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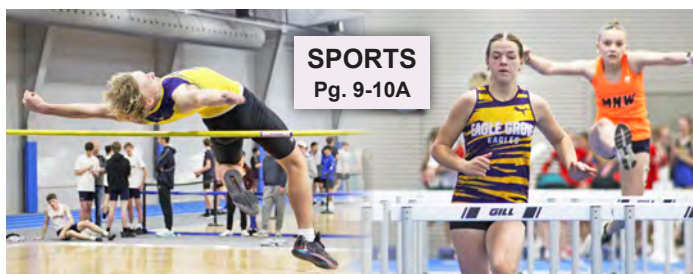
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Wright County Egg Farm Accused of Trafficking and Abuse

Supervisor called worker 'slave', 'dog', 'wetback' – brandished gun, suit claims



Centrum Valley Farms' Wright County chicken barns. (Photo courtesy of the Wright County Assessor's Office)

By Edward Lynn
Editor

A group of six Guatemalan migrants have filed a federal lawsuit against Clarion's Centrum Valley Farms which alleges the company engaged in human trafficking, workplace discrimination, and retaliation. Centrum Valley Farms is a subsidiary of Versova Holdings, LLP, the nation's fifth largest egg producer (as rated by Watt Poultry).

The civil suit, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Iowa, claims the company and one of its managers engaged in

a pattern of abuse that included harassment, wage theft, threats of violence, and threats of deportation. The six plaintiffs—Kenny Augusto Tetzaguic Lux, Gerver Noel Marroquin Argueta, Isaias Tevalan Lopez, Consuelo Esperanza Lux Tepaz, Cecilia Angelica Bernal Cobo, and Juan Carlos Tetzaguic Lux—lived in Wright County or nearby Webster City while working at the Centrum Valley Farms' facility in Clarion. One, Marroquin Argueta, resided in Eagle Grove.

The lawsuit names both the company and a manager,

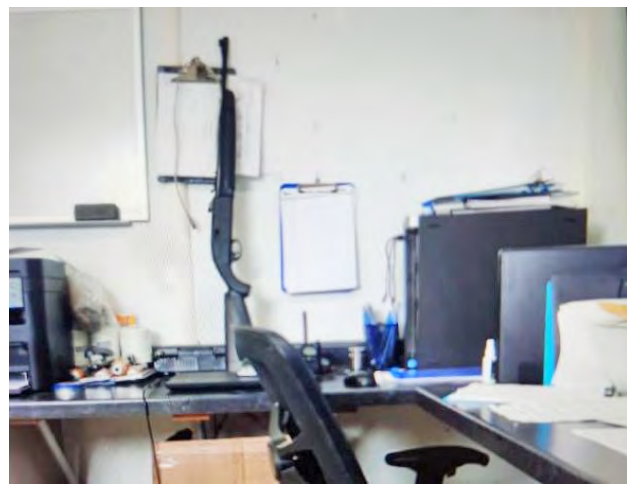
Jose Cornejo (who the suit states is believed to be "of Mexican origin"), as defendants.

The plaintiffs say they were recruited to work at Centrum Valley Farms, where they performed physically demanding labor at the company's egg production and packaging facility. Cornejo, who acted as their direct supervisor, allegedly subjected them to repeated verbal abuse and discriminatory remarks targeting their Guatemalan heritage. According to the lawsuit Cornejo made "repeated unwelcome comments dispar-

aging the plaintiffs for their Guatemalan national origin" on a daily basis, and told the workers that Guatemalans were lazy and suggested he wanted to replace them with Mexicans or Americans. Following these threats the plaintiffs were demoted or sent to work at "less desirable positions", which the suit alleges was done "solely on the basis of their national origin and ethnicity."

The situation allegedly escalated after workers raised complaints about Cornejo to

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A shotgun allegedly used to intimidate and threaten trafficked workers, inside an office at Centrum Valley Farms. (Photo from federal court filing)

Library Director Highlights Eagle Grove Library's Impact, Warns of Trump Cuts

By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE — The director of Eagle Grove Memorial Library delivered a passionate and data-rich report to the City Council on March 17, outlining the library's wide-ranging services and expressing serious concern that many of those offerings could soon be in jeopardy due to federal policy changes from the Trump administration.

Jan Grandgeorge, the longtime library director, painted a picture of a modern small-town library that functions as far more than a place to check out books. "We provide services free to everyone in Eagle Grove, and Wright County," she said, "because we receive

tax funding from those areas," The library also contracts to serve residents of Goldfield, Thor, Vincent and Woolstock.

In addition to access to 46,129 physical items, the library offers high-speed Wi-Fi, 24/7 internet access, computer use, interlibrary loan services, and access to the Bridges consortium—an online collection of over 152,000 eBooks, audiobooks and magazines, available to anyone with a local library card.

"We're a safe place," Grandgeorge said. "The library provides a supervised environment for children after school and during vacation. People go to the

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Scouts Plan Ambitious Multi-Troop Trail Cleanup, Campout at Fish Pond

By Edward Lynn
Editor

Eagle Grove scout Andrew Vaughn, who was recently awarded scouting's highest possible rank of Eagle Scout, is proving he's not content to rest on his laurels by launching yet another ambitious service project, even though he can't earn a higher rank from it. "I want to do service projects for my community other than the stuff we do with the troop every month," Vaughn told the Eagle. "I just want to do something extra."

"This is all him," said Scoutmaster Rick Dawson, explaining that going beyond the call of duty is typical of Vaughn. "He went to all the district meetings to get troops to sign up to help with a world conservation project," Dawson revealed, "so that he can spread the word of what it means to give back."

Vaughn's plan involves inviting other Iowa scout troops to participate in the most ambitious cleanup of the Three Rivers Trail the scouts have yet attempted, cleaning not just the trail-head, but also the first two miles of the trail. The project, according to the invitation flier sent to other scout troops, focuses on "environmental sustainability and community outreach."

The project is planned for April 12th, and scouts plan to gather at the trail starting at 9 am to start the clean-up. Vaughn will lead an educational session, addressing participants on the importance of being good stewards of nature. The focus will be on the concept of "leaving it (nature) better than you found it," said Dawson. There will also be a safety meeting prior to the clean-up, Dawson noted, covering such common sense outdoor safety considerations as "leave the moving 'stick' alone," and "leaves of three" (like poison ivy) "leave them be." Each participant, scouts and accompanying adults who spend at least two hours working on the clean-up, and also attend the educational



The Three Rivers trail-head after the Eagle Grove scouts cleaned it the last time. (Photo courtesy of Rick Dawson)



A sign the scouts built at the Three Rivers trail-head, as part of Dustin Dawson's Eagle Scout project - mid-construction. (Photo courtesy of Rick Dawson)



The Three Rivers trail cleanup won't be Vaughn's first local conservation project, he also installed recycling stations for fishing line at Lake Cornelia, and worked on building habitat and feeding grounds for migrating Monarch butterflies. (Photo courtesy of Jay Vaughn)

portion of the project, will qualify for the Messenger of Peace award. The event is open to all scouts, whether cub scouts, girl scouts, or members of other scouting programs.

"I was reading up on the Messenger of Peace program in scouting and I was looking for a couple of projects to do this year," Vaughn told the Eagle. "Our troop did a 30 mile hike last year

on the Three River Trail and there was a lot of trash at the trail head and trail so I wanted to help clean it up, and my troop wants to help with the project, and even the cub scouts are helping. I went to other troops in the area and told them about it and other troops are coming to help."

"Forest City, Buffalo Center, Fort Dodge and Sheffield troops have confirmed they are helping," Vaughn's father Jay Vaughn confirmed, "but there are others showing strong interest in coming to help." In all, 60 troops were invited, said Scoutmaster Rick Dawson.

Scouts are then welcome to join the camp-out at Fish Pond Park, starting at 4 pm, totally free of charge.

Dawson expressed his hope that there would be a big turn-out from other troops. "Wouldn't it be awesome to see Fish Pond park just ringed with tents," Dawson said, "what a great time that would be for the scouts!"



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Wright County Democrats Reorganize

Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing

March 18, 2025 - There was a full party room last Tuesday at the Clarion Pizza Ranch as Wright County Democrats took a step toward revitalizing their local party. Led by organizer Kyle Kruse, the meeting brought together members eager to rebuild after several years without a formal committee.

State Democratic leaders, such as Kruse, Ryan Melton, and Cynthia Paschen emphasized the importance of bringing the structure back to the local Democratic groups. Pas-

chen also shared the need for locals to not only be involved but to run for office, boards and committees. Neighboring counties with strong Democratic committees offered their advice and support at the meeting.

The main objective of the meeting was to organize and elect members to serve on the central committee. A fresh slate of leaders was elected.

- Chairs Kalen Fristad (Dows) and Logan Stoffer (Belmond) were elected to lead the committee. They will set meeting agendas, oversee party activities in the county and act as key

representatives for the local party.

- Vice-Chair Dawn Hunt (Clarion) was elected to step in if Fristad and Stoffer are unavailable.

- Secretaries Lennea Groom (Rowan) and Kathy Schnell (Belmond) will maintain a record of meeting minutes and handle official correspondence.

- Treasurer Shannon Walker (Clarion) was re-elected to handle finances, and campaign finance reporting.

- Youth Chairs Amaya Watne (Clarion) and Cael Wesselink (Eagle Grove) will have the unique re-

sponsibility of keeping younger voters active in the county.

“We would like to encourage as many people as possible to come to the meeting to either listen and learn or share their own ideas for the future of the county Central committee,” Treasurer Shannon Walker and Nancy Duitscher shared. “Everyone who attends the meetings will have the opportunity to be heard and to vote on motions to advance the initiatives of the party.”

The next meeting is scheduled for April 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Clarion.

In the sky during April

By David Voigts



April will be an interesting month in the sky. The bright stars and constellations of winter will be dropping lower in the western sky each evening, and the planets that were in the early evening sky will have moved into the morning sky. The only evening planets remaining will be very bright Jupiter and bright, but fading, Mars. Jupiter will still be in the constellation Taurus (the Bull) above the bright star Aldebaran and between the bull's horns. It will be moving lower in the western sky as it is being left behind by Earth in its faster orbit. However, it's true motion will be moving slowly eastward in its orbit.

Mars will start the month in Gemini (the Twins), but it will be starting to move eastward more rapidly. It will be in line with Pollux and Castor (on the right) on about April 10, and soon after it will move out of Gemini and into the dim constellation Cancer (the Crab). As you are following Mars, look below it for the first bright star between Mars and the southern horizon. This star is Procyon in the small constellation Canis minor (the Little Dog). If you look farther below it and to the right, you will come to Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, in the constellation Canis major (the Great Dog). Canis major really does look like a stick-figured dog jumping up on its hind legs. Both were the hunting dogs of Orion (the Hunter).

The name Procyon is translated as “before the dog.” This is because it rises just before Sirius, the dog star. In ancient Greece when Sirius first rose before the Sun, it signaled the start of hot weather, and it was thought that the heat from bright Sirius added to the heat of the Sun to make the summers hot. In fact, the name Sirius is translated as “scorcher,” and the hottest days of summer are still referred to as the “dog days” of summer.

Canis minor has only one star in addition to Procyon that is easily visible. It is to the right of Procyon and has the Arabic name Gomeisa, which is translated “little bleary-eyed one with filth in the corner of the eye.” I don't like to think about why it got this name. I would rather remember that the two hunting dogs were so loyal to Orion that they were placed in the sky on each side of the Milky Way because it was thought to be a river of water, if not milk. That way they would never go thirsty.

