

Students Urged to Apply for Scholarship Created –and Exemplified by– Eagle Grove Natives

**By Edward Lynn
Editor**

DES MOINES, Iowa — Iowa Treasurer Roby Smith is urging students across the state to apply for the Robert D. Blue Scholarship—an award with deep ties to Eagle Grove, both through the governor who founded the fund and a local student whose legacy continues to inspire its purpose.

“Last year, we awarded \$8,500 to seven outstanding students,” said Treasurer Smith. “I encourage all Iowans with a student in their life to push them to apply for this scholarship because this year, it might be a student you know.”

The scholarship is funded by the Iowa Centennial Memorial

Foundation, which was established in 1949 by then-Governor Robert D. Blue to commemorate Iowa’s 100th anniversary of statehood. The foundation created the scholarship to encourage Iowa students to pursue higher education within the state.

In 1990, the scholarship was formally named in honor of Blue, an Eagle Grove native who rose to be a local lawyer after serving in World War I, then became the Wright County Attorney, and then Eagle Grove’s City Attorney. Blue then moved into statewide leadership, first being elected to the Iowa House of Representatives in 1934, and was reelected four times. In his final term he served as the Speaker of



Former Iowa Governor Robert D. Blue and Eagle Scout Aaron Eilerts, both of Eagle Grove. (Blue, Iowa General Assembly, Public Domain; Eilerts, screenshot, StokelyFuneralHome.com)

the Iowa House. In 1942 he was elected to be Iowa’s Lieutenant Governor, before being elected the 30th Governor of Iowa in 1944, and then reelected once in 1946. Prior

to his death of a stroke in Fort Dodge Iowa on December 14, 1989, the Eagle Grove Middle school was named for him.

But Eagle Grove’s connection to the scholarship doesn’t end there. Decades later, another resident of Eagle Grove came to embody the very ideals the scholarship seeks to honor. Aaron Eilerts, who was a student at the school named in Blue’s honor, was known for his volunteer spirit and commitment to helping others. But tragically, he died in 2008 when a tornado struck the Little Sioux Boy Scout Camp. Despite his young age, Aaron had already touched many lives through his service, and his legacy continues to do so

today.

Former Governor Chet Culver highlighted Eilerts as a role model for Iowa students seeking the scholarship, saying at the time, “Aaron Eilerts exemplifies the type of applicant we are seeking.” Culver also designated Eilerts’ birthday, February 24th, as Aaron Eilerts Day, an official holiday in Iowa.

The Robert D. Blue Scholarship is open to Iowa high school seniors and former graduates who plan to attend a college or university in Iowa. Awards are based on financial need, academic achievement, letters of recommendation, and an original essay. Applications must be submitted online at rdblue.org by May 10.

Scouts from Across North Iowa Converge on Eagle Grove for Trail Cleanup and Campout

‘Messenger of Peace’ Conservation Effort Cleans Up Three Rivers Trail

**By Edward Lynn
Editor**

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — More than 70 scouts from across Iowa gathered Saturday at Fish Pond Park and the nearby Three Rivers Trail for a day of conservation, camping, and camaraderie as part of an ambitious service project launched by Eagle Grove scout Andrew Vaughn, who lives in Webster City.

The turnout marked a huge success. “Our first goal was to try to get 15 people to help,” said Eagle Grove Scoutmaster Rick Dawson. “Well how about that, 71 people came to help!”

Vaughn, who recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout, spearheaded the project to help fellow scouts earn the Messengers of Peace award through a large-scale trail cleanup. The event drew troops from Mason City, Clear Lake, Buffalo Center, Forest City, and Webster City—a broad swath of communities across North Iowa. And three packs of Cub Scouts also took part, from Eagle Grove, Webster City, and Jewel.

Scouts spent the morning cleaning the first two miles of the Three Rivers Trail, a task that was completed far more efficiently thanks to the high turnout. “If we had only had 12 people, we probably would’ve only gotten about a third of what we did done,” said Vaughn. “It was cool to see that people actually showed up.”

“The more people there are, the easier the job gets done,” said Emily Hovland, one of several young scouts who joined in the cleanup.



Scouts from all across North Iowa joined forces to clean up the Three Rivers Trail, under the leadership of Eagle Grove Eagle Scout Andrew Vaughn. Sadler Construction also pitched in. (Photo courtesy of Anna Withers)



Tents encircled Fish Pond Park in Eagle Grove as scouts from across North Iowa camped together after the cleanup effort. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

Her sister Anna Mae added, “Teamwork is better than doing it by yourself.”

Dawson also expressed thanks to Sadler Construction of Eagle Grove, which provided the use of heavy equipment, which Dawson indicated was useful “the whole way” in clearing branches.

The event culminated in a campout at Fish Pond Park, where scouts set up tents literally ringing the campground around the pond, and enjoyed a night of outdoor activities, shared meals, and friendship. Many participants commented that it was the largest scouting event the park had ever hosted.

“We had troops from all over, and it worked out great for a lot of people,” said Eagle Grove assistant Scoutmaster Craig Voss.

Scoutmasters and parents alike expressed appreciation



for the opportunity to bring young people together in the spirit of environmental stewardship and teamwork.

“It’s good for the kids,” said Dale Hovland, who has two boys and two girls in the Eagle Grove troop.

Larry Lawson, Scoutmaster from Winnebago County, echoed those sentiments: “It was fun to see these tough scouts come out here and be active. It puts us in awe when we do get together like this of what we can do.”

The event was part of the Messenger of Peace initiative, an international scout-

ing effort to promote service and cooperation. Scouts who participated in both the educational session and at least two hours of trail cleanup qualified for the award.

Denise Wood, a scout leader in attendance, emphasized the impact of Vaughn’s leadership. “Andrew is a very driven young man. By encouraging everybody to come and help, everyone else could also learn about these opportunities. This is why scouting is so awesome — because it brings people together to do something that matters.”

For Vaughn, the project was about more than badges or recognition. “I just want to do something extra,” he said in the lead-up to the event. Judging by the turnout and the shared sense of purpose, that extra effort paid off in spades.

EASTER EGG HUNT IS THIS SATURDAY

**By Edward Lynn
Editor**

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — Volunteers gathered on Sunday, April 6, at the Rails Depot to fill hundreds of plastic eggs with candy and small prizes in preparation for the annual spring tradition of the Easter Egg Hunt. This year families with young children are invited to Hewitt Park on Saturday, April 19, 2025, for the annual Easter Egg Hunt, starting at 3 p.m. The event is open to children 10 and under.

This year the hunt is being organized by Cassidy Reed and sponsored by Eagle Grove Empowerment. Donations are still welcome — whether candy, monetary, or prizes — and will help ensure there are plenty of eggs for every child who attends, this year, and in years to come.

“Please come a little early to sign up for prizes,” Reed said in a Facebook post. The hunt will start at 3:00 PM “sharp”.

In the case of bad weather, a makeup date is planned for Sunday, April 20 at the same time.

More information and donation details can be found on the Eagle Grove Empowerment Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/748911717165079/>).



A child picks up an Easter Egg at the 2022 Eagle Grove Easter Egg Hunt. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

‘Pups & Pints’ Bingo Night to Support Wright County Humane Society

**By Edward Lynn
Editor**

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — The next installment in a series of crowd-favorite charity bingo nights at Pop’s Pizza & Pub is set for Saturday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m., with proceeds going to support the Wright County Humane Society.

Dubbed “Pups & Pints,” the event promises an evening of food, fun, and fundraising. Guests can purchase bingo cards for \$1 each or opt for a “big card” good for six games for \$5. The event will also feature drinks, prizes, and even a special appearance by an adoptable pet.

Over the past two years Pop’s has become known for hosting these popular bingo nights, which routinely pack

the house in support of local nonprofits and community causes. Each event offers a laid-back, lively atmosphere that draws a full house of locals for a reliably good time.

Attendees can enjoy the full Pop’s menu, featuring a wide variety of pizzas, sandwiches, entrees, salads, and the beloved Eagle Grove specialty, Med Bread. The kitchen stays open as late as 9 p.m. A full-service bar will also be available.

And, since the event coincides with the Eagle Grove High School Prom this year, it provides adults something to do while the teens are out on the town.

Pop’s Pizza & Pub is located at 316 W. Broadway in Eagle Grove. For more information, call 515-448-5072.

Wright County Dispatchers to See a Raise in July

By Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing

April 15, 2025 - The Wright County Board of Supervisors met for their regular meeting to review county business, including wage adjustments, economic development updates, and ground use requests.

Land Access and Testing Clarification - Supervisor Dean Kluss shared an update from Kyle Handy, land representative for Twin Rivers, who had concerns over the county's denial of reducing the seismic testing distance from 250 feet to 50 feet from county assets. Handy believes this restriction will ultimately prevent Twin Rivers from exploring the possibility of hydrogen underground.

Kluss clarified the Board's stance in an email reply to Handy: "The Board did not

feel that we were precluding any testing," Kluss said. "It would require Twin Rivers to get permission from individual landowners to go onto their property. Therefore, they would assume the risk for any damage."

Kluss advised that if the company chose that route, they should contact Drainage Administrator Courtney Morris to avoid conflicts with existing drainage systems on private land.

Communication Center Wage Adjustments - The Board discussed wage adjustments for the Communication Center, effective July 1, 2025. Communications Director Tiffon Pohlman requested a starting wage of \$23.50 an hour, and increased for two current employees.

Eric Rector emphasized

the value of dispatchers: "As an officer, I want the most competent person in that seat. They don't get paid near enough. You're quibbling over \$4 a day at a 50-cent increase. This interview process was terrible, and the emotional stress they endure is significant."

A motion was made to set the starting wage at a flat \$23.50, with exceptions for experienced hire's wages to be reviewed by the Board. The motion also authorized wage increases for two current employees.

Economic Development and Events - Economic Development Director Darrel Steven Carlyle recommended appointing Kate Garner to the Wright County Economic Development Commission to replace Todd Foss. Her term will run through

December 31, 2026. The Board approved the appointment.

Courthouse grounds use was also addressed. The Board approved two events:

- June 13, 2025: Family Fun Night, 4:00-8:00 PM
- June 14, 2025: Festival Kid's Zone, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

A decision on the "Market on Main" events, scheduled for May through August, was tabled. Supervisor Bosch tabled the event following the recommendation of Building and Grounds Director Andrew Yackle, citing the lawn's incomplete regrowth.

Cost Allocation Reimbursements - The Wright County Central Service Cost Allocation Plan was reviewed by the board. Supervisor Kluss explained the

importance of the service for securing federal and state grant reimbursements.

"We're spending a small amount of dollars (\$4,450) to be compensated for the time that we actually spend," Kluss said.

The county stands to be reimbursed \$12,077. The Public Health Department reported \$91,244 in indirect costs related to Title 19, potentially qualifying for substantial reimbursement.

Secondary Roads Update - Jeremy Abbas, Assistant to the Wright County Engineer, provided updates from the Secondary Roads Department. Crews assisted with a fire at a decommissioned bridge in southern Wright County. Burnt debris is being removed to prevent it from sitting in the creek.

Abbas reported that crews

completed 39 work orders last week and returned to ten-hour shifts with Fridays off. "We're in full blade mode," Abbas shared of the crew's work on gravel roads.

In other updates:

- The Board discussed removing outdated law library books to allow for space for the County Attorney and received the quarterly report from the County Recorder's office.

- A public meeting on property taxes is scheduled for Friday, April 18 at 10:00 AM in Council Chambers with Mark Thompson.

The next meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors will be held on Monday, April 21, 2025. Meetings can be viewed online at [YouTube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312](https://www.youtube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312).



Happy 75th Birthday!

Roger Thompson turns 75 on April 18! Wishing this outdoorsman a very happy birthday. Lots of love from your family!

Happenings

Eagle Grove Chapter EJ met April 8th at the Italics Boutique in Clarion. The meeting was conducted by Barb Forbes, vice president. Following the meeting, Ali Disney, owner of the boutique, showed some of the new spring colorful arrivals. Denim jeans and leg styles, from slim to wide were discussed. Jewelry trends were shown by Ali.

Lunch was served by hostess Sherri O'Brien, assisted by LuAnn Mersch.

UDMO Is Preparing for Spring Planting!

Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. is preparing for spring planting through our Annual Garden Program. This program offers seeds, plants, garden tools to eligible individuals and families living in Wright County. Our Garden Program is an inexpensive, healthy and nutritious way people can add to their own source of food. We would love for your help to continue to offer such a nutritious program.

There are two ways the community can get involved in helping us with the Garden Program. First we are in need of monetary donations to help purchase items for the program. The second

way is to donate garden seeds, tomato and pepper plants, onion sets and new garden tools such as gloves, trowels, watering cans, foam kneeling pads, etc.

Donations can be mailed or dropped off at our office located at 221 W. Broadway, Eagle Grove, IA. 50533. Our office hours are: Monday-Thursday 8-12:30pm and 1-4pm. Closed on Fridays.

If you have questions about the Garden Program please feel free to contact Chris at the Wright County UDMO office at (515) 448-3704.

Thank you in advance for helping to make a difference in our community.

Trustees Address Tile Failures and Landowner Concerns at Drainage District Meeting

By Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing

April 14, 2025 - At Monday morning's Wright County Drainage District meeting, County Supervisors gathered as Drainage District Trustees to address a few issues.

The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m. with Trustees reviewing current drainage work orders. Among immediate concerns were a broken flood tile in

Iowa Township and a major 36-inch tile failure in Woolstock Township.

Supervisor Betty Ellis raised concerns over a drainage ditch that continues to frustrate landowners. She notes that the ditch has grown from a modest five feet to a steep twenty feet, and residents are frustrated by costs. Supervisor Rick Rasmussen countered that costs aren't increasing at this time and

agreed to visit the site with Ellis to see the situation firsthand.

Another issue brought up by Ellis involved the removal of a natural gas pipeline north of Clarion last year. A local farmer, while using his manure spreader, fell into the area where the pipeline had been removed. The farmer, along with Ellis, worried the ground wasn't packed correctly.

Drainage District Administrator Courtney Morris confirmed that she is working with the drainage district's attorney to send a formal letter to the company, reminding them they're accountable for any resulting damage of their work.

The Drainage District meets on an as-needed basis. To view this meeting, and past ones, please visit [youtube.com/@wright-countyiowaofficial8312](https://www.youtube.com/@wright-countyiowaofficial8312).

Maid Rite Lunch to Benefit Bryan Dayton as Community Rallies Around Injured Lineman

By Edward Lynn Editor

GOLDFIELD, Iowa — A free-will donation Maid-Rite lunch will be held on Sunday, April 27, to benefit Bryan Dayton, an electrical lineman from Woolstock who is a former Eagle Grove police officer, and U.S. Marine Corps veteran, and who was seriously injured while working to restore power during the recent blizzard.

The benefit lunch, hosted by American Legion Post 370 and the American Legion Riders, will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, located at 509 N Main in Goldfield. The event will feature Maid-Rites, coleslaw, baked beans, and chips. The American Legion Riders have pledged to match donations totaling up to \$500.

Dayton served as a police officer in Eagle Grove from September 2013 to July 2017 and is a former scout with the 1st Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion of the 1st Marine Division.



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)

He lives in Woolstock with his wife, Shannon, and their two sons.

Several other fundraising efforts are underway to support the Dayton family:

- A GoFundMe campaign titled "Let's support Bryan's family during this difficult time!" is live at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-bryan-recover-from-his-injury/>. To date the fundraiser has raised nearly \$39,000.00 of its \$50,000.00 goal.
- A benefit event has been organized for Saturday, July 26, 2025, at Salty Suz, 512 Central Ave, Fort Dodge. The Bryan Dayton Fun Run & Benefit will include food, live music (artist to be announced), an auction hosted by Schmauss Auction, and a community ride event open to motorcycles, ATVs, Jeeps, and other vehicles. The ride is expected to draw supporters from across the state.

