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Scoutmaster Rick Dawson with honorees Michael Umthun and Andrew Vaughn and fellow Eagle Scout Dustin Dawson. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

## Eagle Grove Honors Two New Eagle Scouts at Court of Honor Ceremony

By Edward Lynn, Editor

EAGLE GROVE – In a ceremony filled with tradition and reflection, Eagle Scouts Michael Umthun and Andrew Vaughn were formally recognized at the Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Saturday at Memorial Hall in Eagle Grove. The two close friends stood before family, mentors, and fellow scouts to celebrate their remarkable journeys through Scouting.

Vaughn set two new local records, achieving the prestigious Eagle Scout rank in just two and a half years while earning an unprecedented 76 merit badges. His rapid advancement and dedication were recognized as an inspiration to his peers.

"I came into the troop and I told the leaders I wanted to achieve," Vaughn said in a previous interview, reflecting on his journey. "I love getting all the merit badges that I can." His stepfather, Jay Thomas, praised Andrew's efforts, emphasizing the dedication required. "He put in a lot of work, but I told him, 'you've got to stay humble.'" But, Thomas also noted, "today is not about staying humble."

For Umthun, the ceremony marked the culmination of over a decade in scouting. His journey, which began as a Cub Scout, was filled with experiences that shaped him into a leader. "Scouting has been my consistent companion," Umthun said in his speech. "It has taught me the value of hard work, perseverance, and commitment to service." He thanked his family, mentors, and fellow scouts for their unwavering support, acknowledging their role in his achievement.

Scoutmaster Rick Dawson, who has guided both young men throughout their scouting careers, reflected on their accomplishments. "The proof is in the Scout," Dawson said in his speech. "This is the way they act. This is the way they hold themselves ... A real scout is a person who CAN and IS and DOES. The CAN is in the skills that the person (has). A scout CAN find their way through the woods. A scout CAN make fire in torrential downpour rains. A scout CAN give first

aid. A scout IS part of something bigger. A Scout IS (under) the Scout Law. A scout IS trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent." What a scout does, Dawson said, is embodied in the Scout Law, and the Scout Motto, "be prepared," and "on my honor, I will do my best." He lauded both scouts for embodying these values. "The uniform isn't what makes a scout," Dawson noted, "it is the scout inside the uniform."

The ceremony included traditional elements such as the Eagle Scout Pledge, the presentation of mentor pins, and a heartfelt moment where the pair had their new Eagle Scout neckerchiefs bestowed upon them.

"He's a real go-getter," Vaughn's mother Melissa Vaughn said of her son. And of all his hard work to earn all those merit badges in record time? "He loves doing it," Mrs. Vaughn said. "He loves all the scouts and all the help they give him too."

Ken and Rhonda Umthun also shared their feelings as they watched their son reach this milestone. "I couldn't be prouder," Ken Umthun said. "Michael has grown into an incredible young man through Scouting." Rhonda Umthun, overcome with emotion, struggled to pin the award on her son, a moment that resonated with many in attendance. "It doesn't seem like it's happened already," she said. "Long time coming. 11 years."

Both young men shared their plans for the future. Umthun intends to pursue a career in HVAC while continuing to mentor younger scouts. Vaughn plans to enter the field of welding and hopes to give back to scouting by earning mentor pins in the years ahead.

Nancy Strub, representing the Eagle Grove Lions Club, which sponsors the troop, praised the program's impact on the scouts and the community. "The leadership in this community is phenomenal," Strub said. "These boys have explored so many different things they wouldn't have otherwise."

As the ceremony concluded, Pastor Phil Web delivered a benediction, reminding all in attendance of the values that scouting instills. "May these young men continue to reflect the ideals of the Scout Law in all they do," he said.

With applause and cheers, the Court of Honor ended, but the legacy of Vaughn and Umthun's achievements will endure, setting an example for future scouts in Eagle Grove.

## TICKET PUNCHED!

### Three Eagles Advance To Wrestle At State

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On Saturday, the Eagle Grove boys wrestling team continued their season at the Class 2A, District 7 tournament held at Humboldt High School. Three individuals brought home district runners-up or titles to punch their tickets to this week's state wrestling tournament in Des Moines.

Hayden Schafer started his day with a 19-4 technical fall over Oliver Riehl of Southeast Valley. In the semifinals, the 157-pounder came out on the winning end of an overtime bout against a North Polk wrestler. Schafer was pinned by eighth-ranked Brent Dennhardt of Greene County in the first place match, but the EGHs junior became a two-time state qualifier after ousting Braden Downs of Humboldt in a wrestleback.

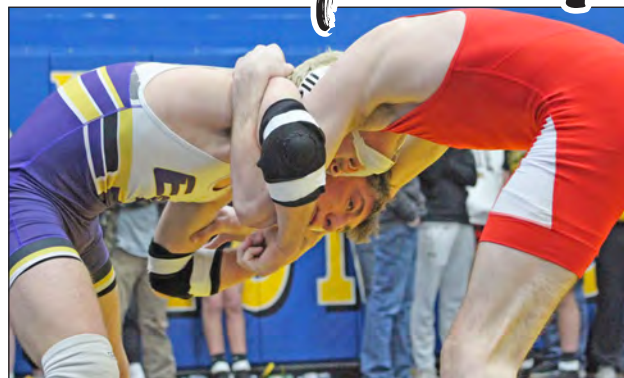
Fellow junior Jayden Kreitlow earned his second straight trip to the Well after pinning his way to the finals at 175. He lost a major decision to Landon Halverson of Humboldt, but redeemed himself with a 17-8 major decision over Mason Ackerman of North Polk.

Jesus Baez added a cherry on the top of his stellar EGHs career with a district

title and state berth at 285. The heavyweight won by fall over Ayden Fiengo of Humboldt in the semifinals and defeated Narciso Hidalgo of Perry 4-1 in the first place match. Baez has a 34-22 record this season and will wrestle at Wells Fargo Arena for the first time.

Hunter Waldo-Martinez placed third at 126 for the purple and gold. Dylan Terwilliger (120), Jackson Babcock (132), Carter Bjorklund (165), and Reece Demuth (190) all finished fourth.

As a team, the Eagles placed fifth with 109 points. Humboldt won the district championship with a score of 191, followed closely by West Marshall (189) and North Polk (176.5).



Hayden Schafer locked horns with Brent Dennhardt.



Jesus Baez pinned Humboldt's Ayden Fiengo in 2:59.



Jayden Kreitlow is 35-20 this season. (Photos by Taylor Smith)



(Screenshot, Wrightcofair.com/Fair Use)

By Edward Lynn, Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa – The Wright County Fair Board has unveiled its sponsorship packages for the 2025 Wright County Fair and is seeking community support to build on last year's record-breaking fundraising success.

After overcoming unex-

pected flooding in 2024, the fair saw sponsorships reach an all-time high, raising over \$124,000. With financial challenges lingering, the board is calling on local businesses and individuals to continue their support. The 2025 fair, scheduled for July 8-13, will carry the theme "Home-Grown," celebrating the county's agricultural

## Wright County Fair Board Seeks Sponsors for 2025 Fair

*Packages are a great deal for families and organizations*

roots and community spirit.

"Last year was a character builder for all of us, and our sponsors played a crucial role in making the fair happen despite the challenges," the board stated in a fundraising letter sent out recently. "We're looking forward to another great fair and need your support to make it possible."

The board has announced several grandstand events, including the Wright Rodeo, the NTPA Truck & Tractor Pull, a performance by hypnotist Jerry Frasier, and a concert. The lineup will also feature a free stage, a carnival with daily wristbands,

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## City Audit Report Released for Eagle Grove

By Edward Lynn, Editor

EAGLE GROVE – The City of Eagle Grove's financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, has been released by T.P. Anderson & Co., P.C., revealing total receipts of \$15,641,843 and total disbursements of \$12,673,566.

According to the audit, the city's receipts included \$4,614,608 from charges for service, \$4,350,000 in wastewater treatment plant settlement proceeds, \$2,039,076 in loan pro-

ceeds, and \$1,970,584 in property tax revenue.

Disbursements were allocated across various functions, with \$6,135,440 designated for business-type activities, \$1,978,440 for capital projects, \$1,540,645 for public safety, and \$1,178,529 for debt service.

The audit did identify certain deficiencies in internal control that were considered significant, though not rising to the level of a serious matter. These included inadequate segregation of duties in financial transactions and

insufficient oversight in the reconciliation of account. However it is important to note that these are common findings for cities the size of Eagle Grove, resulting from the smaller staffs that force employees to perform multiple duties. Still, the report recommended that the city implement additional checks and balances to strengthen financial oversight.

The audit also tested the city's compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agree-

ments. No instances of material noncompliance were found, though minor issues, such as procedural lapses in financial documentation and minor reporting discrepancies, were noted in the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

City officials have been provided with the audit's findings and recommendations. A copy of the full audit report is available for public review at the office of the Auditor of State and the Eagle Grove City Clerk's office.



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# Mom Prom of Wright County Marks it's 3rd Year in March!

On Saturday, March 29th, The Red Shed Event Center in Clarion will once again be filled with Prom-goers, dancing the night away. However, it won't be your traditional high school prom; it will be a "Mom Prom!"

Originally created in Canton, MI, in 2006 by Elizabeth Crapps, Mom Prom® is a "ladies-only night out" event for charity. Since its beginning, each year women have gathered across the country for a night of dancing while wearing their old Prom dresses, bridesmaid dresses, or any other formal gown they like, all for a worthy cause. This year's event will be the third of its kind for Wright County communities.

Open to all women aged 21 and over, each ticket costs \$40. "With every ticket purchase, ladies will receive entry to this year's Mom Prom, a complimentary drink ticket, one raffle ticket, hors d'oeuvres, a night of dancing and fun, and the opportunity to support a local cause," said Nikki Conlon of Clarion, member of the Mom Prom Board. "Mom Proms were originally designed to function as fundraising events, and ours is no different. Each year, we donate all proceeds toward a local organization or cause. We're currently accepting applications from organizations who would like to be this year's recipient."

Tickets can be purchased from Mom Prom Board Members as well as at these local retailers: in Clarion - Italics Boutique, Riveter Nutrition, Appearances Salon and Spa, Leah Jean Boutique & Salon, and Wright Community Connections; in Eagle Grove - Slay Nutrition; in Belmond - Sugarpie Bakery & Café and Studio 220 Tuxedo Rental and Sales & Bridal/Formal Gown Boutique.

Dave Stein, "The DjMan - Professional Sound and Lighting", will once again be providing nonstop dance music for the event. Photo selfie booths will be available for women to take group pictures with their friends, and delicious hors d'oeuvres will be served. Raffle prizes will be awarded, consisting of items donated by local retailers and organizations. While each participant will receive one complimentary raffle ticket, additional raffle tickets can be purchased that night to increase the chances of winning. A cash bar will be available for additional drink purchases, and silent auction items will be up for bid throughout the evening. Sponsorship opportunities are available for this event as well. If any individual or organization would like to sponsor this year's event at any level, they can contact the Mom Prom Board via their Facebook page - "Mom Prom - Wright County" - or by emailing them at mom-promwrightia@gmail.com.

In addition, if your organization would like to apply to be a recipient of this year's proceeds, you can email the Mom Prom Board at mom-promwrightia@gmail.com as well.

# Wright County Fair Scholarship Deadline Approaching

**By Edward Lynn, Editor**

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — High school seniors in Wright County looking to further their education have until March 31 to apply for the Wright County District Junior Fair Scholarship. The scholarship committee will award up to three recipients with \$500 each, contingent on their academic progress in post-secondary education.

To qualify, applicants must be graduating seniors from a Wright County high school and plan to attend an accredited school or institute within a year of graduation. Additionally, they must have actively participated in the Wright County Fair for at least four years, including significant involvement within the past three years.

Applicants must submit a completed electronic application, available as a fillable PDF at [https://wrightcofair.com/pdf/2025/Fair\\_Scholarship\\_2025.pdf](https://wrightcofair.com/pdf/2025/Fair_Scholarship_2025.pdf), along with a sealed letter of recommendation from a Wright County resident who is not a school employee or a fair board member. The application must be postmarked by March 31 and mailed to the Wright County Fair Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 125, Eagle Grove, IA 50533. The scholarship committee may also request interviews with applicants before making final selections.

Recipients will receive payment after January 15, provided they maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA in their first semester of post-secondary education and submit proof of enrollment for the second semester. Family members of Wright County Fair Board members are eligible to apply.

For more information, visit the Wright County Fair website at <https://wrightcofair.com/>.

# Prom Dress Giveaway Provides Free Prom Attire to Area High School Students

Blessed Boutique, formerly known as Belle of the Ball, is offering gowns, shoes, jewelry, and more to area high school students at no cost to them. Blessed Boutique is located at Wright Community Connections, 215 N Main St, in Clarion. Dresses are available year-round; they are also available for adults with a free-will donation.

All funds from the dresses are utilized to purchase tux rentals and other prom-related expenses to remove access barriers and ensure that every student is able to attend prom. Free dress alterations and amendments for students are provided by long-time Belle of the Ball volunteer, Sally Legleiter.

Students may try on dresses during hours, Tuesday through Friday 9 am-7 pm, Saturday 9 am-Noon, or they may make an appointment by contacting 515-293-2911.

In March 2022, Hannah Johnson, founder of the First Lutheran Food Pantry, began giving away prom dresses to area high school students who might not otherwise have access to one. What began as a simple idea- ensuring every student could experience the magic of prom regardless of financial circumstances- has grown into something much more significant.

The food pantry purchased racks and a beautifully lit mirror for a special experience while caring community members provided donations of time, beautiful dresses, and encouragement for the students.

The initiative became a symbol of community support, an example of how small acts of kindness can create lasting change.

"Seeing the need," says Johnson, "I wanted to remove at least one barrier, making sure that every student who dreams of attending prom has the chance to do so without worrying about the cost of a dress."

As the program evolved, so did the First Lutheran Food Pantry. When it began in 2019, Johnson also established a clothing closet and biannual free garage sales to fill a need in the community. In 2022, the clothing program had outgrown its space due to the huge outpouring of community support while a new organization was beginning: The Gift of Giving.

The collaboration allowed the food pantry to focus on responding to growing food access needs throughout Wright County while the Gift of Giving provided for other essential needs like clothing, household supplies, beds for area children, holiday gifts, and so more.

In 2024, both the space at the church and volunteer support diminished, as well as the number of students served had dramatically decreased.

Acknowledging the crucial need for more space and time dedicated to growing the program, the food pantry and Gift of Giving boards partnered once again to reinvigorate the prom dress giveaway. In the summer of 2024, the program was relocated to Wright Community Connections, where Gift of Giving is permanently housed and the food pantry offers also a second location in Clarion. The WCC offers an entire room dedicated to providing the prom dress service, along with more access to shoes, jewelry, and other accessories.

"We are so grateful that the WCC is continuing the legacy of Belle of the Ball and providing a way through the free will donations to fund other prom-related needs for students," says Missy Loux, current First Lutheran Food Pantry Director.

"This is also a continuation of what Belle of the Ball started in 2023 when we began offering dresses to Mom Prom participants for a free-will donation to better support the students."

The Blessed Boutique is just one building block in a larger mission: to create a community where everyone, regardless of their circumstances, has a chance to succeed. When we lift each other up, we build a stronger, more connected Clarion where kindness, generosity, and opportunity are always within reach.

# Happenings

Chapter EJ P.E.O. met Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at the home of Bev Wilde.

Stacy Osborn was welcomed as a new member. Barb Forbes presented the program of former Eagle Grove resident Mary Louise Smith.

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livestock shows, food vendors, commercial exhibits, and a county-wide farmers market.

Sponsorship opportunities range from the \$10,000 Grandstand Main Stage Sponsor package to the \$100 Family Pack, offering various levels of advertising and promotional benefits. The Grandstand Main Stage Sponsor will receive a center-stage banner, multiple announcements, 50 grandstand buttons or 150 single-event tickets, and other perks. Lower-tier sponsors will still benefit from grandstand banners, ride ticket packs, carnival game vouchers, and newspaper recognition. Individual grandstand buttons (which get their wearers into most events for free) sell for \$50 each; indicating what a great deal the sponsor packs are for families, and organizations.

Sponsorships must be secured by June 15, 2025. Those interested can contact Fair Manager Tricia Rosendahl at (515) 448-3351 or email [wrightcofair@wmtel.net](mailto:wrightcofair@wmtel.net).

"The Wright County Fair is recognized across the state for its strong community backing," the board's letter read. "We can't wait to see everyone at the fairgrounds in July!"