Finally, the star that was predicted to explode and form a nova last year has returned unexploded to the eastern sky. It is not visible to the naked eye, but when it explodes, it should reach second magnitude for a few

days, about as bright as Polaris, the North Star. The star is named T Coronae Borealis and is in Corona Borealis (the Northern Crown). To find the site of the nova, extend the curve of the Big Dipper's handle to the bright star Arcturus in Bootes (the Herdsman). Especially late this month, look toward the northeastern horizon for an even brighter star, Vega in Lyra (the Harp) that will follow Arcturus across the sky. About 1/4 to 1/3 of the way from Arcturus to Vega is the only fairly bright star just to the left of this line. This is Gemma (also called Alphacca), the brightest star in Corona Borealis. If you see a star just to the east of Gemma, it is the nova.

Observing Highlights

Apr. 1 The Moon will be to the lower right of very bright Jupiter with Aldebaran, the brightest star of Taurus (the Bull), to the Moon's left and below Jupiter. On the 2nd, the Moon will be to Jupiter's upper right.

Apr. 4 The Moon will be below the near alignment of Mars and the twin stars of Gemini (the Twins). Pollux will be in the middle and Castor will be on the right.

Apr. 7 The Moon will be above Regulus, the brightest star in Leo (the Lion).

Apr. 8 The Moon will have moved eastward in its orbit and will be to the lower left of Regulus.

Apr. 12 The Moon will rise at about 8:00 very close to Spica, the brightest star in the constellation Virgo (the Maiden).

Apr. 25 The Moon will follow brilliant Venus into the sky shortly before dawn. Fainter Saturn will be to the right of the Moon with Mercury to its lower left. Start looking about 45 minutes before sunrise with binoculars.

Apr. 29 The Moon will have returned to the evening sky and again will be to the lower right of very bright Jupiter and to the upper right of Aldebaran, the brightest star of Taurus (the Bull). On the 30th, the Moon will have moved in its orbit and will be above Jupiter with Aldebaran farther below.

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

First quarter, Apr. 4, Noon, Sunset, Midnight, P.M.

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

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

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

*Dates and times are approximate.

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

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Supervisors Review Audit, Road Changes, and Hear CDA's Summer Plans

Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing

March 24, 2025 - The Wright County Board of Supervisors met to discuss a full agenda, including Pharmacy Benefit Managers, road changes, annual audit, a new hire and summer community events.

Pharmacy Benefit Managers - The board decided not to join the proposed amendment for Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) in the ongoing opioid litigation at the state level. This follows a recommendation from County Attorney Eric Simonson.

PBMs manage prescription drug benefits but have been criticized for low reimbursement rates to pharmacies and their impact on drug prices. Iowa lawmakers are working on regula-

tions to improve transparency.

2024 Audit Report - Elizabeth Thyer from Gardiner & Company presented the county's annual audit, stating that financial statements were fairly presented. The audit was not conducted to detect fraud but to ensure financial transparency, according to Thyer.

Key takeaways from the presentation:

- The county's net position increased by over \$5 million, mostly due to infrastructure projects.

- ARPA funds were managed successfully.

- Some minor accounting adjustments were needed, including opioid settlement tracking.

- Limited staff means segregation of duties remains a challenge, as in many small

counties.

Summer Events and Permitting - Brittany Howieson from the Clarion Community Development Alliance (CDA) shared details on upcoming events:

- Family Fun Night (June 13) with games and possibly a foam party.

- Festival Kids Zone (June 14) at the courthouse lawn with inflatables.

- Wright Night (first Monday of May-August) collaboration with other towns in Wright County.

- A possible car show on July 7.

The board will revisit the CDA's request for the use of the courthouse lawn once insurance and best setup practices are reviewed.

In other business the board:

- Approved the hire of a

new dispatcher at \$21.00 per hour and to vacate the county road along Youngblood Avenue in Iowa Township.

- Heard from Supervisor Betty Ellis that County Attorney Eric Simonson advised against signing a state release form on mental health records.

- Acting as Drainage District Trustees met with Hamilton County to approve the 2025 Joint Drainage Assessments and reestablish procedures for joint drainage repairs.

- Approved blowout repair within the drainage district.

The Wright County Board of Supervisors will meet again Monday March 31 at 9:00 A.M. This meeting and others can be viewed online at youtube.com/@wright-countyiowaofficial8312.

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another Centrum manager, Shannadoa Capps. Conejo allegedly retaliated by threatening deportation, and on at least one occasion, January 23rd of 2023, “Conejo even brought a firearm to work, showed it to the plaintiffs, and displayed it in his office to intimidate the plaintiffs and silence their complaints,” according to the lawsuit's claims. Which the suit claims left workers “terrified”.

According to the court documents, the plaintiffs spoke with Amy Christensen in Centrum HR, HR manager Kris Zahn, and Centrum General Manager Mark Van Oort, revealing Conejo's alleged behavior, on September 13, 2023.

Plaintiff Lux allegedly first began working at Centrum Valley Farms in 2016 under a pseudonym due to his undocumented status. The lawsuit states that the company later helped him obtain work documents and hired him under his own name. But the company later sought to trap Lux into continuously working for them, the suit alleges, with Conejo threatening to “ensure that no other company in the area” would hire him if he looked for other work.

Lux, who worked in maintenance of the poultry barns, was allegedly told not to stop working until every task he was assigned was complete, which the suit says resulted in overtime work, without overtime pay. In one instance he claimed he was forced to work late under threat of retaliation after a barn was flooded. And while the suit notes that Centrum did not establish set working hours for maintenance employees, it also asserts that defendants were not paid for work that exceeded 40 hours.

Conejo also mocked the disability of one plaintiff, Tevalan Lopez, the suit alleges, and referred to him using derogatory slurs,

called him his “faithful dog,” “Guatemalen wet-back,” and “slave.” Tevalan Lopez walks with a limp due to a workplace injury suffered prior to his employment at Centrum.

Multiple plaintiffs specified that they were made to apply toxic pesticides in the poultry barns without protective gear, according to the suit.

The suit details that Conejo told Lux “all Guatemalans are whiners that should be replaced with hardworking Mexicans” on April 17, 2024, after which he was issued a written reprimand by Christensen, to whom Lux reported the comment. However, the suit claims, Conejo continued his racist disparagement of his subordinates, and a week later on April 24, 2024, Capps issued a written reprimand to Lux for “insubordination.”

Lux ultimately filed a discrimination complaint with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission in October of last year, and was fired in May 2024. The written notice Lux was issued of his termination stated the reason for his firing as “Violating Guiding Principles and/or Core Values” of Centrum Valley Farms, and also stated that “senior management” had lost “confidence” in Lux.

The company eventually terminated the other plaintiffs' employment “in retaliation for their complaints,” while other plaintiffs were “forced to quit out of fear and intimidation” the lawsuit asserts.

“Centrum Valley Farms wanted obedient workers to perform difficult and undesirable job duties that many U.S. citizens are unwilling to perform,” the lawsuit alleges.

The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages under multiple federal laws, including the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act, forced labor, harassment, failure to pay for overtime, and wrongful discharge.

Centrum was established in 2011, and is a partnership between the Dean family, the Henning family, and the Boomsma family. Centrum took over operations of the former DeCoster family operations in Wright County that same year, following a nationwide salmonella outbreak originating at DeCoster farms, which included farms in Maine and Ohio. The outbreak sickened an estimated 1,900 people and led to the recall of 550 million eggs.

At the time, then Iowa Governor Terry Brandstad welcomed the exit of the DeCosters, who had a history of labor and environmental violations, saying that “the DeCosters have been consistent and habitual violators who have given Iowa egg producers a bad name.” DeCoster's farms were repeatedly cited and charged with labor, immigration, safety, and environmental violations throughout the company's history. It was branded a “habitual violator” of environmental laws by the state of Iowa, and even singled out for terrible

working conditions by the Clinton era White House. The company was raided leading to the arrest of dozens of workers, and in 2003 DeCoster was convicted of knowingly hiring illegal immigrants, and fined millions of dollars over workplace discrimination, and animal cruelty.

And now, as bird flu causes nationwide spikes in egg prices, shining a spotlight on the poultry and egg industry (a major local employer) the allegations against Centrum suggest that the illegal hiring practices and working conditions that DeCoster was infamous for, may well continue today at the same facilities, here in Wright County.

Centrum did not return calls seeking comment from the Iowa Capital Dispatch, which broke the story, and there was no answer and no voicemail when the Eagle called during regular business hours for comment.



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Iowa House passes bills on human smuggling, trafficking

By Robin Opsahl

Two bills on human trafficking were approved by the Iowa House Thursday.

House File 572, passed 75-14, creates a new criminal offense for the act of human smuggling, defined as acts including transporting an individual with the intent to conceal them from law enforcement, encouraging or coercing a person to enter or stay in the U.S. by concealing or harboring them and assisting or directing two or more people to be on agricultural lands without the landowner's consent. A similar bill was passed by the Iowa House in 2024 but did not survive in the Senate.

The crime of human smuggling would be charged as a class C felony, raised to a class B felony in cases involving minors, if the smuggling offense was committed for monetary gain, if the perpetrator knowingly possessed a firearm while committing the offense and in cases where a victim was put in a situation where they would likely face serious

bodily injury or death. The crime would be a class A felony if the victim of the smuggling offense was sexually abused while they were being trafficked, and in cases where the victim suffers serious bodily injury or death.

Rep. Steven Holt, R-Denison, referenced recent reporting about six Guatemalan nationals, employees at Centrum Valley Farms who are suing the company alleging human trafficking, being denied overtime pay and threatened with deportation.

"If true, this is despicable, and if this legislation could assist going after those who are not only smuggling human beings and taking advantage of their vulnerabilities, but also engaging in activities that creates (forced labor) situations, this legislation is well worth passage," Holt said.

The measure originally outlined these smuggling charges for cases involving a "noncitizen individual," language that was amended to refer to a "person in violation of federal immigration

laws." Holt said the original language was too broad and could apply to people who are in the U.S. legally as noncitizens.

While Democrats spoke in support of the change, Lindsay James, D-Dubuque, said the language was still too broad and could cause problems for organizations providing aid to certain communities.

"We have all heard and seen the heartbreaking stories as Rep. Holt just referenced of people who are being trafficked or smuggled or who have been harmed and exploited, and this is deeply distressing," James said. "We have also heard concerns from domestic violence and human trafficking service providers. We have heard from religious communities and even some lawyers who are concerned that the language of this bill may still be too broad, inadvertently penalizing service providers who are trying to provide aid to vulnerable people based out of their religious or humanitarian con-

victions."

Holt said he had considered the concerns brought up by James and Rep. Megan Srinivas, D-Des Moines, but that he believed religious organizations or others providing services to people who are not in the U.S. legally would not be impacted by the bill, as the bill outlines that there must be "intent" to conceal a person, flee from law enforcement or encourage an individual to stay in the country illegally.

"What religious organizations are doing by feeding or providing shelter, or taking individuals not in the country legally to the church or to a store, does not meet the threshold of intent to conceal or flee," Holt said. "If, in fact, a religious organization feels that it is their sincerely held religious belief that they would need to violate this law and in fact, conceal or flee with intent, then I do not believe a blanket exemption is appropriate that you could, I'm afraid, drive a semi through."

He said the measure will

allow law enforcement to more effectively address human trafficking operations, and will provide protections for both citizens and noncitizens in the country.

"There is nothing moral about human trafficking, sex trafficking, or labor trafficking, made possible by the smuggling and concealment of vulnerable people who, because of their status, fear they have no way out," Holt said. "There is nothing moral or humane about any of that, nor is it moral that labor trafficking and sex trafficking are likely happening right under our noses in Iowa."

The House also unanimously passed House File 649 Thursday, a bill that removes current language in Iowa Code defining human trafficking that requires the two parties involved have an "ongoing relationship." The legislation was amended to include additional provisions allowing human trafficking charges to apply in cases where a law enforcement officer is posing as a victim or perpetrator of human traf-

ficking, as well as expanding the definition of "victim" to include people "identified as being subjected to or targeted for human trafficking," even if the offense has not yet occurred.

Rep. Mark Thompson, R-Clarion, also referenced the Centrum Valley Farms lawsuit in his closing comments on the bill, saying the issue was close to home as it happened in his home county of Wright.