Donations and auction items are currently being accepted 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 Caquelin (515-293-2028)
- Humboldt Area – Erica Schmauss (515-890-2157)
- Des Moines Metro Area – Nocona Dayton (515-988-2779)

Direct donations can also be made to:

- WCF Financial Bank "Dayton Strong," 401 Fair Meadow Dr., PO Box 638, Webster City, IA 50595
- Venmo: @ShannonDayton04
- For more information about the event, contact:**
 - Chad Christian: 515-269-1718
 - Jamie Christian: 515-269-1280
 - Kevin Schmauss: 515-571-2443

"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."

The outpouring of support reflects the deep impact Dayton has had on his community. As the flyer for the benefit reads: "Bryan was there for everyone, lets all of us be there for Bryan!!"

Update on Bryan's Condition

According to a recent update from Bryan's wife, Shannon, posted to the GoFundMe page, Bryan underwent surgery on Friday, and is continuing on his road to recovery. "Everything went well," she wrote. "They had to cut a few more spots of muscle out that were infected as well as cleaning everything up."

Temporary grafts were placed during the procedure, with permanent grafts to be added later once the new areas are ready; estimated to be about 7 to 10 days from the initial surgery.

Shannon Dayton expressed deep gratitude for the community's support. "We appreciate everyone who has helped us financially, stopped and checked on our kids and got them things or dropped off a meal, or just simply praying for our family," she wrote.



AQR 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.



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Ladies Night Out Returns May 2, Plus Casino Games, Prizes and Shop Local Poker

By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE — The Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce is bringing the glitz and glamour of Vegas to town with this year’s “Ladies Night Out,” set for Friday, May 2, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Nine & Dine Restaurant. The popular event will feature casino-themed games, an appetizer buffet, raffle drawings, and the conclusion of the Shop Local Poker promotion—which begins this weekend.

The combination of events is what Chamber of Commerce Director Brooke Hathaway called, “a new twist on Ladies Night.” “We’re bringing the excitement of the casino to Eagle Grove,” said Hathaway, who added, “bring



your poker faces and your besties for a night full of games, prizes, and fun!”

The evening kicks off with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., followed by games starting at 6 p.m. and the final raffle drawing at 9 p.m. Guests can purchase “Ca-

sino Cash” to play games for chances to win prizes. A minimum of \$5 Casino Cash is required to participate, but those who buy at the door will have their total doubled. For example, a \$25 purchase would yield \$50 in Casino Cash. At 8

p.m., players will exchange their Casino Cash for raffle tickets and bid on prizes.

In addition to the casino fun, the Chamber’s “Shop Local Poker” promotion wraps up the same night. Starting Friday (April 18), residents can building pok-

er hands by shopping at participating businesses, earning one card for every \$10 spent, up to \$50 per store. Completed poker hands can be submitted to the Chamber office anytime before May 2 or in person during the event.

The top three poker hands will win prizes, and winners will be announced during the evening. Participants do not need to be present to win.

“Whether you’re feeling lucky or just in it for the laughs, this is your night to unwind and maybe even win big,” said Hathaway. “It’s going to be a great time – let’s make it a ‘full house’!”

For more information, contact the Chamber at chamber@eaglegrove.com or (515) 448-4821.



Baby girl Anabella

Aryanna Albright and Xavian Sheka of Northwood have welcomed a baby girl.

Anabella Lanette Sheka-Albright was born on April 6, 2025, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Her grandparents are Glenn Sheka of Grafton, Iowa and Satta Sheka of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Baby boy Edward

Margarita Julieta Estrada Reyes and Gilmar Ronaldo Vicente of Eagle Grove are pleased to announce the birth of a baby boy.

Edward Ronaldo Vicente Estrada was born on April 13, 2025, weighing 5 pounds, 11.6 ounces.

Ribbon Cutting for New Discount Store is Friday



Terry and Jamie Gump.
(Photo provided)

Three Winners will get \$50 Store Credit Vouchers

By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — Wright County Iowa Discounts, the newest addition to the Eagle Grove business community, will celebrate its official opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, April 18 at 4 p.m. The event will take place at the store’s location, 2759

Country Lane Circle in Eagle Grove.

The public is invited to attend and help welcome Eagle Grove’s newest Chamber member. Plus, three lucky winners will get a \$50 in-store credit voucher each, as part of a giveaway celebrating the ribbon cutting.

The store, opened by Terry and Jamie Gump of Goldfield, offers a wide range of discounted items. With prices as good as or better than big box store prices—but right here in Eagle Grove—from household essentials and cleaning supplies to snacks, tools, pet supplies, and clothing; even big screen

TV’s. The store sources its inventory from customer returns, overstock, and shelf-pulls from major retailers, providing name-brand goods at the low end of retail prices.

“We know times are tough for a lot of people. Prices are high everywhere,” Terry said, “and not everyone is comfortable shopping online. We wanted to offer a local option that makes everyday essentials and name-brand items more affordable.”

“We want to help stretch people’s budgets further,” Jamie noted. “If you can buy a pair of brand-name shoes for

\$10 instead of \$50 or an air fryer for half the price you’d pay elsewhere, that’s money that can go toward groceries, bills, or other necessities.”

The business has already generated buzz in the community, with locals praising the variety and affordability of the merchandise. With its grand opening event set to draw a crowd, Wright County Iowa Discounts is poised to become a popular destination for value-conscious shoppers.

Congregate Meal Menu:

Monday, April 21

Greek Marinated Chicken, Brown Rice, Whole Wheat Bread, Vegetable, Fruit

Wednesday, April 23

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

Friday, April 25

Ham & Bean Soup, Cornbread, Vegetable, Fruit

Eagle Grove Community School District -MENU-

Monday, April 21

BREAKFAST: Cereal, English Muffin, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Mr. Rib, Potato Wedges, Coleslaw, Pineapple

Tuesday, April 22

BREAKFAST: Flatbread Breakfast Pizza, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Taco Totchos, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Pears, Churro

Wednesday, April 23

BREAKFAST: Cereal, Blueberry Crumble, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Asian Chicken, Stir-Fry Vegetables, Rice, Mandarin Oranges

Thursday, April 24

BREAKFAST: Breakfast Taco, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Cheeseburger, Fries, Salad, Peaches

Friday, April 25

BREAKFAST: Cereal, Mini Bagels, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Big Boy Sandwich, Carrots/Celery, Strawberries

New Iowa Central Classes in Eagle Grove Focus on Marketing with AI, Using Canva

By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — Iowa Central Community College will offer two new evening classes this May at its North Central Regional Center in downtown Eagle Grove, formerly known as the Career Academy. These hands-on courses—focused on Canva and artificial intelligence (AI) tools for marketing—aim to help residents expand their digital skillsets for personal, professional, or small business use.

The first class, AI Tools for Marketing Success, will be held May 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. and is designed for businesses and individuals looking to harness the power of artificial intelligence to transform their marketing strategies. Participants will learn what AI is, how it works, and how

to integrate it effectively into their marketing efforts.

Later in the month, the college will offer two Canva workshops:

- Canva 101 on May 20, from 6 to 8 p.m.
- Advanced Canva on May 28, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Each Canva session is tailored to help participants create eye-catching marketing materials quickly and easily, whether they’re beginners or looking to refine their existing skills. Attendees are encouraged to bring laptops to follow along with the instruction.

Each class is priced at \$99.

“These are fantastic opportunities right here in Eagle Grove,” said Colleen Bartlett, Career Academy Specialist at the North Central Regional Center, in a statement. “And I know the

instructor,” Bartlett added, “she’s awesome! Knowledgeable, creative, fun, and most importantly, she can break down learning for those of us who are still learning. Hope to see you there!”

Bartlett added that a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course may also be offered in Eagle Grove in June, depending on interest. Additionally, Bartlett suggested anyone wanting to make a change in their career check out the offerings at the Fort Dodge campus as well, which she said included “everything from CNA, EMT to Maintenance Worker, to

IT Specialist to CDL to Production Welding and Office Financial Clerk.”

And, Bartlett noted, “tuition could be paid for these classes depending on income.”

“With all these classes, there is always a minimum to offer,” she said. “Many times, people wait until the last minute and unfortunately, the class has been cancelled. Think of your neighbors, church, work, acquaintances—who knows? You may just change someone’s life.”

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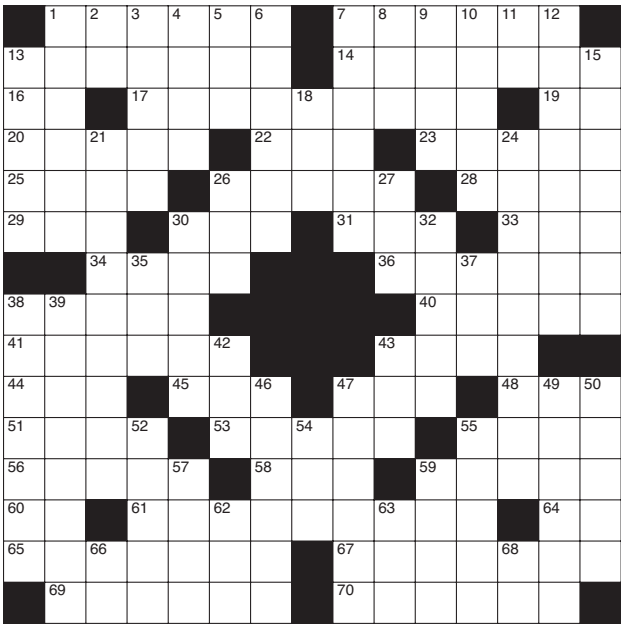
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Dark blacks

7. Construct a wall to confine

13. Most inappropriate

14. A type of board

16. Sacred Hindu syllable

17. Flatterer

19. The Granite State

20. Tears down

22. China's Chairman

23. Former Houston footballer

25. Periods of time

26. Expressed pleasure

28. World alliance

29. A Brit's mother

30. Television network

31. Brother or sister

33. Type of spirit

34. __ Ladd, actor

36. A medium oversees it

38. One time province of British India
40. Wrong

41. The highest parts of something

43. Insect

44. Baseball stat

45. A way to use up

47. Where wrestlers compete

48. It helps elect politicians

51. As fast as can be done

53. Genus of legumes

55. Samoa's capital

56. Monument in Jakarta

58. Former French coin

59. Exploiters

60. College sports official

61. Uninterrupted in time

64. Stephen King story

65. Marked by no sound

67. Weathers

69. Denouncements

70. More beloved

CLUES DOWN

1. Winged nut

2. It cools a home

3. Kisses (French)

4. Oxford political economist

5. Keyboard key

6. Leaf pores

7. Agrees with publicly

8. Not around

9. Czech city

10. Muscle cell protein

11. Greek letter

12. Movements

13. Ned __, composer

15. Popular series Game of __

18. Exclamation that denotes disgust

21. Helper

24. Gift

26. Up in the air (abbr.)

27. Treat without respect

30. Trims
32. Slang for lovely

35. City of Angels hoopster (abbr.)

37. Guitarists' tool

38. Island nation

39. Delivered in installments

42. A baglike structure

43. Cooking vessel

46. Gets in front of

47. Wounded by scratching

49. More breathable

50. Medical dressings

52. Indiana hoopster

54. Married Marilyn

55. An ancient Assyrian city

57. Congressmen (abbr.)

59. Approves food

62. Ventura's first name

63. Between northeast and east

66. Atomic #71

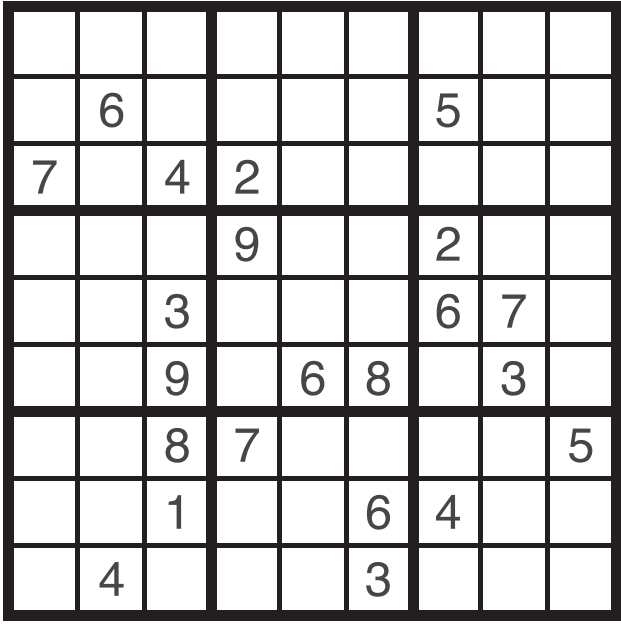
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Eagle Grove Police Report

April 3

6:59 AM: Report of parking violations in the block of SW 1st and Fort.
1:07 PM: Report of a broken light at the railroad crossing in the block of NE 2nd and Lucas. Union Pacific Railroad was notified and planned to send someone to repair the light.
1:10 PM: Report from L&L Service in Goldfield that gas was stolen from vehicles parked out back. The suspects drilled holes in the tanks.
1:59 PM: Parking violation reported in the 400 block of N Lincoln.
2:07 PM: Parking violation reported in the 200 block of N Lincoln.
2:12 PM: Parking violation reported in the 300 block of N Cadwell.
2:18 PM: Alarm reported in the 100 block of S Water Street in Goldfield.
4:04 PM: Nuisance complaint reported in the 100 block of Hewitt.
4:16 PM: Return call requested regarding a notice received in the mail.
6:25 PM: Civil issue reported in the 400 block of S Lucas.
6:47 PM: Officer met with a complainant at the police department.
10:57 PM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of NW 2nd.
April 4
2:52 AM: Traffic stop near Highway 3 and Water Street in Goldfield.
3:04 AM: Alarm triggered in the 100 block of S Commercial. Back door and front motion detectors were activated. Police were unable to reach a keyholder.
4:46 AM: Traffic stop in the 2900 block of Highway 17.
5:08 AM: Traffic stop in the 600 block of N Iowa.
8:40 AM: Caller in Goldfield requested a return call regarding a condemned notice on their house.
8:55 AM: Anonymous caller reported that a window and door at a house in the 900 block of N Monroe appeared to have been kicked in. The house is believed to be unoccupied.
3:30 PM: Caller who reported having received a dangerous animal order and said they would not be able to leave town the next day.
4:03 PM: Traffic stop on Highway 17.
4:12 PM: Traffic stop near NW 9th and Iowa.
4:18 PM: Return call requested.
4:39 PM: Traffic stop near NW 1st and Fort.
4:45 PM: Caller requested police, ambulance, and cell phone reports. Caller noted they had contacted the county attorney multiple times and only received one call back in June with a promise of a sit-down meeting, which had not yet occurred. They were asking if the reports could be obtained that day.
5:02 PM: Traffic stop near Fort and W Broadway.

5:28 PM: Traffic stop near Jackson and SE 2nd.
5:43 PM: Traffic stop approximately one and a half mile east of Highway 3 in Goldfield.
5:53 PM: Traffic stop near School Street and Highway 3.
5:56 PM: Traffic stop near NW 12th and Iowa.
6:40 PM: Traffic stop near NE 2nd and Montgomery. White GMC Sierra had no plates.
6:46 PM: Traffic stop in the 900 block of S Commercial. Black Ford Explorer had no plates.
6:57 PM: Traffic stop near NW 6th Street and Commercial.
7:08 PM: Traffic stop near 2nd Street and S Commercial.
7:09 PM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of W Broadway.
7:37 PM: Traffic stop near Highway 3 and Pine Street in Goldfield.
7:44 PM: Request for extra patrol at DG Market. Caller reported an ex-employee who had just been fired was doing donuts in the parking lot. The ex-employee was reported to be driving a black Ford Mustang and resides in Goldfield.
8:29 PM: Traffic stop in the 900 block of S Commercial.
9:08 PM: Caller from the 600 block of NE 3rd Street requested to speak with an officer regarding a camper parked on the roadside, which they believed was causing a traffic hazard.
9:44 PM: Follow-up conducted in the 500 block of N Lincoln.

