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Eagle Grove's 'Nine & Dine' Celebrates 10 Years of Food, Family, and Flavor

By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — What started as a humble kitchen tucked into the Eagle Grove Golf Course has grown into one of the community's most beloved hangouts. On Friday, April 4, Nine & Dine marked a major milestone: ten years in business. And judging by the packed bar, slammed kitchen, and roaring applause for local musician Joe Inman, the celebration was a fitting tribute to a decade of hard work, heart, and hospitality.

In an interview, co-owner Brooke Hathaway (who is also Director of the Chamber of Commerce) reflected on the journey, which began when Tyler took over Nine & Dine in 2014 after spending two years under its previous ownership. "Taking over as owner was both exciting and daunting, because as anyone in the restaurant industry knows, it's not an easy path," she said.

Brooke herself joined the team in 2016. "What started as a professional partnership blossomed into something more," she explained, taking a romantic turn as the couple married. "Together, we've poured our hearts into this place. Over the years, we've built a community inside these walls, finding friends who have become like family. We've celebrated countless milestones together and mourned the loss of some of those dear to us."

Among their most memorable experiences, she recalled catering a friend's wedding in New Orleans. "We loaded up the vehicle and made the long drive



A large crowd gathered at Nine and Dine on Friday night to celebrate the 10th Anniversary, and hear local musician Joe Inman perform. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

south, preparing and serving a wedding meal atop a downtown hotel, a time we'll never forget."

Of course, the road hasn't always been smooth. In 2020, like so many restaurateurs, "we were hit hard by the effects of COVID. It was an uncertain and trying time for restaurants everywhere, with many forced to close their doors for good," Brooke said. "We consider ourselves incredibly lucky to have made it through and we owe it all to our customers, whose loyalty and support carried us."

The menu at Nine & Dine is ever-changing, reflecting Tyler's passion for fresh ideas. "Our menu is unique, always evolving, and changing with the times," she said. "But one thing that never goes away is the Dirty Burger. It's a favorite around here: a burger topped with

bacon, jelly, and peanut butter, all between two slices of marble rye. Sounds wild, we know, but we always tell people, 'Just give it a try!'"

Seasonal offerings include smoked specials in the summer and fall. "The delicious smell drifting through the air is enough to turn heads," she said.

The bar program is just as dynamic. "We offer a wide variety of craft cocktails, many of which can be made non-alcoholic. With more customers choosing to drink less, we've added several non-alcoholic beer options, along with cannabis-infused canned cocktails. There's truly something for everyone, no matter your taste."

Community involvement is a key ingredient in the Nine & Dine philosophy. "We've donated meals to teachers during conference time, provided team meals

for the football boys the last two years (something we really look forward to), and delivered catered lunches to several local businesses."

As for the future? The Hathaways are hopeful and grateful. "We just want to keep growing and continue being a place where folks in Eagle Grove can gather, eat, celebrate, and feel at home." Hathaway made a point of noting that their employees work very hard. "We couldn't do any of this without our awesome team," she said, "we are incredibly thankful for everything they do." Hathaway also expressed a heartfelt gratitude to their customers. "Thank you to our patrons for being part of our journey. We can't wait to see what the next ten years bring."

For updates on hours, specials, and events, follow Nine & Dine on Facebook.



A photo shared along with a Facebook post shows the Wagner family, celebrating the pharmacy's 40th year in business, here in Eagle Grove. If laws are not changed, it may be the local pharmacy's last year in business here. (Screenshot, Eagle Grove Pharmacy/Facebook)

Pharmacy Owner Urges Action to Save Local Medication Access

By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — The owner of Eagle Grove Pharmacy is calling on the public to advocate for legislative reform that he says could determine the future of his small-town business and the medication access it provides to our community.

Andrew Wagner, who began working at the pharmacy as a teenager and eventually became its owner, took to Facebook Friday to express deep concern about the impact of Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) on independent pharmacies across Iowa.

"The 'what if I'm gone' question scares me," Wagner wrote. "I don't want to leave this community who I have the honor to care for."

In the heartfelt post, Wagner reflected on the joys of raising a family in Eagle Grove and watching his children grow up running through the pharmacy. But he also warned that without meaningful PBM reform from the Iowa Legislature, independent pharmacies like his may not survive.

"Over 1/3 of the prescriptions we filled last year were for a loss," Wagner wrote, citing low insurance reimbursements, rising

drug costs, and increasing pressure from PBMs to steer patients toward mail-order services.

Wagner explained that last year, as it marked its 40th year in business, the pharmacy was forced to make difficult cuts to medications, staffing, store hours, and other expenses just to stay open. He emphasized that the situation is not sustainable and pleaded for residents to contact their state legislators.

"I'm almost to the point of begging our patients, friends, and family members to reach out to your local state senators and representatives and voice your support for PBM reform," Wagner said.

He noted that similar reforms in other states have helped lower costs while preserving local healthcare access. Wagner plans to be at the Iowa Capitol Saturday to advocate for change but said he needs the community's help to make a difference.

"We really love being your pharmacy," he wrote. "Please voice your support for local healthcare so we can stop thinking about all these scary 'what ifs.'"

For more information or to contact legislators, Wagner directed readers to visit patientsfirst.org/iowa/.

Eagle Grove Scout Recognized with Highest National Conservation Award

By Edward Lynn
Editor

CLEAR LAKE, Iowa — At just 14 years old, Andrew Vaughn has already achieved more than most Scouts dream of in a lifetime. The Eagle Grove teen was recently recognized with the Scouting America Distinguished Conservation Service Award, formerly the William T. Hornaday Award—a national honor so rare, only about a dozen Scouts across the entire country earn it each year.

While Vaughn had been presented the award at the 100-year celebration of the Ingawanis Adventure Base late last year, he was formally recognized for the honor at the Lakeland District's annual dinner in Clear Lake, in mid March.



Winnebago Council CEO James Madison pins Vaughn's Distinguished Conservation Medal to his uniform, at the ceremony in mid March, in Clear Lake. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

The award recognizes Vaughn's exceptional leadership and environmental commitment. It also places him in a distinguished class of Scouts who have gone far beyond the requirements of traditional scouting, tackling ambitious conservation projects with national-level impact.

"It's hard. It's a lot of work, but it's worth the time," Vaughn told the crowd of assembled scouts and scout leaders at the ceremony. That understatement belied the enormous effort it took to get there. Two separate conservation projects are required for a scout to earn the award.

Vaughn performed three, each meeting the rigorous standards of an Eagle Scout service project. Vaughn also earned nine conservation related merit badges.

His first project targeted a quiet but deadly environmental hazard: discarded fishing line. Vaughn designed, built, and installed fishing line recycling stations at both Lake Cornelia and Briggs Woods Park, helping to prevent wildlife entanglement and water pollution. While also enabling the plastic to be recycled. As simple as it might sound, these receptacles have a tangible, lasting impact on the local ecosystem.

Next, he turned his attention skyward—literally. For Earth Day, Vaughn planted a milkweed and pollinator plot at Lake Cornelia County Park to support the monarch butterfly population, which migrates directly through Wright County. Monarchs rely on milkweed as a food source, but habitat destruction along their migration route has decimated their numbers. Vaughn's milkweed garden, carefully planned and ecologically beneficial, is helping change that trajectory.

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In scouting every badge, bandana, pin, woggle and medal represents and accomplishment. The most significant are worn over the heart. Here, Vaughn's uniform displays his Eagle Scout medal and badge, his God and Church cross medal, his Order of the Arrow insignia, his religious knot, and his William T. Hornaday knot, as well as his Messengers of Peace merit badge, and front and center, his Distinguished Service to Conservation medal, the highest conservation award in scouting. (Photo by Edward Lynn)



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Vaughn with his fishing line receptacle on Lake Cornelia. Vaughn designed, manufactured and installed the receptacles, which protect wildlife and ensure recycling. (Photo courtesy of the Vaughn Family)

But it was his third project that officially earned him the rank of Eagle Scout: the construction and installation of bat boxes at Briggs Woods Park. Iowa's bat population has been dwindling due to habitat loss, and Vaughn's project restored vital nesting spaces for the nocturnal pollinators, which also provide natural pest control.

Together, these efforts impressed the National Council of Scouting America and earned him one of the most difficult recognitions in all of youth conservation work.

According to Scouting America, the Distinguished Conservation Service Award is given to individuals who not only complete two or more significant conservation projects, but also demonstrate a clear understanding of ecology, natural resource management, and community leadership. Scouts must document their work in detail—often filling multiple binders with research, planning, and outcomes.

Vaughn's project documentation filled three.

"When he turned in his multiple binders... I've never seen an Eagle Scout application go that deep,"

said Winnebago Council CEO James Madison at the ceremony. "This was next-level stuff."

Scoutmaster Rick Dawson, who has guided dozens of young people through the path to Eagle, praised Vaughn not only for his dedication, but for the way he inspired others. "A lot of kids look up to Andrew," Dawson has said. "They can't believe how fast he's achieved the ranks. He's helped out the troop immensely."

Indeed, Vaughn's momentum is hard to ignore. He achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in record time—less than two years after joining Troop 1059. That makes him the fastest Eagle Scout in Eagle Grove history. And he's not stopping.

Vaughn says he plans to stay active in scouting, mentor younger members, and keep working on conservation and service projects. His long-term dream? To see his own kids become Eagle Scouts one day.

For now, though, Vaughn stands as a clear example of what youth leadership can look like: fast-moving, community-rooted, environmentally focused, and absolutely relentless.

County Lays Out Million Dollar Five-Year Roads and Bridges Plan

April 1, 2025 - Wright County Engineer Adam Clemons shared the county's 2026-2029 Second Roads Program Roads Schedule during Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting, detailing more than \$13 million in infrastructure upgrades, including bridge replacements and roadway repaving.

Clemons, who presented a full map of the projects, broke down annual priorities with an emphasis on both state and federally funded projects.

2026 Projects

- **C25 and R45 Repaving (Around Lake Cornelia)**
Estimated at **\$2.25 million**, this major resurfacing project will be funded through

FM (Farm-to-Market) dollars. "We're repaving that area with funds that come from road use taxes," Clemons explained.

• Bridge 175 'Four Corner Bridge'

With **\$900,000 in federal aid** already approved, the county may expand from a double to a **triple box culvert** during the design phase.

2027 Projects

- **Bridge 52 (East of Galt)**
Estimated at **\$300,000**, this bridge will replace an older structure that no longer meets DOT size thresholds for culverts.

• Bridge 155A (North of Belmond)

A curved-span bridge requiring special design, it's estimated at **\$950,000**.

• Bridge 109 (Southeast of Belmond off R65)

Replacement costs are expected to reach **\$420,000**.

2028 Projects

• County K Repaving (South of Clarion)

This **\$2.5 million** resurfacing will also use FM funds. "That's FM dollars coming from the state from road use tax," said Clemons.

• Bridge 49 (South of Rowan, East of Galt)

Estimated at **\$420,000**, it continues the county's focus on renewing aging rural bridges.

2029 Projects

- **Norway Township Bridge**
A projected **\$540,000** replacement in rural Wright County.

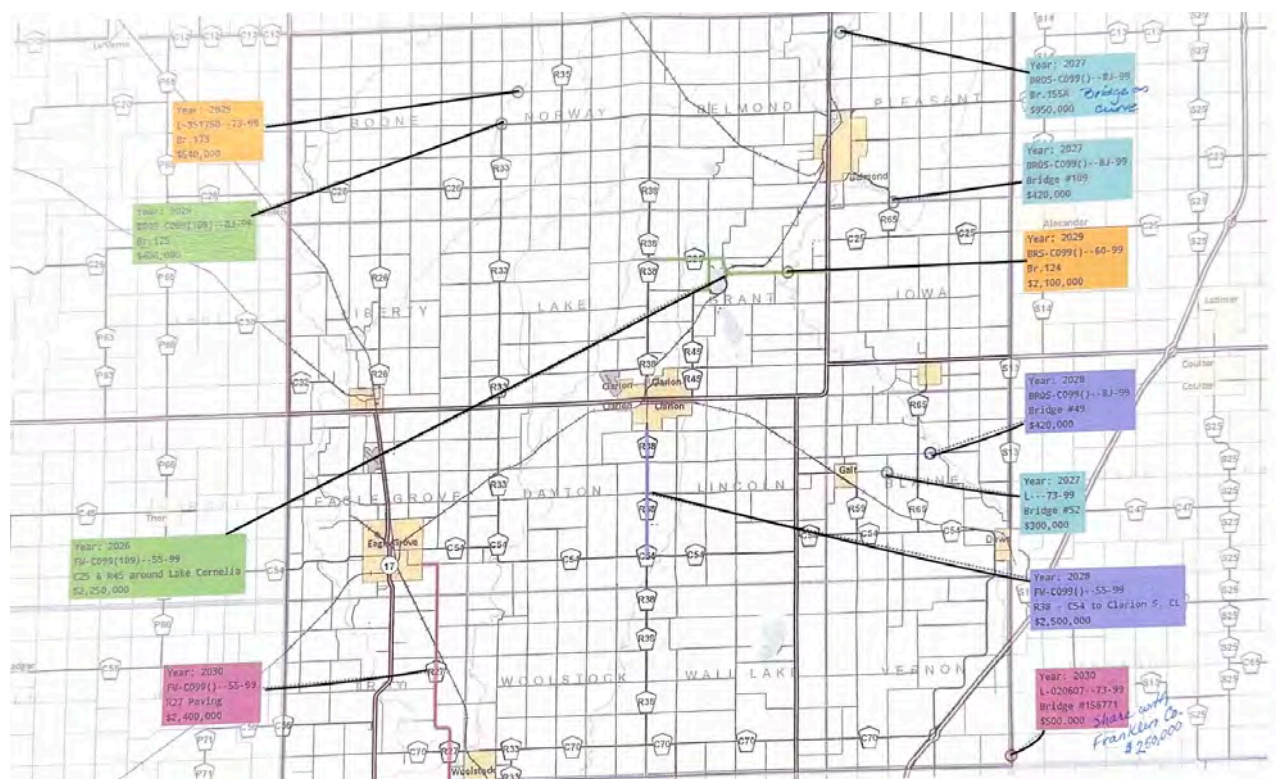
• Lake Blacktop Project #124

A shared project with **Franklin County**, this **\$2.1 million** resurfacing will see Wright County contribute **\$250,000** since it sits on the county line.