"It's been a long time since we got to this point," Thompson said, saying that it was time "we start hammering these people and making sure they go to jail for doing what they're doing to people that are much less capable of taking care of themselves in this type of environment. We owe it to our people that are less fortunate, we owe it to our law enforcement people, we owe it to our county attorneys, our prosecutors. Give them the tools to again, hammer these people."

Both bills move to the Iowa Senate for further consideration.

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library for crisis intervention. We help with computer skills, cell phone help, job applications, and provide compassionate, confidential support. One member of her staff always jokes, 'We provide hugs too — within reason'," Grandgeorge said.

In 2024 alone, the library circulated 8,452 physical items and recorded 3,452 digital checkouts. Interlibrary loan activity included borrowing 161 items from other libraries and supply-

ing 202 items to patrons from elsewhere. Wi-Fi was used over 16,000 times, and library computers were accessed 804 times. The website saw more than 5,300 visits.

Programs were another highlight. The library hosted 60 events, drawing 2,120 participants. "We offered everything from story time for toddlers to adult coloring kits and STEM kits for families to take home," Grandgeorge said. "We make sure

there's something for everyone, even if they don't have internet at home or can't afford to travel."

But the dark side of her presentation — and her concern — focused on federal funding that may be on the chopping block.

"All or many of those services could be in question," Grandgeorge warned, "basically because of President Trump's issue that he came out with Friday night, with federal funding to the state

of Iowa."

The funding in question supports the Iowa Share program, the state's inter-library loan network, the statewide catalog known as SILO, and critical services like Bridges. It also helps cover summer reading programs, STEM To Go kits, continuing education for staff, and the State Library's endorsement and accreditation process — which Eagle Grove holds through June 2028.

Grandgeorge laid out how

the federal money pays for the backbone of how Iowa libraries work. Without it, she explained, library patrons face the potential loss of everything from downloadable books to training, from story time kits, to safe spaces for kids, to meeting space, to the ability to borrow books from other libraries.

"So who knows," Grandgeorge concluded, woefully, "we may be changing a lot of things. I don't know."

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renovations downtown. Resolution 2025-29 authorized a \$25,700 payment for 125 West Broadway, while Resolution 2025-30 approved \$124,315 for work at 217 West Broadway. Davis explained that these payments, reimbursed by the state, support ongoing efforts to revitalize Eagle Grove's downtown housing stock.

Looking ahead, the council set a public hearing for April 7 on a \$600,000 CDBG grant application for improvements to the aging North Lift Station, located off Highway 17. Davis said increased wet weather flows following last summer's

heavy rains have revealed urgent needs. "If there's not enough flow to turn the VFDs on, the pumps are going to ramp up to 2000 gallons per minute and drop down," Davis warned. "You're going to get them rocking back and forth, and shafts are going to get bent."

To maintain CDBG eligibility, the council also approved updates to the city's Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment and Capital Improvement Plan. Davis noted these updates reflect minimal changes from the versions adopted in recent years but are required for compli-

ance with HUD guidelines.

In other business, the council awarded the city's junk vehicle disposal contract to Kyle Kim of Webster City, who was the lower of two bidders at \$200.01 per vehicle. The contract applies only to vehicles deemed abandoned after impoundment. "Once we receive title, we will call them and we will dispose of those vehicles," Davis said.

Council members also engaged in a detailed work session on the fiscal year 2026 budget. Davis presented a first draft projecting a negative general fund balance of \$332,291 for FY 2025, citing

unplanned expenses including mid-year police raises, flood cleanup costs, and tree removal. Delays in EMS billing reimbursements are also impacting cash flow. "It takes six to nine months to actually receive payment," Davis said, noting improvements in billing follow-up could generate an additional \$150,000 in revenue.

Department reports closed out the meeting. Police Chief Ray Beltran praised city crews for their efforts during the recent snowstorm, and Council member Tony Axtel requested replacing a yield sign with a stop sign at Second and Cedar follow-

ing multiple near-accidents. The council also discussed repeated damage to a "No Trucks" sign on North Commercial Street and potential generator upgrades for city buildings and EMS facilities, with estimated costs of \$12,500 each.

The next public hearing on the budget and the lift station project is scheduled for April 7.



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Monday, March 31

BREAKFAST: Oatmeal, Toast, Fruit, Juice

LUNCH: Chicken Sandwich, French Fries, Green Beans, Pineapple

Tuesday, April 1

BREAKFAST: Breakfast Pizza, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice

LUNCH: Hot Dog/Cheeddar, Cauli-co Beans, Coleslaw, Banana

Wednesday, April 2

BREAKFAST: Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit, Juice

LUNCH: Crisпитos, Refried Beans, Salad, Orange

Thursday, April 3

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

LUNCH: Max Stix, Soup, Carrots/Celery, Apple

Friday, April 4

BREAKFAST: Cereal, Bagel, Fruit, Juice

LUNCH: Cheese Pizza, Corn, Salad, Peaches

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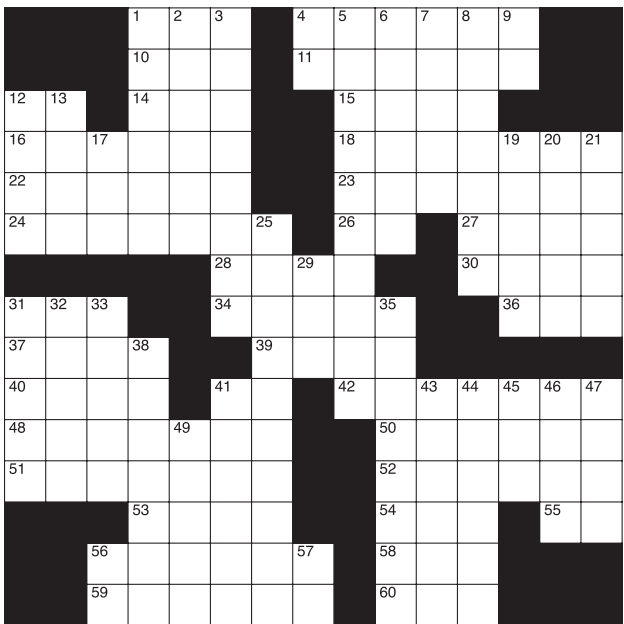
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CLUES ACROSS

1. State in southwestern India
4. Pashto
10. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
11. Supervised release from prison
12. Greeting
14. Type of drug
15. __ Sagan, astronomer
16. Every year
18. Nasal cavities
22. Nova __, province
23. In an inactive way
24. Cream-colored root
26. Nervous system disease
27. Guitarist Clapton
28. Three came to see Baby Jesus
30. Lebowski's nickname
31. Play a role
34. Not fresh
36. Where golfers begin
37. Negatives
39. Wild goat
40. Releasing hormone
41. Makes up
42. Fastens
48. Exists in large numbers
50. A connecting word
51. A phase of the heartbeat
52. Northern Ireland county
53. An independent ruler or chieftain
54. Pacific sea bream
55. Commercial
56. Azure
58. Doctor of Education
59. Protected oneself against loss
60. Car mechanics group

CLUES DOWN

1. Pastes for filling crevices
2. Acquire
3. Heralds
4. News group
5. Exact copies
6. Particles
7. Noted 20th C. performer Lena
8. Tempted
9. Midway between north and east
12. Slotted, hinged metal plate
13. South American hummingbird
17. Neither
19. Walk with confidence
20. Omit when speaking
21. Imperial Chinese currency
25. A bakery specializing in French pastry
29. Talk incessantly
31. Ethnic group of Nigeria
32. Longtime NY Times film critic
33. Beginners
35. Makes a trade
38. Sleep
41. Not moving
43. Popular drink: Pina __
44. Potential benefits
45. A place you can get stuck in
46. Ancient Greek City
47. Chalcedony
49. Rover
56. Digraph
57. Investment vehicle

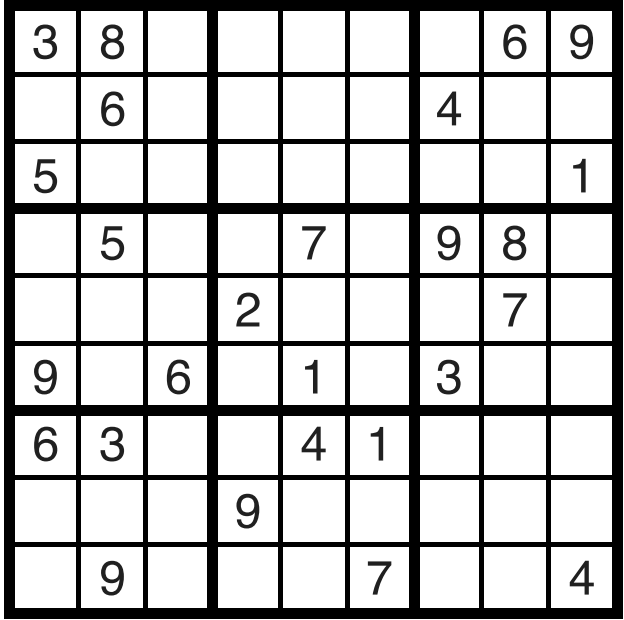
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FINANCIAL TIMES WORD SEARCH

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

- ACCOUNT
- ACCRUAL
- ALLOCATION
- AMORTIZATION
- APPRAISAL
- ASSETS
- BALANCE
- BOND
- BUDGET
- DEPRECIATION
- DIVERSIFY
- EQUITY
- GROSS
- INCOME
- INTEREST
- INVEST
- LIABILITIES
- MARGINS
- MARKET
- NET
- PERCENTAGE
- PROFIT
- RATE
- STOCK

Wright County Courthouse

Births

Crew Everett Block was born on February 17, 2025, to Alexandria and Dylan Block of Belmond.

Willow Ebony Alana Barker was born on February 19, 2025, to Evangeline Magana of Mason City.

Anderson Nicolas Terraza-Chavez was born on February 20, 2025, to Ana Chavez Guzaro of Webster City.

Onyx William McElroy was born on February 20, 2025, to Morgan Walsh of Fort Dodge.

Selena Reign Olson was born on February 20, 2025, to Nicole and Cody Olson of Mason City.

Everrest Danny Harris was born on February 21, 2025, to Makinzie Hinkel-Valley of Jewell.

Lihanco Imanuel Botha was born on February 21, 2025, to Anna Botes and Imanuel Botha of Kanawha.

Ariella Lynn Dannen was born on February 22, 2025, to Haley Matthew Dannen of Clear Lake.

Callum Kingsley Asklund was born on February 22, 2025, to Alli Borer of Webster City.

Arlo Gabriel Nieves Gonzalez was born on February 23, 2025, to Rochelle Gonzalez Serra and Arnold Nieves Irizarry of Dows.

Nylea Rose Sylvester was born on February 23, 2025, to Keanna Sylvester of Mason City.

Lawson Levern Hambly was born on February 23, 2025, to Shelby Goepel of Kanawha.

Sutton Ann Schneider was born on February 23, 2025, to Allison and Alec Schneider of Ogden.

Annya Lisveth Gomez Guzman was born on February 24, 2025, to Rosa Guzman Hernandez of Eagle Grove.

Hank Charles Anderson was born on February 24, 2025, to Heather and Ethan Anderson of Clarion.

Deaths

Phillip Delaney Trusty of Eagle Grove died on February 21, 2025, at the age of 87.

Ronald Dean Herrington of Humboldt died on February 23, 2025, at the age of 91.

Sharon Lee Fischer (Cleveland) of Eagle Grove died on February 26, 2025, at the age of 88.

William Kenneth Baker of Eagle Grove died on February 26, 2025, at the age of 93.

Marriages

Shane Neighbor, 22, of Center Point, was wed to Natalie Kirstein, 22, of Clarion, on February 15, 2025.