April 5

1:58 AM: Vehicle crash reported in the 500 block of N Iowa. A neighbor reportedly hit another neighbor's building with their car.
8:14 AM: Report of broken glass and debris on the south side of the tracks near the AGP scale.
10:04 AM: Suspicious vehicle reported in the 100 block of N Western Avenue.
1:19 PM: Caller reported a motorcycle racing around Hewett Park, revving up and going fast.
4:35 PM: Traffic stop on Highway 17 near the airport. Black Dodge Durango had no plates.
5:00 PM: Traffic stop just south of Highway 3 in Goldfield.
5:38 PM: Traffic stop in the AGP parking lot.
5:48 PM: Traffic stop near N 8th Street and Commercial.
7:55 PM: Traffic stop near 255th Street and Highway 17.
8:17 PM: Traffic stop at the old Kum & Go.
9:52 PM: Vehicle backed into another vehicle in the 400 block of S Lincoln. No injuries were reported.
10:42 PM: Traffic stop near Commercial and Broadway.
10:53 PM: Officer initiated case at the Eagle Grove

Police Department.

April 6

3:23 AM: Parking violations reported on S Iowa Avenue.
3:25 AM: Additional parking violations reported on S Iowa Avenue.
10:48 AM: Caller with information.
12:26 PM: Caller at 310 E Oak Street in Goldfield requested a call back.
3:35 PM: Caller reported a middle-aged woman with pink hair, no shoes, wearing a tank top and capris, walking around in the 200 block of N Garfield.
7:06 PM: Traffic stop near W Broadway and Railroad Avenue.
7:38 PM: Return call requested.
8:03 PM: Complaint reported.
8:15 PM: Return call requested.
9:00 PM: Parking violations reported on SW 3rd Street.
10:15 PM: Complaint reported in the 500 block of N Wright Avenue.
April 7
2:18 AM: Parking violations reported on S Iowa Avenue.
9:45 AM: Eagle Grove Police returned a call from earlier in the day.
10:45 AM: Caller requested to speak with an officer regarding property.
12:51 PM: Request for assistance in the block of 200 S Iowa.
1:31 PM: Nuisance reported in the 300 block of E Oak Street in Goldfield. Caller mentioned a notice.
4:23 PM: Two-car accident with one injury reported near Pine and Boone in Goldfield.
4:42 PM: Assistance requested in the 900 block of N Main in Goldfield.
5:13 PM: Nuisance reported at 815 N Main in Goldfield.
5:24 PM: Officer met with a complainant in the 300 block of W. Broadway St.
5:49 PM: Officer initiated a case from the 400 block of S Lucas. Ordinance papers were issued.
5:55 PM: Traffic stop near Commercial and Broadway.
6:10 PM: Officer met with complainant in the 200 block of Court Avenue.
8:05 PM: Burglary alarm reported in the 700 block of NE 2nd. Alarm company called in for the east door.
10:44 PM: Alarm triggered in the 1000 block of NW 10th Street. Motion sensor activated; alarm company was attempting to contact the keyholder.
April 8
7:13 AM: Parking violations reported in the 400 block of Jefferson in Goldfield.
8:05 AM: Caller requested that an officer call their office.
9:16 AM: Caller requested a return call to follow up on whether an officer retrieved a license plate from the other party in the previ-

ous day's accident.
10:48 AM: Parking violations reported in the 200 block of NE 6th.
10:55 AM: Parking violations reported near NE 7th and Wright.
11:00 AM: Nuisance reported in the 800 block of N Wright.
11:13 AM: Parking violations reported in the 1000 block of N Wright.
3:45 PM: Return call requested.
4:23 PM: Caller reported multiple vehicles and a trailer parked in the yard at a property in the area of SW 3rd and Cadwell. The house was being painted black.
5:33 PM: Blue car stalled near E Broadway and Jackson with a black truck parked behind it with flashers on.
7:47 PM: Violation of protective order reported in the 200 block of S Lucas Avenue.
8:08 PM: Caller in the 200 block NE 5th Street reported that their uncle's cats were taken. Caller stated the uncle is allowed to have five cats and that the animals were just fixed and had their ears clipped.
8:15 PM: Traffic stop near Commercial and Broadway.
8:21 PM: Vandalism reported in the 700 block of NW 1st Street.
8:42 PM: Caller in the 500 block of N Lincoln reported vandalism to a backyard picnic table set and requested fingerprinting and a visit from an officer.
10:55 PM: Traffic stop near N Commercial and NW 2nd.
April 9
2:06 AM: Return call requested regarding items left in a squad car.
6:52 AM: Parking violations near SW 1st and South Cadwell.
7:15 AM: Parking violations in the 400 block of E Broadway.
10:35 AM: Report of a tan poodle-like dog at Hewett Park barking at children. Caller said the dog belongs to a neighbor and is never on a leash.
10:32 AM: Complaint received from a resident in Eagle Grove.
11:55 AM: Nuisance complaint reported in the 800 block of NW 1st.
2:03 PM: Caller wanted to discuss their son's accident on April 7.
2:45 PM: Caller seeking to speak with an officer regarding an insurance matter.
4:00 PM: Traffic stop in the 700 block of N Iowa.
5:36 PM: Caller reported a dark blue or black van full of teenagers near SE 5th, swerving, shouting, and driving erratically.
6:09 PM: Officer responded to a domestic situation in the 400 block of NE 1st Street. Caller agreed to meet with the officer.
7:15 PM: Noise complaint reported in the 400 block of SE 3rd Street.

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A week in my life representing Iowa in Congress

By Rep. Randy Feenstra

Instead of my usual thoughts on policy debates or various pieces of legislation that I have either introduced or support, I decided that I wanted to share a week in my life representing our families, farmers, workers, and businesses on Capitol Hill. The week spanning from Monday April 7th to Friday April 11th encapsulates a good snapshot of what a typical week looks like for me representing Iowa in Congress.

On Monday, I spent most of the day meeting with my fellow Republican colleagues on the House Ways and Means Committee as we work to extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act beyond its expiration at the end of this year and deliver tax relief for our families, farmers, workers, and small businesses. I also voted for two pieces of legislation to support our veterans. One will address the prevalence of bile duct cancer in Vietnam veterans, and the other will ensure veterans receive clear communications from the VA on how to claim the benefits they have earned in service to our country.

On Tuesday, the House Agriculture Committee held a hearing on lifting Americans out of poverty and ensuring that the the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – better known as SNAP – is being used for families truly in need. During the hearing, I talked about the importance of work and highlighted my bill with Rep. Dusty Johnson from South Dakota to ensure that able-bodied Americans without children either work or pursue work-related training or education for at least 20 hours each week if they receive SNAP benefits. Americans who can work should work if they want to receive taxpayer-funded SNAP benefits. That isn't too much to ask. I have also introduced legislation to cut down on overpayments of SNAP benefits, which costs American taxpayers more than \$10 billion every year. This is just another common-sense approach to cutting waste and restoring integrity to the SNAP program.

Throughout the day on Tuesday, I also met with Polaris to discuss trade issues, sat down with New York Life insurance agents, visited with the North American Equipment Dealers Association, and welcomed the Iowa Bankers Association to our office to talk about my bill – the ACRE Act – which would lower the cost of farm and home loans in our rural communities. Additionally, I attended a roundtable discussion with U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent, which centered around the urgent need to extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and make permanent pro-growth tax provisions that support agriculture, domestic manufacturing, and our business community.

On Wednesday, I voted for, and the U.S. House of Representatives passed, legislation that would restore the constitutional balance of powers and limit the ability of district court judges to issue nationwide injunctions. Since the beginning of the Trump administration, district court judges have issued nationwide injunctions preventing President Trump from advancing his America First agenda. There is no reason that activist judges whose authority does not extend nationally should be allowed to completely stop President Trump's agenda. The will of the American people matters, and the American people voted to



restore prosperity and greatness unhindered by far-left court decisions.

That same day, the House Ways and Means Committee held a hearing with U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer about striking trade deals that benefit our country. I specifically emphasized the need to open new export markets for Iowa agriculture, and the importance of looking all over the world – from the U.K. to India to Kenya – for new trade opportunities for our farmers and producers. I also met with the Iowa Pork Producers Association to discuss the Farm Bill, foreign animal disease prevention, and California's egregious Proposition 12 mandates on our hog farmers; caught up with the Federation of Exchange Accommodators to talk about protecting 1031 exchanges that allow our small businesses to grow and our farmers to pass their farmland onto the next generation; and sat down with the Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard Stephen Osborn about the urgent need to replace the runway and construct an aircraft parking ramp at the 185th Air Refueling Wing in Sioux City. Furthermore, I had the chance to meet with the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the United States and discuss agricultural trade opportunities – like soybean and pork exports – between our two countries; met with the Crop Insurance and Reinsurance Bureau and Approved Insurance Providers to talk about my bill to lower the cost of crop insurance for the next generation of Iowa farmers and producers; and chatted with representatives from the Iowa Motor Truck Association to discuss our shared commitment to support our nation's truckers. In between votes, I also met Laura Chen from Ames who won our Congressional App Challenge last year.

On Thursday, I voted for a budget resolution unlocking the ability to extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, secure tax relief for Iowans, and deliver President Trump's full America First agenda of border security, energy independence, and fiscal responsibility. I also voted to ban illegal immigrants from voting in our elections and ensure that states like California clean their voter rolls of noncitizens. Additionally, I introduced legislation to reauthorize the Genome to Phenome Initiative, which supports research into plant genetics, like corn, to determine how to increase yields and make crops more resilient.

On Friday, I took some time to meet with my staff to go over legislation that I'm working on to support agriculture, cut taxes for our families, grow our economy, and open new export markets for our farmers and producers. I also had the chance to review mail from constituents and read the ideas, concerns, and suggestions of Iowans.

I will continue to serve our families, farmers, and small businesses to the best of my ability, and work to pass thoughtful policies that benefit our communities, state, and nation.



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By Iowa Senator Dennis Guth

We have finished week thirteen of the legislative session when most of our time was spent on floor debate. We have also started turning our attention to the budget and working through the details of each department's budget.

This week we passed Senate File 167, which sets funding for K-12 education. The legislature increased funding for schools by \$240 million, bringing total state funding to over \$4.2 billion. The state is investing \$7,988 per pupil and continues the teacher pay increase from last year. This puts Iowa among the top ten states for teacher salaries.

Since education funding is by far the biggest budget item for the state, we set that budget first and will now be working on every other item in state government. Our target for the total budget is \$9.411 billion, which is up 5.2 percent from last year. With the tax cuts made in past years, it is important that we budget conservatively and prioritize our investments.

Since we legalized fireworks in Iowa several years ago, it has been necessary to make some adjustments. This week we passed SF 303 which allows consumer fireworks: July 3 between 9:00 am and 10:00 pm; July 4 between 9:00am and 11:00 pm; and December 31 from 9:00 am until 12:30 am January 1. The use of fireworks allows Iowans and citizens around the country to celebrate these important holidays in a patriotic manner and the way Iowans desire. I always enjoy sharing fireworks as a family, especially when the youngest members can be frightened by the big community display. It's one of those things Iowans do to celebrate our freedoms.

I've heard of some disturbing increases in property taxes this week. We are working to make the process more transparent so that taxpayers know why their taxes are going up. The proposal, Senate Study Bill 1227, increases the homestead exemption to \$50,000 to help bring real relief to residential property taxpayers. It also immediately removes the rollback for all classifi-

cations except agriculture. Additionally, it implements a consumer price index (CPI) adjustment alongside the 2% revenue restriction to help local entities manage times of high inflation. Lastly, it provides a cushion to help small communities that may not be growing much.

The House passed two bills dealing with CO2 pipelines that I appreciated. However HF 943, which bans eminent domain for carbon pipelines, did not make it out of committee. HF 639 would narrow the definition of common carrier so that private companies could not use eminent domain, increases the in-

surance requirements of the company owning the pipeline, and requires IUC board members to attend meetings. This bill was amended so that almost all of the good parts were eliminated and several items were added that would make it easier for Summit to prevail in their effort to force the pipeline through land when property owners don't want it. I will continue to work for real protection of our God-given rights.

As a busy senator and farmer this spring, I affirm a statement I recently ran across.

If you don't schedule your priorities someone else will.



Andrew Wagner, a pharmacist from Eagle Grove, visited to promote PBM reform. He is well supported in his community, with over 50 of his clients emailing me to pass legislation to help keep rural pharmacies open. (Photo provided)



By Rep. Mark Thompson

As the second funnel passed, the pace slows as the appropriations process begins. There are several bills that are "funnel proof" in ways and means committee that are still being voted out of committee and will be eligible for a floor debate and vote. This week the House finished their work sent over from the Senate by Tuesday. I stayed at the Capitol to follow bills I brought forward to make sure they got through committee. The one large bill passed was the school budgets. It is always a struggle to get both chambers to agree on this very complex issue. Below is a brief summary.

SSA Final Agreement (School Budget)



Dr. Andrew Wagner at the Iowa Capitol. (Photo provided)

This week, we passed a final SSA agreement after months of negotiations. While our original proposal included more money for schools, this final agreement includes a couple of key wins secured by Iowa House.

This final agreement includes:

- A 2% increase in SSA for Fiscal Year 2026 plus an additional \$5 per student. This results in more than \$105 million more in school aid.
- This year also brings phase two of the teacher salary increase. This will include almost \$35 million additional dollars for public schools.
- The State Cost Per Pupil amount increases to \$7,988 per student which includes

an additional \$5 for per pupil equity, which was a key component fought for by the House. This is an increase of \$162 per pupil.

- The operational sharing cap increases from 21 to 25, an additional \$942,087 for public schools.
 - An additional 3% increase in transportation equity, in addition to the 2% increase. This equates to \$1,554,938 more for public schools.
- Altogether, these increases equate to a 2.8% increase in state funding to public schools. The House secured more than \$4.7 million in additional investments for public schools through our negotiations.

These increases represent many of the specific funding issues we hear from our school districts. While each line item may not affect each individual school district equally, one line item may have a big impact on addressing the issue a specific district is facing. The House is working to respond to the specific concerns we're hearing from our schools in a responsible manner.

Is ESA being audited?

I have been asked if the ESA is being audited and the funds monitored. There is a long list of the categories in which the schools are being monitored. The Iowa Department of Education has contracted with Odyssey, a third-party administrator, to manage the ESA program. Odyssey handles applications, financial transactions, compliance, and fraud pre-

vention. This external oversight helps ensure that funds are securely administered and that payments are processed only for verified, eligible expenses.

Odyssey handles day-to-day operations, including processing payments, verifying expenses, and monitoring for fraud. As part of its contract, Odyssey is required to maintain auditable records of all transactions and compliance activities. The Department of Education has the authority to audit Odyssey's performance to ensure it adheres to state guidelines, such as approving only qualified educational expenses and safeguarding against improper expenditures.

The DOE as a state agency managing public funds, it is subject to audits by the Iowa State Auditor's Office. The State Auditor has the authority to examine state programs, including the ESA, to verify that funds are being spent appropriately and in accordance with Iowa law.

Pharmacy Benefit Mangers (PBM's)

Earlier this week Dr. Wagner from Eagle Grove posted on his Facebook page the plight of small pharmacist and pharmacies regarding what Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBM's) are doing to our small but essential pharmacies. In our rural area several small, independent pharmacies are struggling due to these PBM direc-

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Holy Thursday
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7 p.m. Mass Sacred Heart
Friday, April 18
Good Friday
5:30 p.m. Liturgy at St. Francis Xavier
7:30 p.m. Liturgy in Spanish at St. John
2 p.m. Rosary a Divine Mercy Novena Begins-Lived

Stream at Sacred Heart
7:30 p.m. Novena a la Divina Misericordia at St. John
Saturday, April 19
Holy Saturday
(2nd Collection for Haiti)
2 p.m. Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena—Live Streamed at Sacred Heart
7:30 p.m. Novena a la Divina Misericordia at St. John
8 p.m. Easter Vigil at St. John
Sunday, April 20
Easter Sunday
8 a.m. Mass, St. Francis
9 a.m. KC Omelet Breakfast at St. Francis
10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart
Monday, April 21
Easter Monday
Cluster Office Closed
8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis
2 p.m. Rosary and Divine Mercy Novena-Live Stream at Sacred Heart
7:30 p.m. Novena a la Divina Misericordia at St. John

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7 p.m. Good Friday – Theme /Who Was Pierced for Us

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Sunday, April 20
9:30 a.m. Easter ~ Resurrection Sunday with 8:30 a.m. Breakfast– Theme / Who is Risen

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Friday
6 p.m. EGAMA Soup Supper at EGELC
7 p.m. Good Friday Service at EGELC

Sunday
7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
7:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
9 a.m. Easter Worship
10:15 a.m. NO Coffee Fellow
10:15 a.m. NO Sunday School
Wednesday
9 a.m. Bible Study
Noon Men's Bible Study
5 p.m. Confirmation

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WORDS OF WISDOM



Last 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)"? Answer: Tom Petty.
What singer's greatest hit songs include "R.O.C.K. in the U.S.A.", "Pink Houses", and "Jack and Diane"? Answer: John Mellencamp.