• R27 Paving (Southeast of Eagle Grove)

One of the county's largest undertakings, this **7.9-mile stretch** carries an estimated price tag of **\$4.2 million**.

All project costs may be subject to revision as final bids are received and engineering assessments continue.



(Photo: Provided by Wright County Board of Supervisors/Designed by Wright County Engineer Office)

Benefit Organized to Support Local Lineman Critically Injured in Blizzard

By Edward Lynn
Editor

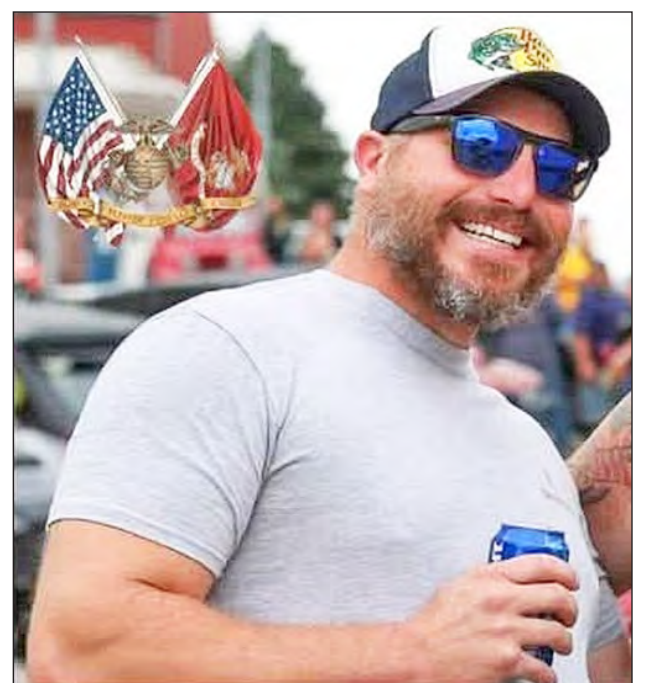
WEBSTER CITY, Iowa — After a devastating workplace accident left a local lineman severely injured, communities across Iowa are rallying to support Bryan Dayton, a Marine Corps veteran, former police officer, and father of two.

On March 19, 2025, Dayton was working to restore power during a blizzard when he came into contact with a live wire. The incident resulted in severe burns and led to the loss of both his hands and part of his arms. He was transported to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, where he has undergone multiple surgeries.

Dayton, who lives in Woolstock with his wife Shannon and their two sons, is a well-known figure in the region. Prior to his service as a lineman with the Webster City Electric Department, he served as a scout in the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion (1st LAR) of the 1st Marine Division. From September 2013 to July 2017, he also served as a police officer in Eagle Grove.

To help the Dayton family during this difficult time, a benefit event has been organized for **Saturday, July 26, 2025, at Salty Suz, 512 Central Ave, Fort Dodge, Iowa**. The Bryan Dayton Fun Run & Benefit will feature:

- Food
 - Live music (artist to be announced)
 - An auction hosted by Schmauss Auction
 - A community ride event (ride details to come)
- The event is open to all types of vehicles, including motorcycles, ATVs, and Jeeps, and is expected to draw supporters from across the state.
- The community is currently accepting donations and auction items at the following drop-off locations:
- **Salty Suz** – Jamie or Chad Christian
 - **Schmauss Auction** – Kevin Schmauss
 - **Eagle Grove Area** – Brandy (515-269-2597)
 - **Webster City Area** – Troy Duffy (515-297-4217)
 - **Dows Area** – Ryan



Former Eagle Grove police officer Bryan Dayton, a lineman who is also a former U.S. Marine, was severely injured working on power lines during the recent blizzard, losing the use of both hands. He is a husband and father of two. (Screenshot, Shannon Dayton/Facebook)

Caquelin (515-293-2028)

- **Humboldt Area** – Erica Schmauss (515-890-2157)
- **Des Moines Metro Area** – Nocona Dayton (515-988-2779)

For those who would like to donate directly:

- **WCF Financial Bank** "Dayton Strong" 401 Fair Meadow Dr., PO Box 638, Webster City, IA 50595
- **Venmo:** @ShannonDayton04

"This is a huge life change not just for Bryan but for Shannon and the boys as well," organizers wrote. "This event is not just about raising funds — it's about coming together to show love, strength, and support for the Dayton family."

For more information, contact:

- Chad Christian: 515-269-1718
- Jamie Christian: 515-269-1280
- Kevin Schmauss: 515-571-2443

Dayton's service to his country, his community, and now his family continues to inspire those around him. The outpouring of support is a testament to the impact he's made and the strength of the community determined to help him through this challenging next chapter.



A QR code links to a GoFundMe fundraiser that was set up to benefit the Daytons. To visit the fundraiser page, just point your smartphone camera at it.



National Drug Take Back

Dispose of unused medications properly!

Return them in their original containers ANY DAY DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS at the following local businesses:

- * Eagle Grove Pharmacy
- * Iowa Specialty Hospital Pharmacy in Clarion
- * Iowa Specialty Hospital - Belmond
- * Thrifty White Pharmacy in Clarion

Look for the drop boxes inside

Wright County Public Health would like to remind you that unused or outdated prescription medications need to be disposed of properly. Throwing it in the garbage or flushing it down the toilet is NOT one of those ways...medications can get into the ground water supply. Giving them to someone else is illegal!

Road Work Underway as 2025 Street Project Kicks Off

**By Edward Lynn
Editor**

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — Milling work is scheduled to begin Monday on three Eagle Grove streets as part of the city's 2025 paving program, according to a post from the City of Eagle Grove's official Facebook page.

In preparation, traffic control was set in place Friday. The affected streets include NW 8th Street from N. Iowa to the railroad tracks, NE 2nd Street from N. Commercial to the city limits, and SW 1st Street from South Iowa to the dead end just past S Western, between SW 2nd Street and Broadway Street, as well as from S. Cedar to the cul-de-sac. As of Tuesday morning, work appeared

to be underway on SE 1st St. "During milling, it will be difficult to travel through the area and the contractor requests that no vehicles are parked on the street," in the affected area, the City stated in its Facebook post.

Milling is expected to take no more than a day per location, with the full operation at each location taking two to three days of work to complete. Afterward, access will generally be restored and street parking permitted until paving begins in mid-summer. "We will be driving on milling for a while," said Public Works Director Robert Lunda during an update to the City Council at Monday's meeting, "but the end result should be very nice." Paving will take one to two

days per location, with the full project expected to last one to two weeks.

The City noted that property owners with limited access would receive door hangers containing the contractor's contact information, with another to follow before paving begins.

A detour will redirect NE 2nd Street traffic down Kirkwood Avenue, across Broadway Street, and back up Highway 17. The detour, while prepped Friday, will not be implemented until Monday. Access across NE 2nd Street will generally be maintained, though occasional intersection closures are expected. Drivers, especially truck operators, are encouraged to enter town via Highway 17 from the north



Signs set up between SW 2nd Street and Broadway, from S Iowa to S Western, and from S. Cedar to the cul-de-sac, mark the boundaries of the road work on the SW side of town. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

or south to avoid the detour's eastern end.

NW 8th Street will be closed Monday with a detour in place, according to the City.

"We appreciate the understanding of drivers during this construction and anticipate an improved experience once work has been completed," the City stated. Completion and a return to normal traffic flow are expected in August.

Mythology and Memories: EGHS to Host 'Greek Gala' Prom

Saturday, April 26th soiree to be open to the public

Eagle Grove High School's junior class is proud to announce the much-anticipated Junior/Senior Prom, set to take place on April 26, 2025, at 7:00 PM in the high

school gymnasium. This year's event will embrace an enchanting "Greek Gala" theme, transporting attendees to an unforgettable night inspired by ancient Greek mythology, grandeur, and elegance.

The doors to the gymnasium will open at 6:00 PM. The first 45 minutes (6:00 PM - 6:45 PM) will feature a special admission offer of just \$1 per seat, allowing guests to arrive early and grab their spot for the prom

festivities. After 6:45 PM, the event will be open for free admission. All proceeds from the event will be used toward future prom events.

This magical night will be a celebration of high school memories, friendships, and achievements, and it is open to the public. Whether you are a student, family member, or local resident, you are invited to join in the fun and excitement.

Event Details:

- Date: April 26, 2025

- Time: Doors open at 6:00 PM, Prom begins at 7:00 PM
- Location: Eagle Grove High School Gymnasium
- Admission:
 - 6:00 PM – 6:45 PM: \$1 per seat
 - 6:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Free Admission
- Theme: Greek Gala – An evening inspired by ancient Greek mythology and luxury

Open to the Public: Everyone is welcome to attend!

"As juniors we have been planning for our Greek in-

spired prom theme since May of last year," shared Kendra Schild, a junior class member. Kameya Hoop, another junior class member noted that, "Many hands made the work light in the long run, but it could not be done without the support from local businesses and family/friends to support us along the way."

Brittney Osborn, one of the prom sponsors shares, "We look forward to celebrating this special evening with stu-

dents, families, and the local community. We cannot wait to see you at the Greek Gala, April 26!"

Hydrant Flushing Underway

**By Edward Lynn
Editor**

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — The Eagle Grove Water Department began flushing fire hydrants Monday as part of routine system maintenance, according to a post

on the City of Eagle Grove's Facebook page.

Water customers may notice temporary discoloration or cloudiness during the flushing process, though officials with the Water Department assured the water

remains safe to drink.

"The Eagle Grove Water Department will be flushing fire hydrants starting today," the post read. "During this period it may be possible for your water to become discolored or cloudy. The

water will always be safe to drink."

The department apologized for any inconvenience and emphasized the importance of the maintenance in keeping the city's water system clean.

Supervisors Consider Drainage, Contracts, and Budget at Recent Meeting

**Amanda Rink,
Mid America Publishing**

April 1, 2025- The Wright County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday morning to consider issues ranging from drainage and infrastructure to union contracts, fiscal planning, and personnel contracts. With several approvals on the agenda, a public hearing, and a joint meeting between a neighboring county, the meeting was full.

Drainage District News

- A drainage issue in Lake Township near Weis Auto prompted a work order. During discussions with Drainage Clerk Courtney Morris it was confirmed that a tile runs through the area and the water issue could be caused by a blockage. The board approved televising the tile, through Hennigar Excavating, line to assess the situation before moving ahead with further work.

The board acting as Drainage District Trustees met with Humboldt County to take action on a Memorandum of Understanding regarding repairs within the joint drainage district. The two counties agreed to allow

\$15,000 on each side without a meeting with notifications between each district about the repairs made.

Personnel Contracts

- In a procedural move, the board rescinded its earlier motion concerning the new full-time Communication Director position. The original motion had included a cost-of-living adjustment clause, which was removed in favor of a standard salary adjustment. This came about after Supervisor Lynn Loux shared concerns over the wording at a previous meeting, he noted it had nothing to do with the hire itself.

He shared that some counties are already implementing salary freezes in response to the current economic strain.

The board also approved a new three-year union contract for sheriff deputies and jail staff. The key change includes continued participation in Plan 11C post-retirement health care and the option for a nationwide trust plan to house post-retirement health funds.

Bridge Contract Awarded Near Rowan

- The board awarded a contract for Bridge

116 north of Rowan on Victor Avenue, to Peterson Contractors. The approved bid came in at \$186,029.75. A minor typo involving milling materials delayed the award from the prior week, but the issue was corrected for final approval.

The Wright County Engineer Adam Clemons released a detailed report of upcoming projects during the meeting, which are highlighted in a different article in this publication.