Property Transfers

Warranty deed - land deed: Andrews Galen M, Andrews Galen Michael to El Jalapeno Mexican Bar & Grill LLC - 26-91-26 SE Tract in NE 1/4; 25-423.

Contracts - town lot: DNC Properties Inc to Martinez Rivera Kevin Alexander, Rivera Martinez Kevin Alexander to Pizana Luna Maria Soledad, Luna Pizana Maria Soledad - Clar McKay's Addn Block 5 Lots 3, 4, and 5, DNC Properties, Inc. to Kevin & Maria 00002861004635718; 25-427.

Warranty deed - town lot: Russell Marybeth J, Cox Michael A, Cox Lindsay Marie to EG Fitzmaurice's First Addn Blk 17 Lot 7, EG Fitzmaurice's First Addn Blk 17 Lots 7 and 8; 25-428.

Warranty deed - land deed: Clowes Joni L to Clowes Joni Trustee, Clowes Joni Revocable Trust, Joni Clowes Revocable Trust - 93-26 SW E 86 Acres; 25-430.

Warranty deed - town lot: Alfred Thomas Stadt-

lander and Karen C Stadtlander Revocabl, Stadtlander Alfred Thomas Trustee, Stadtlander Karen C Trustee, Stadtlander Alfred Thomas Revocable Living Trust, Stadtlander Karen C Revocable Living Trust, Karen C Stadtlander Revocable Living Trust, Alfred Thomas Stadtlander Revocable Living Trust to Bauer Howard P - 25-92-24 NE Parcel L in SE 1/4, Belm Second Addn Blk 10 Lots 1, 2 and 3; 25-434.

Contracts - town lot: ACC 848 LLC to Somol Salazar Luis Rene, Salazar Somol Luis Rene - Dows First Addn Blk 1 Lots 5 and 6, EC-02SPKSRKIDGEMOWS 000027078004640611; 25-444.

Quit claim deed - town lot: First National Bank of America to Blackstar Rural Revitalization Trust F1 - Belm Railroad Addn Blk 18 Lots 3 E 1/2, B4 E 1/2, 334945_0 334945_0_1 Assignment of Contract, Related Documents: 22-2333 02-003 Contracts-Town Lot; 25-445.

Warranty deed - land deed: Cattlemens Steaks and Provisions LTD, Cattlemens Steak & Provisions LTD to Baruthio David- 29-93-23 NW Tract, Related Documents: GWH448 56-01, groundwater hazard; 25-448.

Others - land deeds: Womack Sharon L, Womack Sharon L Estate, Womack Keith Executor to Womack Keith, Hopkins Debra, Womack Kevin, Hanna Tara - 25-90-23 NE W 1/2, SE N 1/2, Womack 000029876004642371 Court officer deed; 25-454.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Stein Ronald J, Stein Esther M to Stein Grant W - 9-90-25 SW Parcel C in E 1/2 Exc Parcel E, Stein 00002861004642347; 25-455.

Others - land deeds: McGrath Sandra L to Garrett Connie S, Garrett Connie S Estate, Garrett Don Ray - 19-91-26 NE Tract in W 1/2, SE N 10 Acres of NE 1/4, NW SE 1/4 S of Boone River, 20-91-26 NW SW 1/4 S of Boone River, Garrett Estate 00002861004642492 Court officer deed; 25-457.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Nielsen Kathryn Trustee, Gordon Lloyd R Trust, Gordon Julia J Restated Trust to Lloyd R Gordon Trust, Julia J Gordon Restated Trust, Gordon Vern - 26-92-23 NW 1/2 Except Tract, Gordon 00002861004643098; 25-460.

Contracts - town lot: Gutierrez Castro Cesar, Castro Gutierrez Cesar, Rodriguez Saldivar Patricia, Saldivar Rodriguez Patricia to Gonzalez Darwin - Belm Morse Brother's Addn Blk 11 Lot 2, Real Estate Contract, Real Estate Contract; 25-463.

Warranty deed - town lot: Schroeder Michael R, Schroeder Janet K to Clark Frederick L, Clark Fredrick L - Dows Es- kridge's 3rd Addn Blk 3 Lots 5 and 6, Clarkfred 000001838004643755; 25-466.

Warranty deed - town lot: Rice Nathan, Rice Alyssa to Olson Anthony, Olson Felicia - 28-91-26 SE Tract in Lot 2 NW 1/4, SE Parcel D in NW 1/4, EG Broadway Drive Addn Blk 2 Tract, 8680275370 Olson, Anthony 000013271004647882; 25-473.

Affidavit transfer: Shutt B Dean Sr to Shutt Linda J - EG Fitzmaurice's First Addn Blk 4 W 180' OF S 150', Shutt, H 000013261004646434 Aff of Surviving Spouse; 25-468.

Affidavit transfer: Deischer Dennis R to Deischer B Ruth, Deischer B

Ruth Life Estate, Deischer Dennis R, Sandvig Penny L - 30-90-26 NE N 1/2, 34-91-26 SE S OF RR Row Except, 35-91-26 SW W 1/2 SW OF RR Row, Of Death Terminating Life Estate; 25-469.

Civil

Capital One, N.A. V Vanessa M Smith, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$8,361.17, plus \$195 in court costs.

Small Claims

Greenstate Credit Union v. Diane Stiles, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$4,403.52 with 7.22% interest from 12/27/24 and \$95 in court costs.

Greenstate Credit Union v. Perla C Torres Sanchez, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$1,152.94 with 7.22% interest from 1/02/25 and \$95 in court costs.

CAC V. Rodolfo Gonzalez Estrada, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$3,010.29 with 7.22% interest from 01/08/25 and \$95 in court costs.

Bank of America, N.A. vs Yvonne Anne cope, case dismissed without prejudice.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Katelyn Colorado, case dismissed with prejudice.

Cavalry SPV I, LLC vs. Miriam L Britt, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$3,803.37 with 7.22% interest from 01/30/25 and \$95 in court costs.

Midland Credit vs. Kelly Miles, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$1,250.06 with 7.22% interest from 02/04/25 and \$95 in court costs.

Discover Bank vs Kylie Hill, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$1,974.99 with 7.22% interest from 02/07/25 and \$95 in court costs.

Wright Farm Services vs Bianca LaRue, case dismissed with prejudice.

Tickets

Katora jarrise Wilson of Ames, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (21 or over).

Yashpreet Singh of Sacramento, CA, speeding OVR 55 zone (11 thru15 over).

Adem Geleto Anota of Sioux City, IA, fail to yield upon entering through highway.

Indiana reign Rosewood of Mason City, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Michael Reddy Rayalu of Des Moines, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Robert Bradley Edwards of Clarksville, TN, speeding 55 or und Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Alexis Nduwimana of Des Moines, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (16 thru 20 over).

Joyce Charlson Nerhus of Fort Dodge, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Paulo Joel Scopel of Brazil na, OC, speeding OVR 55 zone (6 thru 10 over).

Kollin M Bailey of Lincoln, NE, speeding OVR 55 zone (21 or over).

Elijah Jeffery Dickens of Fort Worth, TX, speeding OVR 55 zone (6 thru 10 over).

Jose Martin Vasquez Gomez of Fresno, TX, speeding 55 or und Zone (21 or over).

Trey Darwin Tucker of Jefferson, IA, operation by unqualified driver.

Kimberly Jo Mohr of Eagle Grove, IA, operation without registration card or plate.

Kimberly Jo Mohr of Eagle Grove, IA, failure to provide proof of financial Liabili.

Bradford Lee Schulze of Indianola, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (1 thru 5 over).

Jacob Steven Torkelson of Inver Grove Heights, MN, speeding 55 or und

Zone (1 thru 5 over).

Hermenegildo Mauricio of Eagle Grove, IA, no valid drivers license.

Juan Ignacio Barajas Miranda of Belmond, IA, no valid drivers license.

Juan Ignacio Barajas Miranda of Belmond, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Marnetta Ann Rankins of Des Moines, IA, speeding OVR 55 zone (11 thru15 over).

Alexander Donald Cunningham of Garner, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (1 thru 5 over).

Ian Soesbe of Clarion, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Burdette Allan Palmer of Canyon Lake, TX, speeding OVR 55 zone (11 thru15 over).

Yolania Yamileth Amador Gutierrez of Belmond, IA, no valid drivers license.

James William Meyer II of Belmond, IA, failure to yield to vehicle on right.

Edwin Perez Perez of Klemme, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Tony James Sickler of Clarinda, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Brayan Peralta Flores of Webster City, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (11 thru 15 over).

Eleanor a Tonderum of Dows, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (6 thru 10 over).

Josie Marie Minnis of Ankeny, IA, speeding 55 or und Zone (1 thru 5 over).

Cristian Danilo Larios Mayorga of Eagle Grove, IA, dark window or windshield.

Marvin Ruben Juarez Marroquin of Eagle Grove, IA, permitting unauthorized person to drive.

Cristian Danilo Larios Mayorga of Eagle Grove, IA, no valid drivers license.

Tulip Ann Pertuis of Klemme, IA, stop required.

Taylor Rae Flaten of Belmond, IA, expired registration.

Koty gene Kuhlert of Belmond, IA, expired registration.

Donald Roger Vaske of West Des Moines, IA, speed.

Drew Mitchell Humphrey of Belmond, IA, proof of security against liability - driving.

Drew Mitchell Humphrey of Belmond, IA, expired registration.

Juan Ulises Medina Ibarra of Belmond, IA, expired registration.

Wilson Gonzalez Ramirez of Webster City, IA, no drivers license.

Esly Rodriguez Rodriguez of Eagle Grove, IA, no drivers license.

Pantaleon Vasquez Gomez of Clarion, IA, leave scene of accident - property damage only.

Criminal

State of Iowa vs Fregoso Gonzalez, Salvador, aggravated misdemeanor fraudulent practice 3rd degree. Defendant pled guilty and was jailed for 4 days, fined \$855, and required to submit a DNA sample. An additional charge of Class D felony fraudulent practice 2nd degree, and aggravated misdemeanor fraudulent practice 3rd degree were dismissed by the court.

State of Iowa vs Traeger, Kelsey Kay, simple misdemeanor domestic abuse assault- 1st offense. Defendant pled guilty, was assessed a civil penalty of \$65 plus \$372.58 in court costs, \$135.78 in other fees, and a \$100 surcharge, and received a deferred judgment. An additional charge of contempt of court - resist order or process of magistrate court was dismissed by the court.



Trouble Ahead for Iowa Public Schools

Jennifer Konfrst, Iowa Democratic Leader

With the legislative session over halfway done, new troubling signs are emerging for Iowa public schools.

Waterloo announced \$10 million in budget cuts with 60 staff positions cut. The Orient-Macksburg School District is dissolving after this school year and Pella is facing budget cuts. Cedar Rapids is facing a \$12 million budget deficit due to low state funding and is cutting back 6% of its workforce. In Dubuque, one of the elementary schools is closing and property taxes are still going up.

After a decade of low funding, it isn't surprising but there's more uncertainty ahead.

Over a month ago, Iowa House and Senate GOP leaders passed two different versions of a bill to fund public schools next year. Democrats in the House and Senate both recommended a modest 5% increase in funding for public schools, the Senate GOP lawmakers want a 2% increase next year, and the House GOP wants a slightly higher increase of 2.25%.

So far, House and Senate GOP leaders haven't come to a resolution. In order to keep public education a priority in the state budget, our law says that public school funding was to be set by lawmakers last month, but it's been ignored so far. Iowa public schools are required to have their budgets set for the next school year in April, but it's impossible to do that without knowing what the state is going to chip in.

In the years ahead, private school vouchers still pose the biggest threat to quality public schools. With the income cap set to come off next year, estimates show over \$1 billion will be shift-

ed from public schools to private schools in the first four years alone. That's a huge amount when two-thirds of the vouchers go to kids who were already in private schools.

We also learned last week that private schools are raising tuition again next year. Private catholic schools announced the first 10% tuition increase with more in the year ahead. A study last year found kindergarten tuition at private schools was up over 21%. It just proves that vouchers were never about affordability for more families, it's just a way to funnel public money to private schools.