This week's trivia questions:
What actress has starred in movies including "The Blind Side", "Speed", and "Miss Congeniality"?
What actress has starred in movies including "Legally Blonde", "Sweet Home Alabama", and "Walk the Line"?

April 16 is National Banana Day, National Librarian Day, and National Orchid Day; April 17 is Holy Thursday, and World Circus Day; April 18 is Good Friday, National Newspaper Columnists Day, and National Exercise Day; April 19 is National Poker Day; April 20 is Easter; April 21 is National Kindergarten Day, and National Tea Day; April 22 is Earth Day, and National Jellybean Day.

This week is Holy Week, and National Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

"But you, O Bethlehem, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days."
– Micah 5:2

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
– Philippians 4:6-7

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."
– Matthew 7:7-8

Funny sayings on church signs
Don't give up! Even Moses was once a basket case!
"Under the same management for over 2,000 years."
Forecast for tomorrow: God reigns and the Son shines!
Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your Bible!
Funny quotes from the world of sports
"If lessons are learned in defeat, our team is getting a great education."
– Coach Murray Warmath

"These are my new shoes. They won't make you rich like me, they won't make you rebound like me, they definitely won't make you handsome like me. They'll only make you have shoes like me."
– Basketball player Charles Barkley
"Son, looks to me like you're spending too much time on one subject."
– Coach Shelby Metcalf, in response to a player saying he had four F's and one D.
"I'm not allowed to comment on lousy officiating."
– New Orleans Saints general manager Jim Fink

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Reflections on the Meaning of Easter
As Easter approaches I am always drawn to the parallels between Jesus' resurrection and the rebirth that we see in nature during the Spring season. In the same way that trees and other plants enter a state of suspended animation or apparent death in the winter, only to re-animate in the Spring, Jesus died in order to be reborn or resurrected three days after his death. This is a great mystery which cannot be explained scientifically, any more than science can really explain how life keeps coming back every Spring. But just as the buds on the trees and the flowers starting to peak out gives us hope that life goes on, so too does Easter give us hope that our lives go on. Easter reminds us that there is a springtime of the soul. Death is not the end for us, but merely a new beginning where we are transformed into something greater. Jesus lives, and so do we.
–Christopher Simon

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Obituaries

Michael Lamer

1951-2025

A Visitation for Michael Lamer, age 73, of Spencer formerly of Spirit Lake was held on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Turner Jenness Funeral Home in Spirit Lake. Private family graveside will take place at Lakeview Gardens Cemetery in Okoboji.

Michael Allen Lamer, 73, passed away on April 8, 2025, after a valiant fight against cancer. In his final days, he was surrounded by his family.

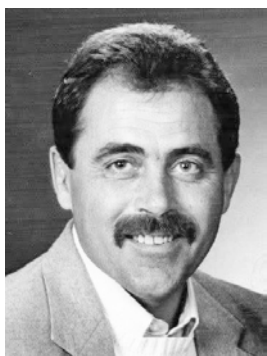
Born on December 19, 1951, Mike was the only child of Emmett Lamer and Mary Lamer (Fisher). Mike cherished time spent with his parents, whether it was working together on projects or simply visiting and sharing laughs. He graduated from Eagle Grove High School in 1970, where he enjoyed wrestling and playing baseball. Hard-working and dedicated, Mike spent over 30 years in landscaping, grounds, and maintenance in the Lakes area for Village West, The Inn, and Manhattan Beach.

The most important thing to Mike was family. He met his wife, Eileen Lamer (Welch), while they were working at Village West, and they married on September 2, 1994. They spent the next 30 years building their life together at their home on the Narrows of East Lake Okoboji, where Mike took pride in his own landscaping and home-improvement projects. Mike enjoyed spending his time boating and fishing on the lake, golfing, reading, and watching his favorite teams — the Denver Broncos and Iowa Hawkeyes.

Though Mike wasn't one to put himself front and center, the depth of his joy and love for his children and grandchildren leaves a lasting mark that deserves to be remembered and celebrated. He was a quiet source of strength, a steady presence, and someone who showed his care through action. Those who love him will remember his witty sense of humor, knack for telling an entertaining story, and his positive attitude and resilience.

He is survived by his wife Eileen, daughter Leslie Dahl-Mongan and her husband Glenn Mongan, son Jordan Welch and his wife Dallas Welch, and his grandchildren, Lake, Autumn, Peyton, and Ember Mongan. He was preceded in death by his parents, Emmet and Mary, his father-in-law Edward Welch, and many beloved cousins.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home of Spirit Lake is in charge of the arrangements.



Margaret Kay Wright

1940-2025

Margaret Kay (Schnittjer) Wright was born July 30, 1940 in Anamosa, Iowa, to Harry Theodore (Ted) Schnittjer, and Elizabeth (Betty) Aileen (Young) Schnittjer, where she joined two older brothers Richard Schnittjer and Gary Schnittjer, and later welcomed her little sister Connie Schnittjer Jorgensen. The family moved to Eagle Grove in 1944

where her parents operated The Club Cafe on Broadway. Margaret told many stories of growing up those early years in the apartment above the restaurant where Christ Furniture now stands. Her Mother's devil's food cake, which was served at the restaurant, was a staple of birthday celebrations throughout her life.

Margaret was an active member of the Eagle Grove United Methodist Church from the age of four. The church would hold an active and central role all of her life. In her early teenage years, she started to go by Maggie. She graduated from Eagle Grove High School in 1958.

Maggie was joined in marriage to David (Dave) Richard Wright on November 15, 1958. Maggie was the love of his life for 53 years, and their partnership was the cornerstone of their family as they raised four children together. They lived in Eagle Grove, then in Muscatine, IA in 1966, and returned in 1975 to Eagle Grove, IA.

She supported her children in endless ways, such as keeping score at softball games, as Girl Scout leader in Muscatine, going to band and chorus concerts, attending football games and plays, and teaching Sunday school and confirmation classes. She continued to be their rock and biggest cheerleader throughout their adult lives, and could always be counted on for wise and steady advice.

Maggie loved to be active in the community. Maggie was an active member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority both in Muscatine and Eagle Grove. For many years, she enjoyed visiting residents at EG Rotary Ann on Sunday afternoons sharing church bulletins and fellowship. Every fall Maggie looked forward to volunteering for 5th Quarter at the EG UMC, creating space for kids to gather in the basement for fellowship and grilled cheese sandwiches. She enjoyed singing in chorale, church choir, and joining the chorus of the Paddlewheel Players for summer productions. Nothing made Maggie happier than having her home filled with music. This included records on the stereo, her kids practicing their instruments, a band playing in the basement or often anyone breaking out in song. She loved to play the piano, sometimes in church, and often in the home, making the house ring out with her playing.

She went to work for Art DeYoung at Eagle Building Supply in 1980, and thrived in her years there, building her expertise and insight and sharing her knowledge with the community. She was a boon to many in this role, and her children often proudly referred to her as the "Lumber Lady". There wasn't a project or problem she was afraid to tackle. Maggie always stayed busy, and managed DeYoung Mini Storage for several years into her semi-retirement.

Maggie enjoyed sewing, wood-working, performing and listening to music, reading, Bible studies, and taking care of her home and family. (She would tell you she loved to scoop snow!)

Most of all, she loved time with family. She never stopped teaching her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. After moving to North Carolina in 2023, she had many opportunities to read stories to her great-grandchildren, and share her love with another generation. Her family and friends treasured her huge heart, wise counsel, and especially the way she always led by example. Kindness reigned at the heart of her every decision.

Margaret passed away March 17, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Dave, her brother Richard, and her beloved nephew Ted Jorgensen.

Margaret is survived by her children: Sue (Nelson) Tripp of Candler, NC; Duane (Jonita) Wright of Savannah, GA; Paul (Keri) Wright of San Rafael, CA, and Amy Wright of Arden, NC, as well as her grandchildren Christopher Pohlman (Joscelyn Wilson), Nathan (Ashlyn) Tripp, Eric Pohlman, Matt Pohlman, Riley (Chance) Markle, Simon Wright, and Logan Wright, and great-grandchildren Grant and Oaklyn Tripp as well as lots of cousins and close friends in her extended family.

Maggie's warmth, humor, and steadfast faith touched all who knew her. She could be counted on for advice, a hug, a laugh, and a helping hand. Many friends of her children considered her a bonus "Mom", and she was beloved by countless people who knew her through her family, her work, and her church. Maggie's shining love, her fierce pride in her family, and her grace in all circumstances will live forever in the memory and hearts of all who were lucky enough to know her.

MEMORIAL VISITATION

Friday, May 9, 2025
3:00pm – 7:00pm
Eagle Grove United Methodist Church

MEMORIAL FUNERAL SERVICE

Saturday, May 10, 2025
12:00pm Noon (Luncheon at church after service)
Eagle Grove United Methodist Church

Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family.

Point of contact address:

Sue Tripp
129 Oak Hill Rd
Candler NC 28715



Karen Marie Seidel

1959-2025

Karen Marie Seidel, 65, of Lyons, Kansas, passed away April 12, 2025, at her home. She was born October 5, 1959, in Hobbs, New Mexico, the daughter of Eugene Robert and Doris Eileen (Larsen) Seidel. Karen has resided in Lyons since the fall of 1975, formerly of Adel, Iowa. She graduated from Lyons High School, with the class of 1978.

In 1982, Karen received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas, and her Master's in Education Degree from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas, in 1999. Karen was a teacher at Lyons Middle School for thirty-four years. She also was an assistant volleyball coach and spelling bee coach. Karen was an avid Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Chiefs fan. She was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Lyons, and Sons of the American Legion Auxiliary, Beatrice, Nebraska. Karen is survived by her brother, Edwin "Ed" Seidel and wife Micki Jo of Beatrice, NE. She is preceded in death by her parents; Eugene and Doris Seidel; maternal grandparents; paternal grandparents; and sister, Deb Burres.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date at Birzer Funeral Home, Lyons. Burial will be at the Lyons Municipal Cemetery, Lyons. Memorials may be given to Tipton Lutheran Cemetery, Tipton, Kansas, in care of Birzer Funeral Home, Lyons.



Services: 10 a.m., Saturday, May 31
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Keith Riley

1936-2025

Keith Arthur Riley, the son of Albert and Lula (Warnock) Riley, was born on July 24, 1936, in Corning, Iowa. He was raised and educated in Corning, IA, graduating with the "Class of 1953". He graduated school at the age of 16 years. During his senior year, he drove bus for the school district on the rural routes.

In 1956 Keith married Vivienne Bloom, together the couple had 2 children, Sharon and Sandra. Vivienne passed away in 1961. Keith married Nancy Gunter in 1962, the couple had one child, Susan. They later divorced. In 1970 Keith married Bev Armour and was blessed with 2 step-children, Alicia and Rob. The couple were both foster care providers and had over 50 foster children they helped. Barbie was Keiths special foster child that he helped for 17 years until she passed away after a long battle with spina-bifida. Bev passed away in 1999. In 2000 Keith married Patsy Powell and the couple have been happily married since.

Keith worked at Geise Construction, drove truck for Morton Foods, was the manager at the United Coop gas division, the General Manager for Umthun Trucking, and the owner of Eagle Sanitation. After retirement he worked for Bennet Drive-Away delivering motor homes around the United States where he achieved the million-mile award.

Keith was the mayor of Eagle Grove for 14 years and took pride in his title. He enjoyed fishing in Canada, loved music and played the drums in a band, and he was a very accomplished dancer participating in many competitions.

Keith passed away on April 6th, 2025, at Rotary Senior Living, Eagle Grove, at the age of 88 years. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Vivienne; wife, Beverly; son, Butch Mason; son-in-law's: Dan Kemnitz, Jeff Schiller, Ray Burras and David Carson; brother, Don Riley; sister, Opal Schmanke, and step-children: Rob and Alicia.

Keith is survived by his wife, Patsy Riley; daughters: Sharon Stelzer (John), Sandra Foster (Todd), Susan Kemnitz, Janette Roulston (Gary) and Margaret Carson; son, Eddie Mason (Jeanette); grandchildren: Jennifer Contreras, Jonathon Schiller, Tana Motley (Landis), Kade Beehrle (Alysha), Daniel Kemnitz Jr, Brandon Burras(Bree), Rachel Helmke, Rebekah Johnson, Drew Carson, Mitchell Carson, Carli Carson, Bridgett Hood, Melissa Turner, Matthew Mason and Joshua Mason, and many great-grandchildren.

Visitation was from 4 to 6 p.m. on Monday April 14th at Foust Funeral Home in Eagle Grove. A funeral service was at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 15th at First Baptist Church in Eagle Grove. Burial at Rose Hill Cemetery in Eagle Grove.

Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family.



Services: 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 15
First Baptist Church, Eagle Grove
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tives. Since entering the legislature several years ago, I have been working with Dr. Wagner and his predecessor, Dr. Mickey Cooper, on how I can support their efforts to fix this financially detrimental process. The PBM bill from the House survived and was placed on the House calendar for a vote. If we pass it in the house (I'm hopeful) I will lobby the Senate to pass it as well.

HF 852 – Pharmacy Benefit Managers - This bill includes the following additional regulations of PBMs in Iowa:

- Prohibits a PBM or insurer from discriminating against a pharmacy if the pharmacy is acting within its license and all laws.
- Prohibits the removal of pharmacy choice or imposing any monetary advantages or penalties that result in removing pharmacy choice (including unnecessary specialty drug designations and requiring use of mail order pharmacies)
- Prohibits additional cost-sharing on the insured based on where they choose to have their prescription filled
- Requires all rebates to benefit the insured
- Requires any amount paid by the insured for the prescription drug to be applied to their deductible
- Requires PBMs to reimburse pharmacies based on acquisition cost
- Prohibits spread pricing unless all cost differential is provided to the insured
- Requires pharmacies have an appeals process if not reimbursed at acquisition cost

House Study Bill 328: Updates to the Property Tax Overhaul Bill

Last month, we introduced a major property tax overhaul bill to kick-start a broad conversa-

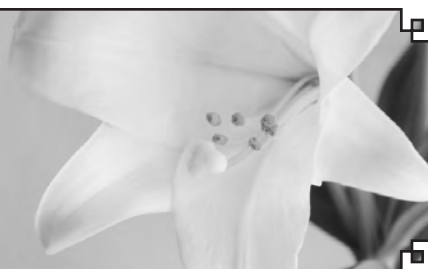
tion about property tax reform. In the time since, we have been taking feedback from Iowans and different entities to gain a complete understanding of how any change we make to the system would affect Iowans across the state. As a result of this feedback, Iowa House Ways and Means Chairman Bobby Kaufmann and his counterpart in the Senate have introduced new legislation, updating the bill proposed several weeks ago. Iowans have been loud and clear about their complaints with property taxes and their fear that they may be priced out of their homes. Based on the feedback we hear from Iowans; the current system is disliked by both taxpayers and taxing entities. We should not be afraid of big changes to the system.

House Study Bill 328 would make the following changes to the original proposal:

- Increases the home-stead exemption benefit to \$50,000 to help bring relief to residential property taxpayers
- Removes the rollback for all classifications except agriculture, effective for the FY27 budget
- Implements a CPI (consumer price index) adjustment alongside the 2% revenue restriction to help local entities manage times of high inflation
- Provides a minimum budget guarantee to provide small communities certainty in their budgeting process

Once again it is time to get additional feedback from Iowans on this legislation. I have scheduled a meeting this week with city and county leaders and office holders to come share their thoughts on this updated property tax proposal.