*This year's sponsorship levels are:*

**GRANDSTAND MAIN STAGE SPONSOR**  
*\$10,000 includes:*

- A 4x6 Banner, center stage; 4 nights
- A 3x5 Banner on the Grandstand wall
- 50 buttons, or 150 single event tickets
- 24 ride ticket packs
- Multiple announcements as the Grandstand Main Stage Sponsor
- Newspaper advertising
- Webpage & Facebook advertising
- Signs posted around the fairgrounds

**GRANDSTAND EVENT SPONSOR**  
*\$5,000 includes:*

- A 3x5 Banner, center stage; 1 night selected
- A 3x5 Banner on the Grandstand wall
- 25 buttons OR 75 single event tickets
- 24 ride ticket packs
- Multiple announcements on the one night selected
- Newspaper advertising
- Webpage & Facebook advertising
- Signs around the fairgrounds

**PLATINUM CLUB**  
*\$2,500 includes:*

- 50 Grandstand buttons
- 20 ride ticket packs
- 8 Carnival game vouchers

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*\$1,000 includes:*

- 25 Grandstand buttons
- 10 ride ticket packs
- 4 Carnival game vouchers

**GOLD CLUB**  
*\$500 includes:*

- 15 Grandstand buttons
- 6 ride ticket packs
- 3 Carnival game vouchers

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*\$250 includes:*

- 10 Grandstand buttons
- 4 ride ticket packs
- 3 Carnival game vouchers
- Newspaper advertising

**BLUE RIBBON CLUB**  
*\$150 includes:*

- 6 Grandstand buttons
- 3 ride ticket packs
- 2 Carnival game vouchers
- Newspaper advertising

**FAMILY PACK**  
*\$100 includes:*

- 4 Grandstand buttons
- 2 ride ticket packs
- 1 Carnival game voucher

Eagle Grove Community School District

-MENU-

Monday, Feb. 24

BREAKFAST: Omelet, Toast, Fruit, Juice

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

Tuesday, Feb. 25

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

LUNCH: Tacos, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Pears

Wednesday, Feb. 26

BREAKFAST: Waffles, Sausage, Fruit, Juice

LUNCH: Crispito, Corn, Salad, Orange

Thursday, Feb. 27

BREAKFAST: Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice

LUNCH: Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Apple-sauce, Bread & Butter

Friday, Feb. 28

BREAKFAST: Cereal, Poplart, Fruit, Juice

LUNCH: Cheese Pizza, Corn, Salad, Peaches

Congregate Meal Menu:

Monday, Feb. 24

Chef's Choice

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Baked Chicken Parmesan w/ Noodles, Lettuce/Spinach Salad, Frozen Fruit Cup

Friday, Feb. 28

Ham and Bean Soup, Cornbread, Vegetable, Fruit

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# Grassley Seeks to Embarrass Drugmakers Into Lower Prices With TV Ad Reform

**By Edward Lynn, Editor**

WASHINGTON — Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) is backing a bill that would require pharmaceutical companies to disclose drug prices in television advertisements, arguing that publicizing the high costs could pressure companies into lowering them.

Speaking in his regular Capitol Hill Report radio interview, conducted this time by Joe Benedict with the Key Account Daily

Gate City, Grassley emphasized that while banning prescription drug advertisements outright is unlikely, forcing companies to list prices in their commercials could be an effective alternative. He compared the requirement to how automobile manufacturers disclose pricing in advertisements.

"If pharmaceuticals can take a lot of time to tell you about all the bad aspects of your pill, they ought to be able to advertise the price," Grassley said. "I think if

they advertise the price, it's going to drive down the cost of their drugs. Maybe it'll be so embarrassing to the companies that they'll keep their price down."

The bipartisan bill, co-sponsored by Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), aims to increase transparency in drug pricing. Pharmaceutical companies have historically resisted such measures, arguing that listing prices could mislead consumers due to variations in insurance coverage and dis-

counts.

Grassley did not indicate whether he expects the bill to pass in the current Congress but expressed confidence in its potential impact if implemented.

When asked about broader legislative efforts to combat high grocery and energy prices, Grassley noted that no laws were currently being pursued but suggested that the Federal Trade Commission or Justice Department could take actions to ease costs. How-

ever Grassley expressed a surprising sentiment on this note, coming from a senior Republican in the Senate. "I think that if Biden had been re-elected, that you would have had those actions taken," Grassley said. "But in the case of the new presidency, I think it's too early to answer," he concluded, seeming to have preferred Democratic former President Biden's stable, predictable policy to Trump's objectively more haphazard policies.

# North Iowa Housing Conference to Address Regional Housing Challenges

**By Luke Seaberg, Esther Crompton**

AMES, Iowa — Communities across north Iowa are facing a growing need for housing development, and local leaders are working to find solutions. On April 24, the North Iowa Housing Conference will bring together policymakers, contractors and economic development professionals at Music Man Square in Mason City to discuss the latest trends, challenges and opportunities in housing.

The event is organized by the North Iowa Area Council of Governments, focusing on giving communities practical tools to navigate the complex world of housing development. Sessions will cover state funding opportunities, workforce retention strategies and the impact of housing on local economies.

Luke Seaberg, a community development special-

ist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach's Community and Economic Development unit, is among those helping to shape the conference as a member of the planning committee.

"I work with stakeholders in counties across north Iowa to help them tackle housing challenges," Seaberg said. "This conference is about bringing together the people who are on the ground, working to address north Iowa's housing issues."

**Connecting communities with resources**

The conference will feature keynote speakers Debi Durham, director of the Iowa Finance Authority and Iowa Economic Development Authority, and Robin Anderson, Iowa's state chief economist. Attendees will

and development to the services that support stable housing," Seaberg said.

"Sessions will cover key contracting issues like lead-safe certification, workforce recruitment and legal considerations for builders. Development-focused discussions will walk through state funding options, what communities need to do to attract investment and how to build relationships with developers," he said.

"Other sessions will focus on supportive services — funding for home repairs, helping residents age in place and removing barriers to housing access," he added. "The goal is to give attendees concrete information they can take back and apply in their communities."

**Opportunities for networking and collaboration**

Beyond the presentations, the Business after Hours networking session from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. will provide a space for attendees to connect with industry professionals, funding organizations and potential development partners.

Seaberg sees this as a crucial component of the event.

"One of the biggest take-aways from a conference like this is the connections people make," he said. "Housing development isn't something a single person or agency can tackle alone — it requires partnerships, planning and a lot of coordination. This conference is a chance for communities to start building those relationships."

Registration for the North Iowa Housing Conference is open until April 15.



(Image courtesy of ISU)

# Bill Would Add Nutrition, Natural Light Provisions to Therapeutic Classroom Grants

**by Robin Opsahl, Iowa Capital Dispatch**

Schools could use state grant funding for therapeutic classrooms to provide access to vitamin and mineral supplements, "minimally processed whole foods" and exposure to natural light under a bill advanced by a House subcommittee Monday.

The legislation, introduced by Rep. Jeff Shipley, R-Birmingham, deals with Iowa's Therapeutic Classroom Grant. The grants provide funding through the state Department of Education for schools seeking to create or improve spaces that are designated for students who have emotional, social or behavioral needs that keep them from being successful or cause disruption to other students in the general classroom. Therapeutic classrooms are separate spaces where school staff can provide support to these students until they can return to the classroom.

Therapeutic classrooms are not required in Iowa schools, but the grant program, established in 2020, provides funding for schools that want to create or improve these spaces. House File 114 proposes amending

the grant program to specify what types of support would be available in therapeutic classrooms.

The legislation includes several food and nutrient components, specifically providing support and access to vitamins D and K2, whole foods including "eggs, full-fat dairy products, beef and bacon," as well as restricting the use and availability of artificial or synthetic food additives "that may have an adverse effect on activity and attention in students."

The bill also calls for increasing students' exposure to natural light or light emitted by "full spectrum lighting fixtures," and support that would lessen the impacts of excessive screen use. A larger provision allows funding for schools "carrying out any other scientifically supported initiative that a school district reasonably believes will improve emotional, social and behavioral health outcomes among students."

Nathaniel Arnold with the Professional Educators of Iowa said the organization was grateful to see the bill brought forward as it looks to factors like nutrition that could contribute to students' behavioral or mental health problems.

"The reason we're grateful for the bill is that it acknowledges some of the root causes of the behavioral challenges teachers are facing," Arnold said. "Too often we see teachers are blamed when a student attacks them, or blamed for students' misbehavior issues. I think this bill does good job of acknowledging that we're in the midst of a public health crisis, which is a huge contributing factor to behavioral problems in the classroom."

Dave Daughton, representing the School Administrators of Iowa and Rural School Advocates of Iowa, said that while there are some "good ideas and good suggestions" on support available through therapeutic classrooms in the bill, the bill's language would mean these provisions would be required — a major cost to schools seeking to provide these support spaces.

Shipley said that was not the intent of the bill and was open to clarifying that the measure was to have the Department of Education reimburse schools that enact these supports. But Rep. Elinor Levin, D-Iowa City, said

she was concerned about the bill as a directive on classroom management coming from lawmakers instead of from school districts or the education department — especially as the legislation does not provide new funding.

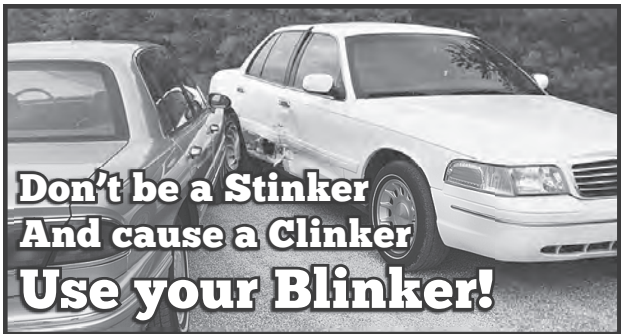
"I'm not sure it is appropriate for it to be coming from the Legislature, and I foresee it having a significant financial impact on districts as written," Levin said.

Shipley said the goal was not to require schools to implement the listed components in therapeutic classrooms but allow for grant program funding, which he said was appropriated through the Legislature each year since 2020.

"We're certainly open to clarifying that, and thankfully, this program does have

existing funding that we hope will continue this budget cycle as well," Shipley said. "So anyway, this will be interesting to see how this idea progresses. Like I said, a lot of school districts are incorporating one aspect or another, but I think it's very important when addressing children's behavioral needs, that we have every single conceivable tool in the toolbox, because that's what our educators and our children deserve."

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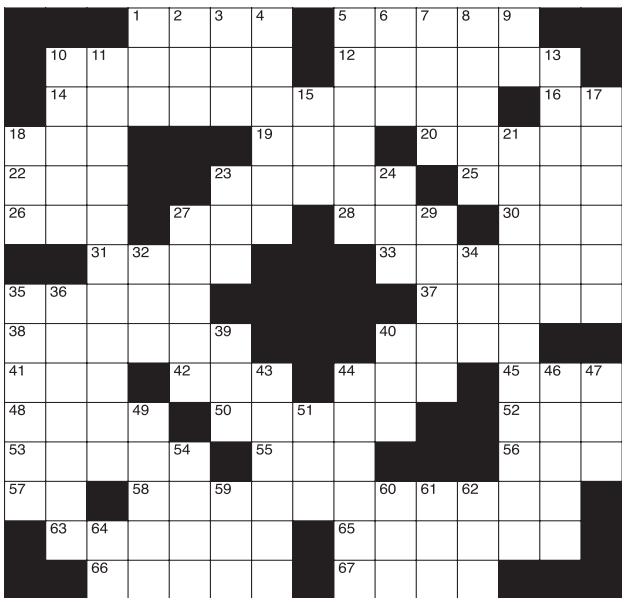
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Tropical Asian plant

5. Yankees’ slugger Judge

10. Helps to preserve food

12. Plant disease

14. One who predicts

16. Equally

18. Burundian franc

19. Pouch

20. Arizona city

22. Surround

23. Hard, heavy timber

25. Witnessed

26. They \_\_\_\_

27. French river

28. A way to drink

30. Small constellation

31. Peruse a written work

33. Type of hound

35. Plant of the goosefoot family
37. Evade or escape

38. A way to confine

40. Volcanic crater

41. Weekday

42. Women’s service organization (abbr.)

44. Local area network

45. Sensory receptor

48. Posted

50. Tibetan pastry

52. Licensed for Wall Street

53. Very willing

55. Golf score

56. Consume

57. Touchdown

58. Tends to remind

63. In a way, smoothed

65. Poke holes in the ground

66. Herbaceous plants

67. Taiwanese river

CLUES DOWN

1. Body art

2. Boxing’s GOAT

3. Film for posterity (abbr.)

4. Prayer

5. Calculating machine

6. Keyboard key

7. Outburst

8. Man-eating giants

9. New Hampshire

10. Type of sword

11. Counting

13. Pants style

15. Political action committee

17. U.S. government legislative branch

18. Civil Rights Act component

21. Contractors take one

23. Spanish soldier

24. A person’s brother or sister

27. Expressed pleasurer
29. Song of praise

32. Shock treatment

34. Patti Hearst’s captors

35. Counteract

36. Goes over again

39. Popular Dodge truck

40. Male adult

43. A part of a river where the current is very fast

44. Rope used to lasso

46. Become less intense

47. Subway rodent

49. Lead alloy

51. Japanese honorific title

54. Advise someone

59. Famous NYC museum

60. Ocean

61. Cathode-ray tube

62. Cologne

64. It starts with these two

Solutions can be found on the Classified page

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- HEART

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PULSE

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- STROKE

SYSTOLIC

TACHYCARDIA

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Lawmakers Renew Effort To Update Farm Bill, Ease ‘Economic Crisis’ in Farm Country

by Cami Koons, Iowa Capital Dispatch

Congress has failed to reauthorize the massive piece of bipartisan legislation, known as the Farm Bill, the past two sessions. The House committee tasked with drafting the legislation began the process anew this week, with members citing a “crisis” in the farm economy that could be alleviated with swift action.

“America’s producers are the ones paying the price,” Rep. Glenn “GT” Thompson, R-Pennsylvania, chair of the House Committee on Agriculture said to his committee members. “We cannot let this year be a repeat of the last.”

The Farm Bill, which controls most food and farm related spending by the federal government, including crop insurance and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program, was last authorized in 2018. It initially expired in 2023 but Congress extended the deadline that year and again in December when it failed to reach an agreement on the legislation.

The latest farm income report from U.S. Department of Agriculture forecasts a nearly 30% increase in net farm income for 2025, which would be a welcome sight for many farmers after two years of declining net farm income. The increase, however mostly reflects the more than \$30 billion in a disaster aid allocated by Congress at the end of 2024.

Ad hoc payments like this have been propping up farmers in lieu of an updated farm bill that could adjust crop insurance rates, labor costs and expand crop markets.

John Newton, the executive head at Terrain, a group that analyzes agricultural economic issues for farm credit associations, appeared before the House Committee on Agriculture as a witness Tuesday and spoke to the “historic volatility” in the farm economy over the past several years.

Newton said farmers want a farm bill that accounts for some of the “unprecedented” economic challenges they face, rather than the ad hoc bailouts Congress has authorized to make ends meet.

“These economic assistance payments offset only a portion of a farmer’s negative margins and are only a bridge until a new five-year farm bill can be authorized by Congress,” Newton said.

Rep. Zach Nunn, R-Iowa, said the disaster assistance farmers in Iowa, and other parts of the country, received at the end of 2024 helped farmers “get back on their feet” but is not the solution.

“It’s been seven years since Congress passed a Farm Bill,” Nunn said. “Seven years since our farm safety net was updated ... We have to have a long-term strategy here to address America’s food security that starts right here in the United States.”

Expensive labor and inputs

Ryan Talley, a fruit and vegetable farmer from California and representative of the Specialty Crop Farm Bill Alliance, said input costs are rising at an “alarming rate,” with labor comprising half of his production costs.

Talley said in 2016 the H-2A visa program, which allows farms to hire temporary farm workers from other countries, saved his farm during a labor shortage.

But he said the cost for that labor has increased nearly 40% since then and the “escalating wages” could “spell the demise” of his farm.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, H-2A wages ranged from \$15 to \$22 per hour, depending on the state, in 2024. USDA projections for 2025 predict farm labor cost will continue to increase to “a record high” of more than \$53 billion across U.S. farm sectors.

Talley asked lawmakers to include assistance for mechanical advancements to enhance the human labor on specialty crop farms.

Talley also advocated for changes to the crop insurance program to provide specialty crop growers “with a functional safety net for the very first time.”

“The dietary guidelines for Americans recommend that fruits and vegetables should comprise at least half of Americans’ diet,” Talley said. “Yet under current law, specialty crops receive a small fraction of their proportional share of the Farm Bill resources.”

Rodney Weinzierl, an Illinois row crop farmer and executive director of Illinois Corn Growers Association, said the lack of demand for corn and soybeans in particular is driving the downturn.

USDA data for crop cash receipts show a more than \$12 billion decrease for corn and about \$9 billion decrease for soybeans from 2023 to 2024 and project continued declines for the crops in 2025.

Weinzierl said more demand for biofuels in the U.S. would “drastically impact the profitability” of row crop farmers. This is something Iowa farm commodity and renewable fuel groups have also urged Congress to facilitate through the year round sale of E15, a fuel blend with a higher percentage of ethanol.

Panelists noted input costs like seed, fertilizer and machinery have increased substantially in recent years and stayed high.

USDA data shows nominal farm production expenses have risen sharply since 2020, but fertilizer and pesticide expenses have been declining in price since 2022 and are expected to follow the same trend in 2025.

Seed, labor and poultry and livestock purchase expenses, however, are expected to rise again in 2025.

SNAP

Last year, House Republicans pushed for additional work requirements for the SNAP eligibility, a program which makes up a significant portion of the Farm Bill, and are expected to push for a similar policy this year.

Politico reporting from Wednesday on the House Republican’s budget plans revealed GOP lawmakers want the ag committee to cut \$230 billion from its programs. The reporting said the food assistance program would be a target.

The U.S. Government Accountability Office released a report Wednesday that found the USDA violated

its reporting obligations for the SNAP program in October 2023.

Kailee Buller, chief of staff of USDA, said the former administration put “politics over commonsense” in the change of practice.

“The Trump Administration will immediately correct this egregious action, making certain material weaknesses like this do not happen again.”

Thompson called the action an “abuse of taxpayer resources.”

“We will not let this go unchecked—we will ensure accountability and put an end to these partisan budget games,” Thomson said in a press release with the House Committee on Agriculture.

