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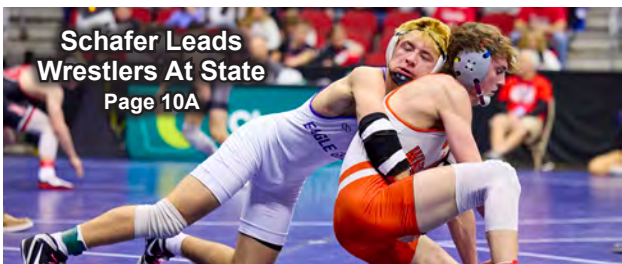
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Ducks Unlimited Fundraiser Draws Local Outdoor Enthusiasts, Raises Funds for Wetlands

By Edward Lynn, Editor

CLARION, IOWA – The Red Shed event center was packed with outdoor sports and hunting enthusiasts on Saturday night as Ducks Unlimited hosted its annual fundraiser, a key event for conservation efforts in the region. The evening featured fundraising games and a silent auction offering a wide range of high-end outdoorsman's gear and accessories, including firearms, with all proceeds going toward wetland preservation. Ducks Unlimited, an international nonprofit

dedicated to wetland conservation, has been at the forefront of preserving and restoring habitats critical to waterfowl and other wildlife. "Last year, we conserved over a million acres of wetlands," said Chris Sprott, state chairman for Iowa Ducks Unlimited. "We have another million on the books for this year." The organization's impact extends far beyond hunting, benefiting entire ecosystems and communities. "Wetlands do so much more than just give us a habitat for duck hunting," Sprott explained. "They

are essential for water quality, watershed flood mitigation, and filtering out nitrates from agricultural runoff." For those unfamiliar with the importance of wetlands, Sprott broke it down simply: "A wetland is like a big sponge. It draws in water from fields and other areas, filters out harmful nitrates, and then releases clean water downstream. That's why wetland conservation matters to everyone, not just sportsmen."

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Eagle Grove's 88-Year-Old Referee and Teacher Still Inspiring Generations of Iowans

By Edward Lynn, Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — At 88 years old, Jerry Becker isn't slowing down. And last week, his incredible story of dedication to teaching and athletics was highlighted in KCCI's "This is Iowa" series, where his lifelong commitment to students was celebrated.

Whether he's running up and down the basketball court officiating middle school games or standing at the front of a classroom teaching history, Becker remains a fixture in the lives of Eagle Grove students.

Becker, who has been a referee for 67 years, is confirmed to be the oldest active official in any high school sport in Iowa, according to the Iowa High School Athletic Association. His ability to keep up with middle school athletes has left many in awe.

"It's incredible that he still gets out on the basketball court and runs up and down and refs for the younger kids," said McKristie Willard, a principal at Eagle Grove Elementary School.

Becker, who prioritizes staying in shape, credits his longevity to regular workouts with his wife. "I want to be active," he said. "Both my wife and I work out reg-



Becker still teaches American History, collegiate level, at Eagle Grove High School.



At 88, Becker keeps up with the young athletes as he referees middle school basketball players. (Screenshots, KCCI/Youtube)

ularly. I like to keep in good physical shape."

His passion for youth development extends beyond the court. Becker has also coached cross country for decades, guiding his team to the state meet for 26 con-

secutive years. Alongside coaching, he has spent 65 years in the classroom, currently teaching college-level history at Eagle Grove High School.

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Middle School Students Honor Aaron Eilerts with Service Projects

By Edward Lynn, Editor

EAGLE GROVE, IOWA – The students of Robert Blue Middle School once again carried forward the legacy of Aaron Eilerts by dedicating a day to service projects in his honor. Although Aaron Eilerts Day is officially

observed on February 24, the school held its annual day of service on Friday, February 21. The events of the day had the same goal as always, to ensure that Aaron's commitment to helping others continued to inspire a new generation. Aaron Eilerts, a former Eagle Grove student,

was known for his unwavering dedication to service. Whether sewing pillowcases for hospitalized children, making blankets for pets, or supporting his local fire and police departments, Aaron devoted his short life to improving the lives

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Students at Robert Blue Middle School work on various service projects, inspired by the volunteer work that Aaron Eilerts himself did. (Screenshots, Eagle Grove Community School District/Facebook)



Sampsons Honored with 40th Allbaugh Community Service Award

By Edward Lynn, Editor

EAGLE GROVE, IOWA—Mark and Ann Sampson have been named the recipients of the 40th annual Allbaugh Community Service Award, recognizing their years of dedication and service to the Eagle Grove community. The award, presented by Our Foundation for the Future, was announced during the Chamber of Commerce Coffee event and Community Development Corporation banquet, continuing the tra-

dition that began in 1985.

The Allbaugh Award was established in 1984 by siblings Kenneth Allbaugh and Janet Allbaugh Knorr in honor of their parents, Roy and Cornelia Allbaugh. The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service, leadership, and commitment to the improvement of Eagle Grove. The recipients' names are engraved on a progressive plaque displayed at the Eagle Grove Historical Society, and a \$500 donation is made in their name to a charity of their choice.

Mark and Ann Sampson's contributions span decades of community involvement. Mark has played a vital role in supporting local schools, leading fundraising efforts for new band uniforms and choir equipment. He has served in leadership roles with the Music Boosters, volunteered with Rotary Senior Living, and supported youth sports leagues, including baseball, softball, cross

country, and basketball. He also chaired one of the first donkey basketball fundraisers for the school.

Ann has been equally dedicated, serving as treasurer of the Music Boosters and working alongside her husband to raise funds for school music programs. She was a longtime cheerleading sponsor and coached the Golden Stars drill team to numerous awards, including a state championship. Her mentorship and leadership have left a lasting impact on many young people in the community.

When accepting the award, Mark Sampson expressed his surprise and gratitude. "I didn't expect this at all. We just do what we do. We just try to get in the community and do what we can," he said. Reflecting on his time working with the school's band program, he recalled the excitement of providing students with an enclosed trailer for their instruments. "I'll never forget the kids

saying, 'Man, we're an actual band now, we got a trailer.'"

Despite his busy schedule, including working on tax returns, Sampson emphasized the importance of community involvement. "I've had a lot of great mentors, many of whom are in this room. We always tried to instill in our kids that we just don't get outworked. We do the best we can and put in the effort."

He also credited his wife for her unwavering support. "I couldn't have done any of this without my better half. Behind any good man, there's a great woman, and she's the tops."

"Like Mark said," Ann told the Eagle after the dinner, "our kids went through school in Eagle Grove's school district, and we wanted to give back in the organizations that they were in." As coach of the Golden Stars, Ann said she took great joy in helping her students achieve their goals. "It's just nice to be able to bring



Ann and Mark Sampson accept the 40th annual Allbaugh Award from Councilman Denny Vandewater on Monday night, at the Chamber of Commerce and Community Development Corporation joint annual banquet, held at the Rails Depot event center. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

success to them in an organization that they're passionate about, being active with them," she said, "I was just glad to be a part of it."

The Allbaugh Award has recognized some of Eagle Grove's most dedicated citizens over the years. Past honorees have included educators, civic leaders, and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to improve the

community. With the Sampsons now added to the prestigious list of awardees, their contributions serve as a reminder of the impact dedicated individuals can have on their community. Their legacy of service will inspire future generations to continue the spirit of volunteerism and community pride that the Allbaugh Award represents.



Eagle Grove Chamber, CDC Leaders Address Growth, Challenges at Annual Dinner

By Edward Lynn, Editor

EAGLE GROVE – Local business and community leaders gathered at the Rails Depot event center Monday night, for the joint annual dinner of the Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce and the Community Development Corporation (CDC), where speakers highlighted economic development, housing projects, infrastructure improvements, and plans for future community enhancements.

Jess Toliver, President of the CDC and Superintendent of the Eagle Grove Community School District, emphasized the ongoing need for housing development. “We continue to work on housing. At this point, we have two houses, and we’re working on our third,” he said. “We’re building houses without buyers, which is a little risky, but we need more living situations—homes, apartments—to bring people into the community.” He also pointed to the CDC’s Main Street project, which has cleared properties for future redevelopment.

Toliver provided insight into shifting demographics within the school district, noting, “this year, we are now 51% minority, 49% white—our first year flipping those numbers.” He stressed that this has brought new opportunities, as Eagle Grove’s schools have continued to succeed without absorbing a smaller school district, as many others have done. And he also emphasized the importance of educating our children to adjust to changes in society, and technology. “If you do not like change, you will like irrelevance even less,” Tolliver warned.

City Administrator Bryce Davis outlined the city’s recent accomplishments and future projects, including a 4.2% increase in taxable valuation. “We went from \$94 million in tax valuation to \$97 million,” he said. “This increase allows us to expand our budget without major cuts.” Davis detailed the completion of the 2024 street and park improvement projects and announced a \$1.8 million infrastructure project for 2025. “We’ll be

addressing about 23 blocks, including Northeast Second Street, Northwest Eighth Street, and Southwest First Street.”

Davis also discussed upgrades to the city’s water infrastructure, including the repair of the Aquatic Center, which previously lost 50,000 gallons of water per day. “We brought it back down to 15,000-20,000 gallons per day, making it sustainable,” he said, noting that those amounts are typical for splash over, leakage, and evaporation in similar outdoor aquatic centers. Other improvements include sewer system upgrades and ongoing efforts to combat dilapidated housing and nuisance properties.

Matt Schreiber provided an update on the Recreation Center project. “Right now, there’s a lot of progress inside—drywall, framing, and painting. Batting cages and basketball hoops are up,” he said. While an official opening date has yet to be determined, he estimated late spring or early summer. “The youth in this town are really looking forward to it,”



Dr. Brandon Hauck, speaking as President of the Chamber Board, praised Chamber of Commerce Director Brooke Hathaway’s work and innovations.



Matt Schreiber discussed progress at the Rec. Center, which he said is wrapping up, with the center on target to open this spring or summer.



Mickey Cooper spoke about the Grove Hotel and her plans to add an Event Center complex, which will be a non-profit, she said. (Photos by Edward Lynn)

he added.

Local business owner Mickey Cooper, who operates The Grove Hotel, discussed the hotel’s success and plans for an event center. “The hotel is important to our tax base—we pay \$72,000 in property taxes annually,” she said. Cooper has secured land adjacent to the hotel for an event center, and plans to begin fundraising. But, she noted, construction of the project will not get underway until all the fundraising is complete.

“I will not start until I have the funding because I am not going to do something that will not be successful.”

Dr. Brandon Hauck, local optometrist and President of the Chamber Board, praised Chamber Director Brooke Hathaway for her first year of leadership. “She’s brought new ideas and a fresh outlook,” he said. Hauck recapped recent Chamber events, including the return of Summerfest to downtown, a successful local lottery campaign that

generated over \$12,000 in local spending, and the first-ever barbecue competition. “We’re planning to expand our ‘shop local’ initiatives and look for new ways to support businesses.”

As the evening concluded, speakers reinforced the importance of collaboration and commitment to Eagle Grove’s future. “Keep showing up for each other, shop local, and together, we can make Eagle Grove a great place to live and do business,” Hauck said.

Wright County Faces Challenges with Conservation Grants and State Mental Health Changes, But Advances Infrastructure

Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing

The Wright County Board of Supervisors met Monday morning to discuss a range of county matters, including the loss of grant funding for conservation projects, changes to the state’s mental health system, and road maintenance updates.

Lost Grant Money for Conservation Projects

During public input, Conservation Director Eric Rector informed the board that a cooperating partner had to return a \$1 million grant that was intended for

nitrogen-reducing wetlands. There was a lack of willing landowners for the project.

The county also had to turn down \$156,000 in habitat funding after failing to reach an agreement with another partner on land acquisition. Supervisor Dean Kluss acknowledged it as a missed opportunity in the county.

Liquor License Renewal for Eagle’s Nine & Dine

The Supervisors approved a liquor license for Nine and Dine in Eagle Grove, pending dramshop insurance coverage. Iowa’s dramshop

laws hold alcohol-serving establishments liable for damages caused by intoxicated patrons, which requires insurance. The license is valid through 2026.

Mental Health System Changes Raise Concerns

The board discussed upcoming changes to Iowa’s mental health system, with Supervisor Betty Ellis providing updates on the county’s participation in a regional mental health advocate program with Webster, Humboldt, and Pocahontas counties. Currently, Humboldt County acts as

the employer of record, with costs shared between the counties.

However, Iowa is transitioning to a new state-run behavioral health system under the Iowa Public Agency Consortium (IPAC), leaving questions about funding. Ellis noted that while these positions are expected to remain secure, the state did not allocate transition funding, leaving counties uncertain about how to cover costs before the state takeover in July.

“The state forgot to fund

a transition period,” Ellis remarked, noting that this oversight could create gaps.

In other business the Board:

- Approved using a PPO plan under Assured Partners for county employees. The discussion about switching to a Point of Service plan at a later date is fluid.
- Heard from County Auditor Amanda Meyer who appointed Deb Neshein as the new Deputy Auditor.
- Heard from Wright County Engineer Adam Clemons that snow removal went well last week, along

with 12 other work orders, and that the concrete plant of Goldfield donated broken concrete to the county to use for spot rock, shouldering projects, and rifraft. He also mentioned that crews working on the Voss Quarry bridge are working on footings on the east side.

Wright County residents can view this meeting and past on the county’s official YouTube channel, YouTube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312. The next Wright County Supervisors meeting is March 3, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

Eagle Grove Community School District

-MENU-

Monday, March 3
BREAKFAST: Pancake/Sausage on a stick, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Salisbury Steak, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Pears, Bread & Butter

Tuesday, March 4
BREAKFAST: Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Walking Taco, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Orange

Wednesday, March 5
BREAKFAST: Cereal, Shortbread, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Mac Bites, Soup, Carrots/Celery, Strawberries/Bananas

Thursday, March 6
BREAKFAST: Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Cherry Blossom Chicken, Stir-Fry Vegetables, Fried Rice, Mandarin Oranges

Friday, March 7
BREAKFAST: Cereal, Strawberry Bagel, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Max Stix, Soup, Carrots/Celery, Banana



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Travis Connor, a local organizer, emphasized the fundraiser’s role in supporting conservation. “We do this every year, typically on the last Saturday of February. The biggest thing is wetland conservation and preserving land for future generations.”

The Clarion event was part of a broader initiative by Ducks Unlimited, which hosts various fundraisers across Iowa, including skeet shooting, bingo nights, and golf tournaments. According to Sprott, “We hold

roughly 150 to 200 events a year across the state, with 88 chapters leading the charge.” The organization is active across the entire continent of North America, throughout the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Attendees were eager to show their support. Many took part in the silent auction, where premium hunting gear and firearms drew significant bids. “Ducks Unlimited invests 83 cents of every dollar donated back into conservation,”

Sprott noted. “It’s one of the most efficient nonprofit organizations out there—supporters really get a lot of bang for their buck.”

Beyond fundraising, Ducks Unlimited actively engages in wetland restoration and lake improvement projects throughout Iowa. “Much of our work here focuses on lake restoration,” Sprott said. “We improve and restore existing wetlands and make sure they function properly. It’s all about science—figuring out where wetlands make

the most sense and directing our resources there.”

Connor encouraged more people to get involved with the local chapter. “We have roughly 12 committee members, but we’re always looking for more volunteers. Every year, we hold social events where people can learn more and join our efforts.”

For farmers and rural residents, wetland conservation is particularly relevant. “If you’re a farmer and you want to preserve your land for future generations, set-

ting aside land for conservation programs like CRP or partnering with Ducks Unlimited is a great way to do it,” Connor explained. “It’s a proactive step toward sustainable land use.”