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CITY OF GOLDFIELD PUBLIC HEARING

Goldfield Public Hearing Proposed Tax Levy April 7, 2025 Mayor Fiscus opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed Tax Levy at 6:30 pm. Council members present Schermer, Crees, Meinke and Petersen. Absent Duncalf. Also present City Clerk Kathy Nelson. There were no written or verbal comments. Motion by Meinke, second Crees to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. Kathy Nelson, City Clerk Gabe Fiscus, Mayor

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DUST CONTROL NOTICE

Dust Control Notice To Wright County Rural Residents Any person desiring to have dust control on a section of road under county jurisdiction shall be responsible for hiring an approved contractor. The normal treatment available will be 400 linear feet X 18 feet in width, with treatment being applied in two separate applications. Scheduling of these applications will be the responsibility of the contractor selected by the resident. Wright County will prepare the site prior to the application by the chosen contractor. Contractors approved by Wright County are listed below. Payment for the dust control applications will be made directly to the chosen contractor.

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All questions regarding dust control and material used should be directed to the contractor at the phone numbers shown above. Wright County will not guarantee the effectiveness of the dust control treatment. Any complaints concerning the quality will be handled between the resident and the contractor they selected. Wright County reserves the right to perform normal maintenance (such as blading and granular resurfacing) through areas of dust control to level uneven or rough areas, without liability for the cost of any new dust control application. *Wright County Engineer*

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WRIGHT COUNTY BOS • MARCH 31, 2025

March 31, 2025 The Board of Supervisors met as Drainage District Trustees. To view the minutes from the drainage meeting, see the Drainage District minutes on the County website. Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:04 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux and Ellis. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the tentative agenda with removal of item 11-d to consider reducing setback distance for seismic testing. Motion carries. Minutes of the previous regular meeting of March 24, 2025 were read and approved. Approved claims for payment. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to approve the Retirement Agreement for Colleen Meier, Wright County Communications Director. Motion carries. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Loux to approve the quote for a spare pump head for the chlorine pumps at the Agribusiness Park. Motion carries. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve Resolution 2025-15 Awarding Contract for Project STP-S-C099(107) - - 5E-99 to Heartland Asphalt out of Mason City in the amount of \$2,874,239.78. By roll call vote: ayes – Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux and Ellis; nays – none. Resolution 2025-15 duly passes and reads as follows: **RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15 AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PROJECT STP-S-C099(107)--5E-99** **WHEREAS**, the Wright County Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes that **STP-S-C099(107)--5E-99**, hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Wright County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as **STP-S-C099(107)--5E-99** consisting of HMA RESURFACING WITH MILLING ; and **WHEREAS**, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and **WHEREAS**, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Wright County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and **IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED** by Board to accept the bid from **HEARTLAND ASPHALT, INC.** in the amount of **\$2,874,239.78** and

awards the associated contract(s) to the same; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Adam W. Clemons, P.E., the Engineer for Wright County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county. Dated at Wright County, Iowa, this **31st day of March 2025** . Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to table Resolution 2025-16 Awarding Contract for Project BROS-C099(105) - - 5F-99 until Monday, April 7, 2025. Motion carries. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch approve the Federal Aid Agreement for project BROS-C099(108) - - 8J-99. Motion carries. Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on Secondary Roads department. Tonne Nicholas, Wright County Assessor, presented the annual Slough Bill applications for allow or disallow. There were 305 applications consuming over 2,800 acres. Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to approve the Slough Bill applications as presented to be signed by the Board of Supervisors Chairman. Motion carries. Under Old Business, Supervisor Ellis explained that Building and Grounds Director, Andy Yackle approached her regarding unused APRA funds. He believes there is approximately \$26,000 left. He said he does have projects he can use those funds on. Under New Business, Supervisor Ellis asked the Handbook Committee if a Supervisor could sit in on the meeting. Supervisor Loux will attend the next meeting. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries. *Rick Rasmussen, Chairman, Wright County Board of Supervisors Deb Nesheim, Wright County Deputy Auditor*

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended, the City of Eagle Grove is hereby providing Public Notice that on Monday, April 21, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., the City Council will hold a public hearing at City Hall. The purpose of the hearing will be to provide the public information concerning the progress, scope, budget and status of the City's Upper Story Housing Project at 217 W. Broadway. This project is being funded in part through a Community Development Block Grant provided by the Iowa Economic Development Authority. If you have questions concerning the project, or if you require special accommodations to attend the hearing, such as handicapped accessibility or translation services, you may contact the City Administrator at City Hall. Persons interested in the status of funding or the progress of the project, are welcome to attend this meeting or submit written comments to City Hall before the Hearing. Program Contact: City Hall at (515) 448-4343 or Program Administrators (Simmering-Cory) at (641) 355-4072.

Bryce Davis, City Administrator

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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The City of Eagle Grove Iowa is hereby serving as Public Notice that on April 21, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council will hold a public hearing during the regular City Council meeting to consider the submission of an application for a Community Development Block Grant. The grant application will request funding assistance for improvements to the City's Highway 17 Lift Station. This meeting will be held to give residents information concerning the proposed project. Citizens are encouraged to attend and express their preferences about the proposed activities. Residents are able to provide comments in writing in advance of the meeting by email to b.davis@eagle-grove.gov or by mail to PO Box 165, Eagle Grove, IA 50533. Additionally, citizens who wish to participate in the public hearing can do so by attending the meeting on April 21, 2025, at 6:30 PM at Eagle Grove Public Safety Building, 210 E Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa. Anyone who has questions about this assessment or requiring special accommodations at the upcoming hearing may contact the City Clerk at 515-448-4343. Bryce Davis City Administrator/Clerk City of Eagle Grove, Iowa

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE • WRIGHT COUNTY PROPOSED BUDGET

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
County Name: WRIGHT COUNTY County Number: 99

The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/28/2025 Meeting Time: 09:30 AM Meeting Location: Wright County Board of Supervisors Chambers

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

Average annual percentage changes between "Actual" and "Budget" amounts for "Taxes Levied on Property", "Other County Taxes/ TIF Tax Revenues", and for each of the ten "Expenditure Classes" must be published. Expenditure classes proposing "Budget" amounts, but having no "Actual" amounts, are designated "NEW".

County Website (if available)	County Telephone Number			
https://www.wrightcounty.iowa.gov/	(515) 532-2771			
	Budget 2025/2026	Re-Est 2024/2025	Actual 2023/2024	AVG Annual % CHG
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	11,006,491	10,767,449	9,879,465 5.55
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	275	275	761
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	345,892	467,823	359,880
Net Current Property Taxes	4	10,660,324	10,299,351	9,518,824
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	0	0	4,213
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	41,075	41,075	60,066
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	2,201,867	2,183,352	3,772,437 -23.60
Intergovernmental	8	6,823,775	6,424,613	6,142,805
Licenses & Permits	9	31,650	35,700	59,221
Charges for Service	10	689,430	615,687	624,519
Use of Money & Property	11	373,422	827,643	904,104
Miscellaneous	12	281,050	266,395	256,456
Subtotal Revenues	13	21,102,593	20,693,816	21,342,645
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	101,520	82,320	50,800
Operating Transfers In	15	2,747,435	2,904,959	2,590,720
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	5,000	7,050	118,129
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	23,956,548	23,688,145	24,102,294
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	5,982,061	5,850,511	4,960,744 9.81
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,228,847	1,163,161	1,020,350 9.74
County Environment and Education	21	1,800,117	1,720,732	1,293,612 17.96
Roads & Transportation	22	7,623,512	7,075,763	6,300,072 10.00
Government Services to Residents	23	808,377	761,871	686,589 8.51
Administration	24	2,703,524	2,756,165	2,674,127 0.55
Noonprogram Current	25	91,030	96,778	60,946 22.21
Debt Service	26	2,198,490	2,792,227	3,031,107 -14.83
Capital Projects	27	1,208,842	653,767	73,595 305.29
Subtotal Expenditures	28	23,644,800	22,870,975	20,101,142
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	2,747,435	2,904,959	2,590,720
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	26,392,235	25,775,934	22,691,862
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-2,435,687	-2,087,789	1,410,432
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1,	33	9,945,699	12,033,488	10,623,056
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	3,423,554	5,229,456	7,333,046
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	704,809	996,896	969,906
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	3,381,649	3,719,347	3,730,536
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30,	40	7,510,012	9,945,699	12,033,488
Proposed property taxation by type:	Proposed tax rates per \$1,000 taxable valuation:			
Countywide Levies*: 8,126,960				
Rural Only Levies*: 2,879,531	Urban Areas: 7.33003			
Special District Levies*: 0	Rural Areas: 10.97081			
TIF Tax Revenues: 1,501,474	Any special district tax rates not included.			
Utility Replacement Excise Tax: 221,718				

Explanation of any significant items in the budget or additional virtual meeting information:

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County nursing home added to the newly revived list of the “nation’s worst care facilities”

Iowa homes cited for abuse, unqualified staff, drug errors and COVID-19 violations

**Clark Kauffman,
Iowa Capital Dispatch**

DES MOINES, Iowa - The federal government has resumed its practice of disclosing to the public its list of the nation’s worst nursing homes — and four Iowa homes have been added to that list.

Prior to President Donald Trump taking office in January, the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services had, for 17 years, published a monthly, national list of so-called Special-Focus Facilities. The list was comprised of nursing homes that had experienced a serious recurrence of major regulatory violations related to quality of care.

Once a home was designated a Special-Focus Facility, it received additional oversight and assistance from the government that’s intended to improve resident care.

At any given time, no more than two nursing homes per state were designated a Special-Focus Facility, although the federal list also included hundreds of other nursing homes whose quality-of-care violations made them eligible for enrollment in the program.

After Trump took office, CMS suspended the publication of monthly updates to the list, presumably because of a directive that barred CMS and other federal agencies from issuing any statements or reports to the press or public that hadn’t first been cleared by the

White House.

Recently, CMS posted its first update to the list in 2025. It shows that during the 2025 moratorium on updates, four Iowa nursing homes were added to list of facilities that are considered eligible for special-focus status: Accura Healthcare of Pleasantville, Aspire of Perry, Clarion Wellness and Rehabilitation Center, and Harvest Acres Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Keota.

The two Iowa care facilities that are not only eligible for special-focus status, but are actually enrolled in the program and receiving additional oversight and guidance, are unchanged from last year. They are Arbor Court in Mount Pleasant, which has been in the program for two full years; and Aspire of Gowrie, which has been in the program for a year and a half.

In addition to the four Iowa homes added to the eligibility list, there are six Iowa care facilities that remain on the list from 2024 when it was last updated: Garden View Care Center in Shenandoah, which has been on the eligibility list for four months; Greater Southside Health and Rehabilitation in Des Moines, which has been on the list for 32 months; Harmony West in West Des Moines, which has been on the list for 17 months; The Ivy in Davenport, which has been on the list for 18 months; Pine Acres Rehabilitation

and Care Center in West Des Moines, which has been on the list for 12 months; and Via of Des Moines, which has been on the list for 12 months.

Here’s a detailed look at the four newly eligible Iowa homes and a few of the issues each has faced in the past two years:

Clarion Wellness and Rehabilitation Center - This 76-bed facility is owned or operated by a real estate investment trust based in California. In the past two years, the Clarion home has been cited for a total of 31 state and federal violations.

In October 2024, the state proposed, but held in suspension, a \$7,000 fine for a series of errors involving resident medications. Part of the issue was that a male resident of the home didn’t receive his cancer medication as ordered and the staff seemed unsure as to when it was dispensed, according to state records. The manager at the man’s cancer treatment center told inspectors that failure to provide the drug “could be potentially fatal” to the resident.

Also in October 2024, two separate fines of \$500 each for resident abuse were held in suspension by the state, according to state records. The alleged abuse involved a kitchen worker who was seen by colleagues entering a female resident’s room as often as eight times per day. The resident later complained the worker had kissed her and rubbed her

arms and back and would enter her room uninvited and sit and talk to her. CMS fined the home \$37,190, according to federal records.

Accura Healthcare of Pleasantville: This 46-bed facility is a part the for-profit Accura chain of nursing homes. Since April 2023, federal regulators have imposed three denials for payment for new admissions, and state inspectors have cited the business for 36 state and federal violations.

In September 2024, the state imposed an \$8,000 fine against the home for failing to protect residents in the midst of a COVID-19 outbreak. According to state records, workers allegedly said the staff didn’t take steps to isolate COVID-positive residents until inspectors entered the home; the home didn’t screen visitors during an outbreak; administrators required several employees to report for work knowing they had tested positive for COVID-19; face masks were not used by the staff during an outbreak; and personal protective equipment such as gowns and eye protection were unavailable to the staff. Protective N95 masks for breathing had not been available for three weeks, inspectors found.

The administrator allegedly told inspectors she was unaware of the equipment shortages and lack of isolation and said facility had been operating “in crisis mode” and so COVID-positive staff were required to

work as long as they were free of symptoms. The assistant director of nursing told inspectors no disciplinary action was taken against workers for ignoring infection-control protocols, according to state records.

Inspectors reported that one “very scared” resident who contracted COVID-19 in the home had to be taken to a hospital emergency room for treatment as he was short of breath, with oxygen levels below 90%. The state proposed fines of \$8,000 for the infection-control violations and \$6,000 for failing to provide sufficient nursing staff to meet residents’ needs. Both state fines were held in suspension. CMS later imposed a federal fine of \$44,190 against the home.

— Aspire of Perry: This 35-bed facility is part of the for-profit Aspire chain of care facilities based in Florida. In the past two years, the Perry home has been cited for a total of 81 state and federal violations. In December 2024, it was cited for 32 violations, including resident abuse, and was fined a total of \$500 by the state.

The fine was tied to findings that the home had allowed an individual to work with residents as both a nurse aide and a medication aide despite the person having no certification as a medication aide and being listed on the state’s registry of known abusers.

Other violations related to handling medications, management of residents’

funds, failure to provide a safe and clean environment, residents’ assessments and care plans, food service, infection control and dozens of other issues resulted in no penalties.

— Harvest Acres Nursing and Rehabilitation Center of Keota: This 35-bed facility is managed by Mission Health of Florida, according to state records. In the past two years, Harvest Acres has been cited for a total of 45 state and federal violations.

In November 2024, the home was cited for 32 violations. At the time, the state proposed, but held in suspension, five separate fines totaling \$21,000. The fines were tied to alleged incidents of resident abuse, failure to intervene and treat residents with changing conditions, and failure to provide residents with their prescribed diets.

Inspectors allege the home failed to adequately assess and treat a resident who fell at the home on Sept. 7, 2024. Two weeks later, on Sept. 22, the resident was admitted to a hospital with stroke-like symptoms. State records show that two days later the resident died, with the cause of death listed as complications from a head injury caused by a fall. CMS fined the home \$203,060, according to federal records.