At the federal level, we're closely watching what's next after the new head of the US Department of Education cut the agency in half last week. Last year, Iowa's K-12 public schools received over \$1 billion from the federal government, which is mostly designated for special education services to kids with disabilities. In addition to K-12 funding, the federal Education Department administers loans and Pell Grants for Iowa kids who attend community colleges, private colleges, and public universities.

Iowa public schools were once the best in the nation and they've always been a source of pride for Iowa. After a decade of low funding and the shift of public money to vouchers, it's tough to watch the Governor and GOP leaders keep chipping away at our public schools because their politics comes first.

I'm going to keep fighting for our public schools because the 90% of Iowa kids who attend their public school deserve it.

There's a simple way to end the uncertainty for our public schools: put people over politics.



By State Rep. Mark Thompson

The Iowa House responded to the voters by passing a series of bills focusing mostly on Higher Education this past week. The emphasis on these bills is to return to the original purpose of liberal arts education, preparing students for life.

House File 269: Freedom from Indoctrination Act - Ensures that no student is forced to take courses promoting ideological activism, such as critical race theory or diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) as a condition of obtaining a degree and protecting the academic freedom of faculty from mandatory infusions of DEI-related course content.

House File 401: Core Curriculum Act - Establishes undergraduate general education requirements across Iowa's regent universities, requiring specific credit hours in English, Mathematics, natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, Western heritage, and American heritage. Also, the bill mandates that core curriculum courses do not distort historical events or promote identity politics.

House File 440: College Affordability Act - Contains several provisions to control the cost of college for students.

-- Requires tuition rates for each academic year to be set on or before April 30th

of each year, ensuring that as students enroll for college each spring, they know the tuition price they will be paying that fall.

-- Directs each regent university to offer at least one Work-Study program where a student earns their degree while working part-time and getting their tuition paid by the employer.

--Directs each regent university to offer at least one three-year bachelor's degree.

--Directs the Board of Regents to conduct a feasibility study on establishing a tuition guarantee, where a freshman who begins college cannot be charged a higher tuition rate than they started with in their freshman year.

The state allocates roughly \$600 million to the regent colleges each year.

The House also passed a number of bills to protect and improve outcomes for students and provide some support for teachers in K-12.

HF 782: No phones during instructional time House Republicans approved the Governor's recommendation to restrict the student use of cell phones during instructional hours in school. Before the 2025-26 school year, school districts must adopt policies that restrict the use of these devices during classroom time, while also providing methods for parental communication during emergencies.

The policies must include:

- Information on educational devices available for student use.
- Communication methods for parents to reach students during school hours and emergencies.
- Protocols for securely storing devices.
- Disciplinary measures for policy violations.
- A process for parents to petition for device access based on health needs.
- Provisions for students with individualized education programs (IEPs) or 504 plans to maintain access to devices.

The school districts in Des Moines and Ottumwa who have initiated this program are reporting Academic Improvement, Behavior Benefits and Mental Health Gains.

I contacted a couple of the school board members in my district at Clarion Goldfield Dows (CGD) and learned that the high school principal, Paul Hansch, initiated this policy in August 2024. He reported last week at the board meeting that student interaction in the classroom has improved significantly. Teachers said it is a much better teaching atmosphere.

Other Education-Related Bills this Week

HF 784: Improving Mathematics Instruction - Ensures children struggling in math are identified and receive the personalized help they need by requiring schools to assess students in math three times a year from kindergarten to 6th grade. If a student is identified as persistently at risk in math, schools

must implement personalized mathematics plans and interventions. It will also strengthen math instruction by equipping teachers with evidence-based professional development and high-quality teacher prep training.

HF 787: Iowa Education Teacher Salaries Reform Bill - Provides some clean up language to ensure the proper implementation of year two of the teacher salary increase bill we passed last session. Last year we passed a bill to increase the minimum teacher salary from \$33,500 to \$50,000 and ensure 12-year teachers make no less than \$62,000. The biggest change is that it allows teachers who have retired to return to the classroom with a minimum salary of \$50,000 while still collecting their IPERS.

HF 865: Clearing Up the Definition of Student Harassment and Bullying - Defines harassment and bullying as behavior that is repeated and targeted and creates an objectively hostile school environment. It is not specific to characteristics like race, sexual orientation, or religion. This change emphasizes that the behavior is repeated and targeted, providing a clearer definition to ensure bullying is addressed consistently in schools.

This past week I floor managed a bill written by Rep. Eric Gjerdes (D) HF 649. An act relating to human trafficking including services and prostitution and making penalties applicable. I appreciated Rep. Gjerdes bringing the bill forward.

The place I call home no longer calls me one of its own

What happens when the place you love stops loving you back?

By Parker Williamson

I grew up poor, non-white, and queer, so it was never a picture-perfect place to me, but I always considered myself lucky to be here. Iowa has been a better place for people like me than other surrounding states, historically speaking.

We used to lead the charge on civil rights. In 1839, seven years before Iowa was even a state, the Territorial Supreme Court proclaimed that "No man in this territory can be reduced to slavery." In 1851, we became the third state to allow interracial marriage. In 1868, the Iowa Supreme Court held that "separate" was not "equal" and ordered Susan Clark, an African American, be admitted to the public schools. This effectively desegregated our schools 86 years before Brown v. the Board of Education. Same-sex marriage was legalized when I was 8, and sexual orientation and gender identity were added to the Iowa Civil Rights Act two years prior, in 2007.

Iowa is my home, and I used to be proud of that. Oh how far we've fallen. I

came out in 2011, 6th grade if you don't want to do the math. There was support from my family, friends, teachers, and many in my community. Sure, there was bullying, dirty looks, and the rare call to the school to complain, but I was overall accepted and safe. I always knew that a lot of people in Iowa hated me for being me, but there was rarely direct confrontation about it. Maybe that was the "Iowa Nice" I always heard about.

In the 2022 election, Gov. Kim Reynolds was going to win, there was no question about that. But she still punched down and released an ad stating that "Iowans know right from wrong, boys from girls." This year, legislation has been proposed that would technically make it a felony for me in plain clothes to speak in front of children. And worst of all: **Iowa is now the first state to ever remove civil rights protections from a group of people.**

It is possible some of the

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By State Sen. Dennis Guth

This past week was the tenth in the 2025 legislative session. At this point we do a lot of discussion in caucus over bills that may be debated on the floor. Some bills are resisted by our caucus and some have unanimous support. We seldom waste time on a bill that does not have enough support in the caucus to pass on the floor. We also started the process of running bills that have passed in the House through subcommittee in the Senate. These may be debated later in the session.

Senate File 22, known as the "hands free" bill, was passed on Tuesday. Distracted driving has become an increasingly larger problem in Iowa and across the country, and often is the cause of many traffic fatalities, injuries, and damage.

In 2023, Iowa saw a total of 1,049 crashes caused by distracted driving, with four resulting in death. This bill bans the use of electronic devices while driving, unless used in a voice-activated or hands-free mode. There are some exceptions, like for health care professionals in emergency situations or for public safety officials in their professional capacity, but it is aimed at people who are texting and driving, or watching videos, or doing many other things other than focusing on the road. I do not like having government interfere with our personal freedoms, but we have heard from a lot of Iowans on this issue. I am confident this bill will help make our roads safer for all who are on them.

Another important bill the Senate passed this week was Senate Joint Resolution 9. The resolution pro-

poses an amendment to the Iowa Constitution to protect children and adults with disabilities from having to face an abuser in a courtroom. This bill was brought to us by the Attorney General after a court case was recently decided. Before that case, witnesses could testify outside of the intimidating environment of a court room. Iowa is currently the only state that doesn't allow this option. Senate Joint Resolution 9 is an important protection for the most vulnerable victims as they go through the grueling process of testifying in court.

Every session the Senate needs to confirm the Governor's appointments to various boards and departments. There is a long list of appointees and many will be passed as a block without an individual vote. It is the Senate's job to make sure all these appointees are qualified for their position. Each appointee is assigned to a committee of two Republicans and one Democrat to do the background work. Any appointee can be pulled off the block vote and voted on independently if a senator so desires. We are just receiving our list

of appointees and will be working on this for the next two weeks.

Another bill of interest to many is SF 378, which would increase the default speed limit for all vehicular traffic to 60 MPH. This would not affect a road in a municipal setting or other special situation. Speed limits on divided highways that are currently 65 or 70 MPH would remain the same. The bill will allow the DOT to use stickers on current signs to change the posted speed. If the speed was increased to 65 MPH we would have to move the stop-ahead signs and lengthen the no passing zones. I know this will make some of my constituents happy.

Rep. Henry Stone, Sen. Dave Rowley, Rep. Mark Thompson and I will have a legislative forum in Forest City at Salvason Hall at 2:00 on April 4th.

A guiding principle I try to use in every decision:

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5&6.

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WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:
What actor starred in movies including "Mad Max", "Lethal Weapon", "Braveheart", and "The Patriot"? Answer: Mel Gibson.
What actor starred in movies including "Pulp Fiction", "A Time to Kill", "The Negotiator", and "Coach Carter"? Answer: Samuel L. Jackson.

This week's trivia questions:
In the TV sitcom "Seinfeld", what was Kramer's first name?
In the TV sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond", what were the names of Raymond's parents?

March 26 is Wear a Hat Day, and National Spinach Day; March 27 is World Theater Day; March 28 is World Piano Day, March 29 is National Vietnam Wars Veterans Day; March 30 is Doctor's Day, and Take a Walk in the Park Day; March 31 is National Farm Workers Day, and Crayola Crayon Day; April 1 is April Fools' Day.

"Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!"

- 1 Chronicles 16:11

"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome."

- 1 John 5:3

When Jesus went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

- Mark 6:34

Funny Quotes from basketball players and coaches
"I'd say I gave it the old college try, except that I never went to college."

- Darryl Dawkins

"I never thought I'd lead the NBA in rebounding, but I got a lot of help from my teammates - they did a lot of missing."

- Moses Malone

"Fans never fall asleep at our games, because they're afraid they might get hit by a pass."

- George Raveling

"We're shooting 100 percent - 60 percent from the field and 40 percent from the free-throw line."

- Norm Stewart

After Michael Jordan had scored a playoff record 69 points - "I'll always remember this as the night Michael and I combined to score 70 points."

- Stacey King

"I don't like all the TV timeouts. I run out of things to say to my team."

- Jimmy Valvano

"They say that nobody is perfect. Then they tell you practice makes perfect. I wish they'd make up their minds."

- Wilt Chamberlain

"The Philadelphia 76ers are so bad, the last time they won, Ben Franklin had courtside seats."

- unknown

"We have a great bunch of outside shooters. Unfortunately, all our games are played indoors."

- Weldon Drew

The first end-of-season tournament in college basketball history began back on March 17, 1939, and had just eight teams. The NCAA Division I Championship was won by Oregon that year, in a 46-33 win in the title game over Ohio State.

All four #1 seeds have advanced to the "Final Four" only once. It happened in 2008 when Kansas, Memphis, North Carolina and UCLA all qualified. Kansas ended up winning the tournament.
North Carolina holds the record for most "Final Four" appearances with 21.