Ranking member of the committee Rep. Angie Craig, a Democrat from Minnesota, said Tuesday she was concerned by discussions from the Trump administration to make cuts to the SNAP program.

“I believe this new administration’s early actions are implementing early policies that could potentially hurt our family farmers and ranchers,” Craig said.

Craig said she was also concerned by the president’s reductions to the U.S. Agency for International Development, or USAID, which she said is a \$2 billion market for U.S. farmers who grow food for the program.

Next generation of farmers

Alisha Schwertner, a farmer and rancher from Texas, spoke to the committee and said her farm, like many others, “will not endure” the current economic conditions.

“We risk losing everything that we and past generations have worked so hard for,” Schwertner said. “This includes the ability to pass on our legacy and profession to the next generation.”

Rep. Randy Feenstra, a Republican from Iowa, said he’s also concerned for the next generation of farmers, and wanted to repeal the “death tax” or the federal tax on inherited property.

Feenstra called the 40% tax on the transfer of land “ridiculous” and why he wants to repeal the tax with a bill that “has got to get done.”

Feenstra said the farm bill presents a “great opportunity” to change the trajectory of what’s happening in farm country.

Tariffs and freezes

President Donald Trump’s freeze on funding related to the Biden-era Inflation Reduction Act left farmers “on the hook” for millions of dollars they had been previously promised, according to a Washington Post article from Monday.

Ranking member of the committee Rep. Angie Craig, a Democrat from Minnesota, said she was concerned for the impact the freezes would have on farmers and “good programs” with USDA.

Schwertner said she has money tied up with USDA currently, but has “never not been paid” for the programs she has participated in.

“I’m confident that President Trump — he’s said that he would take care of farmers and ranchers, and he’s held true to that promise in the past, and I’m certain that we will get paid regard-

less of the current freeze,” Schwertner said.

Last week, President Trump imposed a 25% tariff on inputs from Canada and Mexico. Representatives asked about the impact this would have on potash, a potassium fertilizer. The U.S. imports 80% of the potash it uses from Canada.

Weinzierl, said if these tariffs, which have been temporarily paused, go into effect, it likely wouldn’t affect farmers this crop season as they would have already applied potash in the fall, or have it stocked for spring application.

Rep. Josh Riley, D-New York, said he would lead a letter to the Trump administration, urging them to exclude potash from any tariffs imposed on Canada, and invited fellow committee members to join him on the effort.

Representatives from northern states and regions like Oregon and California that grow large quantities of specialty crops were concerned for what a trade war with Canada would mean for their farm families.

“Getting into a tariff and trade war, it could possibly decimate our agricultural community, specifically in California,” Talley said, noting the short shelf life of many specialty crop products.

Rep. Jim McGovern, D-Massachusetts, said the effects of the current administration have exacerbated the decline of the rural economy and he critiqued his Republican colleagues for standing by the actions of the president toward the ag industry.

“Tariffs against our closest allies and ag trading partners, gutting science programs while bird flu rips through poultry and livestock, freezing money that has been promised to farmers for ongoing projects ... these things are not America first,” McGovern said.

“These are policies of people who do not care about rural America at all.”

Rep. Mike Bost from Illinois said the problems with agriculture span much longer than the past three weeks. The Republican congressman said ag trade deals “have not been good.”

“I would hope that this committee would back away from the partisanship and actually come together, pass this farm bill and realize that trade — we should hold accountable those countries we’re dealing with and get our trade deals right,” Bost said.

Thompson said the committee needs to get a farm bill together “sooner than later.”

“If we wait until the end of this year to do a five year farm bill, we will be back asking Congress for more economic disaster assistance.”

The Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, held a similar committee hearing Feb. 5 focused on the agriculture economy.

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A Car Story:  
A Cruising Camaro  
and Canines

**Kirk Cramer, Guest Columnist**

In my previous installment, I wrote about my 1968 Convertible Camaro that was totaled out in the 2018 flood in Des Moines. I'd like to tell one more story involving my "new" 1967 Camaro.

In traveling to car shows, you never know what is waiting around the bend. Whether it's a pheasant popping up out of a ditch or a rock from a dump truck ahead of you, it's always a gamble driving our precious show cars.

I had hoped that with the 1967 Camaro, my luck would change but that was not the case. One of the first things I did with this car was to get a new paint job to make sure it was show-worthy.

Since I am always very careful driving my car around town, watching out for other cars, kids, and bikes that might run into me, you can imagine my devastation, when showing off my new paint job cruising the four-lane in Clarion, two black labs dashed out into the road running right into the side of my car.

The dogs were fine but the car suffered a dent to the front fender. To fix the dent, the front part of the car needed to be repainted. My first reaction was to sell the car and get a Prius... but I came to my senses and had it repaired so I could continue going to car shows and enjoying my car.

My future plan is to publish a book on car stories and move closer to my kids.



Kirk Cramer's car story was featured in this magazine.



Week five in the Senate included our first day of floor debate. We passed some uncontroversial bills and K-12 school funding.

SF 152 deals with making it easier for members of the military to get their commercial driver's license. Driving experience in the military would replace the driving portion of the requirements for an Iowa license.

SF 146 prohibits the creation of bots to purchase tickets online. Sometimes people are unable to purchase tickets to an event because bots have bought and hoarded an abundance of the tickets. They then attempt to resell the tickets at an increased price. The passage of SF 146 should give Iowans better access to high-demand tickets and keep competition for them fair.

The biggest bill we passed this week was SF 167, setting the increase in school funding at \$235 million. That means schools will receive \$7,983 per student from the state. If you add in the funding from local and federal sources the total cost to taxpayers will amount to an average of \$18,722 per student. Iowa's total amount of state aid is \$4.2 billion out of our \$9 billion budget.

I have had some complaints that education savings accounts takes money away from public education. Actually, it just takes the state dollars that are assigned to each student and has them follow the student. The public school that lost the student still gets \$1,200 for the student that doesn't attend their school.

The bill that I was most interested in this week was SF 138. This bill would cause standards to be established for an elective course in grades nine through twelve covering Hebrew scriptures and the Bible. The purpose

of the course is to show their influence on our culture, art, mores and public policy. It's hard to understand the early history of our country if we don't understand how it was influenced by the Bible.

Professor William Jaynes of California State University testified that similar bills have been passed in 14 states. Every school that has included this elective has seen an increase in grade point averages. Professor Jaynes indicated that the Bible has outlived every other book in the world for a long time. It provides the background for understanding many things in our government, literature and art. He mentioned that Shakespeare quoted the Bible over 1300 times. A study of the writings we have of the United States Founding Fathers shows that the Bible was quoted far more than any other source.

It is my contention that many of the social ills we encounter today can be traced back to the expulsion of prayer and the Bible from our schools in 1962 and '63. SF 138 is an attempt to reverse that trend.

Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence said it this way: *"The only foundation for a useful education in a republic is to be laid in religion. Without this there can be no virtue, and without virtue there can be no liberty, and liberty is the object and life of all republican governments."*

More recently, President Ronald Reagan said, *"If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under."*

Due to the threat of inclement weather, the forum in Webster City scheduled for Feb. 15 has been rescheduled to March 1. It will be held at the Central College Campus at 11:00.



American energy independence is  
vital to our national security

**By Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Hull)**

Like the rest of the Trump administration, our new EPA Administrator, Lee Zeldin, is already off to a roaring start. Last week, he announced the EPA's newest initiative – "Powering the Great American Comeback." The five pillars of this plan outline the administration's intent over the first 100 days to restore American energy dominance, bolster our own domestic production, and reduce our reliance on foreign energy resources.

Previously, the Biden administration caved to Green New Deal radicals, refusing to drill for oil and stopping the export of liquefied natural gas, and instead opting to make the United States heavily reliant on foreign energy. On the day of his inauguration – January 20th – President Trump immediately took action to unleash the massive potential of American energy production. The executive



order signed by President Trump encourages new energy exploration, lifts many burdensome regulations, and even rolls back the electric-vehicle mandate that I have fought so hard against.

My Republican colleagues and I are excited to get even more work done with President Trump and Administrator Zeldin to reduce energy costs, take steps towards total energy independence, and protect our farm producers. We must also use homegrown Iowa biofuels to secure American energy dominance. To that end, I recent-

ly joined my fellow Ways and Means colleague, Rep. Adrain Smith of Nebraska, in sending a letter to Administrator Zeldin asking that the EPA support year-round access to E-15 nationwide, establish fair Renewable Volume Obligations for biofuels, and protect and strengthen the Renewable Fuel Standard.

If E-15 sales are made permanent year-round and nationwide, consumers would save almost \$21 billion at the pump. It would also return nearly \$40 billion back into the wallets of American families. In 2023, the biofuel industry sustained over 394,000 American jobs and contributed \$54 billion to our GDP – which is 28% of total U.S. farming GDP. It is estimated that year-round, nationwide sales of E-15 would generate \$66.3 billion for our GDP. The economic upside of homegrown fuels is massive.

For Iowa's farmers and our rural communities that rely on the agricultural

economy, year-round E-15 is a no-brainer. According to the Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa produces the most ethanol in the nation – nearly 30% of total ethanol production. 62% of Iowa's corn is dedicated to the production of domestic energy. 1.6 billion bushels of Iowa corn powers vehicles across the country, and the potential for growth is limitless. Biofuels are great for our farmers, producers, and rural main streets.

American biofuels also provide a much-needed alternative to foreign sources of energy. Grown right in our backyard by our hard-working farmers, American ethanol offers a reliable source of fuel in the face of threats from abroad, particularly from China. Representing the largest biofuel-producing district in the country, I will always advocate for homegrown Iowa biofuels and continue to work with President Trump to support our farmers and producers.



**School Funding Review**

As was mentioned here last week, the school budget is being worked on. The legislators put this at the top of the list and priority to allow schools time to prepare for the upcoming school year's budget. We recognize that our 30-day deadline to settle an SSA number is past the thirty days. We are hopeful that this delay will be worth it as we work to secure adequate funding for our public schools. We will continue to work to reach a resolution. The House passed what was written in our newsletter last week and we await Senate action.

Altogether, the increases the House passed equate to a 3.93% increase in state funding to public schools. These increases represent the many specific funding issues we hear from our school districts. While each line item may not affect each individual school district equally, one line item may have a big impact.

**How Does This Compare to ESA Funding?**

I have read claims that we are increasing ESA funding by 44% while increasing public school funding by 2.25%. This inaccurate assertion claims the state is spending more on private schools than on public schools. Those figures are false. The cost of ESAs increases each year at the same rate as the number we set for SSA. The cost of the ESA program does not come close to the amount we spend each year on public schools. In the FY 2025 budget, state aid to public schools accounts for 43.62% (grades K-12) of the entire state budget.

ESAs, meanwhile, account for 2.01% of the total state budget.

**Doctors Needed**

This week, the Health and Human Services Committee moved forward three bills to help address the doctor shortage in the long term.

Two of these bills aim to ensure the medical schools in Iowa prioritize students with an Iowa connection. This will increase the chances of having those students stay in Iowa to practice after they complete their training. HF 12 requires the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics to offer interviews for medical residencies to applicants with an Iowa connection. This can mean they grew up in Iowa or went to undergraduate school in Iowa. HF137 would require that at least 80% of students accepted in University of Iowa's College of Medicine, Nursing and Dentistry are Iowa residents or were enrolled in a university or community college in Iowa. Similarly, the HHS committee passed HF 301 last week

that codifies language to require medical residencies at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinic to give priority to applicants that have an Iowa connection. It also requires primary care residencies like family medicine, OB, psych and internal medicine at UIHC to provide the opportunity to participate in a rural rotation.

**House Ag Subcommittee Signs Off on Grain Indemnity Modernization Measure**

On Tuesday, February 11, 2025, a House Agriculture Committee Subcommittee for House Study Bill 131 met to discuss legislation to modernize Iowa's 40-year-old grain indemnity fund and program. The measure expands and updates the Iowa fund that covers farmers' losses when a buyer goes bankrupt.

**Higher Education Committee Approves Civics Graduation Requirement**

The House's new committee on Higher Education is working to comprehensively review Iowa's higher education institutions and what the institutions are using taxpayer dollars to teach. This week a bill passed out of committee to require classes to teach American History and gov-

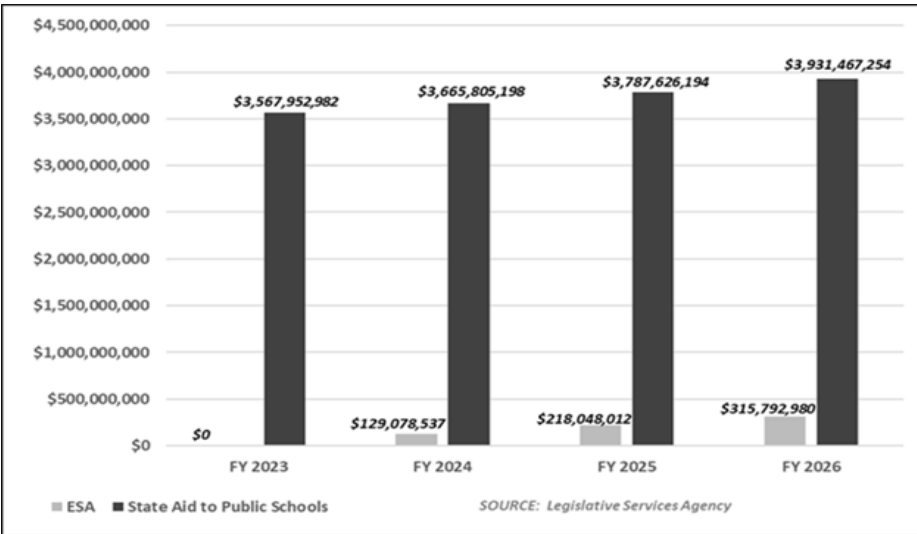
ernment. No requirement currently exists at Iowa's three regents institutions or community colleges which requires students to be competent in American history, civics or government. Yet Iowa, ISU, UNI each require students to take a course on diversity or DEI.

**Bills I Have Submitted**

I have submitted five bills and cosigned several others. Those include legislation which would:

- Enhance our fight against human trafficking,
- Remittance for money leaving the state
- Restitution in the aftermath of violent crimes
- Expungement of a human trafficking victim's criminal record when the victim was caught up in crimes she/he had no control over while being trafficked
- Developing standardized examinations to evaluate sexual assault victims to ensure prosecutions are not overturned.

I spoke to four iJAG classes in Eagle Grove High School this past Friday. The Iowa Jobs for America's Graduates has a significant impact on the futures of our high school students. The teachers who are dedicated to this task truly make a difference. Jeremy Frisbey leads the EGHS iJag group.





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WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:  
What popular website made its debut on Valentine's Day in 2005? Answer: YouTube.  
What state produces most of America's red roses? Answer: California (The state produces over 60 percent of all roses grown in this country).  
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This week's trivia questions:  
What NASCAR driver, nicknamed "the King," won a record 200 races during his career, including seven wins at the Daytona 500?  
What NASCAR driver, nicknamed "the Intimidator" for his aggressive driving style, is the only driver to win races in four consecutive decades (70s, 80s, 90s, and 2000)?  
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Feb. 19 is Iwo Jima Day, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve Birthday; Feb. 20 is Clean Out Your Bookcase Day, Cherry Pie Day, and National Leadership Day; Feb. 21 is National Caregivers Day; Feb. 22 is Recreational Sports and Fitness Day, and Supermarket Employee Day; Feb. 23 is National Tootsie Roll Day, and National Banana Bread Day; Feb. 24 is National Trading Card Day, and National Tortilla Chip Day; Feb. 25 is National Chocolate Covered Nuts Day.  
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This week is National Engineer's Week, National Pancake Week, National FFA Week, and National Entrepreneurship Week.  
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"Be still, and know that I am God."  
— Psalm 46:10  
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Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."  
— Mark 10:27  
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"For by grace you have been saved, through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."  
— Ephesians 2:8-9  
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"I love being married. It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life."  
— Rita Rudner  
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"It's just a job. Grass grows, birds fly, waves pound the sand. I beat people up."  
— Muhammad Ali  
\*\*\*\*\*

"I'm so conflicted when my husband does the laundry. On one hand, he did the laundry. On the other hand, my clothes can now be sold at Gap kids."  
— Molly McNearney  
\*\*\*\*\*

"I can go right, I can go left, I'm amphibious."  
— basketball player Charles Shackleford  
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"I owe a lot to my parents, especially my mother and father."  
— golfer Greg Norman  
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"I had to overcome a lot of diversity."  
— Drew Gooden  
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NASCAR drivers can lose as much as 5-10 pounds during a race from sweat alone.  
(Not only that, a NASCAR driver's heartbeat averages around 120-150 beats per minute throughout the entire race. To put that in perspective, a marathon runner will boast the same heart rate during a three-hour race.)  
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Long before Danica Patrick, another female was breaking boundaries in NASCAR.  
(Janet Guthrie caused quite a stir when she became the first woman to compete in a Winston Cup event back in 1976. Guthrie also made history by qualifying for both the Daytona 500 and the Indianapolis 500 in the same year, 1977.)  
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Interestingly, NASCAR racers are not required to have a valid driver's license. (They are required to pass drug tests and physicals, however.)