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CITY OF EAGLE GROVE • APRIL 7, 2025

Regular Council Meeting
Monday April 7th, 2025
Public Safety Building 210 E.
Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa
50533
Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Axtell, Weland, Pamperin and Limerick. Absent: Vandewater. Also present: City Administrator Davis (via phone), City Finance Officer Willard, Deputy Clerk Day and City Attorney Seaba. Public Forum: NONE
A motion was made by Axtell and seconded by Pamperin to approve the Consent Agenda which includes March 17th, 2025 minutes with correction regarding Resolution 2025-34 where Axtell abstained on roll call vote due to conflict of interest and claims. Roll Call: All Ayes
AIRGAS USA LLC, OXYGEN.....399.37
AMY WILLARD, MILEAGE RE-IMB-GWORKS.....109.20
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY EQUIP MAINT.....144.25
BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, EMS SUPPLIES.....2,248.37
ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, LEGALS.....1,340.39
CHANGE HEALTHCARE, EMS

BILLINGS SVCS.....951.72
CINTAS, FLOOR MATS.....60.61
CINTAS CORP, FLOOR MATS.....65.09
CITY CLERK, GARBAGE BILLING FEES.....2,598.00
COMM 1 THE LOCAL 1, TELEPHONE, INTERNET.....264.62
CORPORATE TRANSLATION SERV INC, INTERPRETATION SVCS.....23.19
CRITICAL HIRE, PLC, MMPI-2 EVAL-SMOCK.....150.00
DANKO EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT, FIRE BOOTS.....322.21
ARACELI DAY, MEALS RE-IMB-GWORKS.....36.00
E. G. AMBULANCE ASSOC., ASSOC DUES JAN-MAR.....414.00
EAGLE BUILDING SUPPLY, HYDRATED LIME.....105.03
EAGLE GROVE FIRE DEPT., MONTHLY MAINT JAN-MAR.....300.00
FORT DODGE FIRE RESCUE, AMBULANCE TIER RESPONSE.....250.00
GALLS, LLC, UNIFORMS-SMOCK.....421.00
GOLDFIELD ACCESS NETWORK, TELEPHONE, INTERNET.....309.04
GRP & ASSOCIATES, MEDICAL WASTE DISPOSAL.....50.00

HENNIGAR’S WRECKER SERVICE, TICKET #26170.....325.00
HSA – SSB ACH, HSA TRANSFER APR25.....16,079.23
J & A OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT, LLC, 900D CEMETERY MOWERS X2.....40,000.00
J & J SPORTS, REC SHIRTS-K-2 BB.....464.00
KARL CHEVROLET, KEY FOBS.....164.95
MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT LLC, PARTS STREET.....53.60
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, ELECTRICITY.....24,368.40
PAYROLL FUND, PAYROLL FUND TSP.....80,037.19
PFM FINANCIAL ADVISORS LLC, CONTINUING DISCLOSURE FILING.....2,000.00
R&D INDUSTRIES INC, MONTHLY SVCS, TECH SUPPORT.....2,695.50
SEABA LAW OFFICE, PLC, LEGAL-GENERAL/RETAINER.....1,522.00
SHORT ELLIOT HENDRICKSON INC, ENGINEERING SVCS-2025 STREET.....2,034.44
SPENCER STEEL L.L.C., STEEL FOR PLOW.....117.36
T & D SERVICE, SPEED TRAILER BATTERY.....160.95
THE TRASH MAN, REVENUES

LESS FEES.....4,148.04
THE WELLNESS CENTER, MEMBERSHIPS.....350.00
UNITYPOINT HEALTH TRINITY REG, DRUG TEST-B HENNIGAR ACCIDENT.....45.00
VERIZON, CELLPHONES, LANDLINES.....1,495.56
W & H COOPERATIVE OIL CO., FUEL.....9,047.49
WINDOW MAN LLC, CLEANING.....118.00
WOOLSTOCK MUTUAL TELEPHONE, INTERNET, PHONE.....280.22
ZIEGLER INC., PARTS 926 LOADER.....389.12
Dearborn Nat'l, Life Ins.....142.69
Wellness Center, Memberships.....700.00
Wellmark BCBS, Health ins.....41516.59
Union Pacific, 2025 Street NE 2.....2200.00
Fund Totals
GENERAL.....56,412.65
ROAD USE TAX.....20607.48
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.....45630.79
GARBAGE.....6,746.04
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESV.....322.21
2024 STREET IMPROV PRJ.....4269.55

WATER.....27068.42
SEWER.....39960.28
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT.....40,000.00
Beer/Liquor Licenses: Jalapeno Bar & Tavern, Dollar General #2406, Ampride, Pop’s Pizza, Wright County District Junior Fair
Held Hearing on Extension Request on Nuisance Abatement for 416 NW 4th. Code
A motion was made by Pamperin and seconded by Lorenzen to approve Resolution 2025-35: A Resolution Extending a Nuisance Abatement Order until May 5th 2025. Roll Call Vote: all ayes
A motion was made by Axtell and seconded by Pamperin to approve Resolution 2025-36: A Resolution Approving the Proposed Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Roll Call Vote: all ayes
A motion was made by Limerick and seconded by Pamperin to approve Resolution 2025-37: A Resolution a Setting April 21st 2025 at 6:30pm as Date for Public Hearing to Consider the Fiscal Budget 2025-2026 for the City of Eagle Grove. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes
City Administrator Davis discussed 2025-2026 Property and Liability

Insurance Renewals.
A motion was made by Axtell and seconded by Lorenzen to Table Resolution 2025-38: A Resolution Authorizing an Agreement for Ambulance Billing Services with PCC. Roll Call Vote: all ayes
Discussed Housing Initiatives and Workforce Housing Tax Credits
A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Limerick to approve Resolution 2025-39: A Resolution Setting April 21st, 2025, at 6:30pm as the Time and Place of a Public Hearing on the Submission of a CDBG Application for the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa (Lift Station). Roll Call Vote: all ayes
A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Pamperin to approve Resolution 2025-40: A Resolution Setting April 21st, 2025, at 6:30pm as The Time And Place For A Required Sofa (Status Of Funded Activities) Public Hearing For Upper Story Project For 217 W. Broadway. Roll Call Vote: all ayes
Department reports were given.
A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Axtell to adjourn the meeting at 7:44pm.
Mayor
City Administrator

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WRIGHT COUNTY MARCH 2025 CLAIMS

**March 2025 Claims
General Basic Fund**
Access Systems, Copier contract.....\$133.94
AgVantage, Fuel.....\$3,413.01
Ahlers & Cooney, Labor relations.....\$3,327.00
Jon Ahrendsen, Med. exam.....\$921.70
Amazon, Off. supp.....\$1,035.59
Arnold’s, Filter/Battery.....\$169.18
Auditor of State, Filing fee.....\$625.00
Auxiant, Insurance.....\$204.25
Denise Baker, Lodging, etc.....\$581.26
Independent, Publication.....\$579.33
Blue Ribbon Pelham, Water.....\$138.00
Bob Barker, Supplies.....\$34.26
Bomgaars, Post/Tape.....\$267.73
Ashley Bosch, Lodging/PerDiem/ etc.....\$599.54
Brookshire Co., Dues.....\$2,500.00
Brothers Market, Coffee/Water.....\$3,504.46
Bryan Russell Constr., Repair walls.....\$8,648.20
BOA, Credit Card.....\$1,356.47
Darrel Carlyle, Mileage/Meals.....\$963.60
CDW-G, Elect. distr.....\$371.59
Central Iowa Detention, Detention.....\$3,161.08
Central Iowa Dist., Cust. supp.....\$1,525.00
Charm-Tex, Supplies.....\$116.94
City of Clarion, Water & sewer.....\$1,069.80
Column, Publication.....\$1,306.61
Comm1, Phone.....\$2,550.11
Sheila Cordero, Mileage.....\$132.44
Greg Crowl, Contract carrier.....\$600.00
Culligan, Water.....\$148.65
Eagle Building Supply, Lumber.....\$348.36
EG Pharmacy, Meds.....\$4.80
Betty Ellis, Lodging/PerDiem/etc.....\$557.28
Fidlar Technologies, Forms.....\$165.38

Andy Flagge, Decals/Maint.....\$221.69
Friesleben H & C, Repair.....\$360.00
Frontier, Phone listing.....\$368.00
FUEL, Meals.....\$73.38
Gardiner + Co., Audit Fee.....\$11,200.00
Gold-Eagle Coop, Fuel.....\$166.05
GreatAmerica, Copier contract.....\$316.92
GRP, Recycle.....\$51.00
Hanson & Sons, Tires.....\$1,172.72
Hawkeye West, Pest control.....\$313.00
Health Ed. Center, Training.....\$22.00
Hennigar’s Wrecker, Tow.....\$225.00
Hewett, Meals/Comm.....\$438.91
Holiday Inn, Lodging.....\$806.40
Humboldt Co Sheriff, Fee.....\$37.00
ICAA, Dues.....\$449.00
ILEA, Training.....\$750.00
ISAC, Registration.....\$420.00
ISACA, Dues.....\$250.00
ISSDA, Training.....\$525.00
K.C. Nielsen, Equipment.....\$79.25
Dean Kluss, Lodging/PerDiem.....\$723.70
Language Link, Interpreter.....\$37.73
LexisNexis, Online research.....\$406.00
Lynn Loux, Lodging/Mileage.....\$442.21
Mail Services, Print/postage.....\$552.09
Sandra McGrath, Mileage.....\$19.60
Menards - Ames, Plumb parts.....\$100.83
Menards - FD, Supplies.....\$192.82
Mid-America, Subscription.....\$335.00
MidAmerican, Utilities.....\$5,050.62
MIDAS, Comp. plan.....\$1,250.00
Deb Nesheim, Notary stamp.....\$29.95
Oldson’s, Repair.....\$405.10
Christine Oliver, Donuts.....\$172.40
Overhead Door Co., Test.....\$220.00
P&P Electric, Repair.....\$360.00
PDI, Dues.....\$375.00
Pitney Bowes, Postage.....\$6,000.00
Prairie Energy, Utilities.....\$1,392.36

Primary Products, Gloves.....\$207.27
Pritchard’s MC, Repairs.....\$3,273.74
Rick Rasmussen, PerDiem/Mileage.....\$287.20
Revize, Service.....\$2,370.00
Doug Riley, Contract carrier.....\$475.00
Roto-Rooter, Labor.....\$1,030.00
James Russell, Mileage.....\$137.90
Katie Schlichting, Med. ex.....\$629.96
Jason Schluttenhofer, PerDiem.....\$300.00
Peggy Schluttenhofer, Mileage/PerDiem.....\$351.00
Schumacher Elevator, Maintenance.....\$195.85
SEAT Treasurer, Training.....\$260.00
Secure Shred, Recycle.....\$170.00
Solutions, Backup.....\$2,825.99
Spencer, Steel.....\$1,846.68
State Hygienic Lab, Testing.....\$375.00
DAS, Fee.....\$150.00
T & D, Vehicle maint.....\$1,021.30
T & S, Disposal.....\$354.30
T-Mobile, Phone.....\$1,155.47
Tiffini Toliver, Med. Ex.....\$611.20
True Value, Salt/LP.....\$134.50
Urness, Cust. supp.....\$944.49
US Cellular, Phone.....\$129.79
Verizon, Phone.....\$1,888.69
VISA, Credit Card.....\$3,810.22
Visual Edge, Copier contract.....\$549.18
Wr. Co. Aud., Postage.....\$770.61
Wr. Co. Fair, Apport.....\$2,500.00
Wr. Co. Eng., Veh. maint.....\$580.37
Public Health Basic Fund
Elizabeth Bernal, Mileage.....\$270.90
Carrie Covington, Mileage.....\$179.90
Culligan, Water.....\$97.10
Fareway, Snacks.....\$8.63
Monica Figueroa, Mileage.....\$63.00
ISH-Clarion, Pre-natal.....\$560.80
Sandra McGrath, Mileage.....\$29.40
Naomi Rothman, Mileage.....\$145.60
Denise Schumacher, Mileage.....\$333.90
Secure Shred, Recycle.....\$54.00
US Cellular, Phone.....\$109.58

VISA, Credit Card.....\$210.29
WCED, Chart edits.....\$14.70
Wells Fargo Fin., Copier.....\$525.28
Angela Wesselink, Mileage.....\$495.60
American Rescue Plan of 2021
Ahlers & Cooney, Labor relations.....\$512.17
Menards - FD, Mail room.....\$329.55
General Supplemental
Cititendon, Foster Family Home.....\$886.35
SEAT Treasurer, Dues.....\$200.00
Wr. Co. Aud., Postage.....\$28.98
Wr. Co. Employees Side Fund
Auxiant, Insurance.....\$59,801.23
Belmond Fitness, Memberships.....\$120.50
Clarion Health, Memberships.....\$290.00
Hartford, Insurance.....\$1,053.79
ISAC Group Benefits, Insurance.....\$171,328.85
Rotary Senior Living, Memberships.....\$105.00
Jail Commissary
BOA, Credit Card.....\$16.00
Hewett, Meals/Comm.....\$214.90
Reliance, Phone Cards.....\$500.00
Smart Vending, Nicotine.....\$169.59
Rural Services Basic Fund
Belmond Library, Apport.....\$2,683.67
Clarion Library, Apport.....\$2,571.83
Dows Library, Apport.....\$1,229.92
EG Library, Apport.....\$3,019.08
Rowan Library, Apport.....\$1,677.33
K-9 Fund
BOA, Credit Card.....\$450.00
Secondary Road Fund
ADS, Tiling supp.....\$8,860.28
AgVantage, Fuel.....\$21,905.88
Airgas, Welding supp.....\$844.34
Alliant Energy, Utilities.....\$2,957.65
Amazon, Sakrete.....\$25.00
Arnold’s, Parts.....\$2,763.68
Ascendance, Parts.....\$783.95
Bomgaars, Supplies.....\$1,371.65
Boot Barn, Boots.....\$199.74
Calhoun-Burns, Inspection.....\$6,193.23
Ziegler Int. Relending Loan

CINTAS, Coveralls.....\$211.08
City of Belmond, Utilities.....\$182.03
City of Clarion, Utilities.....\$1,021.80
City of Eagle Grove, Utilities.....\$78.44
Clarion Distributing, Shop supp.....\$483.65
Comm1, Phone.....\$558.80
Culligan, Water and rent.....\$159.00
Eagle Building Supply, Supplies.....\$171.60
Force America, Parts/Supplies.....\$37.66
Force Filters, Apparel.....\$377.60
Hawkeye West, Insect control.....\$60.00
HRS, LLC, Survey.....\$3,500.00
IA Env. Serv., Lead samples.....\$1,550.00
ICEOO District II, Registration.....\$40.00
Interstate Battery, Batteries.....\$431.85
ISH-Clarion, Drug test.....\$161.00
ISU, Training.....\$745.00
Kimball Midwest, Parts.....\$647.01
Kinzler Constr., Repair.....\$1,806.00
Lawson Products, Paint and parts.....\$1,508.47
Menards - FD, Lights/etc.....\$512.36
Mid-Am Research, Degreaser.....\$911.00
MidAmerican, Utilities.....\$8,839.35
Northland Products, Oil.....\$2,813.30
Prairie Energy, Utilities.....\$351.66
Rees Truck, Parts.....\$835.79
Spencer, Steel.....\$2,190.15
Steenblock Plumbing, Repair.....\$1,400.17
T & S, Disposal.....\$323.00
T-Mobile, Phone.....\$234.18
Truck Center, Parts.....\$4,971.20
Urness, Supplies.....\$258.65
US Cellular, Phone.....\$1,677.96
VISA, Credit Card.....\$450.35
Visual Edge, Copier contract.....\$75.44
W & H, Fuel.....\$2,212.16
Wr. Co. Aud., Postage.....\$5.52
Sanitary Landfill, Disposal.....\$60.00
Ziegler, Parts.....\$6,193.23
FmHA Int. Relending Loan

Eagle Grove CDC, Loan.....\$10.68
Emergency Medical Service
Belmond Ambulance, EMS.....\$11,655.00
Clarion Ambulance, EMS.....\$14,725.00
ISH-Belmond, Staffing.....\$10,000.00
E911 Surcharge Fund
Alliant Energy, Utilities.....\$408.96
AT&T, Phone.....\$52.51
Independent, Publication.....\$96.00
CenturyLink, Circuit Pay.....\$243.04
Frontier Comm., E911 Circuits.....\$70.87
Goldfield Telephone, Phone.....\$119.12
Language Link, Interpreter.....\$1.65
MidAmerican, Utilities.....\$189.98
Prairie Energy, Utilities.....\$273.90
VISA, Credit Card.....\$906.52
Windstream, Phone.....\$164.86
Local Emergency Management
Comm1, Phone.....\$55.95
VISA, Credit Card.....\$261.09
Wright Co. Communications
Mid-America, Publications.....\$180.60
Visual Edge, Copier contract.....\$227.73
Co. Assessor Agency Fund
Independent, Publication.....\$46.80
Culligan, Water.....\$39.85
Tonee Nicholas, Mileage.....\$200.20
US Cellular, Phone.....\$183.33
VISA, Credit Card.....\$711.97
Visual Edge, Copier contract.....\$61.96
Wells Fargo Fin., Copier Contract.....\$168.54
Wr. Co. Aud., Postage.....\$25.01
Agribusiness Park Water Supply
Thomas Ford, Operator Serv.....\$2,400.00
Hawkins, Azone.....\$169.82
Prairie Energy, Utilities.....\$311.92
Grant Total.....\$493,133.16

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Regulators say carbon pipeline company must show a path forward to keep permit application active

By Joshua Haiar

South Dakota regulators refused Thursday to pause proceedings on a carbon capture pipeline permit, instead directing Summit Carbon Solutions to present a plan during the next meeting illustrating how the company can move forward — or not — under a new state law barring its use of eminent domain.