Seismic Testing Request

- In closing, the board did not make changes to a road use agreement with Twin Rivers Exploration to increase the setback distance for live seismic testing from 250 feet to 50 feet. The issue, related to ongoing geological exploration, will be covered in greater detail in the next issue of The Wright County Monitor. Ultimately, the Board of Supervisors "did not see a county-wide benefit", economically or otherwise, to allowing closer testing of county assets and only saw the risk of assets.

Twin Rivers is still permitted to test in Wright County

but only at the originally agreed distance from county assets such as tile or bridges

In other business:

- Wright County Auditor's quarterly revenue report was presented as \$1,316 and approved.
- Wright County Sheriff's Office's March revenue report was presented as \$2,121.17 and approved.
- The board scheduled a budget hearing for the 2025–2026 fiscal year for April 28 at 9:30 a.m.

The Wright County Board of Supervisors will meet again Monday, April 14, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. at the Wright County Courthouse. This meeting, along with past ones, can be viewed online at youtube.com/wrightcountyiowaofficial8312.

Correction

In the March 31 Supervisors board meeting coverage The Wright County Monitor published a typo. The Wright County Courthouse has an excess of \$26,000, not \$2,600, in ARPA funds which the grounds director has projects in mind to utilize the funds by the end of the calendar year.

Congregate Meal Menu:

Monday, April 14
Hearty Veg Beef Soup, Breadstick, Lettuce/Spinach Salad, Fruit

Wednesday, April 16
Tator Tot Casserole, Whole Wheat Bread, Lettuce/Romaine Salad, Fruit

Friday, April 18
Chef's Choice

Eagle Grove Community School District

-MENU-

Monday, April 14
BREAKFAST: Omelet, Toast, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Crisпитos, Corn, Salad, Tropical Fruit

Tuesday, April 15
BREAKFAST: Pancakes/Sausage on a stick, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Brats, Fries, Coleslaw, Applesauce

Wednesday, April 16
BREAKFAST: Waffles, Smokies, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap, Carrots/Celery, Apple

Thursday, April 17
BREAKFAST: Cereal, Shortbread, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Fish Sticks, Au gratin Potatoes, Peas/Carrots, Mandarin Oranges, Bread & Butter

Friday, April 18
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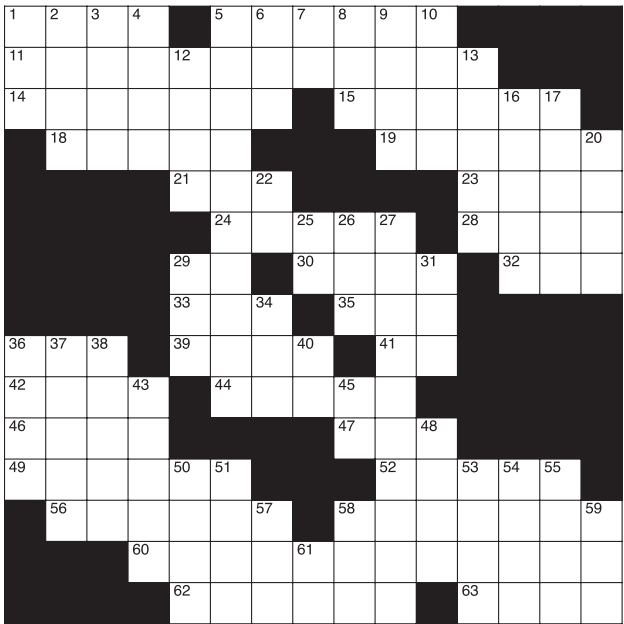
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5. A way to preserve

11. Gratitude

14. Domestic sheep

15. Simpler

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19. Large fish-eating bird

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23. Phil __, former CIA

24. Icelandic poems

28. Pop

29. Device

30. Actor Rudd

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35. Corpuscle count (abbr.)

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49. Almost last

52. Astronomer Carl

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1. Popular Sunday dinner option

2. Oil cartel

3. Agile

4. Greek goddess of discord

5. Genetically distinct variety

6. Indicates badly

7. Popular Mr. T character

8. Consumed

9. Chinese dynasty

10. NFL great Randy

12. Within

13. Palm trees

16. Fungal disease

17. Tall, slender-leaved plants

20. Affirmative! (slang)

22. A passport is one

25. Two outs in baseball (abbr.)

26. Swiss river

27. Deferential
29. Where a bachelor lives

31. Portable computer screen material

34. A crying noise of a bird

36. Sticky, amorphous substance

37. Starchy dish of dried tubers

38. Type of acid

40. Partner to "Ma"

43. 16 ounces

45. The Bay State

48. A well-defined track or path

50. Substitution

51. Defined period

53. Group of toughs

54. Region

55. Famed Scottish Loch

57. Blood relation

58. Not around

59. Recipe measurement

61. Father to Junior

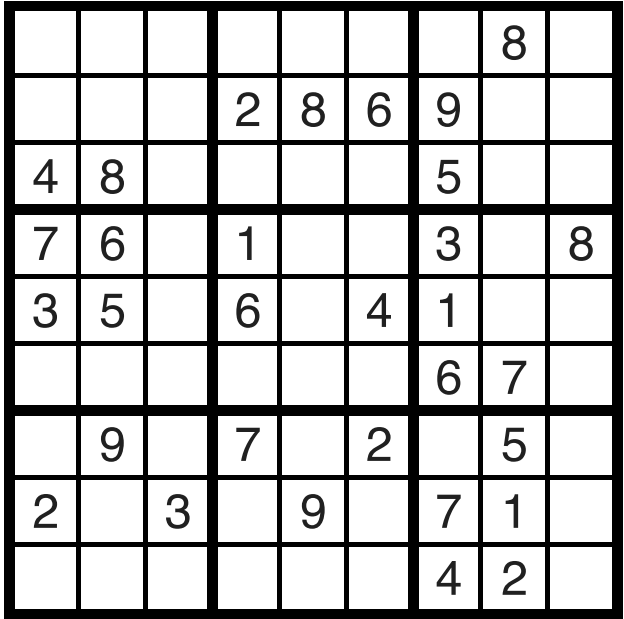
Solutions can be found on the Classified page

Fun By The Numbers

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

Here's How It Works:

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



Level: Beginner

Solutions can be found on the Classified page

SAFE SPORTS WORD SEARCH

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

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

- ATHLETE

CONCUSSION

COOLDOWN

EXHAUSTION

EYEWEAR

FLEXIBILITY
- GUARDS

HELMET

HYDRATION

INJURY

LIGAMENT

MOTION
- PADS

PREVENT

PROPER

PROTECTION

REPETITIVE

REST
- SEASON

SECURE

SORENESS

STRETCH

TENDON

WARMUP

Wright County Republican Women Meet To Form A New Local Group

On Friday, April 4, Wright County Republican women joined together at a residence to organize a new group. This is an expansion of the already existing Republican monthly meetings which are held on the last Thursday evening of the month at the Clarion public library. The monthly library gatherings have been on-going for 70 years. Routinely, there are 25 to 30

attending. Sometimes the women just want more time to chat. The newly formed Wright County Republican women's group is looking for a social atmosphere to discuss our communities and to find ways to help our towns and county to flourish and grow. The group is looking forward to sharing local ongoing community projects, and for business-

es and schools which need support. At this first organizational meeting, there were two county supervisors present along with women who have been instrumental in the growth and success of our community for years. With the upcoming county public hearing on April 7, people in attendance discussed some of our area's taxation, with a short tutor-

ing on what TIFF money is and how it is used to make our county grow. Any Republican women wanting to join the group to share ways to help local communities and Wright County, are invited to come to Clarion's Pizza Ranch on the second Friday of every month at 11:45 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 9. Grab lunch and join in the lively discussion.

Wright County Proclaims April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing

April 7, 2025 - Wright County has officially proclaimed April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month at the most recent Board of Supervisors meeting, reinforcing commitment to ensuring every child grows up safe, supported, and free from harm.

Angela Wesselink, Parent Coordinator for the Building Families Program in Hamilton, Humboldt, and Wright Counties, presented the proclamation request to

the Wright County Board of Supervisors on Monday, April 7. "It is cheaper to raise a healthy child than fix a broken adult," she told the board.

Wesselink laid out the proclamation and the importance of Positive Childhood Experiences, like stable relationships and supportive caregivers, which can counteract the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences like abuse or neglect. The proclamation also highlights the need for collaboration across county sectors.

"Statistics show 1 in 7 children in the U.S. experience abuse or neglect," Wesselink shared with The Wright County Monitor. But only 15% of the \$33 billion spent on child welfare is allocated to prevention. Shifting focus toward proactive support, like affordable childcare, financial stability, and community-based resources, can create lasting change according to the Parent Coordinator.

Local programs like Building Families, Parent

Connection, and HOPES offer free, voluntary resources to help families manage parenting, child development, economic hardship, and health concerns. These evidence-based initiatives reflect Wright County's investment in prevention and hope for a brighter future for families.

For more information, contact: Building Families at (515) 602-6371 ext 1, Wright County HOPES and Early Head Start at (515) 532-346, or Parent Connection at (515) 293-0652.

The World Has Lost Another Veteran Pressman

By Edward Lynn Editor

This week's issue of the Eagle Grove Eagle has a major, if indiscernible difference which has left the staff of Mid-America Publishing and Printing, including the local staff here in Eagle Grove, with heavy hearts.

Every week for many years every issue of the Eagle, and all the other newspapers printed by Mid-America covering much of north Iowa, have been printed under the watchful eye and careful hand of veteran Pressman Mike Enzenauer, Mid-America's long time Head Press Operator.

Sadly, that era has ended with the untimely passing of Enzenaur, due to complications from diabetes, and atrial fibrillation, according to Mid-America CEO Matt Grohe, who tearfully paid tribute to

Enzenauer in a company-wide conference call last Wednesday, following Enzenauer's death over the weekend.

Enzenauer was an expert Pressman, competent in operating the most modern printing technologies as well as the legacy, 'they don't make 'em like they used to' printing presses, such as the one that printed the paper in many of your hands, as you read this. And luckily for communities across north Iowa, he took care to teach his craft to his subordinates, who have carried on printing this, and 17 more local newspapers in his stead.

According to a comment posted by his sister Donna Enzenauer Bolton of Meansville, Georgia, Mike was a second generation printer, having followed in his father's footsteps. "He worked hard and put his



Mike Enzenauer, of Hampton Iowa, was the Head Press Operator at Mid-America Publishing and Printing, publisher of the Eagle Grove Eagle, for many years. (Screenshot, The Hampton Chronicle/Facebook)

life into his job," Enzenauer Bolton wrote, "noting that we at Mid-America were "blessed to have him through the years." We whole-heartedly agree.

Mike Enzenauer was a rare example of a dying breed of Pressman, an experienced, talented, consummate printing professional. And with

over ten thousand local newspapers having closed around the United States over the past decade or so, and many others moving to digital publishing only, they don't make 'em like Mike anymore either. But thanks to his tutelage, he wasn't the last of his kind.

Rest in peace, Mike. You are missed.

April Is Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach delivers 'A Journey Through Parkinson's Disease' to provide education, increase awareness

By Leah Brooke, Elizabeth Stegemoller

AMES, Iowa – April is Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month. It's a good time to focus on increasing knowledge and understanding about this progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects an estimated 20,000 Iowans and millions of people worldwide, says Leah Brooke, a health and human sciences educator with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Parkinson's disease brings challenges not only to those diagnosed but also to their families and caregivers. Addressing these challenges requires support, education and resources that empower individuals to live fulfilling lives. That's why ISU Extension and Outreach delivers "A Journey Through Parkinson's Disease," an

educational series. The series consists of three, one-hour workshops held weekly. Classes include interactive lessons, discussions and activities.

"Parkinson's disease impacts movement, mood, cognition and quality of life. Our educational series has been a beacon of hope for many in Iowa and across the country," said Brooke, who leads the program team.

"We educate participants on the disease, offer strategies for managing its symptoms and provide opportunities for people to connect with others facing similar challenges," said Elizabeth Stegemoller, associate professor in kinesiology, who conducts research on slowing the progression of the disease.

The next virtual offering of "A Journey Through Parkinson's Disease" be-

gins April 8. Upcoming in-person offerings of the program, as well as outreach and research opportunities, are listed on the Health and Human Sciences Extension and Outreach website (<https://www.extension.iastate.edu/human-sciences/parkinsons>). For more information about the program, contact Brooke, lbrokee@iastate.edu. To learn about research opportunities, contact Stegemoller, esteg@iastate.edu.

Other learning opportunities

A Parkinson's disease "walk and learn" is set for April 17, 2-5 p.m., at Reiman Gardens, 1407 University Blvd. in Ames. It's an opportunity to learn about Parkinson's disease research and outreach at Iowa State.

Stegemoller's research has demonstrated that singing can significantly

improve swallowing and respiratory functions, often major impairments in people with Parkinson's disease. This research has resulted in two outreach programs in Ames: a singing group and a music and movement group (learn more: <https://kin.hs.iastate.edu/info-for/outreach-programs/music-therapy-for-persons-with-parkinsons-disease/>).