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“ Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
Romans 12:2 NIV

Transformative Experiences

There are many types of transformative experiences: having a child, living in a foreign culture and learning their customs and language, losing a limb or having a near death experience, and of course religious conversions. Sometimes we can choose to have the transformative experience, such as when one chooses to have a child or go live in a foreign country; other times these experiences happen to us uninvited, such as when one suffers a heart attack or has some other life-altering but unexpected experience. But even when we choose to have the transformative experience, we often can't control exactly how it will change us. We can't know ahead of time if we'll love being a parent or living in Alaska and so the question arises how we decide what to do. Our current values may change so thoroughly through the transformative experience that we have to ask who is doing the deciding, the future self or the current self?
-Christopher Simon

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Iowa PBS, including PBS KIDS, now available to stream free for all Prime Video viewers in Iowa

Iowa PBS is thrilled to announce they are now part of the Prime Video FAST offering. This marks the first time this programming will be available on a major streaming service, free to Iowans across the state. Viewers in Iowa will be able to livestream Iowa PBS .1, enjoying all of their favorite national and local programs like *Masterpiece*, *Nature*, *Iowa Life*, *Road Trip Iowa* and many more. Families

will also be able to access the 24/7 PBS KIDS channel as a livestream on Prime Video. Additionally, PBS Distribution (PBSd), a leading distributor of public media content around the world, is offering two new FAST channels - PBS Drama and PBS Documentaries. These channels are available exclusively for a limited time on Prime Video. PBSd is also offering a “pop-up”

FAST channel featuring a rotating selection of classic PBS shows, starting with *Reading Rainbow*. This launch marks a significant milestone for PBS in delivering a curated lineup of its high-quality programming from member stations to a broader FAST audience, particularly at a time when two in three U.S. viewers use a FAST platform. FAST channels on Amazon are accessible through Prime Vid-

eo and Fire TV. Non-Prime subscribers will have free access to PBS programming under the “Watch for Free” section within Prime Video. “PBS member stations will be able to tap into a leading streaming service to offer quality local programming viewers know and love for free,” said PBS Chief Digital and Marketing Officer Ira Rubenstein. “It’s part of the PBS commitment to make trusted

content available to all households across as many platforms as possible. We thank Amazon for giving PBS member stations a new and exciting way to grow their digital footprint while engaging with audiences old and new.” “We’re delighted to bring PBS’s trusted, high-quality programming to our FAST channels,” said Ryan Pirozzi, head of Prime Video Marketplace. “We have

put together one of the most exciting FAST offerings today for Prime Video customers, driven by a highly personalized experience, and a leading selection of channels featuring fan favorite series, movies, news, sports, and more. We know our customers will be excited to discover that their beloved PBS member stations and two new PBS FAST Channels are now part of our growing offering.”

Supreme Court Chief Justice Roberts pushes back against Trump call to impeach judges

By Jennifer Schutt
WASHINGTON — U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John G. Roberts on Tuesday rejected calls to impeach federal judges who issue rulings that block Trump administration policies, a rare public statement from the nation’s highest sitting judge. “For more than two centuries, it has been established that impeachment is not an appropriate response to disagreement concerning a

judicial decision,” Roberts said. “The normal appellate review process exists for that purpose.” The comments, provided to States Newsroom by a spokesperson for the court, came just hours after President Donald Trump vented his frustration with a federal judge on social media. “I’m just doing what the VOTERS wanted me to do,” Trump wrote. “This judge, like many of the Crooked

Judges’ I am forced to appear before, should be IMPEACHED!!! WE DON’T WANT VICIOUS, VIOLENT, AND DEMENTED CRIMINALS, MANY OF THEM DERANGED MURDERERS, IN OUR COUNTRY. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!!!” The post appeared to be directed at U.S. Judge James Emanuel Boasberg in the District of Columbia, who over the weekend blocked

the Trump administration from deporting certain immigrants under the Alien Enemies Act of 1798. The American Civil Liberties Union is arguing the Trump administration violated the judge’s order by not bringing back flights traveling to Honduras and El Salvador on Saturday. Boasberg on Monday called on attorneys from the Justice Department to provide detailed information on

the deportation flights over the weekend. The U.S. House of Representatives must vote to impeach federal officials. Trump was impeached twice by the House during his first term in office. The Senate then holds a trial, after which at least two-thirds of the lawmakers in that chamber must vote to remove the federal official from office. The upper chamber didn’t take that step

during Trump’s first term and he was acquitted twice. “The House has initiated impeachment proceedings more than 60 times; roughly a third of all proceedings have led to full impeachments,” according to a post by the Office of the Historian. “Just eight individuals—all federal judges—have been convicted and removed from office by the Senate.” *Ariana Figueroa contributed to this report.*

USDA announces funding for bird flu research

By Cami Koons
The U.S. Department of Agriculture will fund research projects that explore the highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry, as well as novel vaccines and therapeutics to treat the bird flu, according to a Thursday announcement. The \$100 million investment is part U.S. Agriculture Secretary Brooke Rollins’ \$1 billion plan to combat avian influenza and inflated egg prices. Rollins, in a conference call with poultry and farm stakeholders, said the agency has made “significant progress” on its five-pronged approach to the bird flu issue, especially with a decrease in the wholesale price of eggs.

“While we’re noting today that prices are exponentially down, and we’re really, really encouraged by that, there is always a possibility those prices could tick back up,” Rollins said, noting the increased egg demand associated with the upcoming Easter holiday. The USDA egg market report from March 14 shows a “sharp downward trajectory” of wholesale prices for loose eggs, with prices dropping from more than \$8 per dozen in late February to \$4.15 per dozen for white large shell eggs. Rollins said the department confirmed agreements with South Korea and the west-Asian nation of Türkiye to provide temporary increased egg imports to the

country, which was also part of her plan. Rollins said the department is in talks with another country that is ready to import a “significant” amount of eggs. **Biosecurity audits** Enhanced biosecurity audits and upgrades were another part of the USDA plan to contain the bird flu. The department’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, or APHIS, announced Wednesday an expansion of biosecurity assessments and audits to include commercial poultry producers not affected by HPAI, as a preventative measure. Facilities with affected flocks, will also be subject to biosecurity audits if they wish to remain eligible for

indemnity to restock birds. This is per an APHIS interim final rule established in December 2024, which was recently reopened for public comment. The highest biosecurity concerns identified by the audits will be eligible for a 75% cost share with USDA to make the improvements. The research funding announced Thursday will prioritize projects that research the bird flu in poultry generally and analyze effective biosecurity strategies. “Our pilot programs have proven that biosecurity is the most important thing that our farmers can do to protect our flocks against the disease, at least right now,” Rollins said. Rollins emphasized there

are currently no authorized vaccines for the bird flu, but the funding would go to projects researching a vaccine and its use. “I do look forward to this next process of learning more, getting more research done and perhaps seeing what makes sense for the country moving forward, once that is concluded,” Rollins said. Rollins said she has been in communication with U.S. Health Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. and other departments, about preventing the spread to humans and limiting impact on farmers. Kennedy recently suggested farmers allow the virus to spread in a flock, rather than culling it after a detection, to see which birds survive.

Rollins left the call before taking questions, but staff members declined to share if her conversations with Kennedy were about this approach. Research projects that look into therapeutic interventions for infected birds will also be prioritized for funding. For profit organizations, states, universities and livestock producer organizations are able to apply for funding through May 19. The current HPAI outbreak has impacted more than 168 million commercial and backyard birds. The most recent Iowa outbreak, reported on March 14, resulted in the culling of 400,000 pullets in Buena Vista County.

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discrimination we worry about won’t actually be allowed; in reality, there will be costly legal battles, humiliation, fear, and laser-focused hatred. But all of what we are scared of is what the other side wants to be the reality. Iowa is my home, but why would I want to call a place home when lawmakers WANT me to be discriminated against — in housing, employment, wages, credit practices, public accommodations, and education? Iowa is my home and now I have to think carefully before heading to a new restaurant, see if I can find out if the owners are allies, or take the risk of being humiliated and denied service for wearing the wrong clothes. Why do they even want to pass laws like this when we all know it might not actually materialize in the ways they intended? Hate. That’s it, that’s the only reason. Hate. **It has nothing to do with protecting women.** Sex is already a protected category under the Iowa Civil Rights Act. Preserving the protected

status of one vulnerable population does not and should not come at the expense of another. Rather than protecting anyone, **it opens the door to invasive policing of peoples’ identities**, and risks subjecting many to harassment and public humiliation based solely on appearances. While we are unsure of the actual legal impacts that the Civil Rights Removal Act will bring, there are some things that we do know. According to research from The Trevor Project, **anti-transgender laws cause significantly increased suicide attempts among transgender and nonbinary youth**, by as much as 72%. They also found that 90% of LGBTQ+ young people said their well-being is negatively impacted due to recent politics. Iowa is my home but the lawmakers here don’t care if their actions make kids like the kid I once was feel isolated and ostracized, even if it pushes them to take their own lives. So much for protecting children. **Iowa is my home, and I**

deserve to belong here just as much as anyone else. Leading up to Feb. 27, the day of the final public hearing and ultimately the passage of the bill in both chambers, I was only angry. So. Incredibly. Angry. My mom would start the day by texting me to check in on how I was feeling, and later, during our almost-daily phone call, she would tell me how sorry she was that I have to deal with all of this. I was so angry about the legislation, about the people it would hurt, that I almost felt annoyed that she kept making sure I was okay. Then, after chanting at the top of my lungs with over 2,500 other Iowans, I went home. Mother knows best, it seems. It hit me hard. I called her and couldn’t hold myself together, because I realized that not only am I angry, I am hurt. “Mom, it hurts so bad,” I

admitted. She listened, and when she replied all I could focus on was how much sadness and fear I could hear in her voice. How must she feel fearing that her son will face discrimination, legally, for living as his true self, something she always encouraged with love and support? Iowa is my home, and **I want it to be a place worth fighting for. A place that takes care of ALL of its people.** The Republican supermajorities could’ve put this amount of urgency and effort into passing *any* other legislation. They *could* be seeing to it that every child in this state gets a **high-quality education** instead of bleeding our public schools dry. They could be **protecting our water, ensuring it’s clean enough to drink, safe enough for us to swim in.** They could be **confronting the rising cancer**

rates, investing in health care access, making it easier — not harder — for Iowans to get the care they need. They could **actually protect women by strengthening reproductive freedoms** instead of stripping them away. The possibilities are endless. They could be doing ANYTHING else, but they insist on making life harder for people like me. They insist on making an already vulnerable community a target for discrimination and hatred. Iowa is my home, but is the future here worth fighting for? Home is a place where you are known, where you are accepted, where you can breathe without fear. Home is where you grow, where

you stumble, where you are allowed to exist fully as yourself without apology. It’s not just four walls and a roof, not just a town on a map. **Home is community.** It’s the people who show up for you, who see you, who stand beside you. Home is where you should feel protected, not persecuted. Where you should be nurtured, not pushed out. Iowa was my home, and now I just live here. *This column first appeared on Rural Routes Substack. It is reprinted here via The Iowa Mercury and Iowa Writers’ Collaborative with permission from the author. Editor’s note: Please consider subscribing to the collaborative and the authors’ blogs to support their work.*

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE The City of Eagle Grove plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 – “Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for construction activities.” The storm water discharge will be from the NW 8 th Street Reconstruction project located in the NW 1/4 of Section 27, Township 91 North, Range 26 West in Wright County, Iowa. Storm water will flow over land and through culverts, which will ultimately drain to the Boone River. Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Environmental Protection Division, Henry A. Wallace Building, 502 East 9 th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

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ORIGINAL NOTICE

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF LORA LEA CALLES AND FERNANDO CALLES LOPEZ
Upon the Petition of LORA LEA CALLES, Petitioner, And Concerning FERNANDO CALLES LOPEZ, Respondent.
Equity No. CDDM003184 ORIGINAL NOTICE
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk of the above court a petition in the above-entitled action, a copy of which petition is attached hereto. The Petitioner’s attorney is Alyssa A. Kenville, whose address is 1415 Superior St., Webster City, IA 50595. You are further notified that unless, within twenty (20) days after service of this original notice upon you, you serve and within a reasonable time thereafter file a motion or answer in the Iowa District Court for Wright County at the courthouse in Clarion, Iowa, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. **NOTICE:** If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability contact the disability coordinator at: your district ADA coordinator at (641) 421-0990. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942). Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.