Connor emphasized that everyone should care about water. “When we preserve wetlands, we’re preserving the natural filter system of our waterways,” Connor said. “It’s not just about hunting—it’s about clean water, flood prevention, and protecting our way of life for future generations.”



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Norwegian Kumla Returns To Thor

By Rodger Tveiten
Members of the Ullensvang Lutheran Church in Thor will host their second annual Kumla supper and auction on Thursday, March 13. Last year's Kumla event was the first in ten years and went so well they decided to do it again. The hours are 4:30 to 6:30 with the auction at 5:30. There will, of course, be a bake sale featuring many Scandinavian delicacies. Proceeds will help fund heating and cooling repairs at the church.
Diners may choose a Kumla & Ham or Baked Potato & Ham dinner. Sides include green beans, a relish tray, dinner roll and ice cream for dessert. The affair is all-you-can-eat with take-outs avail-

able. For tickets, call Marion Dencklau at 515-378-3231 or Lois Nerem at 515-378-3144.
This year's event is special as 2025 is the bi-centennial year of Norwegian immigration to the United States. On July 4, 1825, the first boatload of Norwegians left Stavanger for the port of New York City. The wind-powered sloop Restauration carried 52 passengers and crew across the North Atlantic. They were at sea for 12 weeks! Hundreds of other ships would follow and hundreds of thousands would make the crossing in the years to follow. Thousands of these would settle in Iowa and especially in the greater Wright County area.



The wild deer nicknamed "Bobtail". (Photo courtesy of Lowell Washburn)

She's Alive!

By Lowell Washburn
It's been more than a month since Iowa's multi-faceted deer hunting seasons concluded on January 10. Since then, I've been scouring the landscape in an effort to lay eyes on what has become my favorite white-tail – a doe I call Bobtail. I call her Bobtail because, at some point in her danger filled life, the deer's flag was literally chopped in half – perhaps the result of a hungry coyote falling short of its mark.
I first spotted Bobtail in 2017 when she leaped across the road in front of my truck during a December snowstorm. She was already a mature deer at that time, making her at least two or three years old during our first encounter. Since that brief introduction, Bobtail has provided me with dozens of observations over the years.
Many of those sightings were at a distance. Others have been more up close and personal at distances of less than ten yards. Listed high on my list of favorites are the times I've been able to view and photograph Bobtail with her latest set of twin fawns. Although she may have already produced fawns before I first spotted her in 2017, I know for a fact that Bobtail has produced a beautiful set of twins every year since.
I've also learned that Bobtail's home range runs at least four miles in length and includes both public and private lands – all of which are heavily hunted during the archery, shotgun, and late muzzleloading deer seasons. It's become obvious that God has certainly blessed this deer with some well-

honed and above average survival skills.
Because I also enjoy hunting across a portion of her range, I am always mindful that Bobtail just might be the next deer to come walking down the trail. Consequently, I never even think of drawing my bow on an antlerless deer until I'm sure it's not her -- even when I'm in desperate need of fresh venison. Completely void of any scientific or biological reasoning, I'll admit that the choice is purely emotional.
Although I have recently put my binoculars on a good number of post season deer, Bobtail has been missing in action -- nowhere to be found. As the suspense continued well into February, I became less and less confident that she was still with us.
The suspense abruptly ended when, late in the afternoon of February 14, I spotted a group of five deer slowly browsing their way through a snowy woodland. Bringing up the rear was the deer I call Bobtail.
"She's Alive," I exclaimed! Fortunately, the deer were too far away to detect my spontaneous, out loud paraphrase from the movie Frankenstein. I continued to watch through binoculars until the herd eventually disappeared to the north.
My new hope now is that, sometime in May, I'll be able to spot Bobtail again, this time in the company of her latest pair of brightly spotted, twin fawns.
Enjoy more wildlife tales online at Washburn's Outdoor Journal at iawildlife.org/blog/.

Thank You from the Food Pantry

By Nancy Strub
The Eagle Grove Food Pantry, at 510 S. Jackson, has been helping members of our community for many years. And in return, members of our community have been helping the food pantry.
In the past year, corporations, area churches, and families or individuals have made generous financial donations to the food pantry. Some were in the thousands of dollars, such as those given from Gold Eagle Co-operative, Land'O'Lakes, and other businesses. One local bank made a game of it, with employees making a donation to the food pantry for the privilege of wearing comfortable jeans to work one day. One church gave nearly \$16,000, not counting their regular food donations. Other area churches gave regularly but in smaller amounts. Two different trust accounts – the Jim Johnson Trust and the Mabel Saverude Trust – each donated \$1,000. Even some families gave over \$1,000 in the last year. Others gave much smaller amounts, even just a few dollars, a little cash. All of it helped our community of families. All donations were greatly appreciated by those who manage the food pantry, and those who benefited from their generosity.
Other gifts to the food pantry came in the form of food donated. The scouts and the postal carriers gather large amounts of food and other products for the food pantry in their annual food drives. A generous individual makes sure that the food pantry has eggs to give out – a great source of protein and vitamins for those with food insecurity. Some regularly bring in cereal, or canned goods, or paper products.



In the summer, fresh garden produce is most welcome – again a vital source of nutrition and a welcome addition to empty plates. Many anonymous people donate food and other products through their church or other organizations. In the gospels, Jesus points out a woman who gave just a little bit, but she gave it willingly and with great generosity from the little she had. Giving to the food pantry is giving to the most needy in our community.
With those welcome donations of food and other products, why does the food pantry need the financial donations? To buy more food! The donated food is necessarily in irregular amounts and variety. To be sure there is a staple supply of nutritious and useful foods on the shelves, the donated food is supplemented by purchas-

es from our local Fareway store. One of the most frequently ordered foods is frozen meats. That's something that can't be left in the church collection basket, but is essential for growing children and others. The monthly bill from Fareway varies, but has been as high as more than \$4,000 for a single month in the last year. By the grace of God, the need to purchase food and the donations have not out-paced one another, but provide a steady balance in the food pantry bank account.
One area of need that the financial donations do not meet is the need for volunteers. None of the people who give their time to the food pantry are paid. Some serve for a couple of hours once or twice a month, others every week. The scouts of Troup 159 regularly respond to the need for strong

arms to pick up the food ordered at Fareway and deliver it to the Food Pantry. Besides the need for helpers to greet and register those requesting food, and gather that food from the shelves, there is a need for someone to schedule the volunteers, assess the shelves and order the food, make sure the light bill is paid, and other routine duties. None of these people is given a salary-- each of them does it as a gift to our community families.
Because the Eagle Grove Area Ministerial Association (EGAMA) oversees the food pantry, the EGAMA members join with the food pantry personnel and so many others in thanking all those who have contributed in any amount and in any way. Making sure every family in our community is getting the food they need is a vital service. Feeding the hungry was a virtue demonstrated by Jesus and urged by the Apostle Paul and others. As is so often said, we couldn't do it without you! Thank you from the depths of our hearts.



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"These kids want something more. I want to give it to them," Becker said.
His influence spans generations, with former students now watching their children learn from him. Ryan Pedersen, a local teacher and basketball coach, is among them.
"My mom had him in high school, and I had him in high school, and I have a sophomore son that could possibly have him next year," Pedersen said.
Becker's students, past and present, hold him in high regard.
"He's taught me how to keep going and even push myself," said Will Batterton, a current student.
"I remember his courses were challenging, yet really rewarding in the end," Willard added.
Despite his long tenure, Becker has no plans to retire anytime soon.
"I would go crazy if I had to just sit in the chair and watch reruns on television all day," he said. "My goal right now is to enjoy myself. I am accomplishing that. I enjoy teaching; I enjoy working with the kids."
To the many who have learned from Mr. Becker, both on and off the court, Becker is more than just a

teacher or referee—he is a mentor, a role model, and a community icon. And with

KCCI's recent report, he's now a statewide Iowa icon, as well.



KCCI reporter Ophelie Jacobson interviewed former students of Becker's who've gone on to be teachers or school leaders as well, including School Board member and local Chiropractor Dr. Aaron Parrot, Elementary School Principal McKristie Willard, and Elementary School Gym Teacher and boy's Basketball Coach Ryan Pedersen. (Screenshot, Eagle Grove Community School District/Facebook)

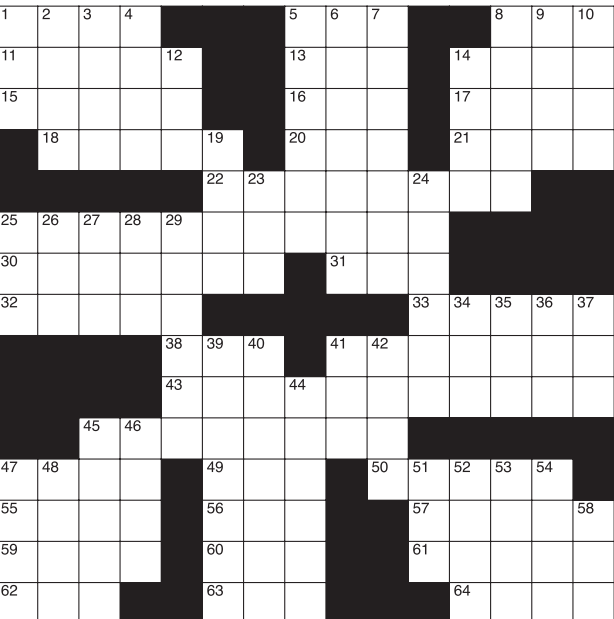
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1. Greek mythological figure

5. Small amount

8. Play a role

11. River in Georgia and Alabama

13. Water in the solid state

14. Ancient Greek sophist

15. Having a strong sharp smell or taste

16. Fleece

17. Writer/actress Dunham

18. Behave in a way that belittles

20. Comedienne Gasteyer

21. Zoroastrian concept of holy fire

22. Conceits

25. Slowed down

30. Nourishment

31. Midway between east and southeast
32. Fights

33. Comedienne Tyler

38. Standing operating procedure

41. Locks

43. Old

45. Song sung to one's lover

47. Whale ship captain

49. Moved quickly on foot

50. Volcanic craters

55. Large musical instrument

56. Liquefied natural gas

57. Ethiopian town

59. Not closed

60. A team's best pitcher

61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation

62. Disfigure

63. Prefix denoting "in a"

64. Sleep

CLUES DOWN

1. S. American plant

2. Soul and calypso song

3. Fruit of the service tree

4. Continent

5. Albania's capital

6. Poisonous plant

7. Argues

8. Assists

9. Town in Galilee

10. Russian leader

12. Promotional materials

14. Wings

19. Not odd

23. Expression of creativity

24. Conceptualize

25. A digital tape recording of sound

26. Peyton's little brother

27. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)

28. Difference in potential
29. Owner

34. I (German)

35. Chinese conception of poetry

36. The world of the dead

37. Sign language

39. Coincide

40. Religious observance

41. Confined condition (abbr.)

42. Polite interruption sound

44. Texas ballplayer

45. Type of sword

46. Abba __, Israeli politician

47. Basic unit of a chemical element

48. Native American people in California

51. Swiss river

52. Hebrew calendar month

53. Easily swindled person

54. One point south of southwest

58. Small island (British)

Solutions can be found on the Classified page

Fun By The Numbers

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

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

1	2		5		7	3	8	
				8			9	7
	8	4			6	1		
	3		7	1	9	6		
	4			2				
	1		4	6		2	3	
	9	1	3				5	
						9	6	
	5	3		9				2

Level: Beginner

Solutions can be found on the Classified page

DENTIST OFFICE WORD SEARCH

B W M C A K Y H S S E V L B H S O K T M P
A R R O O A T A G U W O T L Y S L N Y W X
E O D G N H R E C P V A F U A Y C H R
N T B N H G P D T R U P S N L S E C E A
L D X I S I S I I O K H S A I L N X R Y
O R N U L M O W E C N E D C G T K D U S
W L U A R G B O N N E S W O G R L G U E
L D I E B N O U V B H G X L A V S A L U
P T O L C I F L E P C E O C T W W E P I
A A C C D R U F H F U V T L R R V I M B
E A N E S S U O G M Y E I O B R A R A T F
E W A O K C M I I S O Y U E T S G A D I
C A R C R K H I R N D V S O R E D H N L
U A M Y Y A V I R U R O R E S M B A I L
L G A A M C M F O N I Y R P X Y U E M I
W G V I L R N I R V S O T O U S C G P N
B K F V F G P I C X L X V I D T M T N G
M U T B X X A B S P I O E F V A W O E S
R F T A I X B P M X E T O V U S A Y O S W
K A Y U F X W E C C R K C K G P C S T M

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

- ALGINATE

AMALGAM

BRUSH

CAVITY

CHECKUP

CLEANING
- CROWN

CURING LIGHT

DAM

ELEVATOR

EXPLORER

EXTRACTION
- FILLINGS

FLUORIDE

GLOVES

IMAGES

MASK

MIRROR
- PANORAMIC

RESIN

SEALANT

SPRAY

SUCTION

XRAYS

Legally Blonde The Musical at Iowa Central Opens Thursday, February 27

FORT DODGE, IOWA – The wait is almost over! Iowa Central Community College Music and Theatre Department is just over a week away from raising the curtain on its 29th annual musical, Legally Blonde: The Musical. Under the direction of Teresa Jackson, this high-energy, feel-good production is packed with vibrant costumes, elaborate set design, and show-stopping performances. With over 60 talented students from across campus, this electrifying musical is a must-see event!

Audiences will be blown away by an outstanding live orchestra, directed by Paul Bloomquist, adding depth and energy to every unforgettable song and dance number. With its empowering message, fast-paced storytelling, and dynamic choreography, Legally Blonde brings Elle Woods’ inspiring journey to life like never before. “This fabulously fun award-winning musical, based on the adored movie, follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she



tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances – this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal!” – Music Theatre International (MTI) Get ready to laugh, cheer, and dance in your seat—this show is an event you don’t want to miss! **Performance Dates & Venue:** Thursday, February 27,

2025 – Sunday, March 2, 2025 Decker Auditorium – Iowa Central Center for Performing Arts One Triton Circle, Fort Dodge, IA 50501 **Ticket Information:** Adults \$15.00 Students \$10.00 Our Box Office is located at the south entrance of the Center for Performing Arts-Decker Auditorium lobby. One Triton Circle, Fort

Dodge, Iowa In-person hours are Monday-Friday 9:00am-12:00pm Virtual phone support hours are Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm 515-574-1205 or tickets@iowacentral.edu The countdown is on! Join us for an unforgettable theatrical experience at Iowa Central Community College. For tickets and more information, visit iowacentral.edu/tickets.