Iowa State's Alternative Medicine and Music for Parkinson's Disease Laboratory works to improve the quality of life of those affected by the disease through education, research and outreach groups. The lab is looking for participants with Parkinson's as well as healthy older adults for research studies. For more information, contact the lab at 515-294-5966 or neurophys@iastate.edu.

Opening new export markets for Iowa farmers and producers

By Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Hull)

Opening new export markets for Iowa farmers increases demand for our agricultural commodities and puts more money into the pockets of our producers. This is an especially important mission after four years of indifference and inaction under the Biden administration when President Biden failed to negotiate a single new trade agreement that would benefit agriculture. The Biden agenda instead pushed electric vehicles onto American families, curtailed American energy production, and imposed regulations like WOTUS on our farmers. Representing the second largest agricultural-producing congressional district in the country, I've proposed and supported legislation to grow our export markets and ensure that our farmers have more destinations to ship their high-quality products worldwide.

I recently introduced the Fortifying Refrigeration Infrastructure and Developing Global Exports Act – known as the FRIDGE Act for short – to shore up a weak point in international trading infrastructure. Goods like Iowa-raised beef, pork, turkeys, chickens, and other perishable products face barriers to foreign markets because of a significant lack of cold-chain storage and other refrigeration infrastructure. The FRIDGE Act would make improvements at our ports and construct needed refrigeration infrastructure so that Iowa farmers can ship their goods across the globe without worrying about spoilage.

More specifically, this legislation would direct the U.S. Department of Agriculture to negotiate contracts to deliver needs assessments, training, and other technical assistance to enhance infrastructure construction – including cold chain storage – in new and developing foreign markets. To achieve this goal, it would add a section promoting infrastructure in the Foreign Market Development (FMD) program, and to fund this paragraph, funds will be authorized at \$1,000,000 annually through fiscal year 2028. If there are leftover funds not allocated, those funds will go into the main FMD pot of money for the benefit of all producers and exporting organizations.

Another bill that I co-sponsored this Congress is the Agriculture Export Promotion Act. This legislation would double funding for the Market Access Program (MAP)



and the Foreign Market Development Program (FMD), supporting increased exports of Iowa agricultural products and giving our farmers a voice in new markets. MAP and FMD help promote American-grown and -raised agricultural goods in foreign markets and secure financial benefits for our producers. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, export promotion programs like MAP and FMD contribute more than \$8 billion in value to U.S. agricultural exports. This bill is a win-win for our global competitiveness and our farmers' bottom lines.

Additionally, a recent announcement by the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) will ensure that trade – particularly of our agricultural commodities – continues unhindered up and down the Missouri River. Last December, following reports that the Coast Guard would remove 36 Aids to Navigation (ATONs) on the Missouri River north of Blencoe, Iowa, I led a letter to USCG Captain Andrew Bender urging the USCG to reconsider its decision and to continue infrastructure investments in the Missouri River. The other day, the Coast Guard announced that it would pause the removal of these ATONs indefinitely. I am glad that the Coast Guard heard the concerns of our Western Iowa communities and has decided to keep these 36 ATONs in place. These devices ensure the safety of ships and their crews and keep our water supply chains moving effortlessly – allowing our farmers, businesses, and manufacturers to ship their goods and serve their customers. I will continue to advocate for robust investment in the Missouri River, the maintenance of these critical ATONs, and policies that support our waterways and grow our economy.

Serving on both the House Agriculture Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, I'll keep supporting policies that grow our export markets, help our farmers succeed financially, and increase demand for Iowa agricultural commodities.



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We have completed the second funnel which is a self-imposed deadline designed to keep the legislature on track. This deadline mandates that any bill sent from the Senate to the House must have cleared Committee and be prepared for floor debate if it is to be considered still alive and moving forward.

Simplified Bullying Law Moves Ahead in Senate

It has been 18 years since the original bill on bullying passed the Legislature.

HF 865 focuses on behavior over identity and applies the same standard to all children. Under the bill, that definition would read:

Harassment and bullying shall be construed to mean any repeated and targeted electronic, written, verbal or physical act or conduct toward a student that creates an objectively hostile school environment that meets one or more of the following conditions:

(1) Places the student in reasonable fear of harm to the student's person or property.

(2) Has a substantially detrimental effect on the student's physical or mental health.

(3) Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's academic performance.

(4) Has the effect of substantially interfering with the student's ability to participate in or

benefit from the services, activities, or privileges provided by a school.

The bill awaits final approval on the Senate floor.

Property Tax Bill Updates

This session, we have introduced several bills for consideration, from slight tweaks to major reforms to the system. These bills serve as a starting point to kickstart a broad conversation about property tax reform. We've made it very clear that we are not looking to rush these bills through but are giving time for Iowans and interest groups to weigh in on how these changes would affect them or their members. We

are relying on the feedback we receive from Iowans. The main bill that has been garnering the most attention because it would be a big overhaul of the property tax system is HSB 313. Here's a general overview of what the bill does in its current form:

- Implements a revenue restriction to ensure property tax relief for all Iowans
- Provides a \$25k home-
stead benefit
- Brings additional property tax relief to Iowa veterans and seniors.
- Lowers the uniform levy as it phases out the rollback system for residential, commercial, and industrial property over five years. This rollback system was enacted in 1977 and currently results in a lack of predictability for local governments, among other issues.

Altogether, this bill is estimated to provides \$426 million in property tax relief. Based on the feedback we hear from Iowans, the current system is disliked by both taxpayers and taxing entities. However, we do want to make sure we are taking our time to understand the full impacts of the legislation.

Other bills we've introduced on property taxes include:

HSB 304 calculates property taxes on a per parcel basis with a 3% limitation. This solution would effectively provide certainty for property taxpayers.

HSB 303 uses the interest from the taxpayer relief fund to buy down property taxes.

HF 600 puts a cap of 2% on the average levy rate per \$1000 but permits local government to go higher with a 60% vote of the people.

HF 418 modifies the process for determining the actual value of residential property, assessment limitations of certain classes of property, and certain levy rate limitations.

Iowa Ranks 4th in Best States to Practice Medicine

Recently, Wallet Hub came out with their rankings of all

50 states and DC for best states for doctors to practice. This ranking looked across 19 metrics for every state and ranked Iowa the 4th best state to practice medicine in the country. This high ranking is consistent with many other rankings that show Iowa has a strong health care foundation:

1st – Lowest Healthcare Costs (WalletHub, 2024)

4th – Best Healthcare System (WalletHub, 2024)

We continue to work on ways to recruit and retain health care workforce to all parts of Iowa with the House passing House File 310, House File 516, House File 972, House File 300, and many more this session.

House Ways & Means Committee Approves Two Anaerobic Digester System Measures

Science has come a long way; we now have the potential to glean energy from manure. This past week, the Iowa House Ways and Means Committee approved HSB 322 which proposes a new Code chapter.

Significant Judiciary Bills Survive the Second Funnel

HF 864/HF 62- Obscene Material Online

HF 864 establishes civil liability for commercial entities that publish or distribute obscene material on the internet if minors access that material. It requires these entities to verify the age of individuals attempting to access such content using reasonable methods. If they fail to do so, they can be held liable for damages and must cover court costs and attorney fees.

HJR 9 /HSB 35-Constitutional Amendment- Right to Confront Accuser

HJR 9 is a proposal to change the Iowa Constitution. It aims to protect children under 18 and witnesses with mental illnesses or disabilities by allowing laws that limit an accused person's right to confront these witnesses face to face in court. If approved, this amendment would be published and then sent to the next general assembly for further consideration before being put to a public vote. Changing the state constitution is not done haphazardly, and this process ensures a methodical

approach.

Governor Signs Four House Public Safety Bills

HF 180/HSB22- Grooming

Individuals convicted of grooming, under current Iowa code, will be required to register as tier I sex offenders for a period of 10 years.

HF 181/HSB 29- THC Open Container

House File 181 prohibits drivers and passengers from possessing open containers of beverages containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) in the passenger area of motor vehicles. The bill aligns with existing laws that restrict open containers of alcoholic beverages.

Assault Against Certain Professions

Senate File 397 increases penalties for assaults against certain occupations, including peace officers, correctional staff, juvenile detention staff, and Department of Inspections Appeals and Licensing (DIAL) inspectors. It increases the severity of penalties for assaults committed with intent to cause serious injury or using a dangerous weapon. The bill also includes provisions for assaults that result in contact with bodily fluids, such as saliva, and establishes a minimum seven-day sentence for certain offenses.

SF 22 House Passes Bill Limiting Use of Cell Phones in Motor Vehicles, Becomes Law

This new law requires a driver to use their cell phone in the hands-free mode when operating a motor vehicle. Under the new law, a driver could not have their phone in their hand while making a call or utilizing an app. The bill does provide some exceptions to the ban including public safety officials who are performing their official duties, health care professionals who are dealing with a health care emergency, and motorists who are reporting an emergency. This requirement will go into effect on July 1. Drivers who are found to be violating the law will be issued a warning for the first six months. Actual citations, which will be punishable with a \$100 fine, will not be issued until January 1, 2026.



By State Sen. Dennis Guth

This week was the twelfth of the 2025 session. The expected last day of the session will be May 2, so time is growing short. April 4 was our second funnel date, or deadline, so we didn't debate on the floor, but spent our time in committees working on bills that the House sent to us.

One of those bills was HF 639, which is a bill that would increase the insurance protections for properties subjected to CO2 pipe-

lines, improve guidelines for the IUC, strengthen the definition of a common carrier, and limit the permit time of a CO2 pipeline. The bill went to the Senate Commerce Committee, where it was amended. There are some good items in the amended bill such as: the bill includes additional requirements for Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC) members, such as requiring at least one member attends public informational meetings and pausing those meetings if that member

leaves for any reason.

It also requires a majority of IUC members be present for any hearing, including hearings on requests for eminent domain, provides for landowners to recover any damages caused by a project, implements additional protections for crop loss and soil restoration, and includes indemnification requirements to protect landowners and hold them harmless from damage throughout the life of a project. Additionally, the bill requires quicker decisions by the IUC and expands the use of voluntary easements, allowing companies to go off a planned path for a project and find landowners who are willing to work with them.

The landowners that have spoken to me are not happy at all with this new version, and neither am I. I will con-

tinue working to protect the property rights of landowners when they are threatened with eminent domain. It is way past time for the Senate to step up like the House has.

Two bills I ran in the State Government Committee created a compact with other states to make it easier for a dietitian or respiratory therapist to cross state lines without having to get a license in every state they operate in. HF 532 (dietitians) and HF 547 (respiratory therapists) were requested by professionals with military spouses that travel around the country a lot. I think these compacts make good sense for Iowa.

Senate File 575, the governor's rural health care bill, aims to coordinate and expand programs addressing health care workforce needs

in our state. It designates \$10 million to the Health Care Professional Incentive Program to help identify high demand, health sector jobs in communities and counties across the state. It also utilizes partnerships with Iowa hospitals to add an estimated 115 new residency slots at Iowa's 14 teaching hospitals. When fully implemented over four years, we anticipate 460 projected new physicians being trained through the residency program.

I helped pass HF 887 out of committee Thursday. It repeals the requirement for a Certificate of Need before a birth center can be established. A Certificate of Need is like a non-compete contract with local hospitals and clinics. With fewer and fewer health care facilities providing birthing services,

it makes sense to remove restrictions on their establishment.

I heard Riley Gains speak in Hampton on April 3. She is an accomplished speaker with a very compelling story to tell. She made me proud to be part of the legislature that removed gender identity from our civil rights code.

In Ezekiel 22:30 God told Ezekiel:

I searched for a man among them who should build up the wall and stand in the gap before Me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found no one.

May God bless Riley and raise up many to stand in the gap in Iowa.

I expect my final town hall meeting to be Saturday, April 19th at Central College in Webster City at 11:00.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

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Sunday, April 13
9:30 a.m. Palm Sunday
Worship Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
HOLY WEEK
Thursday April 17, 2025
- 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday with Holy Communion - Theme /Who Serves and Feeds Us
Friday April 18, 2025 - 7 p.m. Good Friday - Theme /Who Was Pierced for Us
Sunday April 20, 2025 - 9:30 a.m. Easter ~ Resurrection Sunday with 8:30 a.m. Breakfast - Theme /Who is Risen

NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Eagle Grove
Vicar Jon Merritt
A Congregation of ELCA
Saturday
4 p.m. Worship at Rotary Senior Living South in the Chapel

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Johnny Khaleet
Eagle Grove
515-448-4612
Sunday
9 a.m. Sunday School
10 a.m. Worship
Monday
10 a.m. Bible Study at Rotary Ann North
Wednesday
5:30 p.m. Bible Study at the church.