The Public Utilities Commission, meeting in Pierre, voted 3-0 to deny Summit's request to put its application on hold.

“What’s the plan here? And that’s the question that’s rolling around in my mind,” Commissioner Chris Nelson said.

The proposed \$9 billion pipeline would carry carbon dioxide emissions captured from ethanol plants in five states to an underground storage site in North Dakota, where it could also be used to extract oil from old wells.

The project is part of a broader federal push to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and could qualify for federal tax credits tied to carbon sequestration.

Summit has been seeking a permit from state regulators to build a portion of the pipeline through the state since 2022. But its path forward was complicated by the Legislature's passage of the eminent domain ban in March. Eminent domain is a legal process that allows qualifying entities to acquire access to private land for projects in the public interest, with compensation for landowners determined by a court.

Summit had relied on that authority to survey land and secure access from property owners unwilling to sign voluntary easements.

“If they can’t even build it, what are we doing here?” said attorney Brian Jorde, representing landowners opposed to the project.

Nelson moved for the permit to be denied, arguing that the proposed route cannot be legally constructed under the new law and citing declarations from dozens of landowners refusing access. His motion failed 2-1, with the other commissioners saying Summit should be given more time.

Summit attorney Brett Koenecke said the company needs more time to evaluate its options, but declined when pressed by Nelson to say whether Summit plans to challenge the eminent domain ban in court.

The commission plans to consider the matter again at its April 22 meeting.

Summit has permits in North Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa, but some of the permits are being challenged in court. Nebraska does not have a permitting process for the project.



What's Cookin' this week?

Cheese egg and casserole a brunch staple



On lazy weekend mornings or when entertaining a crowd, it may be more fitting to serve brunch rather than breakfast or lunch. Brunch enables guests or family members to sleep in a little later. Plus the filling combination of menu items can keep people satisfied until dinner later on in the evening.

The recipes for "Farmhouse Skillet" from "Lord Honey Traditional Southern Recipes with a Country Bling Twist" (Pelican Publishing) by Chef Jason Smith, puts together a blend of savory ingredients into an egg casserole that can be a winner on any brunch table.

Farmhouse Skillet

Serves 8-10

- 1 pound bacon, diced
- 2 cups cubed cooked ham
- 1/2 pound breakfast sausage, cooked and crumbled
- 1 small purple onion, diced
- 1/2 red bell pepper, diced
- 1/2 yellow bell pepper diced
- 10 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 20-ounce package frozen shredded hash browns, or tater tots, thawed
- Salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- Preheat oven to 350 F.
- In a very large cast-iron skillet (12-inch or larger), over medium heat, cook the bacon until crispy. Then add the ham and sausage and stir.
- Add the onions and peppers, and sauté for 5 minutes, always stirring.
- In a small bowl, whisk the eggs and heavy cream.
- Stir the hash browns into the skillet, and add salt and pepper to taste. Cook for 5 to 8 minutes, until hash browns start to brown. Remove from heat. Add the egg mixture, top with cheese, and bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until bubbly and cheese is melted.



- ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**
Expect some valuable insight regarding your future to emerge in the next few days, Aries. It won't be difficult to set plans in motion when you have the right people on your side.
- TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**
Taurus, take a breather and give some careful thought to your recent experiences and your expectations going forward. You will benefit from this in the long run.
- GEMINI - May 22/June 21**
You are focused on your work, Gemini. However, distractions are beyond your control right now and will pull your attention away from what matters to higher-ups.
- CANCER - June 22/July 22**
Romantic endeavors are a little hard to plan and consider right now, Cancer. Just stick to what your intuition is telling you and you will come out just fine in the end.
- LEO - July 23/Aug 23**
Leo, you might be called upon to be a mediator for friends or loved ones who need a fresh set of eyes. Keep a cool demeanor and a level head and you can lead them to a resolution.
- VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**
Virgo, you are drawn to creative projects, but avoid using them to put off other endeavors. These distractions will only delay the inevitable and then you'll be pressed for time.
- LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**
Libra, carefully schedule your time this week, as you cannot afford to get behind on your assignments at work or in school. You also have many important appointments on the calendar.
- SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**
Scorpio, someone comes to you for advice this week and wants you to keep their situation private. You need to help them without betraying their request for confidentiality.
- SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**
It is possible your mind will wander this week, Sagittarius. You might not be able to focus on the tasks at hand, and will need to focus extra hard to limit distractions.
- CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**
Capricorn, pay attention to detail in all things that you do. Be mindful of this when tending to professional and personal matters.
- AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**
Aquarius, the simplest resolution is often the best one. Keep this mind when tackling a perplexing problem in the days ahead.
- PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**
Pisces, you are eager to sail through your to-do list, and certain tasks need to be postponed to address those that are high-priority. Rearrange things accordingly.

Wright County Courthouse

Births

Westen Lane Bange was born on March 17, 2025, to Alison and Mark Bange of Belmond. LillyAuna Denise Blocton was born on March 25, 2025, to Chelsea Harms of Crystal Lake. Sadie Jo Abendroth Brown was born on March 26, 2025, to Kati Brown of Belmond. Colsen Richard Langerman was born on March 27, 2025, to Kyarsten and Cameron Langerman of Bode. Kendrick Noe Garcia Brito was born on March 27, 2025, to Juliana Brito Ramirez of Webster City. Avalon Lee Simmer was born on March 27, 2025, to Megan Retterath of Mason City. Griffyn James Merriam was born on March 27, 2025, to Arianna Kennedy of Clear Lake. Malcolm Arden Merriam was born on March 27, 2025, to Arianna Kennedy of Clear Lake. Adalee Mae Gramblin was born on March 28, 2025, to Haylee Wingerson of Webster City. Jack Antonio Yanez was born on March 28, 2025, to Dawn and Ramiro Yanez of Latimer. Riley James Blunt was born on March 28, 2025, to Jami and Carson Blunt of Kennsett. Elouise Elaine Currier was born on March 28, 2025, to Bethany Currier of Thornton. Jayden Daniel Legliu was born on March 30, 2025, to Heidy and Jose Legliu Valemzuela of Humboldt. Emmett Joseph Johnson was born on March 30, 2025, to Erin and Eric Johnson of Fort Dodge. Amilyah Enaid Kliven was born on March 31, 2025, to Miranda Wright of Manly. Milana Leigh Kibodeaux was born on April 1, 2025, to Alexis and Zachary Kibodeaux of Fort Dodge. Nathalie Martinez Cordova was born on April 1, 2025, to Sileny Cordova Amador of Hampton. James John Fjone was born on April 1, 2025, to Katelyn and Michael Fjone of Garner. Thiago Rodrigo Sajche Lopez was born on April 2, 2025, to Miriam Lopez Lopez of Webster City. Lawrence Carl Spencer was born on April 2, 2025, to Amanda and Jeffery Spencer of Goldfield.

Oliver David Wolfram was born on April 2, 2025, to Lacey and David Wolfram of Leland. Kimberly Anahi Poac Gerardo was born on April 3, 2025, to Maria Gerardo Garcia of Clarion. Bexley Dawn Christensen was born on April 4, 2025, to Marisa Jones of Boone. Cooper Gregory Knopf was born on April 4, 2025, to McKhayla Paul of Clear Lake. Carver Lee Craig was born on April 5, 2025, to Kaylea and Trevor Craig of Hampton. Nio Leon Gregory was born on April 5, 2025, to Alexis Gregory of Sheffield.

Leo David Voigts was born on April 5, 2025, to Cara and Hunter Voigts of Clarion. Mark Tertytsia was born on April 5, 2025, to Daryna Kukharenko and Vladyslau Tertytsia of Garner. Waylon Alexander Foulk was born on April 6, 2025, to Rylie and Lucas Foulk of Mason City. Anabella Lanette Sheka Albright was born on April 6, 2025, to Aryanna Albright of Northwood. Colton Lyle Pommrehn was born on April 6, 2025, to Danielle and Blake Pommrehn of Rockwell.

Eithan Antonio Ixcoy De Leon was born on April 7, 2025, to Griselda De Leon Matom and Eduardo Ixcoy Raymundo of Webster City. Abigail Mae Chambers was born on April 9, 2025, to Heather and Christopher Chambers of Dows.

Deaths

Kent E. Brooks, 75, of Clarion, was born on June 26, 1949, and died on March 19, 2025, at the age of 75.

Tracy LeAnn Matuz (Gamble), 50, of Dows, was born on June 3, 1974, and died on March 23, 2025, at the age of 50.

Joseph Lee Anderson, 88, of Woolstock, was born on April 13, 1936, and died on March 23, 2025, at the age of 88.

David Eugene White, 72, of Eagle Grove, was born on May 29, 1952, and died on March 27, 2025, at the age of 72.

Robert Louis Madison, 82, of Goldfield, was born on February 8, 1943, and died on March 30, 2025, at the age of 82.

John Henry Meyers, 87, of Dows, was born on May 25, 1937, and died on March 28, 2025, at the age of 87.

Tommy John Hill, 83, of Belmond, was born on June 4, 1941, and died on March 31, 2025, at the age of 83.

Barbara Ann Riedel (Finn), 73, of Belmond, was born on September 10, 1951, and died on April 4, 2025, at the age of 73.

Chan-Elen Edith Brass (Taft), 76, of Clarion, was born on December 24, 1948, and died on April 6, 2025, at the age of 76.

Keith Arthur Riley, 88, of Eagle Grove, was born on July 24, 1936, and died on April 6, 2025, at the age of 88.

Robert Dean Campbell, 82, of Eagle Grove, was born on June 22, 1942, and died on April 6, 2025, at the age of 82.

Marriage

Anthony E. Miller, 39, of Clarion was wed to Sarah M. Tillman, 43, of Clarion on March 5, 2025.

Property Transfers

Warranty deed - land deeds: Thelke Gene E Trustee, Thelke Kathy J Trustee, Thelke Gene E Living Trust, Thelke Kathy J Living Trust, Gene E Thelke and Kathy J Thelke Living Trust, Gene E Thelke Living Trust, Kathy J Thelke Living Trust to Thelke Kent E - 28-90-23 SW NW 1/4; Gene Thelke 000012260004655444; 25-558.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Garrison Gordon B, Garrison Evalena F to Garrison Gordon B Trustee, Garrison Evalena F Trustee, Garrison Gordon B Trust, Garrison Evalena F Trust, Gordon B and Evalena F Garrison Trust - 24-92-26 SW, 24-92-26 SE W 1/2, 25-92-26 NE NW 1/4, 25-92-26 NWN 1/2; 25-563.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Out of the Attic LLC to Rutherford Madalyn B, Rutherford Austin Kent Jon - 4-91-26 NW Tract in NE 1/4; Out of the Attic, LLC000013261004664660; 25-566.

Quit claim deed - town lot: Larson Christopher B to Larson Christopher B, Larson Sheryl D - Clar Schoolview Addn Blk 3 Lot 2 E 1/2, Clar Schoolview Addn Blk 3 Lot 3; 25-567.

Quit claim deed - town lot: D and R LLC, King Kelly - Gold Orig Addn Blk 51 Lot 4; D and R, LLC Quit Claim Deed - King 000014534004665518; 25-569.

Warranty deed - town lot: Sorenson Lyle, Sorenson Idamay to Scriver Samuel T, Scriver Cassandra M - Belm Orig Addn Blk 2 Lot 5 Chاتم Condo, Belm Orig Addn Blk 2 Lot 6 EXC E 27' 3" Chاتم Condo; 25-571.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Birch Grove Investments Inc to Old Grove Investments LLC - 31-92-24 SW Tract in Lot 6 NW 1/4, SWD Clarion Lot to Old 000017419004666471; 25-578.

Warranty deed - town lot: D and R LLC to Hoang Sam A, Hoang Cindy - Gold Orig Addn Blk 51 Lot 4; D and R, LLC to Hoang 000014534004666942; 25-581.

Warranty deed - town lot: Mullaney Thomas, Mullaney Iona, Maggard Barbara A to Mullaney Iona, Maggard Barbara A - Clar King's Addn Blk 1 Lot 3 W 60'; Mullaney, Thomas 000013261004667377; 25-582.

Court officer deed - town lot: Hocraffer Edward A, Hocraffer Edward A Estate, Hocraffer William J Executor to Murphy Dennis M, Murphy Janice K - Clar White Fox Landing Addn Blk 2 Lot 10; William Hocraffer 000002152004664806; 25-584.

Warranty deed - town lot: Federal National Mortgage Association, Fannie Mae, Priority Title & Escrow LLC Attorney In Fact to Gonzalez Rodriguez Alejandro, Rodriguez Gonzalez Alejandro, Guadarrama Villa Dalia, Villa Guadarrama Dalia - Belm O'Larry Fourth Addn Blk 2 Lot 15 and Tract on South; Gonzalez Rodriguez Alejandro 000002152004664806; 25-590.

Court officer deed - town lot: Gangestad Lora Ilene, Gangestad Lora Ilene Estate, Gangestad Wayne Administrator, Moore Karol Administrator to Foust Holdings LLC - Gold Henry's Addn Blk 2 Lot 6; Court Officer Deed; 25-595.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Daniels David Christopher, Daniels Carmen Olmos to Torres Cortes Paola Janeth, Cortes Torres Sandra Catalina, Cortes Torres Sandra Catalina - 6-91-24 SW Tract in NW 1/4; 25-597.

Warranty deed - town lot: Niesland Asset Investment LLC to Hernandez Melisa, Antonio Rodriguez Omar, Rodroquez Antonio Omar - Belm Orig Addn Blk 6 Lot 3; Hernandez Melisa 000013355004669671; 25-598.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Out of the Attic LLC to Rutherford Madalyn B, Rutherford Austin Kent Jon - 4-91-26 NW Tract in NE 1/4; Out of the Attic, LLC000013261004664660; 25-566.

Quit claim deed - town lot: Larson Christopher B to Larson Christopher B, Larson Sheryl D - Clar Schoolview Addn Blk 3 Lot 2 E 1/2, Clar Schoolview Addn Blk 3 Lot 3; 25-567.

Quit claim deed - town lot: D and R LLC, King Kelly - Gold Orig Addn Blk 51 Lot 4; D and R, LLC Quit Claim Deed - King 000014534004665518; 25-569.

Warranty deed - town lot: Sorenson Lyle, Sorenson Idamay to Scriver Samuel T, Scriver Cassandra M - Belm Orig Addn Blk 2 Lot 5 Chاتم Condo, Belm Orig Addn Blk 2 Lot 6 EXC E 27' 3" Chاتم Condo; 25-571.

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Warranty deed - town lot: D and R LLC to Hoang Sam A, Hoang Cindy - Gold Orig Addn Blk 51 Lot 4; D and R, LLC to Hoang 000014534004666942; 25-581.

Warranty deed - town lot: Mullaney Thomas, Mullaney Iona, Maggard Barbara A to Mullaney Iona, Maggard Barbara A - Clar King's Addn Blk 1 Lot 3 W 60'; Mullaney, Thomas 000013261004667377; 25-582.

Court officer deed - town lot: Hocraffer Edward A, Hocraffer Edward A Estate, Hocraffer William J Executor to Murphy Dennis M, Murphy Janice K - Clar White Fox Landing Addn Blk 2 Lot 10; William Hocraffer 000002152004664806; 25-584.

Warranty deed - town lot: Federal National Mortgage Association, Fannie Mae, Priority Title & Escrow LLC Attorney In Fact to Gonzalez Rodriguez Alejandro, Rodriguez Gonzalez Alejandro, Guadarrama Villa Dalia, Villa Guadarrama Dalia - Belm O'Larry Fourth Addn Blk 2 Lot 15 and Tract on South; Gonzalez Rodriguez Alejandro 000002152004664806; 25-590.