Over 1,000 Participants Have Benefited from Parkinson’s Disease Education

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach delivers ‘A Journey Through Parkinson’s Disease’ to Iowans and others

By Leah Brooke, Elizabeth Stegemoller
AMES, Iowa – Parkinson’s disease affects millions of people worldwide, bringing challenges not only to those diagnosed but also to their families and caregivers. Addressing these challenges requires support, education and resources that empower individuals to live fulfilling lives. That’s why, for more than five years, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach has been delivering “A Journey Through Parkinson’s Disease,” an educational series to guide participants through the complexities of this progressive neurodegenerative disease. “We now have reached over 1,000 participants through ‘A Journey Through Parkinson’s Disease.’ This educational series has been a beacon of hope for many in Iowa and across the country,” said Leah Brooke, a health and human sciences educator who leads the program team. **Improving quality of life with support and education** The program began with a mission to provide support and education to individuals living with Parkinson’s Disease, their caregivers and healthcare professionals, noted Elizabeth Stegemoller, associate professor in kinesiology, who conducts research on slowing the progression of the disease. “We educate participants on the disease, offer strate-

gies for managing its symptoms and provide opportunities for people to connect with others facing similar challenges,” Stegemoller said. The goal is simple yet profound: to improve the quality of life for those affected by Parkinson’s disease by providing relevant, practical information and fostering a supportive community. The program provides participants with the tools and knowledge they need to better understand Parkinson’s disease and navigate its impact on daily life. The 1,000-participant mark is a significant milestone for ISU Extension and Outreach, Brooke said. It reflects not only the program’s growth and reach but also the increasing demand for support and information about Parkinson’s disease. “The program has been instrumental in raising awareness, and this milestone underscores the importance of ongoing education. Reaching 1,000 participants is a testament to the growing recognition of the challenges associated with Parkinson’s disease and the desire for resources that can help individuals live full, happy lives,” Brooke said. “This achievement reflects the program’s dedication to providing quality education and fostering a sense of community among those impacted by the disease.” Over the years, the program has included a variety of virtual and in-person educational offerings, covering

topics such as: • Understanding Parkinson’s disease. Participants gain in-depth information about recognizing the symptoms and seeking medical care. They also learn what to expect when visiting a neurologist and receiving a diagnosis. • Causes and treatment. Participants learn about the causes and the science behind Parkinson’s disease, as well as the treatment options. • Physical activity and wellness. Participants learn about alternatives for therapies and at-home activities that can help manage symptoms and improve quality of life. **Fostering a sense of community** “The feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive. Many have praised the program for its comprehensive approach, which not only provides valuable medical and scientific information but also emphasizes the emotional and psychological aspects of living with Parkinson’s disease. For many, the program has been a lifeline, offering not just education, but a sense of belonging to a community that understands their struggles,” Brooke explained. Testimonies from participants highlight how the program has changed their lives. One caregiver said the knowledge and coping strategies gained through the program helped them become a more effective

and empathetic caregiver. Another participant, newly diagnosed with Parkinson’s, expressed how the program helped them understand the disease better, increasing confidence and clarity in managing symptoms. “Reaching the milestone of 1,000 participants is a stepping stone toward further growth and innovation in the program. ISU Extension and Outreach is committed to continuing its efforts to expand its reach, refine its offerings and adapt to the evolving needs of those affected by Parkinson’s disease,” Brooke said. As the program moves forward, it remains focused on its mission: to empower those living with Parkinson’s disease and to ensure that every participant knows they are not alone in their journey. “We want to ensure that individuals and families affected by this challenging disease receive the information, resources and emotional support they need to navigate their journey with confidence,” Brooke said. Upcoming in-person and virtual offerings of “A Journey Through Parkinson’s Disease,” as well as outreach and research opportunities, are listed on the Health and Human Sciences Extension and Outreach website. For more information about the program, contact Leah Brooke, lbrooke@iastate.edu. To learn about research opportunities, contact Elizabeth Stegemoller, esteg@iastate.edu.

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of those around him. His impact was cut tragically short at the age of 14 when a tornado struck the Little Sioux Boy Scout Ranch in 2008, but his spirit lives on through the projects completed in his name each year. Since 2009, when then-Governor Chet Culver proclaimed Aaron Eilerts Day as an official statewide holiday, communities across Iowa have participated in acts of service to commemorate his birthday. At Robert Blue Middle School, where Aaron once walked the halls,

students, teachers, and volunteers came together once again this year to give back in a way that would have made him proud. The service projects have traditionally included many of what have become known as “Original Aaron Projects”—the very same initiatives he took upon himself as a student. Students sewed pillowcases for hospitals, made pet blankets, and created holiday centerpieces for the senior center. Over the years, the school has also expanded the tradition by engaging in additional

projects such as making paracord bracelets for military personnel, assembling care packages for chemotherapy patients, crafting kindness rocks, and producing welcome bags for new students. Throughout the day, students were reminded that the event was not just about honoring Aaron but about embracing his philosophy of selfless service. Teachers and community members led efforts to ensure each student participated in making a difference, whether through small acts of kindness or larger, coordinated efforts.

As each Aaron Eilerts day concludes, students and staff gather for an assembly to reflect on their efforts and the meaning behind their work. The message is clear: the values Aaron embodied—generosity, compassion, and a tireless dedication to helping others—are alive and well at Robert Blue Middle School. Through their service, the students are not just remembering Aaron but actively continuing the work he started, ensuring his impact is felt for years to come.



By Senator Dennis Guth

There was a time when I had absolutely no interest in being involved in politics. Obviously, that has changed and now I try to encourage all citizens to be engaged in making our society work better. Young people, for example, can find out more about our government and be engaged by becoming a page. Here are some comments from one of our pages.

In the summer of 2024, I had the opportunity to give a presentation where Senator Shipley was attending. Afterward, he asked about my future plans following high school. I shared that I planned to attend the University of Iowa in the fall of 2025 to study political science, and it was at that moment that Senator Shipley suggested I apply to become a page. At the time, I had no idea what the program was, but I went home that evening and started researching it.

As I learned more about the page program, I became intrigued, though I was unsure if it was going to be the right fit for me. I realized that applying for and being selected would mean leaving home, which also meant possibly missing out on the second semester of my senior year. This caused me to hesitate, and I spent a lot of time weighing the pros and cons of making such a big decision.

Despite my uncertainty, I decided to move forward with the application process in October. The application was straightforward, consisting of questions that gave me a chance to share why I wanted to be a page. A few weeks later, I received an invitation to schedule an interview for a position as a House or Senate page. To prepare, I researched possible interview questions and thought about how to present myself confidently. The interview was intimidating at first, but I felt good knowing I had prepared thoroughly and was committed to giving honest answers.

A few days after the interview, I received the exciting news that I had been selected as a Senate page. In November, I, along with six other pages, attended orientation. During orientation, we were fitted for uniforms, given a tour of the Capitol, and introduced to the ins and outs of the program. We learned about the Zoom meetings we would run during subcommittees, the recording process for committee meetings, and how to navigate the bell system, which is used to alert us when a senator needs assistance with a task.

The bell system quickly became one of my favorite parts of the job. It gives pages like me the chance to interact with senators on a personal level and engage in conversations about the legislative process. It's also exciting because you never know what task you'll be asked to complete, and each task presents a unique opportunity to learn more about the Capitol and its workings.

At first, I was nervous that I might not have made the right decision. Leaving home, missing part of my senior year, and stepping into an unfamiliar environment made me second-guess myself. However, from the very first day, it became clear that I had made the right choice. I've had the privilege of meeting incredible people, including Senator Guth, and I've been able to watch the legislative process unfold firsthand.

Watching bills get debated and understanding the work behind shaping decisions has been eye-opening. The experience has deepened my passion for political science and reinforced my desire to pursue a career in government. The opportunity to witness the inner workings of the government and to be involved in the legislative process has been invaluable.

My name is Olivia Kathikar and I am a senior at Southwest Valley High School in Corning, Iowa, and becoming a page has been a rewarding experience that has provided me with hands-on learning while also allowing me to make meaningful connections. If you are interested in learning more about the legislative process and gaining a better understanding of government, I highly encourage you to apply to become a page. This is a unique opportunity you won't want to miss! To apply and find out more about the program, visit the official page program handbook online at legis.iowa.gov.

I was present on Monday and met with the Secretary of State, the Department of Revenue and the Department of Management to discuss how the bill we passed two years ago that combined some departments is working. I have heard many good things about how duplicity between agencies was reduced, communication between departments is being improved, and millions of dollars are being saved.

The forum originally planned in Webster City on Feb. 15 was rescheduled to March 1. It will be held at the Central College Campus at 11:00.



Finding solutions to the bird flu outbreak

By Rep. Randy Feenstra

In 2014 and 2015, our producers were ravaged by a devastating outbreak of avian influenza. This outbreak, and corresponding depopulation efforts, killed roughly 43 million chickens and more than 7 million turkeys in flocks across 21 states while also impacting more than 960 dairy herds nationwide. Iowa—the number one egg-producing state in the country—alone accounted for about 30 million birds. The spread of this disease was rapid, and the effects were widespread. In a short period of time, the price of eggs shot up nearly 120%.

Now, nearly ten years later, foreign animal disease threatens our flocks and herds once again. In June, reports confirmed infections of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in flocks within Northwest Iowa, which have since spread to dairy herds. Confirmed reports of bird flu in Northwest Iowa are a serious concern for me, our producers, and our economy. I immediately got in touch with Governor Reynolds, Secretary Naig, and the USDA to support our farmers and producers.

Out of the nearly 140 million birds that have been affected by HPAI across 48 states since this outbreak began in 2022, nearly 25% have been in Iowa—devastating producers, destroying flocks, and impacting entire



communities. The financial impact of this crisis is also projected to easily surpass the \$3.3 billion in damages from the previous outbreak from 2014 to 2015. Along with President Trump, I am working to support our egg producers, dairy producers, and chicken and turkey farmers to bring down the price of eggs and keep farm operations whole.

That's why I led a letter with 22 of my colleagues to Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins asking that the USDA do everything possible to address this crisis, work proactively to prevent the spread of foreign animal disease, and help our farmers mitigate outbreaks when they occur. To achieve this, we must look towards developing an aggressive forward-looking vaccine strategy to protect our flocks and herds from disease, and work to make indemnity payment rates fairer for our producers. Additionally, I've called on the USDA to launch a Strategic

Initiative that will engage industry and stakeholder experts to improve research and methods of detection and response, combatting the spread of bird flu in Iowa and nationwide.

The main objectives that my colleagues and I laid out include more advanced biosecurity measures and wild bird deterrents, an aggressive and forward-looking vaccination strategy for affected species, and more efficient depopulation methods and bird disposal processes. We similarly call for movement controls that apply to all animals that present disease risk. These initiatives will ultimately save taxpayer dollars by establishing a proactive approach to mitigate, prevent, and respond to HPAI outbreaks.

Representing the top egg-producing district, and the second largest agricultural district, in the United States, I am urgently working with my colleagues to protect our producers and farmers from infectious disease. The *Healthy Poultry Assistance and Indemnification (HPAI) Act*—which I helped introduce with Rep. Mark Alford from Missouri—expands the USDA's compensation to all poultry farmers in a HPAI control area. It also simplifies the calculation of indemnity programs so that payments are compensated for farmers based on the average income they earned from their

last five flocks. I also voted for the *Beagle Brigade Act*, which was signed into law in January. This legislation instructs National Detector Dog Training Center to train dogs—including beagles—to inspect cargo, baggage, and vehicles at our borders and detect foreign diseases that pose a significant threat to agriculture. Keeping foreign animal diseases out of our country is critical to the security of Iowa agriculture, our food supply, and our rural economy.

As the backbone of Iowa's economy and our rural communities, we need to advance policies that strengthen agriculture and support our hardworking farmers and producers. That includes passing the Farm Bill—which includes the *Foreign Animal Disease Prevention, Surveillance, and Rapid Response Act*—to defend American agriculture from devastating animal disease outbreaks.

The safety of our flocks and the integrity of our agricultural economy depend on swift legislative action. Serving on the House Agriculture Committee and House Ways and Means Committee, I look forward to working with the Trump administration and Secretary Rollins to promote biosecurity on our farms, lower the price of eggs, and support our farmers and producers throughout this process.



This past week was filled with so many subcommittees that every room and space was scheduled outside of standing committee meeting times. The first deadline is approaching to get individual bills through committees for a chance to move forward for a full House vote. I was pleased to see the Agriculture Committee passed the Grain Indemnity Program Update. This program is now nearing 4-decades old and needed updating. Since its creation in the 1980's the production of grain has nearly doubled as have grain prices. Additionally, the rise of special grain sales, such as for organic grain, has created unforeseen risks in the program. In part, this precipitated the reinstatement of indemnity fees in 2023 when the Indemnity fund was drawn down by the bankruptcy of several specialty grain purchasers. Additionally, new ways of selling grain have proliferated with some have significant risks. (HF 508)

This week Farm Bureau representatives visited the Capitol along with the Community Colleges. I look forward to a tour of NIACC

in the near future. This past Saturday I attended the Eggs and Issues forum in Fort Dodge with several other legislators.

I believe District 56 could benefit from a bill brought forward by the House Economic Growth and Technology Committee (HF133 now HF517). The bill creates a vacant school building demolition grant program to be administered by IEDA for the demolition of vacant buildings owned or proposed to be owned by a local government. To qualify for the program, the building must have been used as a school or school administration building and must have been vacant before January 1, 2021.

Under the bill, IEDA is required to provide grants using a competitive scoring process. A grant shall only be approved if a building is in a city with a population less than 2,500 and within a county that is among the 88 lowest population (wholly or partly).

House File 133/ HF517 is contingent on an appropriation and will now be referred to the House Appropriations Committee.

A Step Toward Stopping

Illegal Transportation of People and Human Trafficking

House Republicans are again trying to address the pressing issue of human smuggling with the introduction of House Study Bill 15. This legislation aims to combat the illegal transportation of people for profit, particularly when it involves evading law enforcement or facilitating unlawful entry into the United States. By clearly defining the actions that constitute smuggling and imposing strict penalties, this bill seeks to protect vulnerable individuals and enhance public safety across the state. (Passed 2/20/25)

House File 318 – Breast Imaging Cost Sharing

House File 318 builds on previous legislation by requiring the health insurance companies to provide the same cost-sharing requirements for supplemental breast examinations and diagnostic breast examinations as they do for mammograms. This bill will help ensure that for more women, cost is not a barrier from getting them the care that they need. (Passed 2/20/25)

House File 180 –

Increasing Penalties for Grooming

Last session, the Iowa House led the effort to define Grooming in Iowa code and made it a Class D felony. This bill builds upon that legislation by requiring anyone convicted of grooming to be added to the Tier I sex offender list for 10 years. This additional monitoring of individuals who have been convicted of this predatory behavior may help prevent additional abuse. (Passed 2/20/25)

House File 312 – Psychiatric Deterioration

House File 312 aims to address mental health issues and get the treatment that's needed before reaching a point of serious mental impairment. HF 312 allows courts to order treatment for individuals experiencing psychiatric deterioration. Psychiatric deterioration is defined as a condition where a person cannot understand the need for treatment and is unlikely to seek it. This will allow for earlier intervention to get Iowans access to the treatment they need before their condition worsens. This proactive approach can lead to better outcomes and hopefully reduce the need for more intensive care later on, as well as take a burden off law enforcement. (Passed on 2/20/25)

The list of bills waiting to come to the floor continues to grow. This coming week will be fast paced and busy.

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11:45 a.m. Benediction Sacred Heart
Noon Mass at Sacred Heart
7 p.m. Cluster Pastoral Council
Friday, February 28
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. John
8 a.m. Mass at St. John
Saturday, March 1
Food Pantry and SCRIP Cards
3:15 p.m. A/B St. Francis
4 p.m. Mass at St. Francis
4:30 p.m. Middle School Lock-in-Webster City
7:15 p.m. Rosary, A/B at St. John
8 p.m. Spanish Mass, at St. John
Sunday, March 2
Food Pantry and SCRIP Cards
7:15 a.m. Sacred Heart,
8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
9:45 a.m. A/B at St. John
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. John
Monday, March 3
8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis

6:30 p.m. OCIA at St. John
Wednesday, March 9
Ash Wednesday and Youth Faith Formation Class
Noon Mass at Sacred Heart
5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Francis
7:15 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. John

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Sunday
9 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Coffee Fellow
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
Tuesday
7 p.m. Music & Worship Committee

Wednesday
9 a.m. Bible Study
Noon Men's Bible Study
5 p.m. Confirmation

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Wednesday
Confirmation

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WORDS OF WISDOM



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? Answer: Richard Petty.
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)? Answer: Dale Earnhardt.