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205 Johnson Street
Vincent
Vicar Jon Merritt
A Congregation of the ELCA
10 a.m. Sunday Worship

ULLENSVANG LUTHERAN CHURCH, N.A.L.C.
Pastor Darryl Landsverk
Thor

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH—LC-MS
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Pastor Mark Eichler
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8:30 a.m. Worship



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10 a.m. Pastors' Prayer
Noon Lenten Lunch at First Baptist Church
2:30 p.m. ELCW meet at Rotary Senior Living North
Friday
All-You-Can-Eat
Fish Supper, 5-6:30 p.m.
Sunday
9 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Coffee Fellow
10:15 a.m. Sunday School
Tuesday
7 p.m. Property Committee
Wednesday
9 a.m. Bible Study
Noon Men's Bible Study
5 p.m. Confirmation

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Tuesday
9 a.m. Bible Study
Wednesday
Confirmation

LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH GOLDFIELD LCMC
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ
Pastor Ron Rasmussen
Sunday
10 a.m. Service

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Pastors Cris and Jennifer Decious
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Worship Services at 10:30 a.m. at 3320 210th St., Goldfield, Iowa 50542
www.Rejoicechurchiowa.com and Facebook

Spice up your Easter Sunday dinner

Easter is a springtime religious holiday during which faithful Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Christ is often referred to as the "Lamb of God," many Easter celebrations feature lamb on the menu as a reflection on Christ's sacrifice.

There are many ways to prepare lamb, but those who want to incorporate new flavors into their Easter meal can embrace some bold and flavorful offerings from Asia. "Indian Lamb Curry" from "Cooking Light Dinner's Ready!" (Oxmoor House) from the editors of Cooking Light, is a hearty and delicious way to feed Easter guests.

Indian Lamb Curry
8 servings

- 2 lbs boneless leg of lamb, trimmed and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 1 14.5 ounce can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 cups finely chopped white onion
- 2 tablespoons grated peeled fresh ginger
- 2 tablespoons mustard seeds
- 2 teaspoons garam masala
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground red pepper
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 4 cups hot cooked basmati rice
- 1/2 cup plain fat-free yogurt
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1. Heat a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add lamb; saute 5 minutes or until browned. Remove lamb from pan; place in a 4-quart electric slow cooker.
- 2. Drain tomatoes, reserving juice. Place flour in a small bowl; gradually add tomato juice, stirring with a whisk until smooth. Stir tomatoes, tomato juice mixture, onion, and next seven ingredients into lamb. Cover and cook on low for 8 hours or until lamb is tender. Serve lamb curry over rice; top with yogurt, and sprinkle with cilantro.

WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:

What singer's greatest hit songs include "Tiny Dancer", "Rocket Man", and "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road"? Answer: Elton John.
What singer's greatest hit songs include "You May Be Right", "Piano Man", and "It's Still Rock and Roll to Me"? Answer: Billy Joel.

This week's trivia questions:

What singer's greatest hit songs include "Don't Come Around Here No More", "Runnin' Down a Dream", and "The Waiting (Is the Hardest Part)"?
What singer's greatest hit songs include "R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A.", "Pink Houses", and "Jack and Diane"?

April 9 is Education and Sharing Day; April 10 is Golfer's Day, National Siblings Day, and National Farm Animals Day; April 11 is National Pet Day; April 12 is National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day; April 13 is Palm Sunday; April 14 is Air Force Reserve Birthday, National Dolphin Day, and National Gardening Day; April 15 is National Anime Day, Tax Day, and World Art Day.

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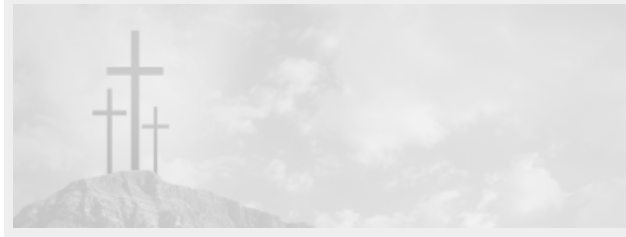
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Iowa Senate passes 2% per-pupil increase for K-12 public schools

Some House spending proposals were included in compromise

By Robin Opsahl

Iowa K-12 public schools would receive a 2% increase in state per-pupil funding next year under legislation the Iowa Senate approved Monday on 32-15 vote.

Senate File 167 sets the State Supplemental Aid (SSA) rate for the upcoming fiscal year. SSA is the growth rate for public K-12 school funding, allocated to schools on a per-pupil basis.

The Senate, and Gov. Kim Reynolds, had put forward the 2% SSA rate. But in February, the Iowa House returned the legislation to the Senate after increasing the SSA rate from 2% to 2.25%. The House amendment also added other funding components like a \$10 increase to the state cost per pupil, changes to transportation equity aid payment and weighting for school districts with shared operational costs, as well as a one-time allocation of \$22.6 million to help school districts with rising costs and the impacts of inflation.

Since the House vote Feb. 18, the measure did not see public discussion again before Monday, April 7. Lawmakers had already failed to meet their self-imposed deadline to pass school funding within 30 days of the governor's budget release, in addition to failing to pass the measure before school districts' budget proposals were due in early March. However, there are still a few weeks before the school districts' final budgets must be submitted to the state by April 30.

House Speaker Pat Grassley told reporters in several news conferences that House Republicans were committed to providing some additional funding supports for Iowa K-12 schools, components that were part of the hold-up in passing this year's SSA rate. "We understand that we

may not get all of those things that we include in our bill, but we'd be hopeful that there'd be at least some consideration," Grassley told reporters in late March. "Whether it's operational sharing, whether it's some one-time, inflationary factors — we continue to be hopeful that at some point in time enough Iowans engaging in this conversation will at least put some of those things on the table."

The gridlock ended Monday as Senate Republicans returned with an amendment that set the SSA rate at 2%, but included some components of the House amendment. The \$22.6 million appropriation was removed, and the proposed raise to the state cost per pupil was lowered from \$10 to \$5. While the House language gave a standing unlimited appropriation for transportation equity aid payment beginning in fiscal year 2026 to make sure the statewide adjusted transportation cost per pupil was not lower than the statewide average cost, the Senate language set a 5% rate for payments to the transportation equity fund per pupil.

Sen. Lynn Evans, R-Aurora, said that with the amendment, the spending package represents a \$238.1 million increase for K-12 schools compared to FY 2025. Of that increase, \$126.8 million will go to public schools, \$96.8 million to the state's Education Savings Account (ESA) program, providing public funds for private school costs, and \$14.5 million for charter schools.

Evans said that the proposal provides "responsible and sustainable funding for local school districts." He emphasized that Republicans have steadily increased school funding in Iowa, and that K-12 spending will make up 44.7% of the state's budget in FY 2026 at

\$4.2 billion.

"This bill makes a promise to local school districts that can be kept," Evans said.

During debate on the SSA rate, Democrats have repeatedly called for their GOP colleagues — who control both chambers — to set a higher rate in 2025. The minority party argued that the 2% rate will put more than 150 Iowa school districts on the budget guarantee process, which will trigger property tax increases to meet funding obligations that the SSA rate does not cover.

Sen. Sarah Trone Garriott, D-West Des Moines, said Republicans' SSA proposal was "shameful" and that the proposal will result in either higher property taxes or school staff cuts.

"This is really personal to me," Trone Garriott said. "My kids go to one of these schools where we are going to see cuts. My school is on this list. Property taxes are going to have to go up just to scrape by. Meanwhile, parents like me get to see up close and personal, the people who are going to lose their job, the great teachers that are going to go elsewhere, the programs that are getting cut, the class sizes that are getting larger, the opportunities that are getting missed because this body and the state Legislature won't invest in the majority of Iowa's kids through our public schools."

Sen. Janet Petersen, D-Des Moines, criticized the measure as a part of legislative Republicans' and Reynolds' larger budgeting strategy which she said prioritizes private school students through the Education Savings Account (ESA) program over the majority of Iowa students who attend public K-12 schools. The ESA program, which provides students with pub-

lic funds equal to the SSA per-pupil funding rate for private school tuition and associated costs, will be open to all Iowa students with no family income limits beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.

Petersen said the governor's five-year projections for the state's finances show repeated dips into the state's Taxpayer Relief Fund that she said directly align with spending on the ESA program, championed by Reynolds in 2023.

"When you look at this budget ... 92% of our school-age children that go to public schools are going to get an measly increase, because you have invested millions and millions of dollars for very small number of families to receive private school vouchers and corporate tax cuts," Petersen said. "There is still time to address that, where we could put millions more into our public school districts instead of handing them over to wealthy families who are already sending their kids to private schools, I would encourage a no vote on this legislation. It is not enough."

Evans said the amended bill is an increased investment in Iowa's K-12 system, and also represents a focus on keeping educational funding with K-12 students rather than with school districts.

"We believe it's important to be honest with our school districts about the state's finances and not overpromise," Evans said. "This bill continues our focus of funding students over systems. This proposal continues to demonstrate our commitment to education, dedicated funding to help students in the educational setting that is best for them and will prepare them for future success."

The legislation returns to the Iowa House.



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- April 11 – Ken Carson, Rapper (25)
- April 12 – Brandon Urie, Singer (38)



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This week you are going to take action on a project that has been on your mind for awhile, Aries. Trust your instincts, but make sure you are not moving too fast.
- TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**
This week brings an opportunity for intellectual pursuits, Taurus. You might think to enroll in a higher education class or a take a course on a specific hobby that has been on your mind.
- GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21**
Partnerships are key right now, Gemini. You might want to pursue new professional relationships. Embrace your ability and willingness to adapt and facilitate change.
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- LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23**
Leo, this is your week to look into matters of self-expression and creativity. Pour your energy into anything that gets you excited. Your enthusiasm may draw others in as well.
- VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**
Virgo, home life takes center stage this week, and you might feel a strong desire to nurture your space. Decluttering and organizing could bring more harmony to your home.
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Libra, you are able to express your thoughts with clarity and charm, which is why personal relationships often come easy to you. This week you may use this superpower to make friends.
- SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**
You may soon find yourself reevaluating how you spend your money or what you value most in life, Scorpio. This is a good time to check financial goals and adjust them.
- SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**
There is a sense of fresh energy surrounding you this week, Sagittarius. If you have been putting off something, now is the time to take the leap.
- CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**
Capricorn, focus on rest and relaxation in the days ahead. You have been putting in a lot of work lately and now is a time to focus on your inner self and recharge.
- AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**
Collaborations with others could prove fruitful this week, Aquarius. Don't hesitate to lean on your social network when you need to get something done.
- PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**
You might be presented with a way to take your professional life to the next level, Pisces. Strategize about how to move forward in this regard, and think through all decisions.

Representative: Lawmakers have ‘concerns’ on pesticide immunity bill

By Cami Koons

At a press conference Tuesday, Rep. Megan Srinivas, D-Des Moines, said her colleagues on both sides of the aisle have concerns with a bill that would protect pesticide companies from certain lawsuits.

Senate File 394, advanced from the Senate Floor last week and now awaits action from the House.

Srinivas, who serves on the House Judiciary Committee where the bill will likely be assigned, said the potential correlation between glyphosate, the chemical in the popular

pesticide Roundup, and cancer is driving much of the unease with the bill.

Srinivas said these issues have also been brought up by constituents at a series of bipartisan "cancer listening posts" held across the state.

"It's time that we say no to this bill," Srinivas said. "That we say Iowans are far more important than anything else in the state. Cancer — it's not a Republican issue, it's not a Democrat issue, it's an Iowan issue."

The press conference was organized by Iowa Food & Water Watch and Iowa Citizens for Community Im-

provement, who have previously organized a rally in opposition to the bill.

Ava Auen-Ryan, a community organizer with Iowa CCI said "hundreds" of Iowans have engaged in this issue this year because of the widespread impacts of cancer in the state and because "people don't want Bayer writing the rules in our state."

Michaelyn Mankel with Iowa Food & Water Watch said the bill is "decisively unpopular" among Iowans.

Proponents of the bill argue it will stop expensive lawsuits from targeting

pesticide companies that are following the labeling requirements outlined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

According to the lobbying group Modern Ag Alliance, which has sponsored advertisements across the state about the bill, Iowa farmers save an estimated \$612 million in production costs by using glyphosate. Modern Ag Alliance alleges that without the bill, farmers would not have access to the popular pesticide.

Central to the bill is Bayer, the manufacturer and distributor of Roundup,

who has already spent more than \$10 billion settling lawsuits where plaintiffs allege the chemical gave them cancer. The company stands to benefit from the bill because it would stop plaintiffs from suing under "failure to warn claims," but Bayer is not the only pesticide manufacturer that would benefit.

Jess Christiansen, the head of crop science and sustainability communications at Bayer, said the bill is "really about upholding the label and the process."

Bayer holds that Roundup, and glyphosate, are safe

products subject to "rigorous" testing, and that testing bodies have found "no link" to cancer.

Christiansen called the progress of the bill in Iowa "fabulous" and said Bayer applauds the Iowa Senate for its "support of the farmers and the state of Iowa."

"We're really hopeful that the House will keep it moving," Christiansen said.