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**Purification**  
February is a month associated with purification. The Roman god Februus was the god of purification, and many festivals and rituals were held in his honor, most notably the Februalia, a month-long festival of atonement and purification that was held in Winter, but intended to be a type of Spring cleaning that would herald the Spring season and its gift of fertility. February is a good time to make atonement for our sins and make offerings to the gods or God, however you conceive of Him or Her. The Romans used spelt and salt in their purification rituals. The ancient Israelites used the hyssop plant. February is also a good time to "clean out the old" and make room for the new. Winter is long and it's not over yet, but Spring is coming, so be of good cheer.  
—Christopher Simon

**“Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.”**  
Psalm 51:7 NIV



Obituary

Beverly Nelson-Forbes

1929-2025

Dr. Beverly Joan (Dunn) Nelson-Forbes, a trailblazer in education, healthcare, and community service, passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, surrounded by her loved ones. She was 95 years old. Beverly's life was a testament to perseverance, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to her family, education, and the communities she served.



Beverly was born the second child of Benedict and Dora (McCormick) Dunn on July 2, 1929, in Clemons, Iowa. When she was five years old, the family moved to Miami, FL, where a tragic event struck her early life: her older brother, Wayne, drowned on his way home from school. Beverly's first memories include accompanying her grandmother on the train to bring Wayne's casket back to Marshalltown.

The family returned to Iowa where Beverly attended and graduated from Clemons High School in 1947 and then obtained an emergency teaching certificate from the University of Northern Iowa. She began her teaching career in a country school, laying the foundation for her lifelong passion for education. She earned her nursing diploma from Mercy School of Nursing in Dubuque, IA. In 1951, she married Richard "Swede" Nelson, and together they had five children: Wayne, Barbara, Richard, Jacqueline, and William.

Beverly balanced her growing family with her educational pursuits, earning her BSN from the University of Iowa in 1973, followed by a Master's degree in Education from Iowa State University in 1975. In 1981, she completed her PhD in Higher Education, becoming a leading figure in nursing and education. She was awarded the prestigious Virgil S. Lagomarcino Laureate Award from the ISU College of Health and Human Sciences, presented annually to a national leader in higher education. Beverly took tremendous pride in earning degrees from all three Regent institutions—ISU, UI, and UNI.

Professionally, Beverly's career was marked by leadership roles including Director of Mercedian School of Nursing, Coordinator of Health Occupations and Dean of Instruction at Marshalltown Community College, and Executive Vice President of the Iowa Valley Community College District, serving as interim president on multiple occasions. She was an influential member of the Marshalltown Economic Development Impact Board of Directors, the Brenton Bank Board of Directors, Marshalltown Chamber of Commerce, Marshalltown Medical Surgical Center Board of Trustees, and the United States Commission on Civil Rights, State of Iowa Advisory Committee. Beverly was also the first woman Rotarian in Marshalltown, IA.

Beverly led several Economic Development Summits in Washington D.C. for members of the Marshalltown community, always advocating for progress and growth, paving the way for other Iowa communities to do the same. In 1994, after the death of her husband, Beverly ran for State Representative of District 64 and won. She served three terms with dedication, making an impact in her community and state.

In 1996 she met Richard Forbes while attending a big band concert at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, IA with friends. She asked Dick if he knew how to dance and he replied he "knew a mean two-step"; the rest is history. They married on June 18, 1999, and enjoyed 25 years of love and adventure together. Beverly and Dick traveled extensively, visiting Ireland, Germany, the Holy Land, and many destinations on cruises. Their favorite trip was a Mediterranean cruise that led them to the Vatican, Jerusalem, and Bethlehem. In the early 2000s, they became snowbirds, dividing their time between Marshalltown, IA, Eagle Grove, IA, Clear Lake, IA and Clearwater, FL. Over the years, Beverly's love for Clear Lake and the friendships she forged never faded, but only grew stronger. She was blessed with the love of many neighbors. Together she and Dick have been able to stay in their home, thanks in large part to the love and care they received from Touched By An Angel home health care service.

Beverly is survived by her husband, Richard Forbes of Clear Lake and formerly of Eagle Grove; children, Wayne (Ursula) Nelson of Clearwater, FL, Barbara (Michael) Cox of Ames, IA, Richard (Joyce) Nelson of Manhattan, KS, Jacqueline Nelson of Coralville, IA, and William Nelson of Iowa City, IA; her step children, John (Cynthia) Forbes of Urbandale, IA, Brian (Kate) Forbes of Las Vegas, NV, Monica Forbes of Clarion, IA, and Mark (Karen) Forbes of Tulsa, OK; their grandchildren, Sasha Hoppenworth and her daughter, Leia; Jennifer (Scott) Laurienzo and their daughters, Alissa and Ellie; Daniel Cox and his children, Michael and Megan; Richard E. (Christina) Nelson and their children, Richard T. "Theo" and Nora; Cherie (Evan) Nelson Senie; Aislin Neufeldt; Adam Forbes; Meredith (James) Swanson and their children, Logan, Kennedy, and Jackson; Lauren (Doug) Meyer; Grant Forbes; Spencer Forbes; and Claire Forbes.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Benedict and Dora Dunn; brother, Wayne Dunn; husband, Richard "Swede" Nelson; and granddaughter, Whitney Nelson; as well as many beloved and cherished pets.

A funeral Mass will be held 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 21, 2025 at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 1001 9th Avenue South, Clear Lake, IA. Beverly's family will greet relatives and friends from 9:00 until 9:45 a.m. when a eulogy will be given in her honor in the church social hall. After lunch, a committal service will follow in Dunn Settlement Family Cemetery. Additionally, her family will host a gathering at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 204 S. Jackson Avenue, Eagle Grove, IA on Saturday, February 22, 2025 beginning with a Rosary and scripture service at 10 a.m. followed by a time of sharing and luncheon. A committal service will follow in Calvary Cemetery, Eagle Grove, IA.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Beverly to the Richard (Swede) and Beverly Nelson Memorial Scholarship at Iowa State University, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, or the University of Iowa Health Care Stead Family Children's Hospital in care of:

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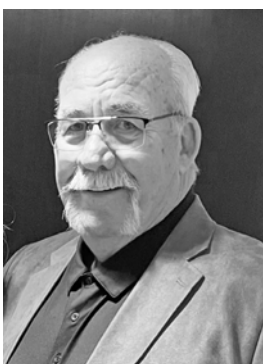
**Services:** 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 22  
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Obituary

Dwayne Olvin Haug

Dwayne Olvin Haug, 76, of Rogersville, Missouri, formerly of Elkhorn, Nebraska and Eagle Grove, Iowa passed suddenly, February 5, 2025.

A Celebration of Life in honor of Dwayne will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 22, 2025 at Heafey-Hoffmann-Dworak-Cutler, 7805 West Center Road, Omaha NE 68124 with Vicar Russell Stanislav of Bethesda Lutheran Church, officiating. Private interment in Bode, IA at a later date. All family and friends of the family are welcome.



**Services:** 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 22  
Heafey-Hoffmann-Dworak-Cutler, Omaha, NE

Registration Open for Shared-Use Kitchen Workshop

**By Christa Hartsook**  
AMES, Iowa – Many small food processing businesses start in their operators' home-based kitchens. For those wishing to expand beyond their home, the next step may be to utilize a shared-use kitchen facility. Small food processing businesses can learn about shared-use kitchens during an upcoming workshop at Iowa State University.

The Shared-Use Kitchen Workshop is set for March 31 and April 1 at the ISU Alumni Center. The cost is \$80. Registration is open for small food processing businesses. Potential sponsors for shared-use kitchens also may register.

A shared-use kitchen provides commercial space and equipment for multiple individuals or businesses to prepare or handle food for wholesale, resale or distribution. This includes cooking, baking, mixing, packaging, bottling, canning and storage. These kitchens typically feature multiple workstations, professional-grade equipment, freezers, cold and dry storage areas, and sanitation equipment.

"This new workshop will support Iowa small food processing businesses that have outgrown their home-based kitchens. Utilizing shared-use kitchen facilities can help them expand production," said Christa Hartsook, with ISU Extension and Outreach's Farm, Food, and Enterprise Development program.

The workshop will be led by Ashley Colpaart, the owner of The Food Corridor and author of "The Shared Kitchen Toolkit." Colpaart's web-based toolkit is widely regarded as an essential resource for developing shared-use kitchens in the United States, Hartsook said.

The workshop is designed to foster the growth of shared-use kitchens in Iowa, Hartsook continued. Currently, Iowa has only about six shared-use kitchens, starkly contrasting to neighboring states like Minnesota, Wisconsin and Nebraska, which each have 30-35 shared-use kitchens.

"This shortage limits our ability to support the growth of food processing businesses in Iowa," Hartsook said.

I-29 Moo University Webinar Feb. 26: Immune Response and Immunity to Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza in Dairy Cattle

**By Fred M. Hall**  
ORANGE CITY, Iowa – The I-29 Moo University Dairy Webinar Series continues Wednesday, Feb. 26 from noon to 1 p.m. Kaitlyn Sarlo Davila will discuss the results of several studies to define the kinetics of protective immunity in cattle infected with highly pathogenic avian influenza.

Sarlo Davila is an animal scientist researching mastitis at the USDA ARS National Animal Disease Center in Ames. She also has been researching the highly pathogenic avian influenza outbreak in dairy cattle.

There is no fee to participate in the webinar; however, registration is required at least one hour prior to the webinar. Participants may register online.

Participants may register online.

For more information, contact: in Iowa, Fred M. Hall, 712-737-4230; in Minnesota, Jim Salfer, 320-203-6093; or in South Dakota, Madison Kovarna, 605-688-4116.

I-29 Moo University is a consortium of extension dairy specialists from the land-grant universities in Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska and South Dakota. The I-29 Moo University is a multi-state learning collaboration and connects extension dairy staff with the dairy community to share research, information and management practices through workshops, webinars, e-newsletters, podcasts and on-farm tours.

Federal Cap on Health Grants Could Cost University of Iowa \$33M

**By Brooklyn Draisey, Iowa Capital Dispatch**

With uncertainty abounding when it comes to National Institutes of Health grant funding and possible changes to its policies, the University of Iowa could potentially see a loss of more than \$33.5 million in its research projects.

The potential loss is according to a dataset made from 2024 NIH funding data by James Murphy, deputy director of higher education policy at think tank Education Reform Now.

UI researchers with essential federal dollars potentially on the line were informed by university administration this week to move ahead with their grant applications as normal, the latest notice in an ever-changing federal situation.

The UI, alongside universities across the country, is grappling with possible changes to National Institutes of Health grant funding policies that would take away millions of dollars from research in many areas. Interim Vice President for Research Lois Geist has informed the campus community through a series of updates, starting Jan. 23 when NIH and other federal organizations began pausing certain practices, detailing federal moves and the university's response.

NIH announced Feb. 7 it would cap "Facilities and Administrative" costs, also known as "indirect costs," at 15%, for both new and existing grants. Geist said in a Feb. 10 update this cap would impact many areas of research, including hiring support personnel and maintenance staff, ensuring radiation safety measures and hazardous waste disposal practices are in place, maintaining safety protocols for human subjects in research, data processing, national security practices and maintaining labs.

"Simply put, the federal government provides reimbursement for real costs that are incurred in the process of safely and securely conducting high-impact research," Geist said in the update. "This research has tangible benefits for the lives of Iowans."

In her latest update on Feb. 11, Geist notified campus that a previous directive to halt NIH grant application submissions has been rescinded as a result of a temporary restraining order on the new indirect rate proposed by the NIH, with a hearing set for Feb. 21.

According to the NIH-funded project database, the University of Iowa currently has 459 active, NIH-funded projects in the state, with more than \$223 million in funding. Iowa State University has 63 active projects worth more than \$20 million in funding, according to the database, and both Des Moines University and Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport have projects listed as well.

"Please recognize that this is a very fluid situation, and we request and appreciate your patience," Geist said in the Feb. 11 update. "We are staying on top of events, consulting with peer institutions, and meeting with our congressional delegation. We will do our best to keep campus updated as we receive information that is useful in your work."

The UI also froze hiring of new graduate research assistants unless they qualify as "direct cost on a funded project" and are already included in the budget, or if those hiring teaching assistants have non-federal funding, and cautioned departments against starting new projects until the situation is more clear. Continued work on already-started federal projects is allowed unless they receive a "stop work order" or other notice to halt from a federal organization.

According to a Jan. 31 update, the university has received "a few" stop work orders, which have been shared with relevant researchers.

University leadership echoed the institution's commitment to staying aware of the latest news and disseminating information to those who need it in a letter to campus from UI President Barbara Wilson, Executive Vice President and Provost Kevin Kregel, Faculty Senate President Caroline Sheerin and Staff Council President James Jorris.

Acknowledging the impact federal decisions could have on the UI's finances, operations and academics, the letter stated a team of UI leaders is "working closely with our congressional delegation, relevant state and federal government agencies, legal experts, and associations such as the Association of American Universities (AAU), Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU), and the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC)" with the goal of mitigating effects of these changes felt on campus while complying with them.

"This work will ensure that our campus remains informed and aligned with any new policies or regulations that may arise," the letter stated. "We also are providing data and examples of negative impact to our various partners who are working at the federal level. We understand that these changes may raise questions or concerns, and we are committed to providing timely updates and clear guidance as the situation evolves."

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Births

Tyler John Kockler was born on January 22, 2025, to Kirsten and Jacob Kocklet of Clear Lake.

Noah Oliver Kramer was born on January 23, 2025, to Kari and Nicholas Kramer of Humboldt.

Malachi James Moore was born on January 23, 2025, to Terri Moore of Mason City.

Grayson Alexander Wallace Chambers was born on January 24, 2025, to Jessica and Steffen Chambers of Webster City.

Oak Wilder Lindquist was born on January 24, 2025, to Paige and Zachary Lindquist of Clear Lake.

Miles Antoni Luna was born on January 25, 2025, to Selena and Nathaniel Luna of Hampton.

Stormi Ann Schall was born on January 26, 2025, to Nicole Schall of Hampton.

William Eugene Hager was born on January 27, 2025, to Emily Klinginsmith of Latimer.

Wyatt Eleanor James Putney was born on January 27, 2025, to Amanda and Jacob Putney of Goldfield.

Isabella Lilieth Anguino Gonzalez was born on January 27, 2025, to Eunice and Josue Zavala of Latimer.

Benaiah David Gonzales was born on January 28, 2025, to Jessica and Jeremy Gonzales of Humboldt.

Gentry Jo Pringnitz was born on January 28, 2025, to Gentry and Jacob Pringnitz of Garner.

Ivory Mae Martin was born on January 28, 2025, to Taylor Hammersland of Fort Dodge.

Dominik Cameron Gillespie was born on January 28, 2025, to Sophia Martinez of Hampton.

Arlo Israel Canan Garcia was born on January 30, 2025, to Angela and Israel Dawson Canan Garcia of Webster City.

Luca Michael Kerlin was born on January 30, 2025, to Kaitlin Mohring of Mason City.

Odessa Jane Thorsbakken was born on January 30, 2025, to Caroline and Eric Thorsbakken of Boone.

Timothy Eldon Stewart was born on January 31, 2025, to Karen and Noland Stewart of Britt.

Forrest Robert Marsh was born on January 31, 2025, to Kara and Keegun Marsh of

Clare.

Arlo John Wagner was born on January 31, 2025, to Breana and Aaron Wagner of Eagle Grove.

Jett Christian Servantez was born on February 1, 2025, to Kyla and Justin Servantez of Mason City.

Cecilia Consuelo Aguilar was born on February 2, 2025, to Consuelo Banelos and Emmanuel Aguilar of Eagle Grove.

Princess Blessing Shabani was born on February 3, 2025, to Marie-Therese Kahnido and Christophe Shabani Kumbelu of Fort Dodge.

Ainara Merlo Guerrero was born on February 3, 2025, to Arianny Guerrero Cordero of Eagle Grove.

Esther Shannon Soder was born on February 4, 2025, to Amanda and Ian Soder of Boone.

Hayes Tucker Golden was born on February 5, 2025, to Tara and Benjamin Golden of West Bend.

Abigail Kore Gutman was born on February 5, 2025, to Serenity and Gabriel Gutman of Boone.

**Deaths**

Edna Mae Willey (Trager), 98, of Belmont, died on January 31, 2025.

Donald Denton Reed, 77, of Eagle Grove, died on January 24, 2025.

Oliver James Egesdal, 78, of Eagle Grove, died on January 29, 2025.

Randall James Banning, 68, of Belmont, died on February 3, 2025.

Todd Sterling Hilpipe, 57, of Clarion, died on February 9, 2025.

Marion Lois Carpenter (Meints), 91, of Belmont, died on February 3, 2025.

**Marriage**

Debra Lukes (Eggert) 46 of Goldfield was wed to Paul Nesheim 56 of Goldfield on February 5, 2025.

**Small Claims**

Greenstate Credit Union v. Alexis Marie Etter Harrington, case dismissed without prejudice.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Brooke Powgnas, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$1,123.37 plus 7.22% interest from 12/09/24, and \$95.00 in court costs.

OneMain Financial Group, LLC vs. Shannon L Johnson, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$6,485.50, and \$95.00 in

court costs.

MCM V. Brooke Chamberlin, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$716.13 plus 7.22% interest from 12/16/24, and \$95.00 in court costs. To be paid in \$50 monthly installments.

LVNV Funding, LLC V. Melissa Adams, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$502.67 plus 7.22% interest from 12/23/24, and \$95.00 in court costs.

**Civil**

State of Iowa ex rel vs Douglas Jr, Eddie L, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$207.00, plus court costs of \$125.00.

Discover Bank V. Melissa Clausen, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$8,921.57 (less \$335.00 in credits) plus interest at the statutory rate from 1/29/25, and \$260.00 in court costs.

**Tickets**

Virginia Mae Malanaphy of Hardy, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over).