Court officer deed - town lot: Gangestad Lora Ilene, Gangestad Lora Ilene Estate, Gangestad Wayne Administrator, Moore Karol Administrator to Foust Holdings LLC - Gold Henry's Addn Blk 2 Lot 6; Court Officer Deed; 25-595.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Daniels David Christopher, Daniels Carmen Olmos to Torres Cortes Paola Janeth, Cortes Torres Sandra Catalina, Cortes Torres Sandra Catalina - 6-91-24 SW Tract in NW 1/4; 25-597.

Warranty deed - town lot: Niesland Asset Investment LLC to Hernandez Melisa, Antonio Rodriguez Omar, Rodroquez Antonio Omar - Belm Orig Addn Blk 6 Lot 3; Hernandez Melisa 000013355004669671; 25-598.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Out of the Attic LLC to Rutherford Madalyn B, Rutherford Austin Kent Jon - 4-91-26 NW Tract in NE 1/4; Out of the Attic, LLC000013261004664660; 25-566.

Quit claim deed - town lot: Larson Christopher B to Larson Christopher B, Larson Sheryl D - Clar Schoolview Addn Blk 3 Lot 2 E 1/2, Clar Schoolview Addn Blk 3 Lot 3; 25-567.

deeds: Nielsen Kathryn Trustee, Gordon Lloyd R Trust, Gordon Julia J Trust, Lloyd R Gordon Trust, Julia J Gordon Trust to Nielsen Kathryn A Trustee, Nielsen Kathryn A Revocable Trust, Nielsen Gary P Trustee, Nielsen Gary P Revocable Trust, Kathryn A Nielsen Revocable Trust, Gary P Nielsen Revocable Trust - 23-92-23 SW NW 1/4, 23-92-23 NW S 1/2, 23-92-23 NE S 1/2; 25-613.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Nielsen Kathryn Trustee, Gordon Julia J Trust, Julia J Gordon Trust to Nielsen Kathryn A Trustee, Nielsen Kathryn A Revocable Trust, Nielsen Gary P Trustee, Nielsen Gary P Revocable Trust, Kathryn A Nielsen Revocable Trust, Gary P Nielsen Revocable Trust - 24-92-23 NW W 1/2 of NW 1/4, 24-92-23 NW SW 1/4, 24-92-23 SW N 1/2; 25-613.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Nielsen Kathryn Trustee, Gordon Lloyd R Trust, Gordon Julia J Trust, Julia J Gordon Trust to Nielsen Corey- 28-92-23 SE Tract in SE 1/4, 28-92-23 NE E 1/2, 28-92-23 SE NE 1/4; 25-617.

Contract - land deeds: Wright County Motel Investors LLC to Siddharth LLC - 36-92-25 SW Tract in SE 1/4; Wright County Motel Investors, LLC000014534004670790; 25-619.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Suntken Jonathon W, Suntken Jon W, Suntken Tami J to Suntken Brothers Farms LLC - 11-92-23 SW Parcel A in NW 1/4; Suntken to Suntken Brothers000012305004671176; 25-621.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Brandt Mitchell Jay, Brandt Deborah L to Kent Kiburz LLC - 7-91-23 SW E 1/2; 25-622.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Brandt Mitchell Jay, Brandt Deborah L to Kent Kiburz - 7-91-23 SW W 1/2; 25-623.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Hayek Ellis L, Hayek Eli L to Olson Rodney A, Olson Laura L - 18-90-26 NW S 1/2 of S 1/2; Hayek, Ellis L000012305004674508; 25-628.

Warranty Deed - town lot: Ring Megan A to Patterson Haugen Ty Levi, Haugen Patterson Ty Levi, Reiter Michellynn Rose - Dows Eskridge's 3rd Addn Blk 4 Lot 9, Ring To Haugen 000012305004674508; 25-635.

Quit claim deed - land deed: Hennigar Mark Aaron to Hennigar Stephanie Therese - 6-91-24 NE Tract in NW 1/4; Hennigar, Stephanie Therese 000013261004674587; 25-636.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Hennigar Stephanie Therese to Zigrang Becky J - 6-91-24 NE Tract in NW 1/4; Hennigar, Stephanie Therese 000013261004672968 Re-recorded; 25-631.

Affidavittransfer: Shutt H Dean to Shutt Linda J - EG Fitzmaurice's First Addn Blk 4 W 180' of S 150' Except: Shutt, Harold 000013261004672968 Re-recorded; 25-631.

Warranty deed - land


Iowa Anglers Cast Off in 2025 Midwest Walleye Challenge

**By Edward Lynn
Editor**
EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — Spring is here and the ice is clear, and so the open water fishing season has begun. And with it, this year’s Midwest Walleye Challenge is underway, inviting anglers of all skill levels to participate in a unique fishing tournament that doubles as a citizen science initiative. Running from April 1 through June 29, the event encourages participants to log their walleye catches using the MyCatch mobile app, contributing valuable data to fisheries biologists. Launched as a pilot program by the Iowa Depart-

ment of Natural Resources in 2022, the challenge has since expanded across the Midwest, including Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska, and South Dakota, with Michigan joining on May 15. The initiative aims to engage anglers in data collection efforts to support walleye conservation and management. Last year, nearly 900 anglers participated across the Midwest, with Iowa leading in participation. Iowa anglers completed 1,119 fishing trips, reporting 1,646 fish caught at 93 different water bodies throughout the state. Notably, Iowa angler Larry Hulsebus won the grand prize—a five-day Northwest

Ontario walleye fishing trip. For an entry fee of just \$25, anglers compete for a share of \$10,000 in prizes, including awards for the longest walleye, most fish caught, and even “Tough Luck” prizes for those who report trips without any catches. Participants receive a \$20 gift certificate from sponsor Discount Tackle upon submitting a valid trip. New incentives this year include referral and early bird prizes, as well as rewards for catch-and-release videos. While data collected remains anonymous (ensuring anglers’ favorite spots stay confidential while aiding in the management and con-

A Pickerel Walleye. One of three species of Walley that are eligible in the contest, as well as Sauger and Saugeye varieties. (Photo by Sam Stukel, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Government Work, Public Domain/Flickr))



servation of walleye populations) Brushy Creek Lake in the Brushy Creek State Recreation Area—just a 25 mile drive from Eagle Grove—was among the top 5 best fishing spots in the state last year. For more information or to register, visit the Angler’s Atlas event page: <https://www.anglersatlas.com/event/835/2025-midwest-walleye-challenge-iowa>.



Iowa Timberdoodles Provide Unique Springtime Displays

By Lowell Washburn
The courtship antics of the American woodcock is one of the Iowa woodland’s most remarkable spring rituals. The prelude to these daily performances begins as solitary males – also known as Timberdoodles -- begin emitting a series of off key, nasal calls referred to as “peenting”. There is no other sound that compares. Then, as the sunset sky explodes into a dazzling array of color; the long-billed, oddly-shaped bird suddenly rises from the forest floor. Spiraling ever higher, the creature soon becomes a speck, hovering hundreds of feet above its woodland home. Once the flight reaches its zenith, the bird folds its wings and begins a meteor-like descent, hurtling toward earth in a breathtaking series of zigzagging maneuvers. As the fall continues, the bird’s speed remains unchecked. Certain death seems a heartbeat away. Finally, and just a mere split second before impact, the creature extends its wings and gently flutters to the sod in a perfect two-point landing. Dropping its wings and fanning its stubby tail, the bird struts across the forest floor like a miniature gobbler. The dazzling return to earth is soon followed by resumed peenting and more spiraling flights as males attempt to attract the attention of prospective mates. Although thousands of northbound woodcock migrate through Iowa each spring, only a scant handful will stay to nest. Bedecked in elegantly camouflaged plumage, a resting woodcock is nearly impossible to detect. Although most

residents will never catch so much as a single glimpse of one, there are exceptions. My friend Paul Willis, for example, is the only person I know who has enjoyed the good fortune of spotting a group of four newly hatched, still in the nest woodcock chicks. The event occurred on his northern Iowa prairie farmstead. Feeding almost exclusively on earthworms, Timberdoodles travel by night and spend their days probing the moist forest soils with their ridiculously long bills. Woodcock have delicately shaped pink feet equipped with long slender toes that enable foraging birds to detect the slightest underground movements of their prey. I once enjoyed the memorable pleasure of observing a woodcock feeding near the edge of a small woodland stream. Slowly and deliberately tiptoeing across the damp turf, the ‘doodle would balance on its front foot while steadily rocking back and forth. Whenever an underground movement was detected, the woodcock would instantly come to a halt. Assuming a statue-like pose, the bird appeared to be ‘listening with its feet’. Finally convinced of what it was “hearing”, the bird would suddenly plunge its bill deep into the soil and extract a wriggling ‘crawler’ which was promptly swallowed in one long gulp. A dozen probes produced an impressive total of eleven earthworms. *Enjoy more wildlife tales online at Washburn’s Outdoor Journal at iawildlife.org/blog/.*



American Woodcock – Also known as Timberdoodles, woodcock migrate through Iowa during late April and early May. Their one-of-a-kind, aerial courtship performances represent one of the most unique rituals in the Iowa outdoors. Adorned in encrypted plumage, resting woodcock are nearly impossible to spot. (Photos courtesy of Lowell Washburn)

Jeske Earns 1st At Home Meet

**Taylor Smith,
Sports Editor**
On Thursday afternoon, the girls track team hosted Algona, Bishop Garrigan, Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Fort Dodge, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, Newman Catholic, St. Edmond, Webster City, and West Hancock on a windy night in Eagle Grove. As a team, Eagle Grove finished ninth with 34 team points. Addy Jeske would leap

17’0” in the long jump for first place and the best jump of her career. Jeske would also lead off 4x100 (55.67) and 4x200 (2:00) teams that included Mya Morgan, Ellie Lenning, and Taytum Edwards.

Both relays came in fourth place. Myka Anderson sped through the 400m hurdles in 1:21.88 for fourth, and Edwards finished third in the open 200 with a time of 28.61.



Elite sprinter and long jumper Addy Jeske was the lone senior recognized at the Lady Eagle Relays.



Taytum Edwards anchors the EGHS 4x200.



Ellie Lenning.



Addy Jeske cruises in the open 200.



Myka Anderson clears the final hurdle with ease. (Photos by Taylor Smith)

SPORTS

UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 17

- Boys Middle School Track @ Iowa Falls-Alden, 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Track @ Manson, 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Soccer vs. Charles City @ Belmont-Klemme, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, April 21

- Girls Soccer @ Clear Lake, 5:30 p.m.
- Boys Soccer vs. Clear Lake @ Belmont-Klemme, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 22

- Esports, 4:30 p.m.
- Girls/Boys Golf Triangular @ West Hancock (Britt Golf Course), 4:00 p.m.
- Boys Middle School Track @ CGD, 4:30 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Track @ Webster City, 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Varsity Track @ Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, 4:30 p.m.



Eagles Host 65th Annual Umstead Relays

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On April 8, the EGHS boys track and field squad hosted the 65th annual Umstead Relays at Eagle Grove Elementary. Athletes contended with a 15 mph wind late in the afternoon, but spectators from Algona, Clarion-Goldfield-Dows, Forest City, Iowa Falls, Humboldt, Webster City, Belmont-Klemme, Central Springs, Lake Mills, Manson Northwest Webster, Newman Catholic, St. Edmond, and West Hancock still packed the stands to watch their schools go head to head.

Eagle Grove competed in Class A and finished 7th with 17 team points. Algona (145), Humboldt (131), and Webster City (99) all placed in the top-3.

100m Dash – 13 – Arturo Reyna..... 13.56 14 – Camden Sisson..... 14.04	4x200 – 5 – Thacker, Heaton Nielsen, Spencer..... 1:39.28
200m Dash – 7 – Patrick Heaton..... 25.14 12 – Carter Nielsen..... 26.52	4x400 – 6 – Miller, A. Castro, Z. Castro, Spencer..... 3:53.64
400m Dash – 7 – Gavin Pedersen..... 58.89	4x800 – 3 – Z. Castro, A. Castro, Waldo-Martinez, Reyes..... 9:19.91
800m Run – 9 – Hunter Waldo-Martinez..... 2:23.17 10 – Dylan Terwilliger..... 2:25.19	Distance Medley – 4 – Spencer, Heaton Miller, A. Castro..... 4:06.31
1600m Run – 11 – Hayden Schafer..... 5:41.50 13 – Dylan Beck..... 6:10.05	Shuttle Hurdle – 7 – Cooper, Schafer Pedersen, Reyna..... 1:14.31
3200m Run – 7 – Felix Gonzalez..... 12:14.31	High Jump – 4 – Syrus Willard..... 5'8" 7 – Josh Miller..... 5'8"
110m Hurdles – 13 – Evan Cooper..... 21.38	Long Jump – 8 – Syrus Willard..... 18'2 ¼"
400m Hurdles – 12 – Gavin Pedersen..... 1:08.49 13 – Reece Demuth..... 1:12.95	Shot Put – 12 – Christian Martinez..... 34' 13 – Will Batterton..... 31'11"
4x100 – 7 – Reyna, Willard, Sisson, Thacker..... 49.99	Discus – 9 – Gavin Pedersen..... 106'2" 13 – Eduardo Sosa..... 81'6"



Anchor Leelan Spencer sprints down the home stretch in the 4x200.



Shot-putter Will Batterton.



(LEFT): Arturo Reyna represented EG in the 100. (RIGHT): Josh Miller anchored the sprint medley in Eagle Grove.



Track and field seniors were recognized in front of their home crowd. (L to R): Dylan Beck, Evan Cooper, Jared Arelolo, Josh Miller, Abe Lin, Patrick Heaton, Eduardo Sosa, William Batterton, and Zabdi Castro. (Photos by Taylor Smith)

Lady Eagles Run At SE Valley Outdoor Meet

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The Eagle Grove girls track and field team had their first outdoor meet of the season last Tuesday night in Gowrie.

Eagle Grove finished 7th in Class A with 39 points. Carroll (104.5) took the team title, followed by Webster City with 98.5 points and Manson Northwest Webster with 93.

Addy Jeske was Eagle Grove's top finisher with a silver medal performance in the long jump (16'1"). The 4x800 team of Aubrey Miller, Hailey Olson, Payton Terwilliger, and Maria Calles also brought home a 2nd place medal after finishing their relay in 13:55.95.

The foursome of Jeske, Mya Morgan, Ellie Lenning, and Taytum Edwards ran season best times of 1:58.02 for 3rd in the 4x200 and 55.14 for 4th in the 4x100. Edwards would also run her fastest 200 ever (28.98) to take home bronze.

The sprint medley team of Holly Anderson,

Crystal Flores, Lenning, and Myka Anderson placed 5th with a time of 2:10.59, and Lenning blazed to 6th in the 100 after clocking a 14.6.

Myka Anderson had personal best times in the 100m hurdles (5th/19.79) and 400m hurdles (5th/1:21).

After the meet, Coach Ettinger commended his team's effort on a chilly night where they faced formidable opposition.

"These girls came to compete against some good competition," said Ettinger. "There are still things we need to work on, but I was very proud of how these girls competed tonight!"

Golfers Tee Off In EG To Start Season

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The EGHS girls golf team had their first meet of the year last Friday in Eagle Grove. Two Top of Iowa-West opponents visited Eagle Grove Golf Course for nine holes of fierce competition.

EGHS freshman Azlyn Amonson shot a 52 in her first varsity golf meet to tie for fourth place overall. Senior Kennedy Thacker also shot a 52, while Piper Willard (11th/57) and Salem Willard (16th/61) would round out the scoring for the Eagles.



Caitlin Christopher (64) and Lily Locke (77) also golfed for the purple and gold.

Garner-Hayfield-Ventura senior Audrey Overgaard was the medalist with a 42. The Cardinals had the two lowest scores of the triangular and finished with a winning score of 197. Forest City placed second with 215 team points, followed closely by the Eagles with 222.



Azlyn Amonson tees off at Eagle Grove Golf Course. (Photo by Taylor Smith)



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