The bill must be eligible for debate on the House floor by Thursday, or meet an exception, to survive the legislature's self-imposed, second "funnel" deadline.

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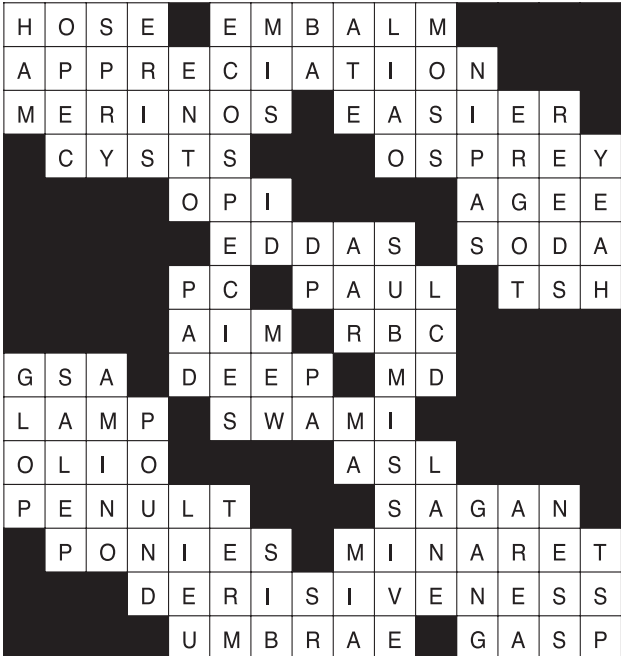
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PROBATE • DENNIS D. HAMMEL

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DENNIS D. HAMMEL, Deceased ESPR017691

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Dennis D. Hammel, Deceased, who died on or about March 6, 2025: You are hereby notified that on March 26, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Dennis D. Hammel, deceased, bearing date of October 8, 2019, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Patrick Hammel was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities

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Patrick Hammel, Executor of Estate 502 W. North St. Bloomfield, IA 52537
Dani L. Eisentrager, ICIS#: 20041 Attorney for Executor Eisentrager Law 109 South Commercial Avenue P.O. Box 346 Eagle Grove, IA 50533 Date of second publication: April 10, 2025

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PROBATE • MARGARET K. WRIGHT

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET K. WRIGHT, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR017692

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

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Margaret K. Wright, Deceased, who died on or about March 17, 2025: You are hereby notified that on March 21, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Margaret K. Wright, deceased, bearing date of September 9, 2013, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Susan E. Tripp was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities

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Susan E. Tripp, Executor of Estate 129 Oak Hill Rd Candler, NC 28715-9615
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CITY OF EAGLE GROVE • PROPOSED BUDGET

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

City of: EAGLE GROVE

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: 210 E Broadway Council Chambers Meeting Date: 4/21/2025 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor. City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals>.

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		Budget FY 2026	Re-estimated FY 2025	Actual FY 2024
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	1,905,326	1,833,559	1,893,571
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
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Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	850,000	804,062	512,721
Other City Taxes	6	589,606	544,000	534,010
Licenses & Permits	7	27,775	23,975	33,842
Use of Money and Property	8	239,390	227,800	80,551
Intergovernmental	9	1,263,603	1,169,363	984,137
Charges for Fees & Service	10	5,008,310	4,839,418	4,613,454
Special Assessments	11	66,650	1,650	1,659
Miscellaneous	12	1,327,348	1,351,583	5,165,687
Other Financing Sources	13	1,000	1,428,000	1,893,023
Transfers In	14	3,035,462	3,447,417	2,483,513
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	14,314,470	15,670,827	18,196,168
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	1,747,189	1,730,739	1,712,386
Public Works	17	844,690	840,460	1,062,126
Health and Social Services	18	0	0	0
Culture and Recreation	19	549,470	590,940	613,370
Community and Economic Development	20	479,019	363,914	152,842
General Government	21	218,309	274,698	223,077
Debt Service	22	1,065,695	1,211,692	1,178,529
Capital Projects	23	1,532,500	1,528,139	1,707,088
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	6,436,872	6,540,582	6,649,418
Business Type / Enterprises	25	4,431,592	5,931,834	6,094,961
Total ALL Expenditures	26	10,868,464	12,472,416	12,744,379
Transfers Out	27	3,035,462	3,447,417	2,483,513
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	13,903,926	15,919,833	15,227,892
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	-410,544	-249,006	2,968,276
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	4,575,884	4,824,890	1,856,614
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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

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Eagle Grove Police Report

March 27
1:01 PM: Lost and found reported in the 900 block of N Montgomery. A caller reported a black bike had been left at that location for three days and wished to remain anonymous.
5:13 PM: Traffic stop near the airport.
5:25 PM: Scam reported in the 300 block of S Kirkwood.
10:42 PM: Child abuse reported in the 300 block of S Kirkwood. Caller reported hearing a parent yelling and hitting their child in the second building. The child was crying loudly.

March 28
3:26 AM: Parking violations reported on S Park Ave.
8:07 AM: Officer-initiated case at the intersection of Commercial and Broadway. A light pole had been hit and the dispatch contacted city workers.
8:22 AM: Return call requested from Eagle Grove. Caller reported an abandoned car in the middle school yard and wanted to salvage it. Dispatch advised caller not to take action without further advice.
10:34 AM: Complainant met with officer in the 400 block of N Cadwell.
12:02 PM: Dog reported in the 300 block of S Cadwell. Caller reported a gray curly poodle running loose and stated they had called about it multiple times.
1:01 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of SW 9th and Commercial.
1:16 PM: Dog reported on SE 4th. A small dog was reportedly following a school bus for about 12 blocks.
3:20 PM: Driving complaint at the high school.
5:51 PM: Complainant met with officer in the tens block of Parkview Dr regarding cats being run over.
6:32 PM: Return call requested from 31 Parkview Dr.
6:53 PM: Return call requested from Robert Blue Middle School.
8:11 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of NW 2nd and N Western Ave.
9:54 PM: Road debris reported in the 2700 block

of Hwy 17. Caller reported large plastic bins in the southbound lane.
11:19 PM: Domestic disturbance reported in the 100 block of S Park.

March 29
4:23 PM: Parental assistance requested in the 100 block of N Wright Ave. Caller reported teenage children throwing knives at each other and feared for her child's life. Broken glass was also reported throughout the house.
9:42 PM: Parking violations reported on SW 1st ST.
11:50 PM: Parking violations reported on S Cadwell Ave.

March 30
10:31 AM: Assistance requested in the 400 block of NE 2nd ST.
8:09 PM: Traffic stop in the 500 block of N Iowa. Vehicle was a grey Impala.
9:00 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of N Lucas and W Broadway.
9:35 PM: Traffic stop in the Fareway parking lot.
9:39 PM: Traffic stop at the police department.

March 31
11:03 AM: Dog reported in the 400 block of S Lucas.
2:22 PM: Found property reported at Ampride. Caller turned in a MasterCard found at a gas pump.
4:44 PM: Complainant met with officer in the 1100 block of W Broadway regarding a trailer.
6:01 PM: Complainant met with officer at the police department. Caller reported not feeling safe due to an ongoing situation.7:43 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of SW 4th and S Commercial.
8:24 PM: Complainant met with officer at Dollar General. Caller said they were making payments on a car that was sold again to another person, depriving them of the car.

April 1
6:19 AM: Parking violations reported in the 100 block of N Iowa.
8:39 AM: Complainant met with officer. Caller wanted to see if her license was left in a squad car.
12:36 PM: Driving complaint at the high school.
1:31 PM: Return call

requested regarding a car sale dispute.
3:02 PM: Accident in the 200 block of NE 2nd ST. A Semi and it's trailer stuck on a pole, no injuries.
3:19 PM: Return call requested from the 20 block of Spruce DR regarding a traffic ticket.
7:15 PM: Domestic disturbance reported in the 400 block of N Cadwell. Caller requested a Spanish-speaking officer.

April 2
5:06 AM: Report made in person at Eisentraeger Law Firm. Caller wanted to report a parking violation.
9:23 AM: Dog reported in the 500 block of SE 5th ST. Caller said the dog was a small gray mix that had gotten off its collar.
10:23 AM: Child abuse reported.
10:44 AM: Information provided at the police department. Caller wanted to pick up something.
10:53 AM: Return call requested from Boone, regarding a bank co-signer.
12:09 PM: Unknown problem reported in the 200 block of SW 1st ST.
12:14 PM: Complaint at Eagle Grove High School. Caller reported adults yelling "sexual" things at students passing between buildings.
2:56 PM: Accident reported in the 20 block of Parkview Dr. One vehicle hit another unoccupied vehicle; no injuries.
3:53 PM: Public intoxication in the 600 block of S Lucas. Caller reported a man walking north on South Lucas in a black coat and pants, heading toward the four lanes.
4:20 PM: Complaint in the 100 block of N Fort.
6:47 PM: Traffic stop at Hwy 17 and Sadlers.
7:11 PM: Traffic stop at NW 3rd and N Iowa.
7:51 PM: Return call requested from the 100 block of N Wright Ave. Caller reported harassment involving police activity at their house.
8:34 PM: "Suspicious person" reported in the 200 block of N Jackson. Caller reported a Hispanic male standing outside apartment complex.

Pipeline bill survives funnel with major amendment from senators

**By Cami Koons
Iowa Capital Dispatch**
Iowa senators amended and advanced a House bill aimed at protecting private property rights from eminent domain.

House representatives passed the proposed legislation last week which combines a series of bills aimed at reforming the Iowa Utilities Commission and preventing the Summit Carbon Solutions' pipeline from using eminent domain in the state.
Sen. Mike Boussetol, R-Ankeny, said the Senate subcommittee meeting on the issue was "long awaited."
Boussetol said his goal "has always been" to pass legislation that protected "all landowners" and not just those affected by certain projects, which he alleged House legislation over the past several years has done.
"House File 639, before us today focuses only on creating additional property rights for land impacted by potential hazardous liquid pipelines ... but does not take into account all types of pipelines, transmission lines or power generation," Boussetol said.
Boussetol proposed an amendment that would remove certain parts of the House bill and add language to "avoid" eminent domain by allowing a project to find voluntary easements outside of the original project corridor.
Boussetol said this would apply to "any project seeking eminent domain approval before the IUC, including pipelines, transmission lines and power generation."
His amendment would also require the Iowa Utilities Commission to make, within one year, a decision on any project that is seeking eminent domain rights.
"By saying that decision needs to be made within one year, there's plenty of time for fact finding, but it also means, like the court cases that are going on today, those court cases get to court faster," Boussetol said.
As passed from the floor, House File 639 would have: Increased the insurance

requirements for a hazardous liquid pipeline to cover any damages to property and reimburse landowners for increases in their property insurance premiums due to the pipeline.
Changed the definition of a common carrier, to require a hazardous liquid carrier to establish with "clear and convincing evidence" that it will transport a commodity.
Required an Iowa Utilities Commissioner to be present at all proceedings.
Allowed any interested party, including lawmakers, to intervene in IUC proceedings.
Restricted the IUC's ability to sanction intervenors
Limited the length of a hazardous liquid pipeline permit to one 25-year term.
Boussetol's proposed amendment would strike the common carrier definition, permit limits, intervenor requirements and would adjust the insurance requirements.
The amendment would add a requirement for the "lifetime" repair and replacement costs for drainage tile, crop loss and soil degradation. Under the proposed amendment landowners would also be able to request, and be granted, a new land representative.
The amendment retains the requirement that a commissioner from the IUC be present at informational meetings and hearings, and the section on insurance requirements that hold operators responsible for damages caused by the projects.
Some of the landowners said the contents of Boussetol's amendment were "a surprise" and they questioned how the landowners outside of the corridor, or the area around a proposed eminent domain project, would be notified.
Jake Highfill, on behalf of the American Petroleum Institute said the organization was in favor of the corridor change and that it was "common practice" for members of the institute in other states.
Jake Ketzner, a lobbyist for Summit Carbon Solutions, urged lawmakers to vote against "any piece of legislation that changes the rules in the middle of a project."
Ketzner said the company has been suggesting the cor-