This week's trivia questions:
Which U.S. president said, "Speak softly and carry a big stick." ?
Which U.S. president said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." ?
Which U.S. president said, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country." ?
Which U.S. president borrowed words from Jesus when he said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." ?

Feb. 26 is National Pistachio Day, and Carnival Day; Feb. 27 is National Chili Day, National Retro Day, and National Strawberry Day; Feb. 28 is National Pancake Day, National Tooth Fairy Day, and National Science Day; March 1 is National Pig Day, and Peace Corps Day; March 2 is Read Across America Day; March 3 is World Hearing Day, World Wildlife Day, and National Anthem Day; March 4 is Mardi Gras, National Marching Band Day, and National Sons Day.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

— Psalm 46:1

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

— Matthew 5:16

"Then Peter said to them, 'Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

— Acts 2:38

"George Washington was the only president who didn't blame the previous administration for his troubles."

— Unknown

"I'm not a member of any organized political party. I'm a Democrat."

— Will Rogers

"Politics is just like show business. You have to be really smart and a good entertainer."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

"The only time my advice has been followed is when I had a firearm in my hand."

— General Douglas MacArthur

"In America, anyone can become president. That's the problem."

— George Carlin

"I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have."

— Thomas Jefferson

"The two happiest days of my life were those of my entrance upon the office, and my surrender of it."

— Martin Van Buren

"In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress."

— John Adams

U.S. president James Madison (1809-1817) was the shortest president at 5'4" and weighed barely over 100 pounds.

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—Bob Dylan
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Obituary

Sharon Fischer

1936-2025

Sharon Lee (Cleveland) Fischer, the daughter of John and Frances (Willard) Cleveland, was born on November 20, 1936, in Goldfield, Iowa. She graduated from Eagle Grove High School in 1955.

On May 12, 1957, Sharon was united in marriage with Tom Fischer.

Sharon passed away on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at the age of 88 years.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Fischer of Eagle Grove; sister, Edwina Claude of Clear Lake; brother, Gary Cleveland (Charlotte) of Sartell, MN; seven nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at Rose Hill Cemetery.



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Obituary

Shirley Williams

1935-2025

Shirley Kae (Holtz) Williams, 90, of Cedar Falls, died on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at Unity-Point Health - Allen Hospital in Waterloo, Iowa.

She was born on January 19, 1935, in Liberty Township, Clinton County, Iowa, the daughter of William and Sophia (Schroeder) Holtz. She graduated from Lost Nation High School in 1953 before completing her two-year teaching certificate at the University of Dubuque and later a bachelor's degree from Drake University. On April 14, 1957, she was united in marriage to Roger H. Williams in Oxford Junction. Shirley's calling was teaching, having spent over 30 years as an educator. Her first teaching job was in Lost Nation. She later taught first grade in Eagle Grove, then eventually retired as a kindergarten teacher from the Clarion-Goldfield School District in May of 1997.

Shirley devoted her life to teaching and providing for her community, friends, and family. She was instrumental in the development of the Dollars for Scholars organization for the Eagle Grove school district. She was actively involved in the Eagle Grove Methodist church, including Circle, Sunday school, and choir; PEO; Red Hat Ladies; volunteer work at Southdale Elementary School in Cedar Falls, the Salvation Army in Waterloo, and the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in Waterloo.

Throughout her life, she enjoyed many different pastimes, including playing card and board games, spending time with grandchildren and great grandchildren, bicycling (RAG-BRAI), watching and attending sporting events, traveling, cooking meals and preparing Jell-O salads, reading mysteries and her Bible, gardening, playing in and hosting card clubs, doing puzzles, drinking coffee, and lounging in pajamas.

Shirley's warmth, generosity, and zest for life touched all who knew her. Her teaching transcended the classroom, with actions and words that taught others how to treat everyone with respect and kindness. She was affectionately known for her fierce resolve, brilliant smile, and her unwavering desire to help people. Her spirit and affable demeanor made all feel welcome and loved in her presence. She leaves behind a legacy of love, kindness, and service.

Shirley is survived by her daughter, Kendra Williams-Perez of Cedar Falls; son, Kent (Nancy) Williams of Edmond, OK; granddaughters, Diana Barrett of Heber City, UT, Madeline Aguillard of Aniak, AK, Sophia (Hunter) Williams-Perez of Houston, TX, Alexandra Williams-Perez of Houston, TX; grandsons Colson (Chloe) Williams of Helena, MT, Camon (Alison) Williams of Dallas, TX, and Carter Williams of Edmond, OK; and great grandchildren, Preston Aguillard and Afton Williams.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger H. Williams; parents, William B. Holtz and Sophia (Schroeder) Holtz; siblings, Edward (Dorothy) Holtz, Lloyd (Elvera) Holtz, and Eleanor (Otis) Gable; and her son-in-law, Hector (Kendra) Perez.

The visitation will be held from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2025, at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls followed by the interment at 2 p.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery in Eagle Grove, Iowa.

Memorials may be directed to one of her favorite local charitable organizations, the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in Waterloo, Iowa. Donations may be submitted online at <https://www.neifb.org/get-involved/donate>. After selecting your preferred donation, please note in the comment section that the donation is given in memory of Shirley Williams.

Online condolences may be provided at www.richardsonfuneralservice.com.

Services: 10 a.m., Friday, Feb. 28
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Wright County Courthouse

Property Transfers

Warranty deed - town lot: Linder Rachel J to Baker Bianca A - EG First Railway Addn Blk 42 Lot 5 E 80' of S 15', EG First Railway Addn Blk 42 Lot 6 E 80' of E 80', Linder, Rachel J 000013261004609455 ; 25-238. Related Documents: Contracts Town Lot - 16-1192, 02-004.

Warranty deed - town lot: Crawford Jon W, Crawford Diane A to Crawford Jon W Life Estate, Crawford Diane A Life Estate, Bonin Rachel D, Lidel Jennifer A - Belm Country Club Estates Addn Blk 2 Lot 4; 25-247.

Warranty deed - town lot: Jackson Gary, Jackson Duane, Jackson Vicki, Jackson David, Vasquez Michael, Vasquez Michelle to Roberts Timothy - Rown Emerson's Addn Blk 1 Lot 4 E 1/2; 25-250.

Warranty deed - land deed: Johnson Edwin G to Johnson Edwin G Trustee, Johnson Edwin G Revocable Trust, Edwin G Johnson Revocable Trust - 31-93-24 NW Tract in NE 1/4, 24-93-25 NE E 1/2, 24-93-25 SE NE 1/4 Expect Tract, 24-93-25 SE Tract in NW 1/4, Johnson, Edwin EP 2 000006649004612824.

Quit claim deed - land deed: Schincke Glenda L, Schincke Merlin D to Schincke Merlin D Trustee, Schincke Glenda L Trustee, Schincke Merlin Living Trust, Schincke Glenda Living Trust, Merlin and Glenda Schincke Living Trust - 31-90-25 NE Tracts, 13-9-.26 Parcel

D in S 1/2, 22-90-26 NE Tract in N 1/2, M Schincke 000018343004610191; 25-255.

Quit claim deed - land deed: Graeve Larry J, Graeve Kathy S to KLMT 2 LLC - 16-92-24 NE Lot 1 Wilson Sub & Lot 1 & 2, 16-92-24 S 100' Lot A Lake View 1 Sub, Graeve 2 000015251004613006; 25-257.

Quit claim deed - land deed: Jensen Kayla A, Schwichtenber Kayla A to Schwichtenberg Tanner J - 5-91-23 NE Parcel A in SW 1/4, Schwichtenberg Quit Claim 2.14.25 000013773004614171; 25-262.

Warranty deed - town lot: Wright Paul L, Wright Cathy to Salazar Ruiz Mayra L, Ruiz Salazar Mayra L, Reyna Diaz Arturo, Diaz Reyna Arturo - EG Hewett's First Addn Blk 3 Lot 2; 25-263.

Warranty deed - town lot: Mosaic to Munez Calles Reynaldo, Calles Munez Reynaldo, Cruz Falcon Cynthia, Falcon Cruz Cynthia - CLAR McKay's Addn Blk 8 Lot 5, CLAR McKay's Addn Blk 8 Lot 6; 25-264.

Affidavit transfer: Southard Mark R to Southard Raynard H, Southard Raynard H Life Estate, Southard Mark R, Johnson Debra J, Southard Raynard H Estate - CLAR Schoolview Addn Blk 5 Lot 21, CLAR Schoolview Addn Blk 5 Lot 22 W 22', Aff Of Death Terminating Life Estate; 25-241.

Affidavit transfer: Nielsen Ramona D to Nielsen Marvin R - 32-93-25 N 1/2 of S 1/2, Aff Of Surviving Spouse For Chang Of Title To Real Estate; 25-244.

Affidavit transfer: Berneman Julie R to Wenzel Mildred V, Wenzel Mildred V Life Estate, Janssen Barbara A, Mccloud Charles L, Hutchinson Peggy S, Barkema Mark W, Tschumper Lynette J, Berneman Julie R - 11-93-23 NW S & E Of RR Row, Affidavit Terminating Life Estate; 25-245.

Affidavit transfer: Berneman Julie R to Wenzel Mildred V, Wenzel George F, Wenzel Mildred V Life Estate, Wenzel George F Life Estate, Barkema Nancy J, Barkema Mark W, Janssen Barbara A, Mccloud Charles L, Hutchinson Peggy S, Barkema Mark W, Tschumper Lynette J, Berneman Julie R - 11-93-23 W 1/2 Lying N & W Of RR Row, Affidavit Terminating Life Estate; 25-246

Affidavit transfer: Jackson Gary L to Jackson Delores May, Taylor Delores May, Jackson Jim M - ROWN Emerson's Addn Blk 1 Lot 4 E 1/2, Affidavit For Change Of Title To Real Estate; 25-248.

Affidavit transfer: Jackson Gary to Jackson Jim M, Jackson Gary, Jackson Duane, Jackson David, Vasquez Diane, Vasquez Michael, Vasquez Michelle - ROWN Emerson's Addn Blk 1 Lot 4 E 1/2, Affidavit - Transfer Of Title; 25-249.

Affidavit transfer: Bradshaw Bruce A to Bradshaw

Farms LP, Bradshaw Bruce A Trustee, Bradshaw Bruce A Revocable Trust, Bradshaw Farms LLLP - 36-92-24 SW N 1/2 Except Parcel B, CLAR Mckays's Addn Blk 3 Lot 16 N 32', CLAR Mckays's Addn Blk 3 Lot 17 N 32', CLAR Mckays's Addn Blk 3 Lot 18 E 11' Of N 32', CLAR Mckays's Addn Blk 3 Lot 13, CLAR Mckays's Addn Blk 3 Lot 14, CLAR Mckays's Addn Blk 3 Lot 15, CLAR Mckays's Addn Blk 3 Lot 16 S 90', CLAR Mckays's Addn Blk 3 Lot 17 S 90', CLAR Mckays's Addn Blk 3 Lot 18 S 90', CLAR Walnut Grove Addn Blk 16 Lot 5 & S 1/2 Of Alley Adj On N, CLAR Walnut Grove Addn Blk 16 Lot 6 & S 1/2 Of Alley Adj On N, CLAR Walnut Grove Addn Blk 16 Lot 1 & N 1/2 Of Alley Abutting, CLAR Walnut Grove Addn Blk 16 Lot 2 & N 1/2 Of Alley Abutting, CLAR Walnut Grove Addn Blk 16 Lot 3 & N 1/2 Of Alley Abutting, 2797800-006 000006617004612787 Aff Change Of Title; 25-256.

Tickets

Eugene Plucci of Mayfield HTS, Oh, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Lily Ann Paredes of Eagle Grove, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Riley James seed of Lakeville, MN, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru15 over).

See **COURTHOUSE:**
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Eagle Grove Police Report

February 13

6:51 AM: Parking violation in the 700 block of NW 3rd.

6:53 AM: Parking violation in the 500 block of N Cadwell.

6:59 AM: Parking violation in the 500 block of N Cadwell.

7:02 AM: Parking violation in the 400 block of N Cadwell.

7:50 AM: Driving complaint; a White SUV with black-out plates traveling 90-100 MPH on Hwy 17 into Eagle Grove from the south, passing several cars, nearly hitting a truck head-on. Vehicle was near Pre-stage at the time of the call.

9:46 AM: Caller requested an officer call back regarding body cam footage from an incident where the caller served paperwork to a tenant while an officer was on standby.

10:31 AM: Dogs in the Fish Pond Park. Two loose dogs, a Shepherd and a black dog.

10:34 AM: Return call requested in the 400 block of S Lucas. Caller requested confirmation that a dog had been removed, stating she could still see paw prints and the chain.

6:06 PM: Return call requested in the Goldfield.

1:52 PM: Information by Rails.

7:30 PM: Traffic stop in the 100 block of S Jackson.

7:33 PM: Traffic stop in the N Commercial and NW 3rd.

9:23 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of SW 1st and Commercial.

10:05 PM: Unknown Problem in the NE 9th St. Caller did not speak to dispatch but had a friend call because he was unable to get through. The friend did not know what was going on but stated the caller would like an officer to come by his home.

February 14

1:51 AM: Traffic stop on Hwy 17, just south of Hwy 3, Goldfield. A dark Chevy Malibu with no plate was reported.

2:39 AM: Alarm/Burglary in the 1000 block of NW 10th St. Caller stated

the front door alarm had activated.

6:46 AM: Found Property in the 100 block of S Iowa. A wallet was found; caller requested an officer retrieve it to return to the owner.

7:53 AM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of N Lincoln.

7:59 AM: Traffic stop at the Johnson Law Firm.

8:28 AM: Return call requested in Eagle Grove.

8:29 AM: Return call requested Caller who works at the school, had questions about getting an appointment for fingerprinting and requested a call back.

12:09 PM: Theft in the Bomgaars. Caller needed to file a theft report and had pictures of the suspect.

6:03 PM: Traffic stop at AGP.

7:47 PM: Traffic stop in the S Commercial and SW 3rd.

8:24 PM: Traffic stop in the 500 block of E Broadway.

10:38 PM: Civil in the 700 block of NW 2nd. Papers served.

10:52 PM: Officer Originated Case in the Rails Bar. Bar check conducted.

11:57 PM: Return call requested in the Eagle Grove.

February 15

1:11 AM: Traffic stop in the 100 block of N Commercial.

1:35 AM: Traffic stop in the 100 block of N Iowa.

2:16 AM: Traffic stop in the 700 block of W Broadway.

2:25 AM: OWI in the 700 block of W Broadway.

5:42 AM: Occupied Vehicle in the 1500 block of 265th St. Vehicle went into the ditch.

6:14 AM: Parking violation in the 400 block of W Broadway.

6:25 AM: Parking violation in the 600 block of N Cadwell.

6:35 AM: Return call requested near 100 block of N Hewitt.

9:48 AM: Assisting another agency in the 1200 block of W Broadway.

7:29 PM: Complaint in the 200 block of NE 4th St.

February 16

12:14 AM: Traffic stop in the 100 block of N Com-

mercial.

1:04 AM: Traffic stop at the intersection of SW 3rd and Lucas.

1:30 AM: Information call from Bomgaars.

2:37 AM: Unoccupied Vehicle in the Between Eagle Grove and Goldfield on Hwy 17. A red four-door Buick was found on the side of the road, and the driver was sleeping but responsive.

11:05 AM: Return call requested in the Webster City PD regarding a theft that happened at Bomgarrs, Officer has recovered stolen tools.

1:01 PM: Return call requested in the Webster City PD.

5:44 PM: Parking violation in the 100 block of N Lucas.

8:04 PM: Fireworks Complaint in the Alley between 200 block of S Cadwell and S Iowa.

9:23 PM: Traffic stop in the Ampride parking lot.