James Aaron Janke of Cary, IL, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Jorge Celestino Melendez Rodas of Belmont, no valid drivers license.

Gregg Cary Hyster of Chisago City, MN, speeding over 55 zone (16 thru20 over).

Jessica RaeLynn Duran of Fort Dodge, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Gabriel Thomas Rhoads of Eagle Grove, no valid drivers license.

Jacob Ali Hernandez of Webster City, speeding 55 or under zone (16 thru 20 over).

Shawn Lynne Jenkins of Saint Paul, MN, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru15 over).

Gabreil Thomas Rhoads of Eagle Grove, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Gage William McCoy of Ames, failure to maintain or use safety belts – Adu.

Osmer Manuel Aponte of Chicago, IL, no valid drivers license.

Chloe a Fortier of Janesville, WI, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru15 over).

Dylan Noel Morales of Clarion, speeding 55 or under zone (21 or over).

Ivan Ruiz Blanco of Eagle Grove, no valid drivers license.

Ivan Ruiz Blanco of Eagle Grove, failure to provide

proof of financial liability.

Ivan Ruiz Blanco of Eagle Grove, failure to use child restraint device.

Jordan Daniel Hubka of West Des Moines, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Gabriel Earl Craighton of Klemme, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Reyna Skarlett Alonzo Figueroa of Goldfield, leave scene of accident – property damage ONL.

Bryce Austin Rasmussen of Goldfield, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Feliciano Magdaleno Gonzalez Ordonez of Belmont, failure to use child restraint device.

Feliciano Magdaleno Gonzalez Ordonez of Belmont, fishing and hunting – violation of revoked or suspended.

Juan Eliseo Cifuentes Vilatoro of Clarion, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Kailei Shannon Valdivia of Russell Springs, KY, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Carlos Leyva Jr of Clarion, failure to use child restraint device.

Carlos Leyva Jr of Clarion, failure to use child restraint device.

Carlos Leyva Jr of Clarion, speeding 55 or under zone (16 thru 20 over).

Carlos Leyva Jr of Clarion, failure to use child restraint device.

Carlos Leyva Jr of Clarion, fail to use seat belt – minor.

Stevanie Michelle Jonas of Lu Verne, speeding 55 or under zone (1 thru 5 over).

Sara Lee Garcia of Del Valle, TX, speeding over 55 zone (21 or over).

Tiffany Ann Larson of Webster City, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Garrett Allen Quintus of Eagle Grove, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Chanse Brady Berneman of Belmont, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Kyra Lyn Heithoff of Garner, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Nicholas Mark Stahl of Clarion, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Jeronimo Douglas Romero Ramirez of Clarion, speeding 55 or under zone

(16 thru 20 over).

Justin Thomas Ogden of Milo, speeding over 55 zone (16 thru20 over).

Theresa a Aguilar of Grand Island, NE, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over).

Sarah Ann Robinson of Altoona, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Jeronimo Douglas Romero Ramirez of Clarion, no valid drivers license.

Landon Breon of Dayton, dark window or windshield.

Robert Alan Engh of Goldfield, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Joshua Stephen Wallace of Amery, Wi, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over).

Brandon Raymond bank of Black River Falls, WI, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over).

Ava Helen Brigham of Plymouth, MN, speeding over 55 zone (16 thru20 over).

Nathan Donnie Russell of Fort Dodge, speeding 55 or under zone (1 thru 5 over).

Keyli Odalis Ambrocio Lopez of Clarion, fail to use seat belt – minor.

Robin Kristina Myers of Woolstock, operation without registration card or plate.

Luis Nolberto Bano Salazar of Chicago, IL, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Jonathan Juares Zaldivar of Eagle Grove, careless driving.

Jonathan Juares Zaldivar of Eagle Grove, no valid drivers license.

Cameron Albert Simaz of Brookings, SD, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Alex Gonzales of Webster City, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Alex Gonzales of Webster City, no valid drivers license.

Joseph Peter Goche of Tintonka, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Elimay de la Caridad Pestana Rosales of Fort Dodge, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Korey James Avery of Des Moines, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Alexey Kalinin of Easley, SC, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Geneva Joann Friedow of Huxley, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Kylee Renee Lamb of Belmont, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Alex M Hanna of Goldfield, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Jorge Melendez Rodas of Belmont, no valid drivers license.

Jorge Melendez Rodas of Belmont, failure to maintain control.

Sean Michiel Kenneally of Grimes, speeding over 55 zone (1 thru 5 over).

Piper Kassidy Schlichting of Belmont, dark window or windshield.

Tulip Ann Pertuis of Klemme, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Eliza Monique Garcia of Eagle Grove, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Eliza Monique Garcia of Eagle Grove, allow operation of device w/expired Reg – 1st.

Eugenio a Najera Fonseca of Philadelphia, PA, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Joel Patrick Jackson of Des Moines, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Steven A Schwarz of Franklin Grove, IL, failure to maintain or use safety belts – Adu.

Brandon Albert Bird of Hampton, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Kadeyn Allen Johnson of Council Bluffs, speeding 55 or under zone (1 thru 5 over).

Esniel Garcia Hernandez of Houston, TX, fail to obey stop sign and yield right of WA.

Cody Robert Tobin of Charles City, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Amanda Behnke Johnson of Hudson, WI, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Rosendo Moraflores of seaside, CA, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Amy sternal of Fort Dodge, parks and public lands – littering.

Karen Acabal of Clarion, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Ronald Lee Kuhlrs of Meservey, failure to maintain or use safety belts – Adu.

Lara Anne Wasmoen of Saint Paul, MN, speeding over 55 zone (21 or over).

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# Lawmakers Vote Down 6 Bills To Limit Carbon Capture in North Dakota

Members of the North Dakota House on Friday showed their commitment to pipelines and energy development, voting down six bills that would have taxed or put guard rails on the emerging carbon capture industry.

Rep. Jeremy Olson, R-Arnegard, summarized his opposition to three of the bills by saying, “North Dakota doesn’t need a CO2 sin tax.”

Opponents of the bills voiced support of carbon capture pipelines, in particular for their potential to extend the productivity of North Dakota oil wells through enhanced oil recovery. In enhanced oil recovery, gas is pumped into the well to help force out more oil.

Carbon dioxide pipelines also come with risks, bill supporters noted. Carbon dioxide is a hazardous material and a rupture is potentially fatal.

“Accidents happen all the time,” said Rep. Dennis Nehring, R-Williston, a veteran of the oil and gas industry.

While not named directly by legislators, many of the bills and much of the discussion circulated around Summit Carbon Solutions, the developer of a five-state pipeline network that will capture carbon dioxide from ethanol plants and transport it to western North Dakota for permanent underground storage.

While Summit’s plan doesn’t include gas for enhanced oil recovery, legislators said North Dakota should not inhibit carbon pipeline development for the oil and gas industry, or for the coal and ethanol industries.

Rep. SuAnn Olson, R-Baldwin, the sponsor of four of the bills, said she tried to focus on carbon pipelines that were only for storage, not for industrial use.

Opponents argued that ethanol and coal plants need carbon capture to lower their carbon scores and stay economically viable.

While enhanced oil recovery is not yet widely used in North Dakota, a study by the state tax commissioner projects North Dakota could see another \$2.9 billion to \$9 billion



North Dakota state Rep. SuAnn Olson, R-Baldwin, speaks during a House floor session on Feb. 14, 2025. (Photo by Michael Achterling/ North Dakota Monitor)

in oil tax revenue over 10 years if oil companies begin using the technology.

“The oil industry is the golden goose of this state. And I think we want to be prepared for when those times come where the pressures within the Bakken diminish, and we’re going to need to go to the enhanced oil recovery piece,” Rep. Craig Headland, R-Montpelier, said.

Some of the bills attempted to limit the ability of carbon pipeline developers to use eminent domain, a legal proceeding that could force landowners to provide a property easement for pipeline construction. One way to hinder the use of eminent domain would be stripping carbon pipelines of common carrier status.

The bills defeated Friday were:

- House Bill 1292, removing common carrier status for carbon pipelines.
- House Bill 1414, denying use eminent domain for carbon dioxide pipelines and revoking common carrier status for carbon pipelines.
- House Bill 1295, eliminating tax exemptions for carbon pipelines.
- House Bill 1573, imposing a fee on carbon dioxide transportation to create a disaster fund.
- House Bill 1210, specifying that carbon dioxide

pipeline companies are liable for damages within a 25-mile zone if a pipeline leaks or ruptures and providing protections against pipeline operator’s bankruptcy.

• House Bill 1574, which would have placed a two-year moratorium on direct air capture of carbon dioxide in North Dakota.

Meanwhile, on Thursday, the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee supported House Concurrent Resolution 3016, citing the benefits of enhanced oil recovery and encouraging the state and federal governments to support the development of carbon capture technology and utilization of carbon dioxide.

A vote by the full House is to come.

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# Grassley: Musk has no Power, 'The Buck Stops With Trump'

## Questions tariffs while downplaying inflation risks

By Edward Lynn, Editor

WASHINGTON — In his regular Capitol Hill Report radio interview, Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) downplayed concerns about Elon Musk’s influence over government policy, asserting that ultimate authority rests with President Donald Trump. At the same time, he struck a conflicted tone over Trump’s latest tariff plans, oscillating between skepticism and potential support.

Asked by Joe Benedict of the Key Account Daily Gate City, who conducted the interview, about the issue of Musk’s involvement in various government affairs, Grassley dismissed the notion that the billionaire exerts undue influence, citing the constitutional powers of the presidency.

“Musk does not have any power,” Grassley said. “The President expressed this best by saying, ‘If Musk brings an idea to me and I agree with it, we’ll do it. If I don’t agree with it, we won’t do it.’ So I believe that says it

all.” He reinforced the idea that the presidency holds ultimate authority, invoking former President Harry Truman’s famous phrase: “The buck stops here.”

While defending Trump’s authority, Grassley took a more ambivalent stance on the administration’s recent decision to impose tariffs on steel and aluminum imports. He acknowledged that tariffs would “logically” drive up prices but pointed to Trump’s first term as evidence that they might not necessarily contribute to inflation.

“Well, it was done during his first term, and it didn’t raise prices, at least not enough to increase inflation, because inflation didn’t go up until Biden got in office,” Grassley said. “Common sense would tell me it would drive up the price, but since it didn’t in the first Trump administration, I don’t think I can be intellectually dishonest, except maybe to say I just don’t know.”

However, Grassley’s assertion overlooks key economic factors. While inflation did not spike immediately during Trump’s first term, the cumulative impact of tariffs contributed to supply chain disruptions and price increases that became more pronounced in subsequent

years, particularly under the Biden administration. Additionally, Trump’s new round of tariffs is expected to be far more extensive, raising concerns that history could repeat itself—this time with even greater ‘cause and effect’ ramifications, which could lead to even more expensive goods and services.

Noting his past advocacy for free trade stances, Grassley acknowledged shifting political winds with a note of concern. “I used to be in the majority in Congress, being that way, and now I’m kind of in a minority,” he said. “So there’s been a real trend toward protectionism, and this is part of it.”

He left room for a change in position, saying he might ultimately support Trump’s tariffs if they prove effective. “If Trump’s right, I’m going to praise him. If he’s wrong, then I’m going to say I told you so.”

Grassley’s mixed response signals a cautious approach to Trump’s economic policies, balancing ideological commitments to free trade with political realities in a protectionist-leaning Republican Party. Whether tariffs will drive up inflation or deliver economic benefits remains to be seen, but Grassley appears prepared to hedge his bets on the outcome.

## COURTHOUSE from page 8A

Tanner J Schwichtenberg of Galt, dark window tint 69% or less – 22%.

Richard Alan Carr Jr of Houston, MN, official traffic control.

Vilma Dianey Ordonez Lopez of Clarion, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Ismael POAC Ochoa of Clarion, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Leonardo Alexander Ordonez Gomez of Clarion, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Rony Gomez of Eagle Grove, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Jorge Melendez of Belmond, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Jorge Melendez of Belmond, failure to obey traffic control device.

Francisca Cordero of Eagle Grove, no drivers license.

Sergio a Montufar Marroquin of Eagle Grove, no drivers license.

Connor Jon Chase of Otho, speeding 6 thru 10 over.

Chase Edward Quintos of Humboldt, head lamps on motor vehicles.

Colton Johnathan Tischkau of Ames, speeding 6 thru 10 over.

Jose Andres Perez Perez of Fort Dodge, speeding 1 thru

5 over.

Gustavo Marinez Roque of Fort Dodge, driving while license denied, suspended, or cancelled.

Michael James Giese of Eagle Grove, driving while license denied, suspended, or cancelled.

### Criminal

State of Iowa vs Hinrichs, William Dean, aggravated misdemeanor assault on persons in certain occupations – bodily injury. Defendant pled guilty and was jailed for 30 days (23 days suspended), fined \$855.00 (suspended) plus \$5638.78 in court costs and a \$128.25 surcharge, required to submit a DNA sample, and placed on probation for 2 years.

State of Iowa vs Paxtor, Martin Gonzalez, serious misdemeanor assault causing bodily injury or mental illness. Defendant pled guilty and was jailed for 60 days, and fined \$430.00 plus \$830.00 in court costs, and a \$64.50 surcharge.

State of Iowa vs Fuentes Garcia, Leobardo, class C felony controlled substance violation. Defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to 10 years in prison (suspended), fined \$1,370 (suspended) plus \$600 in court costs, required to submit a DNA

sample, and placed on probation for three years.

State of Iowa vs Frink, Kyle David, Simple misdemeanor disorderly conduct – loud raucous noise. Defendant pled guilty and was fined \$105.00 plus \$660.00 in court costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

State of Iowa vs Thompson, Cassie Ann, scheduled violation leave scene of accident – property damage only. Defendant pled guilty and was fined \$135.00 plus \$100.00 in court costs and a \$20.25 surcharge.

State of Iowa vs White, Cayci Dawn Ruth, serious misdemeanor assault causing bodily injury or mental illness. Defendant pled guilty and was jailed for 2 days, and fined \$430.00, plus \$130.00 in court costs and a \$64.50 surcharge.

State of Iowa vs Torales, Alexis, serious misdemeanor possession of controlled substance – marijuana 1st offense. Defendant received a deferred judgment, was ordered to pay a \$430.00 consent decree, plus \$100.00 in court costs, and placed on probation for one year.

City of Eagle Grove vs Shpley, Gayle Morgan, dog at large. Case dismissed without prejudice.

# Wright County Pool League

### TEAM STANDINGS:

#	Name	Rnd	Rnd	Pts+	Pts+*	Wins	Loss	Win %	Avg*
		W	L						
1	Moes	42	10	1028	1025	81	36	69.23	8.76
2	Wizards	32	20	955	928	65	52	55.56	7.93
3	Rookies	30	22	931	907	63	54	53.85	7.75
4	Replacements	28	24	931	925	66	51	56.41	7.91
5	Fa'que	24	28	901	877	53	64	45.3	7.5
6	Strokers and Pokers	22	30	920	908	61	56	52.14	7.76
7	Motley Cue	20	32	883	844	48	69	41.03	7.21
8	Kim Jong Pool	10	42	790	712	31	86	26.5	6.09

\*No Handicap

### PLAYER STANDINGS:

#	Name	Team(s)	Pts+	Pts-	Diff*	Gms	Wins	Loss	Win %	Avg+
1	Steve Martin	Moes	357	229	128	39	32	7	82.05	9.15
2	Dave Walker	Wizards	346	219	127	39	31	8	79.49	8.87
3	Steve Evans	Moes	335	286	49	39	24	15	61.54	8.59
4	Dick Stumpf	Moes	333	261	72	39	25	14	64.1	8.54
5	Zach Martin	Rookies	331	239	92	39	27	12	69.23	8.49
6	Alec Martin	Rookies	313	295	18	39	21	18	53.85	8.03
7	Daryl Ward	Motley Cue	310	295	15	39	19	20	48.72	7.95
8	Jason Stumpf	Replacements	309	298	11	39	20	19	51.28	7.92
9	Steve Gordon	Wizards	305	303	2	39	18	21	46.15	7.82
10	Mike Rolo	Strokers and Pokers	302	252	50	36	22	14	61.11	8.39
11	Brandon Thompson	Replacements	302	279	23	39	23	16	58.97	7.74
12	Derrick Linn	Strokers and Pokers	295	264	31	36	21	15	58.33	8.19
13	Dart Humphrey	Motley Cue	294	302	-8	39	19	20	48.72	7.54
14	Keith Larue	Fa'que	293	306	-13	39	17	22	43.59	7.51
15	Eric Hogle	Replacements	292	250	42	36	22	14	61.11	8.11
16	Tom Thielen	Wizards	277	327	-50	39	16	23	41.03	7.1
17	Ryan Gardalen	Fa'que	277	324	-47	39	14	25	35.9	7.1
18	Jeff Asmus	Strokers and Pokers	270	316	-46	39	16	23	41.03	6.92
19	Blake Jackson	Rookies	263	331	-68	39	15	24	38.46	6.74
20	Denny Gardalen	Fa'que	226	228	-2	30	15	15	50	7.53
21	Kyle Disney	Kim Jong Pool	226	347	-121	31	11	28	28.21	5.79
22	Dean Kirstein	Replacements	199	249	-50	30	12	18	40	6.63
23	Kelly Hill	Kim Jong Pool	161	252	-91	27	5	22	18.52	5.96
24	Adam Russel	Kim Jong Pool	148	224	-76	24	4	20	16.67	6.17
25	Colt Allen	Motley Cue	129	224	-95	24	4	20	16.67	5.38
26	Brant Buhr	Motley Cue	111	116	-5	15	6	9	40	7.4
27	Jeff Linn	Fa'que	71	67	4	9	5	4	55.56	7.89
28	Steve Haugland	Fa'que	51	43	8	6	4	2	66.67	8.5

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# SPORTS

## UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Thursday, Feb. 20**
- Boys State Wrestling @ Wells Fargo Arena, 6 p.m.
  - Class 2A, District 4 Boys Basketball @ Ridge View HS, 7 p.m.
- Friday, Feb. 21**
- Boys State Wrestling @ Wells Fargo Arena, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 22**
- Boys State Wrestling @ Wells Fargo Arena, 6 p.m.