ridor change Boussetol proposed and appreciated the amendment, noting it would give the project a route forward in counties where it currently has 90-95% of easements secured.
"If we have the ability to move off someone's ground that does not want the project, currently, the only way to deal with that is restarting," Ketzner said. "So we think what you're suggesting makes a lot of sense."
Sen. Matt Blake, D-Urbandale, said he signed off on the bill in subcommittee because it was the "last train out of the station" on the private property rights issue, but he urged his colleagues to vote against the amendment, which he called a "tremendous change to the system."
Sen. Tony Bisignano, a Democrat from Des Moines, said he opposed the amendment because of its rushed nature, and because he felt it was not "solving property rights."
"We haven't had a time to talk with people, to step back and really look at it," Bisignano said of the amendment.
"These people deserve the debate on eminent domain and property rights. This is a consolation."
He voted in favor of the amendment to "keep it alive" for floor debate, which he has pushed for earlier in the session via a failed amendment to chamber rules.
The committee voted to adopt the amendment.
"This amendment builds on the work that was found in House File 639, retaining some, adding a lot, but ultimately is a major, major addition to strengthening and protecting private property rights in Iowa," Boussetol said.
The bill advanced to the Senate floor via a voice vote in favor. Boussetol said he intends to file an additional amendment on the floor dealing with communications.
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CITY OF GOLDFIELD • PROPOSED BUDGET				
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026				
City of: GOLDFIELD				
The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Goldfield City Hall, 423 N Main St, Goldfield, IA 50542 Meeting Date: 4/21/2025 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM				
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor.				
City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals .				
The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.				
The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property				11.72969
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is				3.00375
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.				
Phone Number (515) 825-3613	City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Katherine Nelson			
	Budget FY 2026	Re-estimated FY 2025	Actual FY 2024	
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	315,561	334,612	346,974
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	315,561	334,612	346,974
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	89,768	91,672	86,737
Licenses & Permits	7	1,040	1,040	1,252
Use of Money and Property	8	0	0	1,718
Intergovernmental	9	137,455	139,071	99,434
Charges for Fees & Service	10	433,455	354,509	433,348
Special Assessments	11	0	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	4,050	2,050	83,937
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	0
Transfers In	14	0	0	217,709
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	981,329	922,954	1,271,109
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	163,919	120,056	114,482
Public Works	17	160,317	133,145	102,581
Health and Social Services	18	500	500	0
Culture and Recreation	19	50,824	70,180	24,360
Community and Economic Development	20	500	5,500	500
General Government	21	136,762	182,989	148,820
Debt Service	22	40,729	40,729	40,729
Capital Projects	23	0	0	75,698
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	553,551	553,099	507,170
Business Type / Enterprises	25	410,616	347,781	552,432
Total ALL Expenditures	26	964,167	900,880	1,059,602
Transfers Out	27	0	0	217,709
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	964,167	900,880	1,277,311
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	17,162	22,074	-6,202
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	1,043,729	1,021,655	1,027,857
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	1,060,891	1,043,729	1,021,655

March 24, 2025
Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux and Ellis.
Motion by Ellis and seconded by Loux to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.
Minutes of the previous regular meeting of March 17, 2025 were read and approved.
Approved claims for payment.
Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to agree not to be included in the proposed amendment for Pharmacy Benefit Managers in the ongoing Opioid Litigation. Motion carries.
Tiffon Pohlman, Wright County Communications Director, discussed a potential new full time hire. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Loux to approve the new hire pending pre employment physical and drug testing, at a starting wage of \$21.00 per hour with fifty cent increases at six months and one year, along with any cost of living increases. Motion carries.
Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, answered questions regarding Resolution 2025-14 to vacate a county road. He explained that a question came up regarding the installation of a field entrance on the north end of an adjacent field. The landowner can install a field entrance using the same protocol as usual, but an entrance will not be provided since the County is not removing the road.
Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to approve Resolution 2025-14 to Vacate a County Road pending completion of Tile Work Order 7072, Bridge Removal Work Order 7772 and asset location. By roll call vote: ayes – Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux and Ellis; nays – none. Resolution 2025-14 duly passes and reads as follows:
RESOLUTION TO VACATE A COUNTY ROAD
Wright County
Resolution No. 2025-14
WHEREAS, The Wright County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on March 17, 2025, at 9:30 AM on the proposed vacation and closure of a portion of Wright County Secondary Road, described as follows:
That Portion of Youngblood Avenue, originally established on April 14th, 1883 (See Road Record Book 1, Page 90), lying between Sections 1 and 2, T-92N, R-23W of Wright County, Iowa. The intention of this road closure is to vacate the entire portion of the road commencing at the North Right of Way line of 170th Street, thence running in a Northerly direction approximately 5,663' to the South Right-of-Way line of 160th Street.
WHEREAS, Objections
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wright County Board of Supervisors that the subject section of road be ordered vacated and closed.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, then gave an update on Secondary Roads department and current bridge construction.
Brittany Howieson with the Clarion CDA gave an update on upcoming events that the CDA would like to use the Courtyard for. The events will coincide with Festival in the Park and also the first Mondays of May through August. She was informed to complete the application for use and work with Andy Yackie, Buildings and Grounds.
Elizabeth Thyer with Gardiner and Company presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit for Wright County. She explained that there were no major issues and that all the variances were accounted for by County staff. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to receive the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit prepared by Gardner and Company. Motion carries.
Motion by Loux and seconded by Kluss to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.
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.
*Rick Rasmussen, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors
Deb Nesheim,
Wright County Deputy Auditor*



(Left to Right) Senator Dennis Guth, Wright County Economic Development Director Darrel Steven Carlyle, Wright County Supervisor Ashley Bosch, and Representative Mark Thompson participated in the North Iowa Food System Tour. Wright County Food Pantry Director Missy Loux led the tour of the First Lutheran Food Pantry. (Photo by Amanda Rink)

Wright County Leaders Advocate for Food Access Statewide

Amanda Rink
Mid-America Publishing

CLARION, Iowa - At first Lutheran's little red church in Clarion, where the community food pantry is housed, something remarkable is happening. Among the shelves of donated goods and fresh produce, a lesson as old as time itself unfolds, one that Jesus himself spoke of: feeding the hungry.

It is a message that speaks not just as a moral obligation but as a call to action for those with the power to make real change.

That call brought Representative Mark Thompson and Iowa Senator Dennis Guth to Wright County for a firsthand look at the challenges facing rural food systems. Led by local food champions, Jan Libbey, Missy Loux, and Erica Lindaman, the tour highlighted both the struggles and successes of food access initiatives in our area.

For years, Iowa's food system has worked to connect farmers, food banks, schools, and families in need. But recent cuts to federal funding threaten to upend this delicate balance. The USDA has canceled contracts worth more than \$11 million that supported local food purchases for schools, childcare centers, and food banks. For Wright County, where access to nutritious food can already be a challenge, these could have the potential to be deadly.

Missy Loux, local food pantry director, shared during the North Iowa Food Tour that she has already felt the impact of rising food costs and the fear of food re-

strictions.

The food pantry, which relies on bulk purchases from the Food Bank of Iowa, has seen its purchase power dwindle from 4,000 pounds an order to just 1,500 pounds. The people served, families, seniors, and individuals battling illness, are left in an even more precarious position. One of her clients, a woman with cancer who depends on protein shakes for nutrition, may soon struggle to afford them if politicians like Thompson and Guth vote to restrict food purchases made with SNAP (food stamp) benefits.

Call for Action

The Iowa Food System Coalition (IFSC), represented on the tour by members like Jan Libbey of One Step at a Time Gardens and Andrea Evelsizer of Healthy Harvest of North Iowa, is working to chart a sustainable course forward. Their 2024 initiative outlines key policy recommendations that could strengthen local food systems and ensure access for those in need.

The pair highlighted policies that could impact food access for rural individuals and asked for the support of Thompson and Guth during the tour for the following:

- Make the Choose Iowa Purchasing Program Permanent: This pilot program connects food banks with local farmers, but its current funding is insufficient. IFSC advocates for increased investment to ensure its longevity.

- Boost Support for Rural Grocery Stores and Food Processors: Many rural areas are considered "food

deserts," where residents have limited access to fresh, healthy food. Expanding the Rural Innovation Grant Program could provide critical support for these essential businesses.

- Expand the Double Up Food Bucks Program: This initiative doubles the value of SNAP (Food Stamp) benefits when used to buy fresh fruits and vegetables. It needs state funding to reach more communities.

Growing Solutions

Statistics shared during the tour were stark. One in thirteen Iowans faces hunger, with rural communities hit the hardest. Nearly 40% of Iowa households live paycheck to paycheck, struggling to afford necessities. The ALICE report (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) shows that wages just are not keeping up with the cost of living. This isn't news to community members, who often face limbo where one unexpected expense could mean the difference between paying rent or putting food on the table.

Among these challenges, there is hope felt. Traditional Farmers like Ashley Recknor of Purple Ribbon Beef, which was part of the tour, and Knute and Amanda Severson, a frequent donor to the community food pantry, of Grand View Beef are proving that local food systems can be resilient and impactful when given the right support.

The resilience is causing a new crop of farmers to pop up, which could redefine agriculture in rural communities. Cole Lindamen, a Clarion native and current

Iowa State University student, presented his work in hydroponics, an innovative farming method that allows crops to grow without soil, to the politicians.

Hydroponic farming offers a sustainable solution for rural areas facing declining access to fresh produce. As Lindamen highlighted, even lettuce loses nutrients in transport. By growing food year-round in controlled environments, hydroponics could help bridge the food access gap, reducing dependency on long supply chains that are vulnerable to disruptions.

For communities like Clarion, this could mean more fresh veggies grown locally, reducing food insecurity while supporting economic development.

Cultivating Action

As the tour ended at Wright County Community Connections, Senator Guth called the Double Up Program a "win-win", recognizing the benefits of investing in food solutions.

But words must be backed by action. The community leaders, farmers, and advocates who met with policymakers that day made one thing clear: Iowa's food system is at a crossroads and the decisions made now will shape its future for generations.

The lesson from First Lutheran's little red church is simple - when we take care of each other, we all grow stronger. Now, it is up to Iowa's leaders to ensure that this lesson doesn't get lost in bureaucracy but instead becomes the foundation of a stronger and equitable food system for all.



Benson "Benny" Burres proudly displays his handmade fishing baits at The Main Scoop, where his creations are now available for fellow anglers in the community. (Photo: Kelsey Burres)

Reeling in Success

13-Year-Old Benson Burres Makes Waves with Handmade Fishing Baits

Amanda Rink, Mid-America Publishing

Tucked away in the basement of his family home, surrounded by the faint scent of soft plastic and a workbench full of colorful molds, 13-year-old Benson "Benny" Burres is doing what he loves - making fishing baits that catch more than just fish.

Benny, a seventh grader at CGD Middle School, isn't your average kid. Sure, he likes fishing and spending time outside with his three younger siblings, but he is also the proud owner of Benson's Baits, a small business that sells handmade soft bait to local anglers. It is a venture born from his passion and of course, a lot of hard work.

"I started fishing when I was 3 or 4," Burres shared with The Wright County Monitor. "My parents would take me out, and we'd go on trips up to Minnesota. I love the fight from the fish and getting to use all kinds of lures and baits. And when a fish hits topwater—that's the coolest feeling ever."

It didn't take long for Burres's love for fishing to turn into something more. He'd seen other people make their own lures and thought it would be awesome to make his own colors and designs. The idea stuck with him and soon he was spending hours educating himself through YouTube videos, learning all he could about making soft baits.

But before he could get started, Burres had to convince his parents, Jared and Kelsey, that the business would be worth wild.

"I asked my mom if I could start making baits, and she made me write out every step and list all the supplies I'd need," Burres explained. "We sat

down and figured out how much everything would cost. Then, we ordered the supplies and set up a little area in the basement for me to work."

Getting started wasn't easy. Burres had to pay for everything himself, which meant saving money up from his chores and farm work. But it was worth it when he made his first batch of bait. Burres chose to make soft baits like sankos, craws, and flukes, his go-to when fishing because they seemed fun to make. "I like making my own colors," he said. "It's cool to create something different."

With supplies in hand and a custom logo designed, Burres pitched another idea to his parents - selling Benson's Baits in their family's ice cream shop, The Main Scoop. The response was better than he could have imagined. Local anglers are excited to support the young entrepreneur.

When asked what the hardest part was, Burres stated: "Spending my own money on all the supplies and making sure I did it right. I watched a lot of videos to figure it all out."

But he wouldn't have it any other way. Benny Burres knows hard work is part of the deal, and he's got some great advice for other kids with big ideas: "Make sure you really love what you're doing. Then watch videos or read books to learn as much as you can before you start."

The 13-year-old is not just making baits, he's reeling in his own dreams, one handmade lure at a time. With the support of his family, the fishing community, and a whole lot of passion, it is safe to say Benson's Baits is off to a swimmingly start!



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Iowa Specialty Hospital Welcomes Two Sets of Twins Amid Baby Boom

Amanda Rink Mid-America Publishing

In early March, Iowa Specialty Hospital’s (ISH) Maternity Center experienced “double the excitement” when two sets of twins were born just a few days apart - a rare coincidence.

Jackson and Judson (left) were welcomed by Nina

and Tristen Eden on March 9, 2025. Wes and Clay (right) arrived just a few days later to Amanda and Darren Arthur on March 12, 2025.

This milestone was part of a busy season for the hospital. By February 27, 2025, Iowa Specialty Hospital’s Maternity Center, lo-

cated at its Clarion campus, had already welcomed 100 newborns!

“Congratulations to these doubly blessed families, and thank you for allowing Iowa Specialty Hospital to care for you and your new bundles of joy,” the Maternity Center shared in an on-line statement.