10:24 PM: Return call requested in the 100 block of N Lucas.

February 17

8:17 AM: Concerned Citizen at the High School. An individual was seen outside, and it was unclear if his parents dropped him off or if he walked to school, but there was no school that day.

9:00 AM: Return call requested.

11:07 AM: Assistance in the Police department caller needed to pick up keys.

11:38 AM: Return call requested in the 100 block of S Water St, Goldfield.

12:37 PM: Report Needed in the Eagle Grove.

12:40 PM: Hit & Run in the 100 block of S Park Ave. A 2003 Grand Prix was found with damage to the back door, but the owner was unsure when or where it occurred. The damage was estimated at over \$1,500.

2:43 PM: Assault in the 500 block of N Wright. Caller reported that a man entered the house and pushed her son down.

3:10 PM: Return call requested.

4:14 PM: Return call re-

quested in the Caller wanted to speak to an officer regarding possible charges against them.

9:45 PM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of W Broadway.

February 18

7:56 AM: Accident in the Casey's parking lot. A truck and trailer, described as a big red truck, was reportedly backed into by a tow-truck. No injuries.

February 19

2:54 AM: Parking violation in the 200 block of S Park Ave.

2:55 AM: Parking violation on N Lucas Ave.

2:56 AM: Parking violation on N Lucas Ave.

2:57 AM: Parking violation on N Lucas Ave.

2:58 AM: Parking violation on N Lucas Ave.

3:00 AM: Parking violation in the 100 block of S Iowa Ave.

3:01 AM: Parking violation in the 100 block of S Iowa Ave.

3:02 AM: Parking violation in the 100 block of S Iowa Ave.

3:03 AM: Parking violation on W Broadway St.

3:38 AM: Parking violation on W Broadway St.

8:47 AM: Return call requested in the 200 block of N Jackson Ave.

10:05 AM: Accident in the 600 block of S Commercial. A delivery driver reportedly hit a door at Dollar General.

10:40 AM: Dog in the 400 block of S Lucas.

11:34 AM: Civil in the First Bank. Papers served.

2:32 PM: Assist Other Agency in Green County, Jefferson, IA.

2:48 PM: Complainant reported missing jewelry at the EGPD.

2:52 PM: Control Burn in the 500 block of N Prairie.

4:29 PM: Return call requested in the 100 block of S Iowa.

6:29 PM: Meet Complainant in the Eagle Grove Police Department.

7:07 PM: Accidental Dial in the 200 block of S Lucas Ave.

8:53 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of SW 2nd and S Lucas.

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Maribel Tobias Ortiz of Omaha, NE, speeding over 55 zone (16 thru20 over).

Ryan John Bemrich of Coralville, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (21 or over).

Keren Lyssa de Moraes Pontes of Badger, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (16 thru 20 over).

Dominick Shea of Eagle Grove, IA, operating non-registered vehicle.

Salvador Haroutunian of Clarion, IA, operation without registration card or plate.

Duane Scott Courtney of Tulsa, OK, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Hannah Erika Wallace of Webster City, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Kayson M Manson of Eagle Grove, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (1 thru 5 over).

Nathan Taylor Schoo of Eagle Grove, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10

over).

Claire Ann Garton of Denver, CO, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru15 over).

Mick Zawadi Shearer of Austin, MN, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Juan A Zamora Cohan of Eagle Grove, IA, no valid drivers license.

Reinier Valiente Landa of Houston, TX, speeding 55 or under zone (16 thru 20 over).

Candy Sue Hanus of Goldfield, IA, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Heberardo Martinez-Alvarado of Belmont, IA, failure to maintain or use safety belts – Adu.

Jesse Joseph Buechler of Fargo, ND, speeding 55 or under zone (21 or over).

Brito Chavez Feliciano Claudia of Webster City, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

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Claudia of Webster City, IA, no valid drivers license.

Gabriel Mauricio Munguia Pacheco of Hampton, IA, no valid drivers license.

Mayerling del Carmen Perez Guanipa of Fort Dodge, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Rachel Mary Zwiefel of Garner, IA, speeding over 55 zone (1 thru 5 over).

Cory Michael Heginger of Mason City, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (1 thru 5 over).

Zachery Ryan Heiden of Belmont, IA, dark window or windshield.

Juan Francisco Vasquez Acabal of Belmont, IA, no valid drivers license.

Rafael de Jesus Vazquez Estrada of Belmont, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Alejandra Yanet Padilla of Clarion, IA, operation without registration card or plate.

Jesse Alan Winter of Row-

an, IA, dark window or windshield.

Brent Alan Schipper of Ankeny, IA, speeding over 55 zone (16 thru20 over).

Saylor Marie Palluck Meyer of Algona, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Jeremy James Cash of Duluth, MN, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over).

Than Win Aung of Saint Paul, MN, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru15 over).

Brady Keith Fettkether of Aurora, IA, operating non-registered vehicle.

Brady Keith Fettkether of Aurora, IA, failure to maintain or use safety belts – Adu.

Miranda Lois Blanck of Osseo, MN, speeding over 55 zone (16 thru20 over).

Ethan William Dirks of Belmont, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (1 thru 5 over).

Shelly Ann Bauer of Garner, IA, speeding 55 or under

zone (6 thru 10 over).

Piper Cassidy Schlichting of Belmont, IA, dark window or windshield.

Christa Marie Grubb of East Bethel, MN, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru15 over).

Austin Jon Reinsel of Webster City, IA, expired registration.

Karla Margarita Arteaga of Marshalltown, IA, window tint.

Selvin D de Leon Cotrez of Goldfield, IA, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Selvin D de Leon Cotrez of Goldfield, IA, operation without registration.

Stephanie Jean Sokol of Thornton, IA, excessive speed 6 thru 10.

Christian Medinilla Castro of Humboldt, IA, no drivers license.

Nicole serenity Menke of Eagle Grove, IA, failure to

yield on left turn.

Morgan Mackenzy Prouty of Eagle Grove, IA, speeding 1 thru 5 over.

Jorge Orozco Cobian of Eagle Grove, IA, no drivers license.

Jorge Orozco Cobian of Eagle Grove, IA, vehicles entering stop or yield intersection.

Small Claims

LVNV FUNDING LLC V. BETTY SCHAFFER, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$2,147.38, plus 7.22% interest from 11/07/24 and \$95.00 in court costs.

DISCOVER BANK VS TWIME MWAKILUMA, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$5,078.48, plus 7.22% interest from 12/30/24 and \$95.00 in court costs.

TD BANK USA, N.A. V. RACHEL KELLEY, case dismissed without prejudice.

Lawmakers Consider Requiring Parental Consent for Minors’ Social Media Accounts

Supporters said a bill in the Iowa House requiring parental consent for minors to create social media accounts was a necessary step to protect children from sex trafficking and predators. But some speakers at a subcommittee meeting Wednesday said the measure as written could allow for social media companies to collect a vast amount of personal data.

House File 278 would require social media companies to obtain parental authorization before allowing a child to create an account on their platform, with parents allowed to revoke access at any time. The minor’s parent or guardian would also be required to have access to the approved account to view posts and messages received.

The state attorney general would be allowed to bring a civil action against companies in violation of the measure with a maximum penalty of \$1,000 per violation.

As of June 2024, 10 states have passed laws restricting minors’ access to social media, with seven requiring parental consent. Several speakers with the group Protect My Innocence, a conservative nonprofit, called for Iowa to join these states, saying that social media use has been linked to detrimental mental health outcomes for children, and that sex traffickers and predators often use social media to make inappropriate contact with children.

Anita Fischer with Protect My Innocence cited a 2023 advisory from former U.S. Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy that stated “our children have become unknowing participants in a decades-long experiment” in social media use that could have major impacts on their health and well-being.

“I’m asking you to please protect Iowa’s children from this social media experiment,” Fischer said.

But some technology advocates said the bill could have unintended consequences — particularly related to data collection. Logan Murray with the Technology Association of Iowa said the measure would require social media companies to collect personally identifiable information from minors and their adult guardians, which he said could present more opportunities for data misuse or for this data to be accessed through breaches.

He also said enforcement of the bill could be difficult, as it would require social media companies to confirm that the person providing consent for a minor creating an account is actually the guardian of the child.

Max Pringle, an Indianola software engineer and intelligence officer with the Iowa Army National Guard, suggested shifting parental control requirements to phone carriers and device manufacturers as a way to implement restrictions that would not require social media companies to collect personal data from parents and children.

“This approach protects children while respecting privacy and keeps power in the parents’ hands, without giving social media companies even more control,” Pringle said. “God knows, they have enough of that.”

Rep. Skyler Wheeler, R-Hull, said he came into the discussion “as the youth” in the conversation — someone who had a MySpace page at age 13 and a Facebook account at 14. He said while he was supportive of efforts to protect children in these online spaces, social media also offered children some benefits, such as sports scouting or the ability to connect with family.

“I’m in agreement with the overall attempt we’re trying to make here, but I also don’t want to get into, and I’m not going to get into a position, where I think Twitter is evil,” Wheeler said. “I think there are advantages to social media sometimes for young kids. I do think it can also harm them in more ways than just what they see.”

The bill was unanimously advanced out of subcommittee, with plans for more discussion on potential changes to the measure. Rep. Samantha Fett, R-Carlisle, said there may be some changes to the legislation’s language, but she supported the measure’s intent of allowing more parental oversight.

“The data collection is certainly a concern for me as well, that I think is something that we will sort through,” Fett said. “But the spirit of this bill is really to make sure parents are involved, but also can revoke that authorization as well, which is what’s in here. So I like that parents are in the driver’s seat.”

Protesters Rally Against Move To Remove Gender Identity From Iowa Civil Rights Act

Hundreds protested in the halls of the Iowa State Capitol Monday as a subcommittee advanced legislation to remove gender identity as a protected class from the Iowa Civil Rights Act.

House Study Bill 242 would remove “gender identity” as a class protected through the Iowa Civil Rights Act against discrimination in employment, wages, public accommodations, housing and education. The state civil rights act offers similar protections on the basis of race, creed, sex and physical disability. In 2007, the Iowa Legislature added gender identity and sexuality to the ICRA.

The committee room was full, with a large group protesting outside. Chants of “trans rights are human rights” and “we won’t go quiet” were heard outside the meeting as supporters of the bill spoke; protesters shouted “shame” at Reps. Steven Holt and Samantha Fett as they entered the meeting.

Critics called the bill unnecessary and discriminatory, calling for lawmakers to focus on issues like housing, child care and environmental protections instead of passing legislation that would allow for discrimination against a minority group. Diane Crookham-Johnson of Oskaloosa, the former finance chair for the Iowa Republican Party and former State Board of Education member under Govs. Terry Branstad and Kim Reynolds, said this bill will have a larger impact on Iowa communities than some may realize.

“I stand before you as a local attorney who has assisted in 2024 more than eight Mahaska County residents on legal processes and documents so that they can confirm their gender identity — folks who work in our businesses, attend our schools, attend our churches, folks who shop in our stores, rent our apartments and buy our homes, folks who pay property taxes to support all of our communities,” Crookham-Johnson said. “This bill doesn’t impact some unknown person over there. This bill impacts people in your districts, people in your states, and even your most conservative counties of Iowa.”

But multiple speakers supporting the measure said removing “gender identity” from ICRA would “protect women,” by preventing transgender women from entering women’s spaces like restrooms. Evelyn Nikkel with the PELLA PAC, a conservative Pella-based organization that supports removing both gender identity and sexual orientation from the state civil rights code, told lawmakers that the measure provides elevated protections for transgender Iowans at the expense of others’ rights.

“Because these terms are codified in our law, gender identity is magically elevated to a protected class with preferential and unfair advantage,” Nikkel said. “... Biological males with gender dysphoria steal biological women’s sports achievements, trespass on their privacy and accost them in women’s prisons, restrooms and locker rooms. We are being robbed of our dignity and respect, which is morally indefensible.”

Amber Williams with Inspired Life, a conservative religious organization, shared a story of encountering a person she identified as transgender in a women’s bathroom as an example for the need for sex-segregated spaces that can only be accessed by people designated as “female” at birth.

“Just two weeks ago, I walked into a women’s restroom in a public place and immediately felt uneasy when I saw a biological man coming out of a stall,” Williams said. “I couldn’t shake the sensation of discomfort and heightened awareness that many women would feel in these situation. I quickly left without using the restroom, because in that moment, my sense of safety and privacy had been compromised. This isn’t about hatred or exclusion. It’s about acknowledging that women have a right to feel secure in spaces meant for them.”

The bill contains language that “equal” accommodations do not mean “same” or “identical,” and that “separate accommodations are not inherently unequal.”

Rep. Ross Wilburn, D-Ames, said this provision in the bill “takes us back” to the time of Plessy v. Ferguson, the 1896 U.S. Supreme Court case that upheld “separate but equal” accommodations on the basis of race.

Paden Sheumaker, a Black queer Iowan with the LGBTQ+ advocacy group with One Iowa, said her ancestors had to fight for civil rights in the country and in Iowa — and that steps to strip civil rights from a group of people “would be to spit in the face of everyone who has fought tooth and nail for these rights.”

“Have you ever been discriminated against just for being who you are, just for existing as yourself?” Sheumaker said. “I have, and I can tell you, it is dehumanizing. It is demeaning, it is disheartening and it is terrifying. Many queer and transgender and gender non-conforming Iowans have felt this — and that is while our rights are protected, that’s with the laws and the power of the state behind us to protect us. I cannot imagine how much worse that discrimination would be if the state would then choose to abandon that protection. I do not want to live in a state where that is something you’re working toward.”

Similar legislation was introduced during the 2024 legislative session but failed to advance. In discussions on that bill, speakers said the measure may not hold up to legal challenges. Pete McRoberts with the American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa said Thursday said that Iowa, under Democratic control, chose to add gender identity and sexuality to ICRA in 2007 — and the fact that these rights were voluntarily extended “triggers an obligation on the state to preserve those rights.”

McRoberts pointed to U.S. Supreme Court precedent that found when a legislature grants protected status to a group when not constitutionally required to, removing those protections is a violation of the Equal Protections Clause.

There are currently 23 states that have protections against discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation in state law, according to the Human Rights Campaign. McRoberts said none of the states that have established these protections have repealed them.

“We should not be the first, not just on moral grounds, but on on legal grounds,” he said. “And that’s something which we hope legislators will think very thoroughly and thoughtfully about. Whether they would have voted to expand the Civil Rights Act or not, that’s a separate question. But that’s not the question in front of us. The question in front of us is, do you remove a specific person who is part of a group of identifiable people who’ve been protected under the Civil Rights Act?”

Fett, R-Carlisle, said the measure was the “right move” for Iowans, and is a necessary step to allow Iowa to enact measures passed in previous years related to transgender people on issues like transgender women competing in women’s sports and preventing transgender people from using restrooms or locker rooms that correspond with their gender identity.

Lawmakers Propose Restricting Political Party Changes Before Caucuses, Primaries

A House proposal would require Iowa voters to be registered with a political party one month in advance of that party’s caucuses or primary elections in order to participate.

House File 353 would require voters who want to participate in a party caucus or primary to be a registered member of the party at least 30 day before participating in the party’s nomination process. The measure would also prohibit a person from filing nominating papers to become a partisan candidate if the individual has not been a member of that party for at least a year. These requirements would not apply to first-time voters if they have not registered as a member of a political party.

Rep. Derek Wulf, R-Hudson, said he proposed the bill after discussions with constituents who expressed worries during the 2024 Republican caucuses about non-Republicans participating in the nomination process.

“There was a lot of concerns that came up of, you know, Democrats who were switching parties, and as they came into the caucus process,” Wulf said. “There was a lot of discussion around, ‘Was there going to be some sabotage efforts?’ I don’t know if we saw that widespread, but I know that concern came up.”