## Girls Finish Basketball Season In Emmet County

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

On Saturday night, the Eagle Grove girls basketball team played a Class 3A, Region 6 postseason game at Estherville-Lincoln Central.

The Eagles were coming off of a 59-25 Tuesday night home loss to Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, and the sixth-ranked Midgets had won nine of their last ten contests.

Estherville-Lincoln Central jumped out to a 64-12 lead at halftime and would advance to play Humboldt in the next round after blowing out the purple and gold 83-17.

Taytum Edwards had team-highs of 10 points and two

steals to lead the Eagles. She finished her freshman campaign averaging 10.4 points per game and 2.6 steals per game.

After the game, Coach Zach Whipple praised Taytum for excelling in the point guard role this season.

“Losing our main ball handler Addy Pamperin early in the season really hurt,” the second-year head coach admitted. “That put a lot of pressure on Taytum to be our primary ball handler and scorer. She did a great job all season while being face guarded in almost every game.”

With nine underclassmen

on the varsity team this year, Whipple says he’s eager for what’s in store.

“The girls are bought in and looking forward to next year,” he remarked. “The morning after our season ended at E-LC, the girls asked if we could open the gym so they could start preparing for next season. That’s what we need and what we will continue to have with this program. The future is bright.”

Junior Kendra Schild contributed two points, six boards, and a steal against E-LC. Her 8.1 rebounds per game led the 1-21 Eagles this season.



Kendra Schild finished eighth in the conference in rebounds per game. (Photo by Taylor Smith)



Jaxon Morris evades an IF-A defender in transition. (Photos by Taylor Smith)

## Eagles Prevail In Postseason Hair-Raiser

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

The Eagles kept their season alive on Monday night in the first round of Class 2A, District 4 boys basketball action. It was a game of runs against 8-12 Iowa Falls-Alden, but Eagle Grove kept their composure in overtime and triumphed 78-70 over their old conference foes.

Senior starters Abe Lin, Jaxon Morris, and Josh Miller all scored as Eagle Grove went on a 6-0 run to start the game. The purple and gold led 12-11 after a

quarter of play.

In the 2nd quarter, a steal and layup from Morris put EG up by 7 and forced an IF-A timeout. The previously mentioned trio of seniors all converted on tough looks in the paint and gave EGHS a four-point cushion going into halftime.

A three from Iowa Falls-Alden gave them a brief lead in the 2nd half, but Lin, Miller, and sophomore Adrian Whipple all began heating up from long range. Lin’s buzzer beating corner triple made it 49-42 after three quarters.

The Cadets exploded for seven unanswered points to start the 4th. The score continued to seesaw as a long-range dagger from Iowa Falls-Alden countered an old-fashioned three-point play from Lin. Morris assisted an open Gavin Pedersen for an easy two, and Whipple drained a three from deep with 2:30 left in regulation.

Trailing by a few points with precious seconds ticking off the clock, the Cadets were given no choice but to foul. Morris and Pedersen were both perfect from the charity stripe, but it still remained a one-possession game.



Abraham Lin silenced the Cadet student section on more than one occasion.



Josh Miller’s 15-foot jumper was deadly on Monday night.

## Boys Blow Out Cardinals To Wrap Up Regular Season

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

After knocking off North Iowa on February 7th, the purple and gold triumphed again on the 11th vs. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura.

At home against the 8-14 Cardinals in their final conference game of the season, the Eagle Grove boys basketball team held an eight-point advantage going into the 4th

quarter. They would pour in another 24 points before time expired and win by a final of 64-46. Three-pointers weren’t falling consistently, but the team shot 51% from the field and committed only seven turnovers.

Usual suspects Abraham Lin and Jaxon Morris scored 17 and 16, respectively.

Adrian Whipple had two steals and dropped 13 points

on 6 of 12 shooting. The sophomore also dished out a team-high six assists to bring his season average up to 3.7 assists per game.

Josh Miller scored 10 points and blocked two shots. Gavin Pedersen and Trenton Robinson both had three points apiece, and senior Jared Arelolo added two off the bench for the 9-12 Eagles.

## 100 Wins And Counting

**Taylor Smith, Sports Editor**

On February 8th, local high school grappler Hayden Schafer joined a prestigious list of Eagle Grove wrestlers.

Although his official 100th career win came with an unceremonious forfeit, the 157-pounder was able to celebrate with his family and hometown fans after he defeated South Central Calhoun’s Layth Witte via technical fall for his 101st victory.



Hayden Schafer is a talented wrestler and track and field athlete, but he says football is his favorite sport. (Photo by Taylor Smith)

“It was special to me and awesome because I got to have my dad in the corner and my mom in the stands,” the junior recalled in a recent sit down with The Eagle. “It was pretty special because it was at home in front of everybody that I’ve known my whole life.”

Schafer’s father Aaron is an assistant coach for Eagle Grove wrestling and a primary reason Hayden has taken such a liking to the sport.

“My dad brought me into wrestling when I was about three,” Schafer said with pride. “It’s always been something that I’ve done. It’s kind of just been part of the family.”

That family tradition helped introduce Hayden to the sizable wrestling community right here in Eagle Grove.

“People show out for you and the community is great,” he remarked. “Everyone is nice here and it’s been an honor to grow up

here. I love this town.”

As a sophomore 150-pounder last year, Schafer was able to represent the town he was raised in on Iowa’s biggest high school stage.

“It was a good feeling to wear that “E” on my chest,” he reminisced. “To experience it with my dad was a big thing. It’s a moment that I want to chase again and I

want to get back there.”

Although 100 career wins are an accomplishment most high schoolers can only dream about, Schafer is really only concerned with winning his next match.

“I’ve just been thinking about districts and state,” he commented. “It was good to get the 100 wins, but I’ve got bigger goals.”

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# EG Elementary Students Learn About Agriculture for Ag Education Week

by Edward Lynn  
Editor  
North Central Iowa Ag in the Classroom (NCI AITC) visited the Eagle Grove Elementary School on the last day of January for Ag

Education Week programs. Educators visited students in their classrooms to teach such programs as "Where in the U.S. Does My Supper Come From?", "Farm to Table", and "Animal or plant".

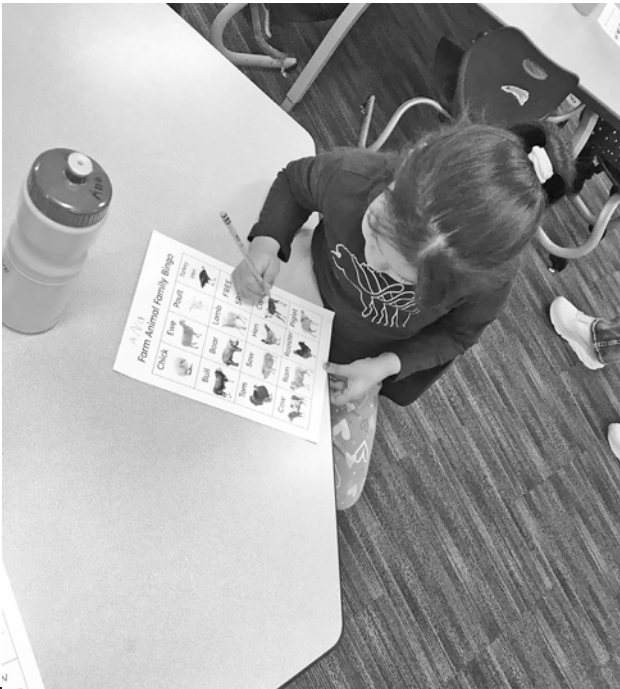
NC AITC is a local North Central Iowa based resource for local teachers and administrators, which is funded by grants and sponsors, and they estimate they bring Ag Education to over 12,000

students in over 50 schools every year. For more information on NCI AITC, visit <https://nciaginthe classroom.com>, or follow them on Facebook, X, or Instagram @nciaitc.



(Screenshots, North Central Iowa Ag in the Classroom/Facebook)

Preschoolers did the "Is This My Home?" activity.



Kindergarteners did the "Animal Families & Their Needs" activity.



First graders did the "Farm to Table" activity.



Second graders did the "Animal or Plant" activity.



Fourth graders did the "Where in the U.S. Does My Supper Come From?" activity.

# EG Special Olympians Bring Home Medals

On February 8, elementary and middle school Special Olympics athletes from Eagle Grove took part in the Central Regional Basketball Tournament. Teams from bigger communities like Ankeny and Mason City were also in attendance. The regional basketball tournament is a qualifier for the Spring Classic that happens in March. Both the elementary and middle school teams placed 2nd and earned trips to state!



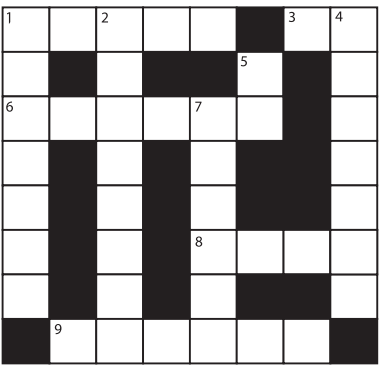
Developmental Basketball (L to R): Emerson Mendez-Hernandez, Jaydrien Bender, Colt Craven, Kayce Toliver.



Unified Basketball (L to R): Jackson Toliver, Gabriel Toliver, Henry Egemo, Isom Toliver, Augustus Egemo (Photos from Eagle Grove Community Schools/Facebook)

# KIDS Corner

## Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1. Chest organ
  - 3. Blood pressure (abbr.)
  - 6. Dramatic start of an illness
  - 8. Discomfort
  - 9. Tube blood moves through
- DOWN**
- 1. Free from illness
  - 2. Counteracts poison
  - 4. Forcing to move through
  - 5. Adequate or alright
  - 7. College property

Answers:  
1. Healthy 2. Antidote 3. BP 4. Attack 5. OK 6. Pumping 7. Campus 8. Pain 9. Vessel

## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

**FEBRUARY 20**

**1821:** Juan Ponce de León sets out from Spain for Florida.

**1792:** George Washington signs the Postal Service Act.

**1872:** The Metropolitan Museum of Art opens in New York City.

## NEW WORD PULSE

a rhythmic throbbing of the arteries as blood is pumped

**How they say that in...**

English: Heart  
Spanish: Corazón  
Italian: Cuore  
French: Coeur  
German: Herz

**Did You Know?**

The average resting heart rate for an adult is between 60 and 100 beats per minute.

**Health FACT**

There are 60,000 miles of these in the average human body.

**CRYPTO FUN**

Solve the code to discover words related to heart health. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = R)

**A. 15 6 5 11 10**  
Clue: Pumps in chest

**B. 13 5 11 14 3 4 23 5 12 13 20 1 5 11**  
Clue: Having to do with the heart

**C. 2 11 6 12 12 20 11 6**  
Clue: Force of blood moving through body

**D. 23 6 12 12 6 1**  
Clue: Vein or artery

Answers: A. heart B. cardiovascular C. pressure D. vessel



## What's Cookin' this week?

### Secrets to a great grilled cheese

Grilled cheese is an ideal comfort food. It's crispy, buttery and full of warm and gooey cheese. Many people grow up enjoying grilled cheese as children, and then continue digging in to this delight as they get older.

While grilled cheese may seem like simple fare, there are some techniques to make it even more delicious. This includes strategies to make it golden brown with perfectly melted cheese.

When preparing grilled cheese, you do not want to rush the process and end up with burnt bread. Try placing the grilled cheese in a cold pan and then letting everything heat up together slowly over medium-low heat. This ensures the heat is evenly distributed and the cheese will melt as the bread develops its golden color.

Aim for optimal coverage of butter or mayonnaise. Yes, you read that correctly. Some culinary experts, like the ones at Bon Appétit, recommend using mayo in lieu of butter to spread on the bread because it has a higher smoke point and is less likely to burn while cooking. Be sure to spread your butter or mayo all over to the edges of the bread for optimal coverage and flavor.

Next, select a good quality cheese that melts well. Some are better than others in this department. They include colby, havarti, swiss, monterey jack, muenster, American, smoked gouda, and cheddar.

Then work with a recipe that will elevate the grilled cheese even further, such as "Smoked Gouda and Roasted Red Pepper Grilled Cheese," courtesy of the Food Network Kitchen.

#### Smoked Gouda and Roasted Red Pepper Grilled Cheese

*Yield: 4 servings*

8 1/3- to 1/2-inch-thick slices Pullman bread  
4 ounces smoked gouda, very thinly sliced with a cheese slicer  
4 slices muenster cheese (about 4 ounces)  
1 medium jarred roasted red pepper, drained, dried and thinly sliced  
2 cups baby arugula  
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

1. Lay out 4 slices of the bread on a work surface. Layer each with some of the smoked gouda, 1 slice of the muenster, a thin layer of sliced red pepper (about 2 tablespoons), 1/2 cup of the baby arugula, and another layer of smoked gouda. Close the sandwiches with the remaining bread. Thinly and evenly spread the butter on both sides of the bread using 1 1/2 tablespoons of the butter for each sandwich.

2. Place 2 sandwiches into a medium nonstick skillet over medium heat. Cover the skillet with a lid and cook until the bread is evenly golden brown, about 2 minutes. Flip, cover again and cook until the bread is golden brown and the cheese is visibly melted, about 2 minutes more. Repeat with the remaining sandwiches.

## THIS WEEK'S famous Birthdays

**February 16** – Elizabeth Olsen, Actress (36)  
**February 17** – Ed Sheeran, Singer (34)  
**February 18** – John Travolta, Actor (71)  
**February 19** – Chappell Roan, Singer (27)  
**February 20** – Olivia Rodrigo, Singer (22)  
**February 21** – Elliot Page, Actor (38)  
**February 22** – Drew Barrymore, Actress (50)

## THIS WEEK'S Horoscopes

**ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, impulsiveness may cause friction with loved ones this week, so avoid rushing into decisions. Keep an open mind when others come to you with their thoughts.

**TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, expect some clarity regarding a recent financial decision this week. You'll get the answers you need about budgeting and other investments you've been mulling over.

**GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**  
This week you may be tempted to overcommit to social endeavors, Gemini. Keep your boundaries in check, especially if you are having difficulty telling other people, "no."

**CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22**  
Cancer, much of your to-do list this week will focus on your home life. Take a break from the hustle and spend time bringing order and balance to spaces in your home.

**LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**  
Your words carry a lot of weight right now, Leo. Be very careful about the opinions you offer and the stories you share. By the weekend you may be called upon for some advice.

**VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**  
Virgo, if you have been thinking about making some sweeping financial decisions, now is the time to take action. Putting things off for another day can wreck long-term plans.

**LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Sometimes you have to give yourself a pat on the back when others are not offering the feedback you need, Libra. You are doing a great job and learning along the way.

**SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**  
You often keep your cards close to the vest, Scorpio. Others may be surprised to learn a project you have been working on for some time has come to fruition.

**SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**  
Personal ambitions are at the forefront of your mind, Sagittarius. However, you may be placing too much importance on financial matters rather than the other rewards from hard work.

**CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**  
You are doing quite well in your professional life right now, Capricorn. But in terms of home life, there are definitely some areas that can use improvement. Focus on those things.

**AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, you could be feeling a strong urge to declutter personal spaces, such as the garage, closets or even your home office. Find the time to start sorting through belongings.

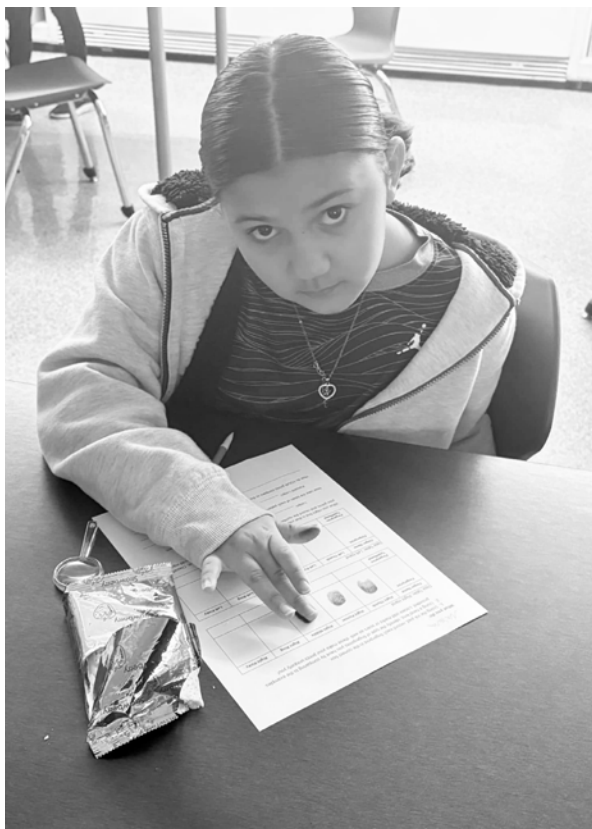
**PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**  
All it may take is a simple conversation to clear up some persistent misconceptions, Pisces. Figure out when to schedule that talk and afterwards you will feel better.