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WRIGHT COUNTY BOS • MARCH 10, 2025

March 10, 2025
The Board of Supervisors met as Drainage District Trustees. To view the minutes from the drainage meeting, see the Drainage District minutes on the County website. Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:13 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux and Ellis. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the tentative agenda with removing item 11 to review and act on Retirement and Release Agreement with Wright County Communications Director. Motion carries. Minutes of the previous regular meeting of March 3, 2025 were read and approved with adding approval of Resolution 2025-09. Approved claims for payment. In open forum for public input, Bob Ritter expressed concern about the Summit Carbon Solutions Pipelines, and also gratitude for the resolution for drainage tiles. Motion by Ellis and seconded by Loux to receive the February monthly revenue report from the Wright County Sheriff. Motion carries. Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on Secondary Roads department. Adam Clemons and Andy Yackle presented a Resolution to establish a Wright County Courthouse Grounds Use Policy. The board would like to table the discussion until the Safety Committee can review the policy with the Clarion CDA as they own the electrical outlets in the courtyard. Wright County Elected Officials will be attending ISAC Spring Conference in Des Moines Wednesday through Friday. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries. *Rick Rasmussen, Chairman Wright County Board of Supervisors Deb Nesheim, Wright County Deputy Auditor*

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CITY OF EAGLE GROVE • MARCH 17, 2025

Regular Council Meeting Monday March 17th, 2025
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Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Axtell, Weland, Pamperin and Limerick. Absent: Vandewater. Also present: City Administrator Davis and City Attorney Seaba.
Public Forum: Richard Cahalan spoke regarding his yard being scrapped by a snow plow and the plan for reseeding, tree replacement programs, senior citizen programs and activities, and establishing a community relations process. A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Limerick to approve the Consent Agenda which includes March 3rd, 2025 minutes and claims. Roll Call: All Ayes
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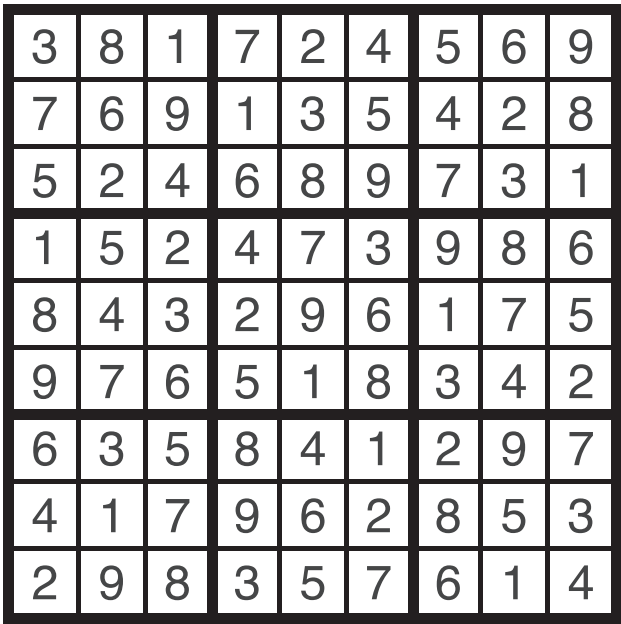
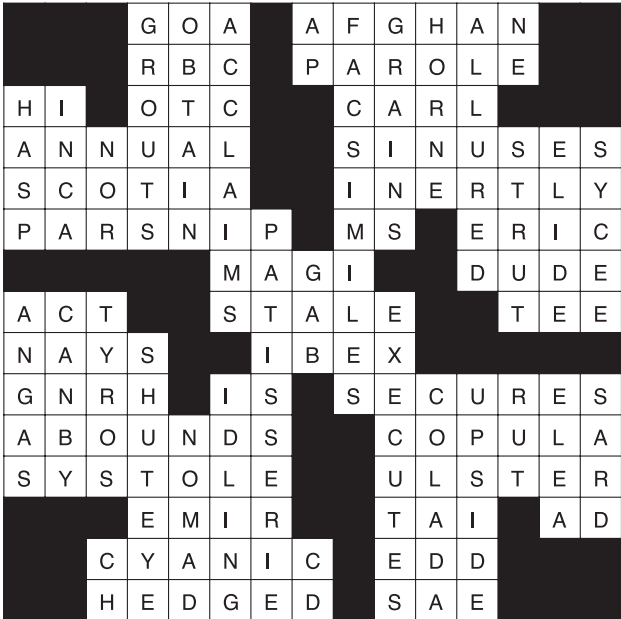
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CITY OF EAGLE GROVE • PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

CITY NAME:

EAGLE GROVE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF EAGLE GROVE - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

CITY #:

99-951

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:

Meeting Date: 4/7/2025 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM Meeting Location: 210 E Broadway Council Chambers

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)

www.eaglegrove.gov

City Telephone Number

(515) 448-4343

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Property Tax 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2025 - 2026
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service	91,706,195	96,044,193	96,044,193
Consolidated General Fund	767,581	767,581	788,128
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit	0	0	0
Aviation Authority	0	0	0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance	99,773	99,773	127,792
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.	121,666	121,666	124,232
Unified Law Enforcement	0	0	0
Police & Fire Retirement	0	0	0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)	192,525	192,525	221,578
Other Employee Benefits	345,018	345,018	364,084
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)	61,902	61,902	64,830
Taxable Value for Debt Service	114,877,825	119,460,253	119,460,253
Debt Service	239,624	239,624	209,378
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	1,828,089	1,828,089	1,900,022
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE	19.40713	17.90027	19.35547
Taxable Value for City Ag Land	1,714,537	1,765,754	1,765,754
Ag Land	5,150	5,150	5,304
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE	3.00373	2.91660	3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed 2025/2026	Percent Change
City Regular Residential	899	1,010	12.35
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed 2025/2026	Percent Change
City Regular Commercial	3,969	4,513	13.71

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and commercial properties have the same rollback Percentage through \$150,000 of actual/assessed valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:

No Increase

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WRIGHT COUNTY • PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY

COUNTY NAME: WRIGHT COUNTY	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026		COUNTY NUMBER: 99
The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County tax asking as follows: Meeting Date: 4/7/2025 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: Wright County Board of Supervisors Chambers At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed county budget.			
County Website (if available) https://www.wrightcounty.iowa.gov/		County Telephone Number (515) 532-2771	
Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2024/2025	Budget Year Effective Tax FY 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2025/2026
Taxable Valuations-General Services	1,083,670,876	1,105,703,605	1,105,703,605
Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates Except Debt Service	7,626,344	7,626,344	7,548,273
Taxable Valuations-Debt Service	1,192,844,485	1,219,641,621	1,219,641,621
Requested Tax Dollars-Debt Service	238,306	238,306	236,781
Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates	7,864,650	7,864,650	7,785,054
Tax Rate-Countywide	7.23729	7.09267	7.02081
Taxable Valuations-Rural Services	774,079,858	790,910,518	790,910,518
Requested Tax Dollars-Additional Rural Levies	2,902,799	2,902,799	2,965,914
Tax Rate-Rural Additional	3.75000	3.67020	3.75000
Rural Total	10.98729	10.76287	10.77081
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2025/2026	Percent Change
Urban Taxpayer	335	366	9.25
Rural Taxpayer	509	562	10.41
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed			
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2025/2026	Percent Change
Urban Taxpayer	1,480	1,637	10.61
Rural Taxpayer	2,247	2,511	11.75
Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year. Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:			
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Jeske Brings Home Silver From Waverly

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Last Tuesday, the Eagle Grove girls track team traveled to Waverly to take part in the annual Wartburg Invitational. As a team, the Eagles tied for 16th place overall with 10 points at the indoor meet.

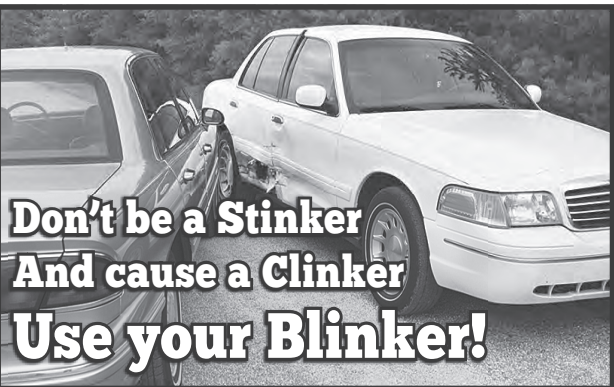
Results:		
55m –		
21 – Holly Anderson	8.75	
26 – Hailey Olson	8.94	
200m –		
33 – Kameya Hoop	32.99	
34 – Crystal Flores	33.81	
400m –		
9 – Myka Anderson	1:10.48	
800m –		
25 – Kendra Schild	3:34.74	
26 – Evelyn Jergenson	3:40.70	
1500m –		
23 – Alizabeth Page	7:50.63	
High Jump –		
12 – Addison Eittreim	4’2”	
Long Jump –		
2 – Addy Jeske	16’2”	
Shot Put –		
21 – Rynn Ettinger	25’9”	
31 – Keylyee Collins	20’8 ¼”	
4x200 –		
7 – Jeske, Morgan, Lenning, Edwards	1:58.33	
4x800 –		
9 – Calles, Miller, Terwilliger, Page	13:51.95	

Miller Earns Gold In Mason City

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Last Monday, the Eagle Grove boys track and field team continued their young season in Cerro Gordo County inside Mason City’s new fieldhouse. Senior Josh Miller had the best jump of his career and brought home first place in the high jump with an impressive leap of 6’2”. Syrus Willard cleared 5’10” in the same event and tied for second place with Braydin Crum of Central Springs. After the meet, Coach Demuth said he was "really impressed with how the guys competed considering our weather has not been in our favor to get on the track too much.” Team scores were not tallied at the Riverhawk Invitational.

Results:		
60m Dash –		
22 – Spencer Leelan	7.61	
81 – Reece Demuth	8.84	
85 – Tyler Alesch	8.95	
87 – Lucas Willard	9.26	
200m Dash –		
24 – Carter Nielsen	26.21	
28 – Cooper Thacker	26.47	
400m Dash –		
13 – Josh Miller	58.75	
26 – Hayden Schafer	1:03.46	
800m Run –		
20 – Zabdi Castro	2:30.07	
38 – Jared Arelolo	2:51.81	
1600m Run –		
38 – Felix Reyes	6:28.00	
43 – Anthony Vasquez	6:47.67	
4x200m Relay –		
16 – Spencer, Willard, Pedersen, Heaton	1:45.71	
4x400m Relay –		
14 – Spencer, Reyna, Beck, Sisson	4:03.76	
4x800m Relay –		
7 – Castro, Terwilliger, Gonzalez, Castro	9:41.74	
Distance Medley –		
19 – Reyna, Miller, Beck, Waldo Martinez	4:20.32	
High Jump –		
1 – Josh Miller	6’2”	
2 – Syrus Willard	5’10”	
Shot Put –		
36 – Christian Martinez	32’7 ½”	
39 – Will Batterton	31’11 ½”	
44 – Reece Demuth	30’4”	



EGHS Alum Says It’s All About “Effort”

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Former Eagle Grove football star Zach Pamperin would be the first to admit that he may have been a bit of a late bloomer. Fortunately, it’s not where you start that counts. Through hard work and a little help from the coaches he looks up to, the current Simpson College defensive lineman has been able to accomplish more than he ever thought possible. Pamperin is a Class of 2023 graduate who started playing football in the 6th grade, but he says he didn’t realize he had a future in the sport until his final year of high school. “I wasn’t really good early on,” he admitted. “I got in a car crash when I was a sophomore. Going into my junior year, I didn’t have much of

an offseason. I broke my pelvis, fractured my neck, punctured my lung, and had structural brain damage.” After overcoming that life threatening accident and miraculously returning to the football field to perform at an All-District level in his senior season, Zach’s coach advised him that he should seriously consider the possibility of competing at the next level. “It was great having Coach Willard,” Pamperin remembered.