He said these provisions would help Iowa “maintain that integrity around the process of the caucus” and help keep the Iowa GOP caucuses first in the nation — an issue of consideration as the Democratic National Committee stripped Iowa of its first-in-the-nation spot leading into the 2024 presidential election cycle.

However, some speakers said the measure would hurt voters who choose to not affiliate with a political party or who vote based on specific issues. Amy Campbell with the League of Women Voters of Iowa said candidates should be evaluated on “qualifications, ideas and the support of voters, not arbitrary requirements like party registration.” She said the bill discriminates against nonpartisan voters or candidates who choose not to affiliate with a political party based on personal beliefs or dissatisfaction with the current political system.

Campbell said this bill also comes as more voters are shifting in allegiances based on specific candidates or based on disapproval of a political party’s decisions.

“I think we can all agree that (political) parties are in a state of transition right now,” Campbell said. “There is a lot of changing at the party level, where I know personally — my personal family, who are all registered Republicans ... have changed parties back and forth depending on who the candidate is. And we really feel that it restricts political freedom and participation.”

Rosie Thierer, a poll worker in Mitchellville, said the bill could also expose those staffing Iowa elections to potential violence and harassment from voters who would be denied the ability to participate in some elections because of the 30-day party registration requirement.

“If you think about the place where you vote, you face a lot of workers like me, gray-haired, wrinkled old women,” Thierer said. “So think about exposing those individuals to the harassment that they will take. It will be verbal, it could be physical, and I ask you to think about the real enforcement of this — it will be those election workers.”

The measure moved forward for consideration by the full House State Government Committee, with Democrat Rep. Adam Zabner not signing off on the bill.

Rep. Austin Harris, R-Moulton, said though he signed off on the measure, he shared concerns brought up by Campbell about the measure restricting voters’ ability to participate in elections. In its current form, Harris said he would have a difficult time supporting the bill after the committee process.

“I actually agree with you, I think our political parties are changing,” Harris said. “I think we’re starting to bring more and more people into the fold. I think — whether it happens with the Republican Party and building a blue collar coalition, a lot of folks who are former Democrats coming in, I want them to be able to participate in a party and be a part of our party, as long as we continue to push the principles that we do.”

But Dennis Tibben with the Foundation for Government Accountability, a conservative public policy think tank, said he sees the measure as leading to a more informed electorate participating in primary elections and caucuses.

“We think that, through the additional information that the voters will be able to gain as a result of this legislation, ultimately we’ll see an increase in the number of individuals who are participating in the electoral process on the local level,” Tibben said.

Wulf said there could be changes to the time frames specified in the bill, but that he believes the measure will be a part of ongoing discussions on election integrity, especially as it relates to the Iowa caucuses.

“We want to make sure that we keep the ... first-in-the-nation status on that for the Republican Party,” Wulf said. “For sure, disappointed that the Democrats no longer have that. But if we could get that back for them, I’d love that as well. So there’s a lot of discussion happening in general around elections, but specifically around the caucus process.”



SPORTS

Boys Nearly Knock Off Top Seed In Holstein

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

After winning an overtime thriller in Iowa Falls, the Eagle Grove boys basketball team advanced to face Ridge View in a Class 2A, District 2 contest. Supporters of the purple and gold travelled west to Ida County last Thursday to watch their team take the 20-1 Raptors to the

wire. The Eagle Grove defense forced an abundance of turnovers early in the game. Jaxon Morris and Abe Lin ran the floor for fastbreak layups and the duo both drilled a three pointer to put EG ahead 18-10 after eight minutes. Morris poured in seven quick points to start the 2nd, and the Eagles were secur-

ing offensive rebounds left and right against their much taller opponents. Josh Miller scored his first four points to close out the 2nd, but Ridge View had crept back to even the game at 33. Miller converted on three powerful takes to the hole in the 3rd quarter and Adrian Whipple showed off his arm strength and accuracy with

a full court assist to an open Lin. The Eagles trailed by four heading into the 4th, but threes from Miller and Morris put EG back up by a point. Ridge View cashed in on a three-point play, but a panicked Raptor defender committed a foolish clear path foul against Whipple. The sophomore guard

drained both pressure free throws. Tensions were through the roof as Old Eagle High trailed 58-56 with just 11 seconds remaining. Unfortunately, Eagle Grove's attempt to tie the game would not find the bottom of the net. Morris shot 50% from three and finished with a

game-high 17 points. The senior also had six boards and two steals in his final game in an Eagle uniform. Whipple added seven points, five rebounds, five assists, and three steals, while Lin and Miller scored 16 apiece. The Eagles finished their 2024-25 season with a record of 10-13.



Adrian Whipple finished the year with averages of 9.6 PPG, 3.8 APG, and 2.2 SPG. (Photos by Taylor Smith)



Josh Miller had 12 points in the 2nd half of Thursday night's game.



Senior Abe Lin shot 51% from the field in his first year as an Eagle.



Schafer Leads Wrestlers At State

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Last week, three Eagle Grove wrestlers closed out the 2024-25 season on Iowa's biggest stage. Senior Jesus Baez and juniors Hayden Schafer and Jayden Kreitlow represented the purple and gold at the four-day state wrestling tournament held at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Baez lost a heartbreaking 1-0 decision in his first match at state. The 285-pounder received a bye in the next round, and on Thursday wrestled Wahlert's Aidan Jenaman. Jenaman came out on top in a 7-1 decision, and Baez ended his final season with a 34-24 record. Two-time state qualifier Jayden Kreitlow was beaten 4-3 by Josh Ringler of Grinnell in the first round, but he delivered a 2nd period pin against Algona's Tayten Rummel on Day 2. In the consolation round to follow, Crestwood wrestler Brock Mulder bested Kreitlow. Junior 157-pounder Hayden Schafer opened his state tournament with a 17-2 win over Peyton Johnson of Mediapolis. He lost 10-4 to Garner-Hayfield-Ventura's Lucas Kral, but bounced back and delivered a 23-8 technical fall over Holten Palmer of Waukon. Next, Schafer took Clarion-Goldfield-Dows senior Caleb Seaba down in a thrilling 4-1 sudden victory. He kept the ball rolling on Friday with an 11-8 consolation round win over a 42-4 wrestler from West Delaware. Next, Hayden was defeated in a rematch with Lucas Kral and lost to Fairfield's Cason Miller in the 7th place match, but he ended his season with a 44-14 record and an 8th place state tournament medal.



Jayden Kreitlow (175) finished 2024-25 with a record of 36-22.



Jesus Baez clashes with an opponent from Wahlert. (Photos by Mitch Jones Photography)

Eagle Grove Guard Eclipses 1,000 Points

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On February 7th at Eagle Grove Elementary, the Eagle Grove boys had built a comfortable 29-18 advantage over North Iowa just before halftime. Senior Jaxon Morris knew he was close to 1,000 career points. In fact, he'd been thinking about the milestone since his teammate Drake Canavan achieved the same feat a season ago. "Abe Lin wanted me to get the 1,000 points," Morris remembered when asked about the special moment. "He kept giving me the ball and telling me to shoot. He said that he was going to set me a screen. There were 10 seconds left in the 2nd quarter. Abe set me a screen and they didn't switch. I was wide open. I took the three and I made it." The guard finished the night with four three-pointers, 21 points, and a permanent place in Eagle Grove's record books. To any fan who has been paying attention for the last four years, Jaxon's success is no surprise. Morris is a high basketball IQ gym rat and enjoys attending open gyms as often as he can. He averaged



Jaxon Morris averaged a team-leading 2.3 steals per game for Eagle Grove. (Photo by Taylor Smith)

5.4 points per game as a freshman and improved to 14.1 as a sophomore. This season, his 338 points rank him tenth in the entire Top of Iowa Conference. His high scoring senior campaign has been especially significant with the addition of a familiar face on Eagle Grove's bench. Jordan Morris, Jaxon's older brother, is a 2023 graduate of EGHS and now serves

as an assistant coach for the boys basketball team. Despite all of Jaxon's success on the court, he still values his big brother's advice. "We're close," he admitted. "If I'm having a bad game, he'll just help me out and tell me to calm down. He'll tell me what he's seeing and what I can do. He's smarter than I am at it, so I listen to him."



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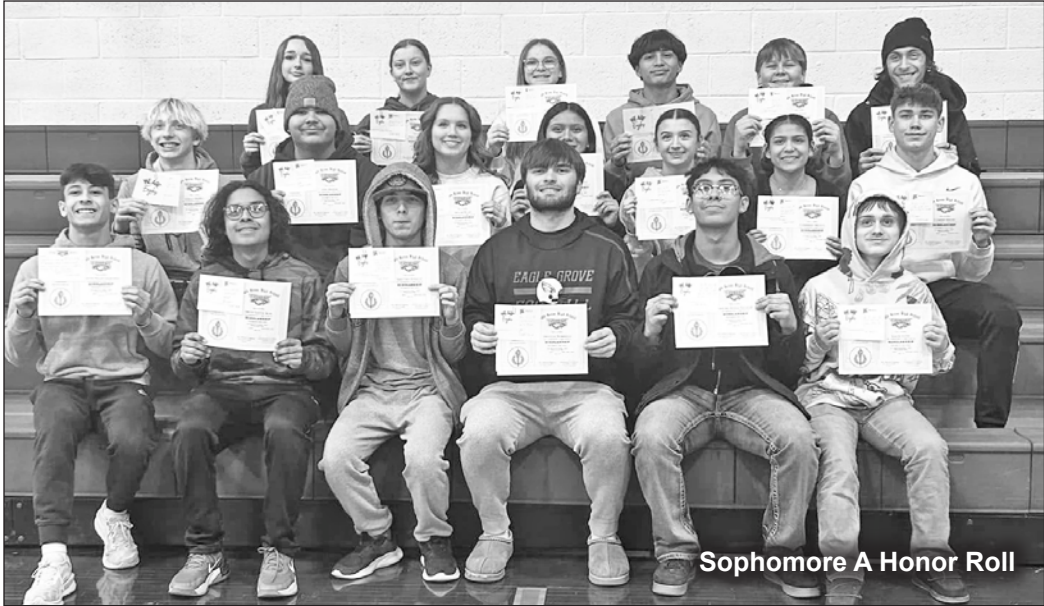
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Note: EGHS Honor Roll will be officially released in the next issue of the Eagle. (Photos from Eagle Grove Community Schools Facebook)



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(Photo from Eagle Grove High School Facebook)

Joselin Ramirez

Joselin worked on her painting technique and color mixing skills in this awesome monochromatic portrait! She got to pick a photo of a celebrity, use digital editing, and then her own creative to create this awesome painting!





Joselin's favorite part of art class is being able to shut her brain off for awhile and just create without thinking or fear of messing up. She has learned that messing up is just part of the process and you can always fix it and improve your skills.


Joselin is most excited about continuing her art skills in the years to come, especially in 3 Dimensional art classes!

(Graphic by Eagle Grove High School Facebook)


KIDS Corner

What's the Difference?
Find the four difference between pictures.

A



B



Answers: 1. Missing tooth 2. Smile on tooth is bigger 3. Missing toothbrush 4. Smile on tooth is bigger machine

How they say that in...

English: Dental
Spanish: Dental
Italian: Dentale
French: Dentaire
German: Zahn

Did You Know?

It is important to visit the dentist at least twice per year for a thorough dental cleaning and examination of the mouth.


Body FACT

Children are born with 20 of these, which will increase to 32 as they age.

EG State Champ Recognized


In 1950, Tom Chelsevig was a state champion at 145 pounds. On Saturday, the former Eagle was honored at state wrestling. (Photo from Eagle Grove Community Schools Facebook)

THIS WEEK'S
famous Birthdays



February 23 – Emily Blunt, Actress (42)
February 24 – O'Shea Jackson, Jr, Actor (34)
February 25 – Sean Astin, Actor (54)
February 26 – Teresa Palmer, Actress (39)
February 27 – Rozonda Thomas, Singer (54)
February 28 – Luka Doncic, Athlete (26)
March 1 – Jensen Ackles, Actor (47)

THIS WEEK'S
Horoscopes



ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
People are not mind readers, Aries. If you want others to know how you are feeling, you are going to have to give them some sort of indication this week.
TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
You may discover that you enjoy a great deal of support from other people right now, Taurus. This includes those who you didn't realize are on your side.
GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Even though it can be challenging at certain times, try to see the positives in every situation, Gemini. This may make it easier to overlook some of their faults.
CANCER - June 22/July 22
Try to stretch beyond your comfort zone and limits this week, Cancer. This likely will involve meeting new people and asking a lot of questions along the way. You will develop and grow.
LEO - July 23/Aug 23
Leo, this is a great time to communicate with friends and socialize. Put aside any worries and engage in lighthearted activities that will enable you to laugh and smile.
VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
The more peaceful and understanding you are this week, Virgo, the more you will get along with the other people in your life. Be the diplomat instead of a warrior this time around.
LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, this is a good week for cleaning up your space and devising a better organizational system at work. You might be so good at cleaning up that you forget where you put things.
SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Scorpio, do not feel like you have to change your personality to fit certain situations this week. Just be yourself. Those who want to be around you will naturally gravitate to you.
SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
A great deal of information is available if you simply request it, Sagittarius. Word your request in a way that guarantees cooperation from others.
CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
Capricorn, you are so focused on a personal project that you may completely forget about the needs of others. Make a change this week to be more receptive to others' needs.
AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Aquarius, take a look at the bigger picture to identify what you will need for the next few months. Then discuss your ideas with others to see if what you have planned is plausible.
PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Your good mood will be elevated for much of the week, Pisces. Don't fret about a little hiccup along the way. You will bounce back quickly with a smile on your face.

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to children's dental health. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 11 = S)

A. 10 12 12 10 7 17 15 1 11 7
Clue: Cleans teeth

B. 19 9 12 11 11 24 6 25
Clue: Interdental cleaning

C. 19 9 1 12 15 24 5 21
Clue: Strengthens teeth

D. 5 21 6 10 24 11 10
Clue: Tooth doctor

Answers: A. toothbrush B. flossing C. fluoride D. dentist

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to children's teeth.

V C A T Y I

Answer: Cavity

GUESS WHO?

I am a boxer born in Michigan on February 24, 1977. I won a bronze medal as a featherweight in the 1996 Summer Olympics. I went on to be a five-division world champion boxer, winning 15 world titles. I was one of the highest paid athletes in the world at one point.

Answer: Floyd Mayweather, Jr.

What's Cookin' this week?

A nutty start to the day

Pecan trees grow in various areas of the central and southern United States. Pecan trees are prized for their delicious nuts. There's debate whether pecan is pronounced as pe-CAN (as in can of soda) or pe-CAHN, (as in con artist), and it varies depending on where you live. However, there is no debate that pecans can be versatile ingredients in both sweet and savory recipes.

Pecans are perhaps best known from pecan pie, but they're also tasty in cookies and cakes and sprinkled atop vegetables. They're also a key ingredient in this recipe for "Praline-Pecan French Toast," courtesy of Southern Living magazine and the Southern Living Test Kitchen.

Praline-Pecan French Toast
Servings: 8-10

1 16-ounce French bread loaf

1 cup firmly packed light brown sugar

1/3 cup butter, melted

2 tablespoons maple syrup

3/4 cup chopped pecans

4 large eggs, lightly beaten

1 cup 2 percent reduced fat milk

2 tablespoons granulated sugar

1 teaspoon ground cinnamon


1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1. Cut 10 (1-inch-thick) slices of bread. Reserve remaining bread for another use.

2. Stir together brown sugar and next two ingredients; pour into a lightly greased 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Sprinkle with chopped pecans.