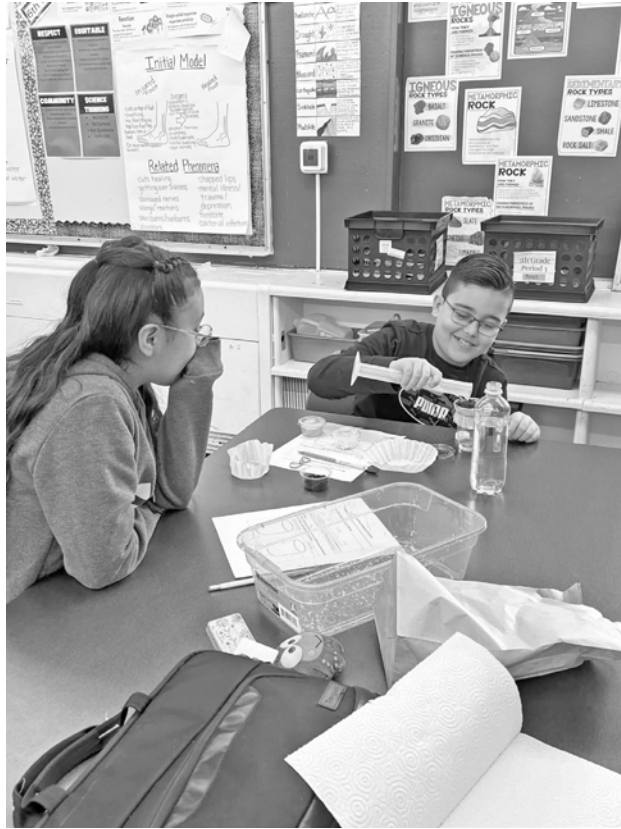
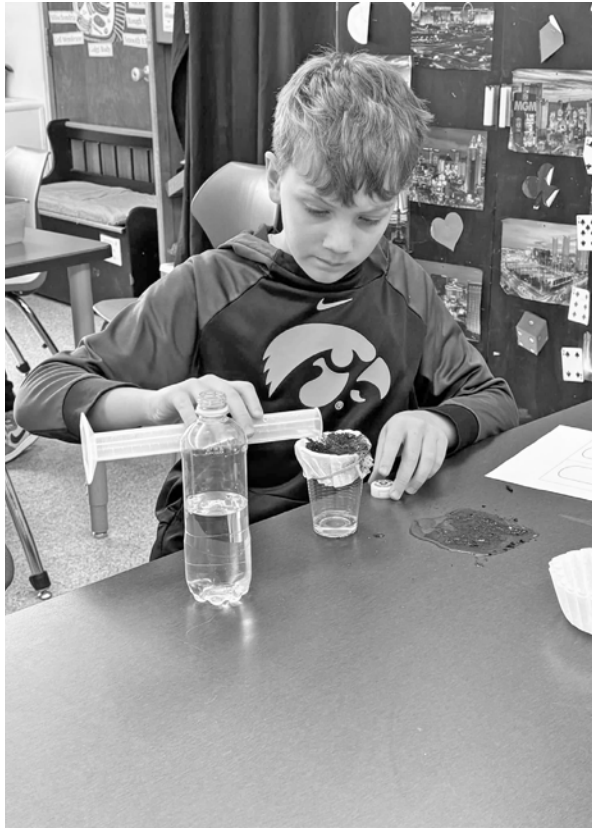
On February 5, elementary and middle school students participated in Global Play Day, which encourages children to play without screens or devices. (Screenshots, Eagle Grove Community Schools/Facebook)

## Skin, Water, & Bacteria studied by Middle Schoolers

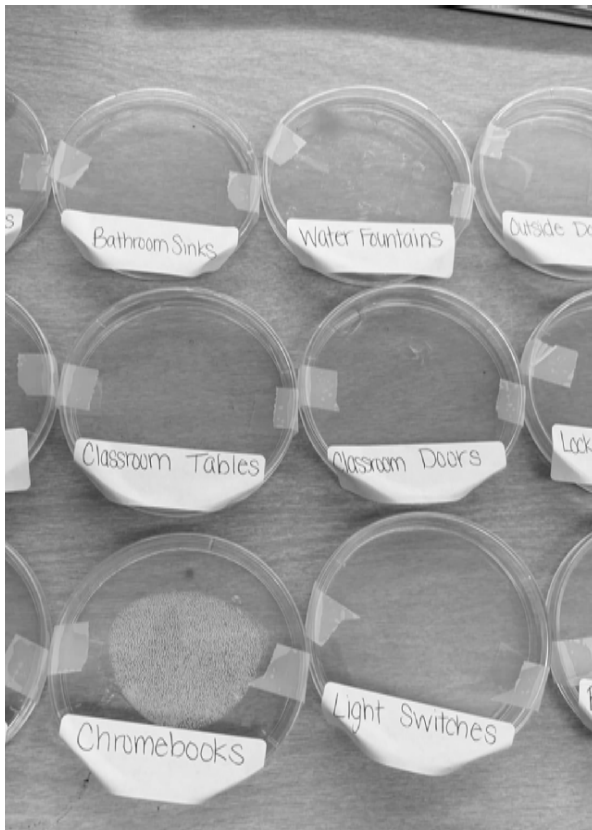
Fifth and Sixth graders at Robert Blue Middle School learned about three connected sciences: skin, water, and bacteria.



**Skin:** In their "Cells and Systems" unit fifth and sixth graders learned how skin regenerates and forms scars. (Screenshots, Robert Blue Middle School/Facebook)



**Water:** Fifth graders also studied water, including how water filtration works, the difference between "clean" and "dirty" water, about groundwater, and how water infiltrates the ground. *See more, next page.*



**Bacteria:** Students also learned how their skin protects them from bacteria reproducing within the body, and collected samples of the bacteria from around the school, which they grew in petri dishes; proving bacteria is on almost every surface we touch.



# something in the water



**Students in Mrs. Omvig's 5th grade science class learned about clean and dirty water earlier this month.**

**Students figured out how salt gets removed from saltwater through the evaporation stage of the water cycle.**

**This sample didn't pass the taste test.**

**What happens when freshwater combines with saltwater** (Screenshots, Robert Blue Middle School/Facebook)

GOLDFIELD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES • FEB. 10, 2025					
<b>Goldfield City Council Meeting</b> <b>February 10, 2025</b> The Goldfield Council met in regular session on February 10, 2025 at the Goldfield City Hall. Mayor Fiscus called the council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present Petersen, Duncalf, Crees and Meinke. Also present City Clerk, Kathy Nelson; PW Superintendent Jim Sisson; Police Chief, Ray Beltran; Officers Matt Valentine & Ben Ashenbrnner; WCED Director DarrelSteven Carlyle; City Attorney Lynn Seaba and Vanessa Hinckley. Absent Council Member Schermer. Motion by Meinke, second Crees to approve the January 8th minutes. Motion by Crees, second Meinke to approve the January 13th minutes. Motion by Duncalf, second Crees to approve the January 15 th minutes Motion by Meinke, second Crees to approve the February claims. All ayes. Motions carried. Absent Schermer. Vanessa Hinckley spoke to the council on having water in the basement due to a water pipe break. She was advised to submit a claim to the City insurance. Ray gave an update on the January dispatch report. Officer Ben Aschenbrnner introduced himself to the council. Matt Valentine discussed the nuisance properties with the council and the process he has/follows. PW Superintendent gave an update, discussed the water main break on Wright/School street and how it has been fixed. <b>CLAIMS REPORT</b> <b>FEBRUARY CLAIMS</b> <b>VENDOR, REFERENCE...AMOUNT</b> ABENS-MARTY-CURRAN AGENCY, INSURANCE RENEWAL-PR-CO-93168-FIRE ..... 1,045.00 ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, COPIER LEASE ..... 237.39 ARNOLDS MOTOR SUPPLY, WINDSHIELD WIPER BACKHOE . ..... 12.23 BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS,	WATER/SEWER SUPPLIES.....357.26 BOMGAARS SUPPLY, SUPPLIES SHOP/FIRE ..... 265.30 CARGILL, INCORPORATED, SALT-WATERPLANT ..... 6,972.47 CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, PAPERTOWELS WATER PLANT . ..... 117.00 CHRIS PETERSEN, LANDFILL MEETING ..... 46.94 CITY OF GOLDFIELD, MICHAEL SHEA UTILITY 815 N MAIN ..78.88 CITY OF GOLDFIELD, WATER / SEWER COMMUNITY CENTER .. .....68.40 DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, CHAINS INTERNATIONAL PLOW TRK ..... 420.41 DEARBORN LIFE INS CO., GROUP INSURANCE FEB - APRIL 25 ..... 129.00 EAGLE BUILDING SUPPLY, REPLACEMENT DOOR GLASS-COMM CENTER .....1,073.31 DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, FED/FICA TAXES ..... 3,776.66 GOLDFIELD POST OFFICE, UTILITY BILLS ..... 151.76 GOLDFIELD TELEPHONE CO, PHONE/INTERNET ..... 327.32 HANSON & SON TIRES, NEW TIRES-BACKHOE ..... 3,143.34 HAWKEYE WEST PEST CONTROL, PEST CONTROL COMMUNITY CENTER ..... 99.36 HAWKINS, INC, AZONE 15-WATER PLANT ..... 561.60 HIWAY TRUCK EQUIPMENT, PLOW BLADES CITY PICK UP .... 704.65 IMFOA, MEMBERSHIP DUES ..... 50.00 IOWA ONE CALL, LOCATES ...1.80 IPERS COLLECTION, IPERS - REGULAR ..... 2,172.76 JIM SISSON, REIMBURSE WORK BOOTS ..... 192.59 JIM SISSON, ELECTRONIC DOOR LOCK CITY HALL.....479.00 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, JOHN DEERE MOWER LEASE .....503.58 KATHY NELSON, REIMBURSE CERTIFIED MAILING ..... 9.68 KVALE TREE SERVICE, TREE/	STUMP REMOVAL ..... 3,675.00 L & L SERVICE, INC., FUSE/CITY PLOW WIRING ..... 19.30 MENARDS, BUNGEE CORDS/ VACUUM CITY HALL ..... 137.99 MICHAEL SHEA, DEPOSIT REFUND ..... 121.12 MID AMERICAN ENERGY, GAS/ ELECTRIC ..... 3,229.60 MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING, PUBLISHING LEGALS ..... 105.85 NUWAY-K&H COOPERATIVE, GAS/DIESEL ..... 330.56 OLDSON PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR, MAINTENCE FURNACE-FIRE ..... 214.57 SEABA LAW OFFICE, PLC, LEGAL EXPENSE ..... 268.00 T & S SANITATION, GARBAGE JANUARY 2025 ..... 55.00 TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, WATER EXCISE TAX JANUARY 2025 ..... 996.99 TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, SALES USE TAX JANUARY 2025 ..... 211.47 W & H COOP GAS/DIESEL... 161.41 WRIGHT COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS, 3RD QUARTER JAN-MARCH 2025 ..... 5,114.80 WR COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, FY 24-25 ..... 500.00 Payroll Checks ..... 8,361.58 <b>**** REPORT TOTAL ****</b> ..... <b>46,500.93</b> <b>EXPENSES</b> GENERAL .....12,415.55 FIRE DEPT. ....1,904.97 ROAD USE TAX .....13,889.25 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT..... 60.75 COMM. CENTER .....1,073.31 WATER .....13,483.16 SEWER ..... 3,673.94 <b>TOTAL.....46,500.93</b> <b>REVENUE</b> GENERAL .....5,144.89 CORN LP.....8,334.00 FIRE DEPT. ....75,361.72 ROAD USE TAX .....7,531.79 EMPLOYEE BEN. ....212.55 LOCAL TAX .....9,679.04 DEBT SERVICE.....427.60 COMM. CENTER .....400.00 WATER .....18,434.15	SEWER .....12,239.53 <b>TOTAL.....137,766.67</b> Wages 2024: Timothy E Brooks 207.00; Thomas C Crees 960.00; Marcella Duncalf 630.00; Alberto Enriquez 270.00; Gabriel Fiscus 5,499.96; Gabriel Fiscus 520.00; Dustin Gangstead 350.00; Luis Gonzalez 130.00; Adam Goodell 200.00; Carter Goodell 510.00; Alex Hanna 490.00; Brandon A Hanna 470.00; Allan Hiveley 120.00; Chad Hiveley 260.00; Greg Johnson 480.00; Adam Lewis 280.00; Matt Lewis 1,866.57; Anthony C Meinke 840.00; Katherine A Nelson 59,704.48; Travis Nickell 300.00; Travis Nickell 387.00; Chris G Petersen 850.00; Jake Schermer 630.00; Troy Schermer 1,036.43; Troy Schermer 800.00; James D Sisson 6,456.25; Nicholas J Sisson 6,528.25; Nate Tokheim 230.00. Motion by Meinke, second Crees to approve the 3rd reading of Ordinance #187, Parking in the Berm. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Crees, Meinke, Duncalf, Petersen. Nays: None. Absent Schermer. Motions Carried. <b>ORDINANCE NO. 187</b> AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 17 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GOLDFIELD, IOWA, BY AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS RELATING TO PARKING. BE ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDFIELD, IOWA: SECTION 1: Chapter 17 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Goldfield, Iowa (2014) is amended by modification of the following sections: 17.69 PARKING LIMITED is modified by addition of the following subparagraph 3. 3. TREE BERM PARKING. Storage and parking of vehicles, machinery, boats, trailers, recreational vehicles, are prohibited on the strip between the curb and the lot line of private property, hereinafter referred to as the tree berm, except	as follows: A. Automobiles, or pickup trucks currently being used for transportation purposes are allowed to park on the tree berm if a hard surface parking space has been established. B. During the time from May 1st to October 31st of each year, boats, trailers and recreational vehicles may be parked on the tree berm if a hard surface parking space has been established. All boats, trailers and recreational vehicles must be removed from the tree berm each year no later than November 1st and may not return until May 1st. C. Vision Obstruction. Parking spaces constructed on the tree berm shall be located in a position in order to avoid obstructing the vision of any pedestrian, bicyclist or driver on adjacent roads or alleys. D. Indemnification. The property owners shall indemnify and hold the City harmless from all liability and pay the judgments, costs, and attorney fees for lawsuits for accidents that occur as a result of parking vehicles upon the tree berm. E. Snow Removal and Maintenance. The property owners shall retain responsibility for snow removal and general maintenance of their parking spaces in the tree berm. F. Public Utilities. Any additional costs incurred by the City for construction and maintenance of public utilities on or under the tree berm by reason of parking spaces will be assessed to the property owners. 17.72 IMPOUNDING VEHICLES is modified by modification to subparagraph 4 as follows: 4. When any vehicle is left parked upon a street for a continuous period of seventy two (72) forty-eight (48) hours or more. A diligent effort shall first be made to locate the owner. If the owner is found he shall be given an opportunity to remove the vehicle. 17.126 LOCAL PARKING FINES	is modified by the increase of fine from \$25.00 to \$75.00 for parking in a yard in violation of Section 17.67; and the addition of subparagraph 3 which increases fine to \$75.00 for all other parking violations. 17.128 PARKING VIOLATIONS: ALTERNATE is deleted. SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY. If any section, provision or part thereof of this Ordinance shall be adjudged to be 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 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in effect immediately after its adoption and publication as provided by law. ADOPTED BY THE GOLDFIELD, IOWA, CITY COUNCIL ON THE 10th DAY OF February , 2025. <i>Gabe Fiscus, Mayor</i> <i>Kathy Nelson, City Clerk</i> Motion by Petersen, second Crees to approve the FY26 Police Agreement in the amount of \$107,409.94. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Schermer. Motion by Petersen, second Meinke to approve the quote of \$12,500 for a new lawn mower from K.C Nielsen. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Schermer. Motion by Duncalf, second Crees to approve the quote of \$12,500 from Hennigiar Construction to replace 4 fire hydrants. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Schermer. Motion by Petersen, second Duncalf to approve the quote of \$1,176.90 from USA Blue Book for shutoff tools. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Schermer. Reviewed the budget and tax levy for FY 25-26. Motion by Meinke, second Crees to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. <i>Kathy Nelson, City Clerk</i> <i>Gabe Fiscus, Mayor</i>