As a senior defensive lineman in the 2022 season, Zach Pamperin compiled 20 tackles and two sacks for Eagle Grove. (Photo by Taylor Smith)

“He was like, “hey, here are the numbers, here are the coaches on the different teams.” He would get in contact and have them visit sometimes. He made the process go ten times smoother.” From there, Pamperin kicked off his college football career at Briar Cliff in Sioux City. “It’s a whole different thing in college,” he said. “There’s lifting five days a week.

Practices go over two hours and you’re writing down in notebooks, studying, and watching film.” After a year and a half at Briar Cliff, Pamperin transferred to Simpson College in Indianola. The physical education major hopes to get more playing time with the Simpson Storm this upcoming season and said his first visit to the school “just felt like home.” Regardless of what happens next, Zach says he’s just thankful for the opportunities the sport has afforded him so far. “Without football, I wouldn’t have gotten close to the coaching staff,” he confided. “Those guys had a huge impact on me growing up in Eagle Grove. If you work hard every day, I promise you’ll go ten times farther.”

Eagle Grove Police Report

March 13

7:12 AM: Traffic stop at Casey's.
7:52 AM: Traffic stop at the District Office.
7:56 AM: Concerned citizen in the area of EGPD.
8:48 AM: Return call requested from the 100 block of N Cadwell.
9:09 AM: Violation of protective order in EG.
10:23 AM: Complaint at Fish Pond Park.
10:36 AM: Return call requested from PD.
1:45 PM: Complainant met at PD regarding harassment.
2:38 PM: Return call requested from PD.
3:30 PM: Accident in the 600 block of SE 1st ST.
5:30 PM: Complainant met in the 100 block of S Park.
9:11 PM: Traffic stop in the 100 block of N Commercial.
11:16 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of S Jackson and SE 5th.
11:35 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of Hwy 17 and 250th. Semi with a trailer stopped.

March 14

1:15 AM: Traffic stop in the Dollar General parking lot involving a gray Dodge Avenger.
5:59 AM: Violation of protective order in the 200 block of N Jackson.
9:32 AM: Report needed regarding a prior case. Caller requested driver exchange and insurance information for a vehicle accident.
12:16 PM: Return call requested from the 200 block of NE 5th ST.
3:02 PM: Return call requested from the 300 block of NW 3rd ST.
5:01 PM: Traffic stop outside of town on 270th.
5:45 PM: Return call requested from the 300 block of NW 3rd ST.
6:03 PM: Traffic stop in the 300 block of NW 1st.
7:27 PM: Return call requested from the 200 block of N Jackson.
8:43 PM: Violation of protective order in the 200 block of N Jackson, involving a Venmo request.

8:52 PM: Traffic stop just north of Eagle Grove Airport on Hwy 17.
9:06 PM: Traffic stop on Hwy 17 north of 250th.
10:48 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of 255th and Hwy 17.
12:19 AM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of SW 1st involving a black Ram 1500 with no plate.
12:34 AM: Traffic stop in the 600 block of NW 1st.
1:49 AM: Traffic stop in the 300 block of N Commercial.
11:17 AM: Traffic stop in the 300 block of SW 3rd ST.
12:05 PM: Traffic stop in the 2400 block of Hwy 17 N involving a white Ford 350 with no plates.
12:38 PM: Domestic incident in the 100 block of N Western Ave. Caller reported a suspect broke into the home, threw objects, attempted to choke the victim, and then fled in a black Jeep Cherokee toward Clarion.
3:52 PM: Traffic stop in the Elvia parking lot.
5:29 PM: Traffic stop in the 2500 block of Hwy 17.
5:39 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of SW 3rd and Commercial.
6:59 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of NW 8th and Iowa.
7:04 PM: Traffic stop in the 2700 block of Hwy 17.
8:24 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of Hwy 17 and 250th.
8:25 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of S Commercial and Dollar General.
8:59 PM: Traffic stop south of the intersection of 230th and Hwy 17.
9:09 PM: Open door with lights on at the Community Center/Senior Center.
9:09 PM: Traffic stop in front of The Sandman Motel.
9:22 PM: Traffic stop in the 100 block of S Commercial.
9:25 PM: Suspicious activity in the 100 block of N Cadwell. Caller reported a man entered their front parlor and was told to leave. He was last seen across the street near the church, wearing black sweat-

pants and a stocking hat.
9:34 PM: Theft at Casey's. Caller reported a possible suspect at the scene.
March 16
2:08 AM: Traffic stop in the 2700 block of Hwy 17.
2:16 AM: Occupied vehicle on Hwy 17 north of 250th.
4:08 AM: Traffic stop in the 300 block of S Commercial.
9:51 AM: Violation of protective order. Caller requested to retrieve belongings from the residence, but an NCO order is in place.
10:27 AM: Return call requested from the 100 block of N Western Ave.
4:18 PM: Return call requested from the 100 block of N Western Ave.
5:04 PM: Information provided regarding the 600 block of SE 1st ST.
5:19 PM: Return call requested from the 200 block of Court Ave.
7:01 PM: Traffic stop on Hwy 17 south of the airport.
7:27 PM: Traffic stop in the 500 block of S Commercial.
7:55 PM: Follow-up in the 100 block of N Western Ave.
March 17
9:21 AM: Civil standby caller is on his way to retrieve belongings.
10:21 AM: Complaint of a Red Ford Escape Parked in the no parking and part of the handicap spot in front of Broadway Visions.
11:31 AM: Nuisance in the 200 Block of S Lucas.
2:14 PM: Return Call to set up fingerprinting.
3:51 PM: Return Call in the 400 Block of S IOWA Ave regarding belongings in the garage.
3:57 PM: Violation of Protective Order in the 200 block of N Jackson.
11:27 PM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of SW 2nd.
March 18
12:55 AM: Information about a No Truck sign down near Commercial and NW 2nd.
7:26 AM: Traffic Stop near 17 S by Emerson Vet.
7:39 AM: Return Call to EGPD.
12:55 PM: Return Call ask-

ing for a Spanish speaking Officer needs help with getting a new passport.
3:50 PM: Report In Person regarding a copy of paperwork.
4:40 PM: Assistance needed in the block of 400 N Garfield.
5:41: PM: Return Call.
7:34 PM: Return Call regarding some questions for an Officer.
March 19
2:05 AM: Parking violations reported on W Broadway ST.
5:06 AM: Alarm burglary in the 700 block of Arthur Ave. Entry/exit doors were activated.
9:55 AM: Road blocked in the 400 block of Brassfield DR, Goldfield. Caller reported a power pole and line down across the road. MidAmerican and city officials were contacted.
2:50 PM: Harassment reported in the area of EG.
5:03 PM: Return call requested from the 600 block of SW 1st ST, Goldfield. Caller wanted to speak with the police chief regarding a snow ban ticket.
5:05 PM: Parking violations reported in the 700 block of NW 3rd.
5:13 PM: Concerned citizen in the area of N Lincoln and NW 1st ST. Caller reported a black wire hanging down in the roadway near a church and school.
March 20
4:26 AM: Parking violations reported in the 600 block of N Wright.
4:32 AM: Parking violations reported in the 200 block of N Cadwell.
4:41 AM: Traffic stop in the 400 block of N Garfield.
4:54 AM: Parking violations reported in the 1200 block of W Broadway.
4:56 AM: Parking violations reported in the 1200 block of W Broadway.
5:05 AM: Parking violations reported in the 400 block of S Lucas.
5:07 AM: Traffic stop in the 400 block of S Lucas.
5:19 AM: Traffic stop in the 400 block of S Eastern.

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SPORTS

Anderson Sprints For Bronze In Humboldt

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Several local ladies brought home medals from the annual Nielsen Family Indoor Girls Track Meet held last Thursday at the Ken and Marilyn Nielsen Family Fieldhouse in nearby Humboldt.

Addison Eittreim cleared 4'4" for 5th place and a new PR in the high jump.

Addy Jeske placed 6th overall in the 200m dash, winning her heat and finishing with a time of 30.14. Crystal Flores (19th/33.32) and Kameya Hoop (25th/34.53) also ran the open 200.

Kendra Schild (15th/3:26) and Evie Jergenson (16th/3:32) both represent-

ed the purple and gold in the 800m run, and Eagle Grove's 4x8 team of Aubrey Miller, Schild, Elizabeth Page, and Payton Terwilliger timed in at 13:19 to place 6th overall.

Myka Anderson ran 1:11.9 in the 400m dash to earn 3rd in a field of 14 runners. She won her heat and was only a half-second off of 2nd place. Anderson would also compete in the 60m hurdles and finish 15th.

The 4x200 relay team of Jeske, Mya Morgan, Ellie Lenning, and Taytum Edwards blazed around Humboldt's blue, 200-meter track in 2:00.30 for 5th place in a field of 16 teams. Lenning also completed

the 60m dash in 8.85 seconds for 7th place.

Rynn Ettinger (15th/25'8") and Keylyee

Collins (19th/22'4") threw the shot for Eagle Grove, while Holly Anderson (14th/9.61) and Hailey Ol-

son (24th/10.18) both competed in the 60m dash.

The short indoor season has now come to an end, but

you can catch the girls at their first outdoor meet on April 7th at Southeast Valley's Richard Ryan Relays.



Kendra Schild keeps in front of a Forest City opponent.



Myka Anderson holds on to a lead in the 60m hurdles.



Hailey Olson sprints the 60m dash.



Addy Jeske was the lead-off runner in the 4x200.



Addison Eittreim reached new heights in the high jump. (Photos by Taylor Smith)

Willard Takes Silver At Nielsen Invite

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The Humboldt Wildcats invited boys track and field teams from around the area to compete at the Nielsen Family Indoor Boys Track Meet on March 21. Several Eagles had top-10 finishes, and junior Syrus Willard earned 2nd overall in the high jump.

Results:

60m Dash –	
8 – Patrick Heaton	7.77
22 – Abe Lin	8.32
23 – Syrus Willard	8.33
39 – German Silva-Salazar	11.2
200m Dash –	
5 – Cooper Thacker	25.99
11 – Leelan Spencer	26.61
22 – Carter Nielsen	29.26
29 – Tyler Alesch	30.63
400m Dash –	
6 – Aserel Aroche-Castro	59.88
13 – Dylan Terwilliger	1:03.17
14 – Gavin Pedersen	1:03.20
16 – Abe Lin	1:03.86
800m Run –	
6 – Hunter Waldo-Martinez	2:25.71
9 – Felix Gonzalez	2:28.90
12 – Anthony Vasquez	2:36.47
1600m Run –	
11 – Felix Reyes	5:39.39
14 – Hayden Schafer	5:43.58
21 – Ethan Schreiber	6:46.76
60m Hurdles –	
11 – Evan Cooper	13.37
4x200m Relay –	
8 – Nielsen, Heaton, Miller, Spencer	1:46.06
17 – Cooper, Demuth, Alesch, Willard	2:02.38
4x400m Relay –	
8 – Reyna, Miller, Spencer, Beck	4:10.09
15 – Nielsen, Schafer, Willard, Sisson	4:38.12
4x800m Relay –	
10 – Vasquez, Schreiber, Arelolo, Thacker	11:07.57
Distance Medley –	
7 – Heaton, Beck, Reyna, Aroche Castro	4:14.27
11 – Willard, Pedersen, Sisson, Terwilliger	4:24.37
4x60m Shuttle Hurdle –	
6 – Pedersen, Reyna, Schafer, Cooper	43.69



Arturo Reyna runs the first leg of the 4x4.



Patrick Heaton outruns an athlete from Ridge View. (Photos by Taylor Smith)



Hayden Schafer focuses before the shuttle hurdle.



Syrus Willard clears the bar with ease.

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2 – Syrus Willard	5'10"
6 – Josh Miller	5'6"
10 – Gavin Pedersen	5'0"

Shot Put –

21 – Will Batterton	34'
33 – Reech Demuth	26'10"
35 – Eduardo Sosa	25'6"
36 – Lucas Willard	24'9"

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