3. Whisk together eggs and next four ingredients. Arrange bread slices over pecans; pour egg mixture over bread. Cover and chill 8 hours.

4. Preheat oven to 350 F. Bake bread 35 to 37 minutes, or until golden brown. Serve immediately.



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In the sky during March

By David Voigts



March will be an exciting month in the sky with several noteworthy events. The highlight will be a total eclipse of the Moon late in the night of March 13-14. The partial eclipse will begin at 12:09 a.m. CDT, with totality beginning at 1:26. Totality will end at 2:31, and the partial eclipse will end at 3:48. Since the eclipse happens at the same time wherever the Moon is visible, viewers only need to make an adjustment for their time zone.

The planets will also be interesting. Mercury will replace Saturn in the alignment of planets, and it will have its best evening appearance of the year early in the month. Brilliant Venus will be visible in the western sky, but it will be dropping lower each day. It will pass close to Mercury on March 11, and then it will drop quickly toward the horizon as it prepares to pass between the Earth and the Sun. It will move into the morning sky and be visible before the end of the month.

Very bright Jupiter will be high in the sky almost in line with the upper horn of Taurus (the Bull) and to the upper left of Aldebaran, the bull's bright, reddish eye. Jupiter will lead bright, but fading, Mars across the sky. Mars will start the month to the right of bright Castor (above) and Pollux (below) in Gemini (the Twins), one of the few constellations of the zodiac that has both bright stars and, with a little imagination, looks like its name. Castor and Pollux represent the heads of the twins. Their stick-figured bodies are formed by two straggly lines of dimmer stars that extend almost to Orion (the Hunter). During March, Mars will move slowly eastward and closer to Pollux. Between Mars and the twin stars is a line of faint stars roughly parallel to them. They represent the arms of the twins, holding each other in an eternal embrace.

The twins were important in Greek mythology. As the story goes, Leda, the beautiful Queen of ancient Sparta, caught the attention of Zeus who took the form of a beautiful swan and seduced her. However, Leda also became pregnant with her husband, King Tyndareus, and she gave birth to twins. Castor, the son of Tyndareus, was mortal and Pollux, the son of Zeus, was immortal. Castor and Pollux had many adventures, including sailing with Jason on the Argo (also in the sky, but separated into three constellations) in search of the Golden Fleece. Later, when Castor was killed in battle, Pollux was

so overcome with grief that Zeus allowed him to share his immortality with Castor, and both were placed together in the sky.

Observing Highlights

Mar. 1 The crescent Moon will be to the left of brilliant Venus and farther above much dimmer Mercury. Start looking about 30 minutes after sunset.

Mar. 5 The Moon will be to the right of very bright Jupiter and above dimmer Aldebaran, the eye of Taurus (the Bull).

Mar. 8 Mercury will reach its highest point in the sky. It will then pause before following Venus back toward the Sun.

The Moon will be close to Mars and between Mars and the twin stars of Gemini (the Twins).

Mar. 11 Brilliant Venus and much dimmer Mercury will pass each other low in the western sky. Start looking about 45 minutes after sunset.

The Moon be close above Regulus, the brightest star of Leo (the Lion).

Mar. 13 There will be a total lunar eclipse from 1:26 to 2:31 a.m. CDT. The partial eclipse will begin at 12:09 and end at 3:48 a.m. CDT.

Mar. 15 The Moon will rise above Spica, the brightest star in the constellation Virgo (the Maiden) at about 10:00. The Moon will move in its orbit and follow Spica into the sky on the 16th.

Mar. 20 The Moon will rise close above Antares, the brightest star in Scorpius (the Scorpion) at about 2:00. It will lead Antares across the sky until dawn.

This is the day of the vernal equinox that ushers in spring in the northern hemisphere. The sun will rise straight in the east and set straight in the west, and everyone will have 12 hours of daylight (except at the poles).

Mar. 27 The Moon will be to the right of Venus very low in the sky. Start looking about 30 minutes before sunrise.

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

First quarter, Mar. 6, Noon, Sunset, Midnight, P.M.

Full moon, Mar. 14, Sunset, Midnight, Sunrise, All night

Last quarter, Mar. 22, Midnight, Sunrise, Noon, A.M.

New Moon, Mar. 29, Sunrise, Noon, Sunset, Not visible

*Dates and times are approximate.

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

Chartrand III, M. R. *Nat. Audubon Soc. Field Guide to the Night Sky*. A. A. Krump, Inc, NY pub. 1995.

SkyandTelescope.org

NOTICE OF INTENT TO VACATE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO VACATE AND DISPOSE OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa, shall consider adoption of a resolution vacating and disposing of public rights-of-way with legal descriptions as follows: (1) The unvacated, irregular tract of land located in the North Half of Block 16, Wright's 3rd Addition, City of Eagle Grove, Wright County, Iowa. (2) The east-west 10'x127.1' alley between the South 65' of Lot 1 and Lot 2, Block 11, Hewett's Park Addition, Wright County, Iowa. (3) The east-west 22.9'x132.5' alley adjacent north of Lot 5 and the N 16' of Lot 4, Block 5, Broadway

Drive Addition, Wright County, Iowa. Notice is also given that this public right-of-way, if vacated, may be sold to adjoining landowners.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City Council will consider the adoption of the proposed vacation and conveyance of the before-mentioned real estate after a public hearing which is to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 210 East Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa, on Monday, April 21, 2025. Persons interested in the proposals will be given the opportunity to express their views before or at the time of the hearing.

By Order of the City Council for the City of Eagle Grove, Bryce Davis, City Clerk

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CITY OF EAGLE GROVE • FEB. 18, 2025

Special Council Meeting Tuesday February 18th, 2025 Public Safety Building 210 E. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Axtell, Weland, Vandewater and Limerick. Absent: Pamperin. Also present: City Administrator Davis and City Attorney Seaba. Public Forum: None

A motion was made by Axtell and seconded by Lorenzen to Enter into Closed Session at 6:02pm per Iowa Code 21.5(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where

litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Roll Call: all ayes

A motion was made by Limerick and seconded by Lorenzen to exit Closed Session at 6:29pm per Iowa Code 21.5(c). Roll Call: all ayes

A motion was made by Vandewater and seconded by Axtell to move towards a mediation. Roll Call: all ayes

A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Limerick to adjourn the meeting at 6:30pm.

Mayor City Administrator

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WRIGHT COUNTY BOS • FEB. 10, 2025

February 10, 2025

Chairman Pro Tem Kluss called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:01 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Bosch and Loux with Rasmussen, and Ellis present via zoom.

Motion by Bosch and seconded by Loux to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of February 3, 2025, were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on Secondary Roads department.

Motion by Bosch and seconded by Loux to receive the January monthly revenue report from the Wright County Sheriff. Motion carries.

The Wright County Treasurer, Sheriff, and Recorder all requested wage increases for certain employees within their offices. The Treasurer is requesting \$1,000 for Amy Krueger bringing her annual salary to \$49,313.39, the Sheriff is requesting \$2,600 for Office Manager, Brenda Majerus bringing her annual salary to \$53,947.56 and the Recorder is requesting \$1,500 for Jennifer Hogrefe bringing her salary to \$51,500.00. Motion by Ellis and seconded by Bosch to approve wage increases as presented effective immediately. Motion carries

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Loux approve the liquor license for Oak Ridge Recreation in Goldfield. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Bosch to approve Resolution 2025-08, Treasurer naming depositories. By roll call: Ayes – Ellis, Loux, Rasmussen, Bosch, and Kluss; nays – none. Resolution 2025-08 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution 2025-08

RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa approved the list of financial institutions.

The Wright County Treasurer is hereby authorized to deposit the Wright County funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below.

DEPOSITORY	LOCATION OF HOME OFFICE	MAXIMUM BALANCE IN EFFECT UNDER THIS RESOLUTION
FIRST CITIZENS BANK	MASON CITY (CLARION OFFICE)	\$ 15,000,000.00
FIRST STATE BANK	WEBSTER CITY (CLARION OFFICE)	\$ 5,000,000.00
FIRST BANK	EAGLE GROVE (CLARION OFFICE)	\$ 5,000,000.00
FIRST STATE BANK	BELMOND	\$ 1,500,000.00
UNITED BANK & TRUST CO	SHEFFIELD (DOWS OFFICE)	\$ 100,000.00
GREEN BELT BANK & TRUST	BELMOND	\$ 3,500,000.00
IOWA PUBLIC AGENCY INVESTMENT TRUST	WEST DES MOINES	\$ 10,000,000.00

Dated at Clarion, IA this 10th day of February 2025.

Motion by Rasmusen and seconded by Loux to receive the Budget Amendment documents for FYE2025. Motion carries.

Motion by Loux and seconded by Rasmusen to set the Budget Amendment Hearing for March 3, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carries.

Motion by Loux and seconded by Bosch to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Dean Kluss, Chairman Pro Tem, Wright County Board of Supervisors

Deb Nesheim, Wright County Deputy Auditor

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE NW 8TH STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND THE 2025 MILLAND OVERLAY PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF EAGLE GROVE, IOWA.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Eagle Grove, Iowa, will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 210 E Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533 on the 3rd day of March, 2025, at which time and place a hearing will be held on the proposed plans and specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2025 Street Improvement Project in and for said City. In addition, notice is also given that a bidder or bidders may be awarded contracts for these projects should the Council proceed with a project or projects. Any interested person may appear at said hearing and file objections to the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated costs for said improvements.

The projects are located in Eagle Grove, Iowa, taking place through

the following Projects: 2025 Mill and Overlay Projects and NW 8th Street Reconstruction Project.

The general description of types of construction and limits for which bids will be received shall be as follows:

The NW 8th Street Reconstruction Project includes reconstruction of the existing street with concrete paving and select utility improvements.

The 2025 Mill and Overlay Project includes replacement of curb and gutter, resurfacing with hot mix asphalt, and select utility improvements. This includes sections of NE 2nd Street and SW 1st Street.

Plans and specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by the Engineer. These plans and specifications, and the proceedings of the City referring to and defining said improvements, are hereby made a part of this Notice and the proposed contract by reference, and the proposed contract shall be executed to comply therewith.

Published upon order of the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa.

Bryce Davis, City Clerk

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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 Eisentrager Law 109 South Commercial Avenue P.O. Box 346 Eagle Grove, IA 50533 Date of second publication: February 27, 2025

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WRIGHT COUNTY JANUARY 2025 CLAIMS

January 2025 Claims	
General Basic Fund	
Access Systems, Copier contract.....	\$345.48
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AgVantage, Fuel.....	\$343.57
Ahlers & Cooney, Labor relations.....	\$1,500.00
Jon Ahrendsen, Med. exam.....	\$600.00
Amazon, Off. supp.....	\$638.63
Arnold's, Oil/Battery.....	\$477.38
Auxiant, Insurance.....	\$209.00
Independent, Publication.....	\$288.63
Benchmark Agribus., Appraisal.....	\$2,250.00
Blue Ribbon Pelham, Water.....	\$104.00
Bomgaars, Seed, etc.....	\$285.25
Ashley Bosch, Lodging/Meals/Mileage.....	\$503.70
Brothers Market, Hot deli.....	\$3,143.36
Build A Better Belmond, Refund.....	\$100.00
BOA, Credit Card.....	\$786.70
CDW-G, Toner.....	\$476.85
Central Iowa Detention, Detention.....	\$7,560.00
Central Iowa Dist., Cust. supp.....	\$1,548.50
Central Iowa Water, Pump/Testing.....	\$1,039.00
Central Lock, Cloud fee.....	\$960.00
City of Clarion, Water & sewer.....	\$252.74
CJ Cooper, Drug test.....	\$45.00
Clarion Distributing, Cust. supp.....	\$202.90
Column, Publication.....	\$948.02
Comm1, Phone.....	\$2,317.88
Greg Crowl, Contract carrier.....	\$700.00
Culligan, Water.....	\$98.40
Doug's Small Engines, Mower clutch.....	\$685.33
Eagle Building Supply, Boards.....	\$833.40
Betty Ellis, Lodge/PerDiem/Mileage.....	\$1,480.53

Christine Oliver, Mileage.....	\$151.20
Angela Petersen, Mileage.....	\$30.82
Michelle Phillips, Transcript.....	\$11.00
Prairie Energy, Utilities.....	\$1,424.52
PSI, Bus. Cards/forms.....	\$267.91
Rick Rasmussen, PerDiem/Mileage.....	\$290.98
Eric Rector, Shipping.....	\$90.65
Region V HazMat, Contribution.....	\$4,853.62
River City Comm., Repair.....	\$650.00
James Russell, Mileage.....	\$248.57
Sadler, Mini Split.....	\$777.63
Peggy Schluttenhofer, Mileage.....	\$21.00
Schumacher, Maintenance.....	\$195.85
Dustin Smith, MD, Med. Ex.....	\$300.00
State Hygienic Lab, Testing.....	\$517.50
T & S, Disposal.....	\$1,056.00
T-Mobile, Phone.....	\$801.90
Thrifty White, Meds.....	\$2.79
True Value, Cust. supp.....	\$239.41
UDMO, Contribution.....	\$4,000.00
ULINE, Desk.....	\$2,180.12
Urness, Supplies.....	\$595.32
US Cellular, Phone.....	\$129.13
Verizon, Phone.....	\$320.08
VISA, Credit Card.....	\$341.38
Visual Edge, Copier contract.....	\$94.79
W & H, Tank rent.....	\$55.00
West Payment Center, Law Library.....	\$1,005.00
Wr. Co. Aud., Postage.....	\$991.35
Wr. Co. Fair, Grant.....	\$5,000.00
Wr. Co. Eng., Veh. Maint.....	\$264.36

Public Health Basic Fund

Amazon, Cups/chickpeas.....	\$20.90
Elizabeth Bernal, Mileage.....	\$212.39
CDW-G, Memory.....	\$37.89
Carrie Covington, Mileage.....	\$212.39
Culligan, Water.....	\$75.40
Fareway, Cups/snacks.....	\$23.62
Monica Figueroa, Mileage.....	\$127.30
Naomi Rothman, Mileage.....	\$127.30
Denise Schumacher, Mileage.....	\$247.23

Wells Fargo Fin., Copier.....	\$466.04
Angela Wessellink, Mileage.....	\$163.48
American Rescue Plan of 2021	
Urness, Paint.....	\$353.47
LG Opioid Abatement Fund	
Independent, Publishing.....	\$300.00
Mid-America, Publishing.....	\$721.50
General Supplemental	
Gerald Burmeister, Grand Juror.....	\$44.00
Crittendon, County bed.....	\$1,446.15
Leroy Cuneo, Grand Juror.....	\$42.50
Sarah Hill, Grand Juror.....	\$45.00
Jessica Nail, Grand Juror.....	\$31.00
Molly Schaefer, Grand Juror.....	\$47.50
Dawn Sherman, Grand Juror.....	\$30.50
Joshua Smock, Grand Juror.....	\$44.00
Gary Venner, Grand Juror.....	\$42.50
Joseph Vote, Grand Juror.....	\$45.00
Christina Whipple, Grand Juror.....	\$45.00
Wr. Co. Employees Side Fund	
Auxiant, Insurance.....	\$54,000.39
Clarion Health, Memberships.....	\$310.00
ISAC Group Benefits, Insurance.....	\$166,028.30
Rotary Senior Living, Memberships.....	\$105.00
Jail Commissary	
Hewett, Meals/Comm.....	\$133.57
Rural Services Basic Fund	
Belmond Library, Apport.....	\$2,683.67
CDW-G, Tablet.....	\$3,672.41
Clarion Library, Apport.....	\$2,571.83
Dows Library, Apport.....	\$1,229.92
EG Library, Apport.....	\$3,019.08
Wacan Library, Apport.....	\$1,677.33
ROC, Contribution.....	\$23,863.67
Sanitary Landfill, Apport.....	\$18,056.25
K-9 Fund	
BOA, Credit Card.....	\$65.00
Secondary Road Fund	
AgVantage, Fuel.....	\$11,134.51
Garys, Weld supp.....	\$304.41

