beecher. Jared's wife and son were given a special singlet courtesy of the Eagle Grove wrestling family.



Read more about Schafer's road to triple digits in next week's edition of The Eagle. (Graphic by Mitch Jones Photography)



Jarika and Grizz Beecher. (Photo by Ryan Terwilliger)

UPCOMING **SPORTS** SCHEDULE

Thursday, Feb. 13 • 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball @ Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, 4:15 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15 Boys Wrestling Class 2A District #7 Tournament @ Humboldt, 10:00 a.m. • Girls Postseason Basketball @ Estherville-LC High School, 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 17 Boys Postseason Basketball @ Iowa Falls-Alden, 7:00 p.m.

Morris Cements Legacy With Point #1000

Taylor Smith, **Sports Editor** Three days after a 5-point loss against North





Union, the Eagle Grove boys basketball squad suited up for a Friday night home game vs. 6-13 North Iowa. The Eagles shot efficiently over four quarters on their way to a 68-44 rout of the Bison.

After pouring in 14 points in Tuesday night's North Union contest, Abraham Lin was once again Eagle Grove's leading scorer with 22 points on 77% shooting against North Iowa.

Adrian Whipple did it all for the purple and gold and recorded 15 points, nine assists, six boards, and three steals. Josh Miller dropped another 10 points, and Gavin Pedersen secured five rebounds.

Jaxon Morris shot 72% from the field, 4/6 from three, and stuffed the stat sheet with 21 points, seven rebounds, four assists, and three steals. More importantly, Morris scored his 1,000th career point in an Eagle uniform. Read more about Jaxon's journey in an upcoming edition of The Eagle.



Abraham Lin averages 17.5 points per game for the Eagles. (Photo by Mitch Jones Photography)

Jaxon Morris has scored 288 points in his senior year alone. (Graphic by Mitch Jones Photography)

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