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EAGLE GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MINUTES • FEB. 10, 2025					
<b>Eagle Grove CSD</b> <b>Regular Board Meeting</b> <b>02/10/2025-06:00 PM</b> Board Room- Emerson Building 325 North Commercial Eagle Grove, IA <b>MEETING MINUTES</b> MISSION STATEMENT: The Eagle Grove Community School District, in partnership with the community, will promote in all students the knowledge and skills necessary to become independent thinkers, life-long learners, and responsible productive citizens <b>Attendees</b> <b>Voting Members</b> Tracy Crail, Board President Dr. Aaron Parrott, Board Vice President Angie Capsel, Board Director Darren Robinson, Board Director Amanda Willard, Board Director <b>Non-Voting Members</b> Jess Toliver, Superintendent Nicole Boyer, Business Manager/ Board Secretary/SBO Karissa Everson Heidi Vasquez McKristie Willard <b>Community Members</b> Janea McKinley, Robert Blue Middle School TLC Instructional Coach Ed Lynn, Eagle Grove Eagle at 6:27 PM 1. Call to Order The meeting was called order at 6:00 PM. 2. Roll Call 3. Welcome 4. Conflict of Interest Declaration None noted. 5. Communications and Celebrations The building principals presented an update to the board of what is happening in the buildings. 6. Public Comment Cards None. 7. Approve the Agenda Motion to approve the agenda as presented to the board. Motion made by: Angie Capsel Motion seconded by: Amanda Willard Voting: Tracy Crail - Yes Dr. Aaron Parrott - Yes Angie Capsel - Yes Darren Robinson - Yes Amanda Willard - Yes 8. Consent Items Consent items approved as presented with the add'l contract. Motion made by: Darren Robinson Motion seconded by: Aman a Willard Voting: Tracy Crail - Yes Dr. Aaron Parrott - Yes Angie Capsel - Yes	Darren Robinson - Yes Amanda Willard - Yes a. Minutes b. Monthly Bills c. Financial Statements d. Resignations e. Contracts f. Open Enrollment Applications 9. TLC Update Janea McKinley presented a TLC update from the Middle School. 10. 2025 Senior Music Trip Proposal Motion to approve the 2025 Senior Music Trip as proposed to the board. Motion made by: Darren Robinson Motion seconded by: Angie Capsel Voting: Tracy Crail - Yes Dr. Aaron Parrott - Yes Angie Capsel - Yes Darren Robinson - Yes Amanda Willard - Yes 11. New Early Retirement Package for Certified Staff Motion to approve the new early retirement package for certified staff as presented to the board. Motion made by: Dr. Aaron Parrott Motion seconded by: Amanda Willard Voting: Tracy Crail - Yes Dr. Aaron Parrott - Yes Angie Capsel - Yes Darren Robinson - Yes Amanda Willard - Yes 12. Early Retirement Letters Motion to approve Sandy Muzzey's early retirement at the end of the 2024-2025 school year. The board extends their many, many thanks to Sandy for her dedication to Eagle Grove CSD. Motion made by: Darren Robinson Motion seconded by: Angie Capsel Voting: Tracy Crail - Yes Dr. Aaron Parrott - Yes Angie Capsel - Yes Darren Robinson - Yes Amanda Willard - Yes 13. Updates on Staffing Jess did an overview of staffing updates for the 2025-2026 school year. No action required. 14. Budget Information The board will hold the first public hearing for Budget FY26 on March 27 at 12:00 PM in the board room. 15. Purchases over \$25,000 No purchases over \$25,000. 16. School Calendar for 2025-2026 Motion o approve the school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year as presented to the board. Motion made by: Darren Robinson Motion seconded by: Amanda Willard Voting:	Tracy Crail Yes Dr. Aaron Parrott - Yes Angie Capsel - Yes Darren Robinson - Yes Amanda Willard - Yes 17. Early Graduation Motion to approve the early graduation request pending the needed coursework is completed. Motion made by: Angie Capsel Motion seconded by: Dr. Aaron Parrott Voting: Tracy Crail - Yes Dr. Aaron Parrott - Yes Angie Capsel - Yes Darren Robinson - Yes Amanda Willard - Yes 18. Policy Updates Motion to approve the first reading of the 800 series as presented to the board. Motion made by: Angie Capsel Motion seconded by: Dr. Aaron Parrott Voting: Tracy Crail - Yes Dr. Aaron Parrott - Yes Angie Capsel - Yes Darren Robinson - Yes Amanda Willard - Yes a. Review 800 Series (First Reading) 19. Board Member Reports 20. Superintendent's Report Adding Special Education Lead Teachers to each school building. Negotiations will be happening over the next couple of months. 21. Adjourn Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM Motion made by: Dr. Aaron Parrott Motion seconded by: Darren Robinson Voting: Tracy Crail - Yes Dr. Aaron Parrott - Yes Angie Capsel - Yes Darren Robinson - Yes Amanda Willard - Yes <i>Board Secretary Board President</i> <b>GENERAL FUND BILLS FOR APPROVAL - FEBRUARY 10, 2025</b> Airgas, supplies ..... 696.02 Allegiant Technology, cloud fax ..... 97.32 Amazon Web Services, monthly charge.....20.42 Amazon, supplies .....1,071.46 Arnold Motor Supply, supplies... 64.84 Bomgaars, supplies .....1,353.22 Carolina Biological Supply Company, supplies ..... 89.35 Central Iowa Dist, cleaning supplies .....2,288.00 Central Iowa Water, services..... 375.00 Clarion Distributing, supplies..... 150.60 Clarion-Goldfield-Dows CSD, spe-	cial education tuition .....31,968.00 Column Software, legal ..... 249.97 Comm1 Network, utilities ..... 535.65 Cramer Chiropractic, physicals..... 200.00 Crescent Electric, supplies ...1,182.89 Department of Education, bus inspections .....1,000.00 Eagle Building Supply, supplies..... 598.58 Eagle Grove City of, water.....1,772.77 Eagle Grove Schools, wires..... 30.00 Elan Financial, training/supplies ..... 419.38 Fairway, supplies ..... 781.50 Feld Fire, inspections/monitoring..... 210.00 Fisher Welding, repairs..... 100.00 Full Warranty Bus Leasing, supplies .....241.76 Goldfield Access Network, telephone service ..... 31.45 Hawkeye West Pest Control, monthly service..... 190.00 ICCC, HS options/laptop rental ..... 12,100.00 iJAG, program fees..... 12,500.00 Impact7G .....6,750.00 Interstate Battery, batteries... 121.85 Iowa City CSD, instructional services ..... 378.48 ISFIS, budget workshop ..... 300.00 Jostens, supplies .....12.90 Kemna Auto, vehicle repairs..... 385.17 Menards, supplies .....1,507.69 Morgan, Victoria, reimb for course . .....1,194.00 NAPA, repair parts.....34.77 Pagel Repair, repairs..... 490.00 Quill, supplies .....179.98 Rieman Music, supplies.....758.81 Rotary Club of Eagle Grove, dues..... 81.00 Schild, Josh, reimb ..... 61.64 School Bus Sales, repair parts ..... 748.95 School Specialty, supplies ..... 485.39 Secure Shred, services ..... 60.00 Systems Management & Balancing, services .....1,000.00 T & D Service, vehicle repairs ..... 3,016.96 Toliver, Jess, reimb. for meals ... 38.23 Trash Man, utilities ..... 770.00 Ventriss Learning, supplies ... 230.00 Verizon, cell phones .....569.64 W & H, fuel ..... 6,832.56 Webster City CSD, open enrollment/concurrent enrollment tuition . 77,224.16 Arnold Motor Supply, supplies... 64.84 Bomgaars, supplies .....1,353.22 Carolina Biological Supply Company, supplies ..... 89.35 Central Iowa Dist, cleaning supplies .....2,288.00 Central Iowa Water, services..... 375.00 Clarion Distributing, supplies..... 150.60 Clarion-Goldfield-Dows CSD, spe-	Bethke, Matt, JV BB 01/24, JV BB 1/31, V BB 1/31 .....360.00 DeVider, Sam, V BB 01/24...130.00 Dieken, Randy, V BB 01/24...130.00 Doyle, Eddie, V BB 01/23...130.00 Eide, Logan, JV BB 01/24...100.00 Eisenstrager, McKade, G WR 01/20 ..... 175.00 Fett, Daniel, JV BB 01/17...100.00 Greiman, Todd, V BB 01/17...130.00 Hungerford, Rodney, JV BB 01/17 . ..... 100.00 Jefson, Kirk, V BB 01/17.....130.00 Lambert, Ethan, G WR 01/20, B WR 1/28.....350.00 Ludwig, Dale, JV BB 01/13...100.00 Meyer, Justin, V BB 01/13...130.00 Meyers, Ken, JUV BB 01/23...120.00 Pearce, Brian, JUV BB 1/27...126.00 Seiser, Logan, JV BB 1/31...100.00 Suntken, Bennett, V BB 1/31..... 130.00 Tjaden, Randy, V BB 01/17...130.00 Vande Haar, Mark, V BB 01/13..... 130.00 <b>3,161.00</b> <b>OFFICIALS - PREPAID IN FEB (W/E 02/08) - APPROVED FEB 10, 2025</b> Eisenstrager, McKade, MS WR 2/6... 110.00 Sesker, Matt, MS WR 2/6... 110.00 Bethke, Matthew, JV BB 2/7... 100.00 Fett, Daniel, JV BB 2/7... 100.00 James, Kevin, V BB 2/7... 130.00 VanLoo, Tim, V BB 2/7... 130.00 Appelgate, Brian, V BB 2/7...130.00 Gotto, Zach, V WR 2/8...200.00 Vrieze, Jon, V WR 2/8...200.00 Barrett, Bruce, V WR 2/8...200.00 <b>1,410.00</b> <b>MANAGEMENT FUND BILLS FOR APPROVAL - FEBRUARY 10, 2025</b> EGCSD, retiree ins .....992.04 EMC, Workers Comp. insurance... 161.58 <b>1,153.62</b> <b>PPEL BILLS FOR APPROVAL - FEBRUARY 10, 2025</b> Aerco, computers .....16,859.00 Central Iowa Distributing, supplies . 4,036.00 Elite Electric, repairs.....1,275.00 Evac+Chair, supplies ..... 6,636.00 Full Warranty Bus Leasing, lease... 4,580.00 Gordon Flesch, copier lease..... 5,628.54 Gudmonson Service, services..... 500.00 Hiway Truck Equipment, supplies..... 1,360.57 Mechanical Air, repairs .....594.54 Midwest Sprinkler, inspection ..... 440.00 Oldson Plumbing, repairs...7,335.76 Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, supplies .....2,559.94 <b>51,805.35</b> <b>ACTIVITY FUND BILLS FOR</b>	<b>JANUARY, APPROVAL FEBRUARY 10, 2025</b> AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES-SUPPLIES.....242.35 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY-COACHES VS CANCER.....1,037.00 ATLANTIC COCA-COLA BOTTLING-SUPPLIES.....407.86 CHAMPION TEAMWEAR- SUPPLIES ..... 186.96 CLARION-GOLDFIELD-DOWS CSD-B WRESTLING ENTRY FEE. 40.00 DAVIDSON, WHITNEY-MEDICAL SERVICES ..... 160.00 EAGLE GROVE CSD- CASH..... 4,390.00 ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES-STATE DRILL TEAM LODGING.....1,326.08 FAREWAY STORES-SUPPLIES .... 2,057.22 FORT DODGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS- G. WRESTLING ENTRY FEE ..... 200.00 FROMMELT, JULIE- SUPPLIES A. EILERTS DAY..... 772.27 GANGSTEAD, MIKAELA-MEDICAL SERVICES.....320.00 HUMBOLDT CSD-G. WRESTLING ENTRY FEE ..... 125.00 IGHSAU-SCOREBOOK ..... 18.00 IOWA HS SPEECH ASSOCIATION 90.00 IOWA FFA ASSOCIATION-MEMBERSHIP DUES.....475.00 IOWA SPORTS SUPPLY COMPANY-SUPPLIES ..... 2,494.00 KUEMPER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS-G. WRESTLING ENTRY FEE ..... 125.00 MARTIN BROS DISTRIBUTING CO INC-SUPPLIES..... 169.11 ROLAND-STORY CSD- B. WRESTLING ENTRY FEE ..... 160.00 SCHWAKE, ELIZABETH-SUPPLIES A. EILERTS DAY..... 54.26 SCHWAKE, JUSTIN- REIMBURSEMENT ..... 9.48 THURY, ELIAS-SOUNDBOOTH 22.50 VOWELVALLEY LLC-SUPPLIES ... 1,324.00 WAL-MART STORES-SUPPLIES .. 750.71 <b>16,956.80</b> <b>NUTRITION FUND INVOICES FOR JANUARY, APPROVAL FEBRUARY 10, 2025</b> ANDERSON-ERICKSON DAIRY-MILK ..... 4,040.46 BIMBO BAKERIES USA- BREAD .. 1,174.26 FAREWAY STORES- SUPPLIES... 40.90 MARTIN BROS DISTRIBUTING CO INC- SUPPLIES ..... 31,312.22 MRLA, ASHLEY- LUNCH REFUND 96.95 <b>36,664.79</b>

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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  
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P.O. Box 346  
Eagle Grove, IA 50533  
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PROBATE • Oliver J. Egesdal

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF OLIVER J. EGESDAL, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR017679

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Oliver J. Egesdal, Deceased, who died on or about January 26, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on February 10, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Oliver J. Egesdal, deceased, bearing date of March 28, 2016 , was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Michael L. Ryerson was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities

are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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

Michael L. Ryerson,  
Executor of Estate  
521 S. Commercial  
Eagle Grove, IA 50533

Dani L. Eisentrager, ICIS#: 20041  
Attorney for Executor  
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WRIGHT COUNTY BOS • FEB. 3, 2025

February 3, 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 Loux to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of January 27, 2025 were read and approved.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to approve claims for payment with a correction to the vendor on claim number 38005. Motion carries.

In open forum for public input, Julie Glade asked the board for an update on their discussion with the Planning and Zoning Director. Jeremy Abbas, P&Z Director stated that there is a draft ordinance that all the counties have. The board would like to review the draft ordinance and

then decide whether or not to enact the ordinance.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to receive the semiannual report from the Wright County Treasurer. Motion carries.

Jeremy Abbas, Assistant to the Wright County Engineer, gave an update on the current bridge construction and Secondary Roads department.

The Board gave updates about meetings they had attended. Three Supervisors attended the Statewide Supervisor meeting in Des Moines. Dean Kluss will be hosting the IDDA meeting this week.

Sandy McGrath, Wright County Public Health Administrator, gave an update on Influenza A, stating that they are seeing a rise in Influenza A. She continued to say that flu shots are available at Public Health.

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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WRIGHT COUNTY AG EXTENSION • PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

WRIGHT COUNTY AG EXTENSION

The Extension Council of the above named County will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed fiscal year 2025/2026 budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/3/2025 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Wright County Extension Office

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 Extension Council Secretary. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail (Schedule 674-A) will be furnished upon request.

Contact Name: Kristy Brunsvold Contact Telephone Number: (515) 291-7023

FUND	FYE June 30, 2024 Actual Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2025 Re-estimated Expenditures	FYE June 30, 2026 Budget Expenditures	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2026	Estimated FY 2026 Beg. Balance	Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation	Estimated Utility Tax Replacement and Property Tax Dollars
1. County Agricultural Extension Education	311,913	308,852	334,983	323,800	316,408	279,312	285,000
2. Unemployment Compensation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3. Tort Liability	2,725	0	0	9,245	4,045	5,097	5,200
4. TOTAL	314,638	308,852	334,983	333,045	320,453	284,409	290,200

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.25722

Virtual Meeting Information:  
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WRIGHT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS • AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET

Board of Supervisors of WRIGHT COUNTY

Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

The Board of Supervisors of WRIGHT COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025

Meeting Date/Time: 3/3/2025 09:30 AM Contact: Amanda Meyer, Auditor Phone: (515) 532-2771

Meeting Location: Wright County Board of Supervisor Chambers

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals>.

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	10,767,449	0	10,767,449
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	275	0	275
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	350,444	0	350,444
Net Current Property Tax	4	10,416,730	0	10,416,730
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	275	0	275
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	19,025	0	19,025
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	2,183,547	0	2,183,547
Intergovernmental	8	6,515,390	-115,306	6,400,084
Licenses & Permits	9	31,700	4,000	35,700
Charges for Service	10	591,820	18,965	610,785
Use of Money & Property	11	398,781	432,580	831,361
Miscellaneous	12	224,617	35,081	259,698
Subtotal Revenue	13	20,381,885	375,320	20,757,205
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	49,320	0	49,320
Operating Transfers In	15	3,029,959	0	3,029,959
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	5,000	2,050	7,050
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	23,466,164	377,370	23,843,534
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	5,669,523	55,700	5,725,223
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,225,620	5,501	1,231,121
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	0	0
County Environment & Education	21	2,029,444	-255,574	1,773,870
Roads & Transportation	22	7,134,033	-46,270	7,087,763
Government Services to Residents	23	820,223	2,663	822,886
Administration	24	2,586,817	4,292	2,591,109
Nonprogram Current	25	63,400	0	63,400
Debt Service	26	2,884,905	0	2,884,905
Capital Projects	27	953,500	-299,830	653,670
Subtotal Expenditures	28	23,367,465	-533,518	22,833,947
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	3,029,959	0	3,029,959
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	26,397,424	-533,518	25,863,906
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-2,931,260	910,888	-2,020,372
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2024	33	9,485,063	0	9,485,063
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	3,343,922	307,896	3,651,818
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	746,142	353,139	1,099,281
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	2,463,739	249,853	2,713,592
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2025	40	6,553,803	910,888	7,464,691

Explanation of Changes: Increase in Revenues and decrease in Expenditures.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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
- Dows Legion Spaghetti Dinner. Free will donation, 11 am - 1pm.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

- Chili Fundraiser. Goldfield United Methodist Church, 5-7 pm Dine in only, free will donation
- Mardi Gras with Friends & Music. Iowa River Players Theater, Rowan Social starts at 6:30 pm, Live music an hour later Free will donation.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

- Bill Spiers Retirement Party. The Red Shed Event Center, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

- Wright County Farm Bureau Town Hall Meeting. The Clarion Library, 10 a.m. Senator Dennis Guth and Representatives Mark Thompson and Shannon Latham have been invited.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

- Mom Prom. The Red Shed Event Center, Clarion 7-11pm Ladies night to wear your fancy gowns Tickets \$40, one free drink and Hors d’oeuvres. 21 and over only

DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT COMING UP?

LET US KNOW!

SEND YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO: INFO@EAGLEGROVEEAGLE.COM