Two sets of twins were born just a few days apart at Iowa Specialty Hospital’s Maternity Center in early March. (Photo: ISH)

Iowa Hunters Gearing Up For Spring Turkeys

By Lowell Washburn

Iowa’s spring turkey seasons are just around the corner. Hunters are counting the minutes as Iowa woodlands are already rocking with the staccato daybreak gobbling of the state’s most challenging gamebird. This year’s turkey fest kicks off with a special youth hunt beginning April 11. The first segment of the state’s four-part regular hunting seasons begins April 14, and the spring hunts end with the conclusion of the season’s final segment on May 18.

Although wild turkey flocks are nonmigratory, they are highly mobile. Wildlife biologists note that preseason scouting can lead to increased success once hunters take to the woodlands. During recent years, preseason scouting has gained even greater importance as Iowa turkey populations have shifted and, in some cases, have shown dramatic declines.



Struttin’ Their Stuff – A group of spring gobblers show off for a group of disinterested hens. Iowa’s spring turkey season’s kickoff with a special youth hunt beginning April 11. The state’s regular four-part seasons begin April 14 and conclude May 18. Iowa hunters bagged a total of 16,051 birds during last year’s spring seasons, with hunters managing to bag gobblers in each of the state’s ninety-nine counties. (Photo by Lowell Washburn)

But Iowa turkey populations remain widespread, and the state’s timbers continue to provide some of the nation’s finest turkey hunting.

During the 2024 spring seasons, a total of 54,500 turkey hunting tags were issued with hunters har-

vesting 16,051 birds – well above the national hunter success average and a notable increase over Iowa’s average harvest of 12,500 spring turkeys.

Find additional turkey tales online at Washburn’s Outdoor Journal at iawildlife.org/blog/.

Can Tab Effort for Sick Children Explodes Across Eagle Grove

By Edward Lynn Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — What began as an effort by a local 11 year old to raise funds for the Ronald McDonald house, to help sick children as part of a personal mission and a scouting project, has caught fire in the community. Exploding into a much broader effort that has taken the town of Eagle Grove and the local school system by storm.

A.J. Premo, a member of Scout Troop 1059, initially placed four collection tubs at local locations—Pop’s Pizza, Rails, The Smoke Shop Bar and Grill, and Robert Blue Middle School. In response to overwhelming community support, the troop has deployed dozens

more collection containers, including 11 to Prestage Foods.

The initiative, inspired by Premo’s personal connection to the Ronald McDonald House—which supported his family when his older brother was born prematurely—aims to assist families who must travel to receive medical care for seriously ill or injured children.

“They help families who need a place to stay while their kids are in the hospital,” Premo said. “It’s important to give back because you never know when you might need help yourself.”

The effort caught fire after the middle school posted the Eagle’s first article about AJ’s project to its Facebook page, and teachers and

administrators across the building began to organize, sparking enthusiasm among both middle and elementary school students. The two schools, which share a building, set a collective goal of 100,000 pop tabs by the April 21 deadline. As of an April 3 Facebook post from Eagle Grove Elementary, students had already collected 52,028 tabs—putting the students more than halfway to the goal.

Leading the effort among school staff are Mrs. Anderson with 11,175 tabs, Mrs. Olson with 6,138, Mrs. Wiederin with 5,743, and Mr. Ett with 4,841. If students reach their goal, they will celebrate by duct taping Mrs. Everson to the wall.

Premo has participated

in multiple service projects through scouting, including a previous effort titled “Putting Work Boots Back to Work.” He plans to continue his scouting journey with hopes of one day becoming an Eagle Scout.

“Scouting has taught me a lot,” AJ said. “I’ve learned how to cook, pack my gear, and take care of camping tools. It also teaches you how to be a good person.”

Community members can drop off pop tabs at any of the designated locations. Larger donations can be arranged through the Premo family, through Scoutmasters Rick Dawson or Craig Voss, or at any of the drop-off locations. For more information about Ronald McDonald House Charities, visit www.rmhc.org.



A collection container at the Smoke Shop Bar and Grill. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

Local Scouts Mark Banner Year at District Awards

By Edward Lynn Editor

CLEAR LAKE, Iowa — Eagle Grove had a stand-out showing at this year’s Lakeland District Dinner, as three of the eight scouts awarded the prestigious Eagle Scout rank across the district hailed from the same small-town troop.

Michael Umthun, Andrew Vaughn, and Renee Withers, all of Eagle Grove’s Troop 1059, were recognized for achieving the highest honor in scouting. Their achievements marked a banner year for Eagle Grove’s storied troop, whose scouts contin-

ue to far outpace the national average for Eagle Scout advancement.

The 2024 class of Eagle Scouts was formally introduced at the district’s annual recognition event, where each scout’s project was described. For Eagle Grove:

- Michael Umthun was honored for his project enhancing the entrance path to the Fish Pond Park monument.
- Andrew Vaughn earned his rank through the installation of new bat boxes at Briggs Woods Park.
- Renee Withers completed her project by installing

a much-needed sign for the Eagle Grove Museum.

Withers, notably, is the first female Eagle Scout in Wright County, a groundbreaking achievement that extends Eagle Grove’s legacy as a pioneer in scouting. Her journey through the ranks reflects both personal determination and the supportive environment fostered by local leaders.

Vaughn’s rapid ascent through the scouting ranks set a new local record. He earned the Eagle Scout rank faster than any scout in Eagle Grove’s history, reaching the milestone before his

14th birthday. In addition to this, Vaughn was presented with the Scouting America Distinguished Conservation Service Award at the dinner—an honor which is awarded at the national-level, and earned by only a handful of scouts each year as it is considered, according to Scouting.org, "the highest conservation award available" in American scouting. Vaughn completed not one but three major conservation projects, making him one of the most accomplished scouts in the district.

And, as previously report-

ed, Scoutmaster Rick Dawson was also recognized at the dinner, receiving the prestigious Wood Badge—the highest level of adult training in the scouting program. Dawson revived and completed a community trail project started by a former scout who had been unable to finish due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For Dawson, it was a personal milestone: “We can’t earn Eagle as adults,” he said, “but this was my way of doing the equivalent.”

Dawson and fellow Scoutmaster Craig Voss have mentored dozens of scouts

through the program, and this year’s cohort underscores the strength of their leadership and the dedication of Eagle Grove’s scouting community.

In all, 2024 has proven to be a remarkable year for scouting in Eagle Grove. Withers broke barriers, Vaughn set new standards, Umthun carried forward a proud tradition, and Dawson capped a lifetime of service with the highest adult distinction. Their collective success serves as a shining example for what small-town commitment to scouting can achieve.



Scoutmaster Rick Dawson wears his Wood Badge regalia and shows his Wood Badge certificate, as Eagle Scout Andrew Vaughn wears his Distinguished Service to Conservation medal. (Photo by Edward Lynn)



The Lakeland District produced 8 Eagle Scouts in 2024, of which three (Michael Umthun, Andrew Vaughn, and Renee Withers) came out of Eagle Grove’s troop. Umthun is third from the right, Vaughn is 2nd from the right, and Eli Withers stands in for his sister Renee, who was unable to attend, 1st to the right. (Photo by Edward Lynn)



Renee Withers, and her grandmother Debra Withers, at a prior award ceremony. (Photo courtesy of Debra Withers)

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SPORTS

UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 10
• Girls Track and Field @ Lady Eagle Relays (EG Elementary), 4:30 p.m.
• Wright County United Girls @ Humboldt, 5 p.m.
• Wright County United Boys vs. Humboldt @ Belmond-Klemme, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 11
• Girls/Boys Golf @ Eagle Grove Triangular, 4:15 p.m.
• Boys Track and Field @ Humboldt HS, 4:30 p.m.
• Wright County United Girls @ Aplington-Parkersburg, 5 p.m.
• Wright County United Boys @ West Marshall HS, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, April 14
• Girls/Boys Golf @ Bishop Garrigan (Spring Valley Golf Course), 4:15 p.m.
• Boys Track and Field @ Ft. Dodge (Dodger Stadium), 4:30 p.m.
• Wright County United Girls vs. Webster City @ Belmond-Klemme, 5:30 p.m.
• Wright County United Boys @ Webster City, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15
• Girls Golf @ Oak Ridge Golf Course, 4 p.m.
• Boys Golf @ Eagle Grove Golf Course, 4 p.m.
• 7th/8th Grade Girls Track and Field @ Ft. Dodge (Dodger Stadium), 4:15 p.m.
• Girls Track and Field @ Clarion-Goldfield-Dows, 4:30 p.m.
• Wright County United Boys @ Waterloo East, 6 p.m.

Wright County United Kick Off Soccer Season

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Last week, the Wright County United boys soccer team had three games in four days and began their 2024-25 season with a record of 1-1-1.

The boys were defeated 5-1

in their Tuesday night season opener against the Ballard Bombers. Freshman Cristian Lopez assisted Byron Tux Coc for United's lone goal of the evening. Senior goalkeeper Jose Alfaro tallied seven saves in the loss.

Wright County junior mid-

fielders Byron Tux Coc and Anderson Diaz would both find the back of the net in a Thursday night tie vs. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura. Tux Coc evened the match at 1-1 with a header in the 24th minute, and Diaz scored in the 75th minute off of a pen-

alty kick. Jose Alfaro had another 11 saves in the 2-2 draw.

The boys would go on to earn their first win of the year in a Friday night matchup against Iowa Falls-Alden. Wright County scored two 1st half goals on their way

to a 3-2 victory over the Cadets. Anderson Diaz, Ruben Guido, and Cristian Lopez all scored a goal apiece in the win, and Alfaro held it down on the defensive end with eight saves. Junior midfielder Angel Cortez led the team with three assists.

EG Football's 2025 Schedule Announced

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On Monday, the Iowa High School Athletic Association released regular season football schedules for fall of 2025. Eagle Grove will compete in 1A, District 3 against Garner-Hayfield-Ventura (2-7), Grundy Center (13-0), Clarion-Goldfield-Dows (2-7), South Hardin (9-2), and Central Springs (3-5).

All six of Eagle Grove's 2024 All-District players are expected to return to the lineup in 2025, including Christian Martinez (DE), Hayden Schafer (LB), Trenton Robinson (FB), Dylan Terwilliger (DB), Reece Demuth (OL), and Arturo Reyna Salazar (LB).



The purple and gold finished 1-8 a year ago and will look to build on their 46-36 Wk. 9 victory over Belmond-Klemme. (Photo by Mitch Jones Photography)

2025 SCHEDULE:

Aug. 29	AT	Lake Mills
Sept. 5	VS.	Ogden
Sept. 12	VS.	West Fork, Sheffield
Sept. 19	AT	South Hardin
Sept. 26	VS.	Central Springs
Oct. 3	AT	Clarion-Goldfield-Dows
Oct. 10	VS.	Garner-Hayfield-Ventura
Oct. 17	AT	Grundy Center



Willard Jumps For 5th At Audubon Early Bird

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The Eagle Grove boys track and field team had their first taste of outdoor action last Thursday at the Audubon Early Bird Meet. Twelve other schools were in attendance, and the Eagles turned in several top-10 performances in both individual and relay events.

High Jump – 5 – Syrus Willard..... 5'8" 7 – Josh Miller..... 5'4"	400m Dash – 12 – Zabdi Castro..... 58.05 14 – Anthony Vasquez..... 58.89
Long Jump – 12 – Syrus Willard..... 17'9 ¾" 21 – Dylan Beck..... 15'6"	4x200 – 6 – Reyna, Heaton, Nielsen, Thacker..... 1:41.85
Shot Put – 27 – Christian Martinez..... 32'2" 29 – Will Batterton..... 31'3"	110m Hurdles – 7 – Evan Cooper..... 21.59
Discus – 19 – Gavin Pedersen..... 95'9" 29 – Eduardo Sosa..... 81'10"	800m Run – 10 – Camden Sisson..... 2:28.40 11 – Anthony Vasquez..... 2:28.94
Sprint Medley – 8 – Miller, Beck, Spencer, Castro..... 1:45.22	200m Dash – 9 – Cooper Thacker..... 24.90 14 – Carter Nielsen..... 25.56
4x800 – 4 – Castro, Terwilliger, Waldo-Martinez, Reyes..... 9:27.64	400m Hurdles – 18 – Reece Demuth..... 1:11.92 19 – Syrus Willard..... 1:16.23
Shuttle Hurdle – 5 – Cooper, Schafer, Pedersen, Reyna..... 1:16.25	1600m Run – 7 – Hunter Waldo-Martinez..... 5:26.36 15 – Felix Gonzalez..... 5:46.28
100m Dash – 20 – Cooper Thacker..... 12.55 36 – Camden Sisson..... 13.22	4x100 – 11 – Thacker, Demuth, Terwilliger, Reyes..... 51.84
Distance Medley – 5 – Spencer, Heaton, Miller, Castro..... 4:01.47	4x400 – 6 – Miller, Beck, Castro, Spencer..... 4:01.57

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Syrus Willard, pictured here in Humboldt, cleared 5'8" for 5th place in Audubon. (Photo by Taylor Smith)