Alliant Energy, Utilities.....	\$1,487.81
Amazon, Supplies.....	\$877.63
Arnold's, Parts.....	\$3,006.96
Independent, Publication.....	\$148.00
Bomgaars, Batteries/etc.....	\$394.85
Boot Barn, Boots.....	\$186.99
CINTAS, Coveralls.....	\$198.04
City of Belmond, Utilities.....	\$97.13
City of Clarion, Utilities.....	\$552.07
City of Eagle Grove, Utilities.....	\$75.17
CJ Cooper, Drug testing.....	\$165.00
Clarion Distributing, Shop Supp.....	\$174.00
Comm1, Phone.....	\$279.40
Culligan, Water.....	\$159.00
Don's Truck Sales, Repairs.....	\$3,612.00
Force Filters, Apparel.....	\$249.80
Hanson & Sons, Tires.....	\$1,009.96
Hawkeye West, Pest control.....	\$60.00
Iowa DOT, Repair.....	\$150.00
ISAC, Registration.....	\$210.00
Kinzler, Repair.....	\$4,265.50
Lawson Products, Helmets/Parts.....	\$1,022.27
Mid-America, Publishing.....	\$180.60
Northland Products, Oil.....	\$2,643.78
Prairie Energy, Utilities.....	\$353.12
Skyline Salt, Road salt.....	\$21,813.90
Spencer, Steel.....	\$876.16
Stratford Gravel, Road sand.....	\$4,848.88
T & S, Disposal.....	\$233.00
T-Mobile, Phone.....	\$254.31
The Iowa Outdoors, Blade/Saw eq.....	\$241.80
Truck Center, Parts.....	\$402.85
Urness, Supplies.....	\$308.41
US Cellular, Phone.....	\$1,663.04
VISA, Credit Card.....	\$1,197.51
Visual Edge, Copier contract.....	\$89.06
W & H, Fuel.....	\$1,075.65
Wr. Co. Aud., Plat books.....	\$915.22
Wr. Co. Recorder, Rev. stamp.....	\$92.00
Sanitary Landfill, Apport.....	\$95.00
Ziegler, Engine etc.....	\$58,089.42

Emergency Medical Service	
ISH-Belmond, Training.....	\$676.16
E911 Surcharge Fund	
AgVantage, Fuel.....	\$176.37
Alliant Energy, Utilities.....	\$473.69
AT&T, Phone.....	\$51.89
CenturyLink, Circuit Pay.....	\$243.04
Frontier Comm., E911 Circuits.....	\$70.87
Goldfield Telephone, Phone.....	\$119.12
Language Link, Interpreter.....	\$10.21
Prairie Energy, Utilities.....	\$289.81
WahlTek, Inc., Integration.....	\$7,990.00
Windstream, Phone.....	\$164.66
Local Emergency Management	
Comm1, Phone.....	\$55.95
IEMA, Membership.....	\$225.00
Verizon, Phone.....	\$121.49
VISA, Credit Card.....	\$53.08
Wr. Co. Aud., Plat book.....	\$26.00
Wright Co. Communications	
Hawkeye West, Pest control.....	\$65.00
Mid-America, Publications.....	\$301.00
Visual Edge, Copier contract.....	\$103.95
Co Assessor Agency Fund	
Culligan, Water.....	\$10.00
IAAO, Dues.....	\$800.00
IICA, Membership.....	\$125.00
ISAA, Dues.....	\$875.00
Mid-America, Subscription.....	\$64.00
Pictometry, Photography.....	\$51,253.50
Rink's Auto, Tires.....	\$35.00
US Cellular, Phone.....	\$183.33

UTILITY BOARD • FEB. 19, 2025

Utility Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday February 19th 2025 at 7:00 AM Public Safety Building 210 W. Broadway, Eagle Grove, IA 50533 The meeting was called to order with trustees Peterson, Ryerson, Jeske and Bisson. Absent: Rethman. Also present: City Administrator Davis, Public Works Lunda and Water Superintendent Baker. With Waste Water Superintendent Brockman via Phone A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Bisson to approve January 15th minutes and claims Roll Call: all ayes BLACK HILLS ENERGY, NATURAL GAS-PRESTAGE LIFT.....\$100.86 BOLTON & MENK INC, ENGINEERING SVC-LIFT STA.....\$12,287.00 NATHAN BROCKMAN, CONFERENCE LODGING.....\$411.92 CAMPBELL'S INC, PRESSURE SPRAYER REPAIRS.....\$862.46 CONTINENTAL RESEARCH CORPORATI, SUPPLIES.....\$115.74 DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, DIST PARTS.....\$1,021.40 ENGINEERED EQUIPMENT SOLUTIONS, OIL.....\$907.20 EOSI, BULK MICRO-C...\$30,287.20 FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516, 480 WALL MIUS.....\$62,400.00 GURNEY & ASSOCIATES, INC, UV BLDG PROBE.....\$14,414.37 HACH CO., TESTING SUPPLIES.....\$487.22 HAWKINS INC, CHEMICALS.....\$18,419.48 MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC, TESTING-DAYBREAK...\$6,425.25 LYLE'S FORD-MERCURY, VEHICLE ACCESS.....\$215.75 MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT LLC, JETVAC TRUCK REPAIRS.....\$27,595.68 MENARDS, SUPPLIES.....\$256.25 PACKARD ELECTRIC INC, PRE-STAGE PUMP STATION...\$944.38 PRAIRIE ENERGY COOPERATIVE, ELECTRICITY-PRESTAGE LIFT STA.....\$1,773.20 SEWER REVENUE BOND SINKING, MONTHLY TSF....\$125,000.00	STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, TESTING SVC.....\$79.00 STEIN HEATING AND COOLING, BOILER REPAIRS.....\$2,089.15 VAN METER INC, PARTS.....\$1,139.03 VAN-HOF TRUCKING INC, HAULING QUICKLIME.....\$2,388.87 ZIEGLER INC., GENERATOR MAINTENANCE.....\$1,292.56 Iowa DNR, DNR Lab Cert app... 1200 Iowa Treasurer, 122024 Sales tax... 11946.15 Iowa Treasurer, 012025 Wet tax..... 5291.86 Postmaster, Postage utility bills..... 566.11 Juan Castro, Meter deposit return... 170.52 Melissa Ries, Meter deposit return. 96.94 Shannon Guerin, Meter deposit return..... 91.23 Alexis Haro, Meter deposit return..... 188.23 Fund Totals WATER.....\$82,971.75 METER DEPOSIT FUND...\$546.92 SEWER.....\$235,980.84 SEWER - NORTH LIFT PRJ.....\$8,274.00 SEWER - CHEM BLDG PRJ.....\$2,691.50 Discussed Financials with No Action. A motion was made by Bisson and seconded by Ryerson to approve Resolution UB2025-04: A Resolution Authorizing Utility Billing Adjustments Report for January in the amount of \$51.46. Roll Call Vote: all ayes Reviewed and Discussed a new gate and gate operation controls at the Water Reclamation Facility. Will be reviewed during the 2025 budget season. Reviewed and Discussed the Wastewater Service Agreement with talusTen. No action taken Department Reports were given. A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Bisson to adjourn at 8:01am. Roll Call: all ayes <i>Secretary</i>
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CITY OF EAGLE GROVE • FEB. 18, 2025

Regular Council Meeting Tuesday February 18th, 2025 Public Safety Building 210 E. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533 Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Axtell, Weland, Vandewater and Limerick. Absent: Pamperin. Also present: City Administrator Davis and City Attorney Seaba. Public Forum: Troy Shipley requested the Council to reconsider the Dangerous Animal Order. A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Axtell to approve the Consent Agenda which includes February 03, 2025 minutes and claims. Roll Call: All Ayes AIRGAS USA LLC, TANK RENTAL..... 324.36 AXON ENTERPRISE INC, BODY CAMERAS,SOFTWARE....7,961.72 BOMGAARS, SUPPLIES...2,597.36 BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, EMS SUPPLIES..... 191.49 BRENNDAN HENNIGAR, TRAINING-LODGING.....268.80 COMM 1 THE LOCAL 1, TELEPHONE,INTERNET.....98.78 CORPORATE TRANSLATION SERV INC, INTERPRETATION SVCS.....59.68 DETECTACHEM, INC., TEST KITS..... 148.68 EAGLE GROVE PHARMACY INC, EMS BILLING..... 16.95 GALLS, LLC, UNIFORM-M.VALENTINE.....225.86 VISUAL EDGE IT, 78625...462.94 HENNIGAR'S WRECKER SERVICE, TICKET #26159.....150.00 HIWAY TRUCK EQUIPMENT, LIGHT BARS.....579.84 I.S.C.I.A, CONFERENCE-B HENNIGAR..... 175.00 IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, IOWA ONLINE WARRANTS...300.00 IOWA PEACE OFFICERS ASSN, REGISTRATION-R BELTRAN..... 125.00 KADEN DAYTON, TOBACCO BUYS.....285.00 LAWSON AUTO BODY, '21 F150 HAIL.....2,803.13 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, ELECTRICITY..... 143.46 MUNICIPAL EMERGENCY SERVICES, HYDROTEST.....400.00 PAYROLL FUND, PAYROLL FUND..... 105,530.79 PEDERSON SANITATION, PACKER RENTAL/HAULING.....1,375.00 PITNEY BOWES, POSTAGE METER LEASE..... 163.53 R&D INDUSTRIES INC, MONTHLY SVCS.....2,041.00 SADLER CONSTRUCTION INC., BASEMENT,SUMP-301 W BWAY... 3,835.31 SEABA LAW OFFICE, PLC, DANGEROUS DOG.....2,143.71 SHERWIN-WILLIAMS, PAINT FOR STREET SWEEPER.....247.39 SHORT ELLIOT HENDRICKSON INC, ENGINEERING SVCS-2025 STREET.....61,059.95 T. P. ANDERSON COMPANY P.C., AUDIT FEES.....2,410.00 THE TRASH MAN, REVENUES 16,598.40 TORKELSON CONSTRUCTION, PAY APP #2-217 W BROADWAY... 68,491.00 USCELLULAR, TABLETS ... 103.58 W & H COOPERATIVE OIL CO., FUEL.....4,751.33 BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD, HEALTH INSURANCE...34,688.79 WRIGHT CO COMMUNICATIONS, 3RD QTR-JAN,FEB,MAR.....29,051.07 ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION, SUPPLIES..... 64.00 Hennigars Wrecker, Amb tow/repair..... 1325.00 Fund totals GENERAL..... 104655.93 ROAD USE TAX..... 17,607.70 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS...28,503.77 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX.....43,074.92 CDBG UPPER STORY HOUSING.....68,491.00 GARBAGE..... 16,060.39 2024 STREET IMPROV PRJ..... 17,985.03 MUSEUM RENOVATION 121.44 PROJECT FUND..... 3,835.31 WATER.....28,241.54 SEWER.....22,620.87 January Revenue GENERAL.....\$63,594.01 ROAD USE TAX.....\$42,787.07 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS...\$9,511.26 SWWC EMS DISTRICT FUNDS....\$7.44 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX.....\$56,082.30 TAX INCREMENT FINANCING.....\$2,458.82	GARBAGE.....\$21,790.83 HOTEL TAX.....\$2,026.71 DEBT SERVICE.....\$2,519.86 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESV...\$818.18 WATER.....\$88,007.67 METER DEPOSIT FUND...\$3,050.00 WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT.....\$13,929.38 SEWER.....\$274,032.76 SEWER REV BOND SINKING.....\$125,000.00 SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT.....\$13,093.14 EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT.....\$1,125.50 Presentation of the Annual Report of the Eagle Grove Fire Department was given by Tom Peterson, Fire Chief of the Eagle Grove Fire Department, and Mack Sisson, Assistant Fire Chief. The Eagle Grove Golf Course Board of Directors requested \$17,000 for improvements to the Eagle Grove Golf Course. The Council will consider this request in the 2025 Fiscal Budget. A motion was made by Vandewater and seconded by Weland to approve Resolution 2025-14: A Resolution Authorizing Draw No. 2 in the amount of \$68,491.00 to Torkelson Construction for the 217 W Broadway CDBG Upper Story Housing Conversion Program. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Limerick to approve Resolution 2025-15: A Resolution Authorizing a Development Agreement for 125 W Broadway for the CDBG Upper Story Housing Conversion Program. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Vandewater, Lorenzen, Limerick, Weland. Nays: Axtell A motion was made by Vandewater and seconded by Axtell to approve Resolution 2025-16: A Resolution Authorizing Levying Assessments for Costs of Nuisance Abatement. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Vandewater and seconded by Limerick to approve Resolution 2025-17: A Resolution to Set a Date for Public Hearing for the Vacation and Conveyance of Public Rights-of-Way. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Vandewater and seconded by Axtell to approve Resolution 2025-18: A Resolution Setting a Date for Public Hearing to Vacate and Convey Public Right-of-Way. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Limerick to approve Resolution 2025-19: A Resolution authorizing and approving a Loan Agreement, providing for the issuance of a \$350,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Note, Series 2025 and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Axtell to approve Resolution 2025-20: A Resolution Authorizing an Intergovernmental Transfer of Public Funds Agreement between Iowa Department of HHS and City of Eagle Grove. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Limerick to approve Resolution 2025-21: A Resolution Authorizing a Provider Participation Agreement with Iowa Department of HHS. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Axtell and seconded by Lorenzen to approve Resolution 2025-22: A Resolution Authorizing a Lifeguard Instructor Training Reimbursement Agreement. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Axtell to approve Resolution 2025-23: A Resolution Authorizing an Advanced EMT Training Reimbursement Agreement. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Axtell and seconded by Lorenzen to approve Resolution 2025-24: A Resolution Authorizing an Internal Advance for Funding of Urban Renewal Program. Roll Call Vote: all ayes Reviewed potential Legislation regarding Sidewalk Maintenance and Liability. No Action on Developing a Sidewalk Program. The Council will review in a Public Works Committee meeting and bring back recommendations for future consideration. Department reports were given. A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Weland to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm. <i>Mayor City Administrator</i>
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- Pop's Pizza & Pub 2nd Year Anniversary Party
Starting at 5 p.m. with Happy Hour. Karaoke beginning at 8 p.m.

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 22

- Down Memory Lane Soup Supper at Goldfield Community Center
5pm-7pm. Free will donation. Silent auction.
To donate auction items contact Greg Schipull, 515-851-1965

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

CIVIC CALENDAR

WRIGHT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

DETAILS:

Mondays, 9 a.m., at the Wright County Courthouse

CLARION CITY COUNCIL

DETAILS:

5 p.m., first and third Tuesdays of the Month

EAGLE GROVE CITY COUNCIL

DETAILS:

6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays at the Police building

EAGLE GROVE UTILITY BOARD

DETAILS:

To be announced.

EAGLE GROVE LIBRARY BOARD

DETAILS:

Second Wednesdays of the Month at the Library Meeting Room (times to be announced).

EAGLE GROVE SCHOOL BOARD

DETAILS:

Second Mondays of the Month, 6:00 p.m. at the Emerson Building.

ROWAN CITY COUNCIL

DETAILS:

7 p.m., First Mondays of the Month at City Hall

GALT CITY COUNCIL

DETAILS:

Second Mondays of the month, 202 3rd St.

WOOLSTOCK CITY COUNCIL

DETAILS:

2nd Tuesdays of the month