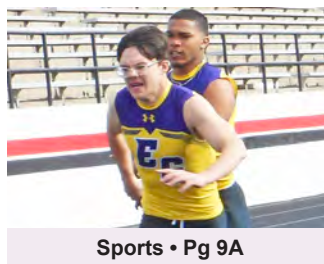




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Discount Store Holds Ribbon Cutting in Eagle Grove

By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — Although the new local discounts store has been in a soft opening status for weeks, Wright County Iowa Discounts officially opened its doors Friday as proud members of the Chamber of Commerce with a ribbon cutting at its location on Country Lane Circle, right across the parking lot

from Bomgaars. The event, held at 4 p.m. on Friday, welcomed the public and included a giveaway of three \$50 in-store credit vouchers. Opened by Terry and Jamie Gump of Goldfield, the store offers discounted household goods, clothing, tools, snacks, pet supplies, and electronics—sourced from returns, overstock, and shelf-pulls from major retailers.

“We wanted to offer a local option that makes everyday essentials and name-brand items more affordable,” Terry Gump said. Jamie Gump added, “If you can buy brand-name shoes for \$10 instead of \$50, that’s money that can go toward necessities.” The store has already drawn praise from locals for its affordability and wide selection.



Terry and Jamie Gump, surrounded by family, friends, Chamber of Commerce leaders, and eager shoppers, cut the ribbon to signify the official opening of Wright County Iowa Discounts, in Eagle Grove, across from Bomgaars. More photos on page 10A. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

Eagle Grove Rec Center Nears Opening

Membership rates released for 35,000-Square-Foot State-of-the-art facility

By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — After a challenging path marked by construction delays, rising costs, and spirited community debate that sparked an audit by the State Auditor’s office, Eagle Grove’s long-awaited Rec Center is finally about to open its doors. The fully state-of-the-art, 35,000-square-foot facility is designed to serve as a cornerstone for individual wellness, youth sports, community gatherings, and local economic development.

The Rec Center boasts an impressive array of amenities. Members will have 24-hour access to a modern weight room and cardio area, shown as art-

ist’s renderings in a reel on the Rec Center’s Facebook page. In addition, there will also be a three-lane indoor walking and running track, and side-by-side basketball courts—double the capacity of the community’s existing gyms. These courts are also lined and equipped for volleyball and pickleball, supporting year-round play across multiple sports. Additional athletic features include two netted batting/golf cages, and four full-size wrestling mats. The facility also offers ADA-compliant restrooms, and a flexible multi-purpose room, which will provide space for athletic events and non-athletic events like meetings, community classes, or private rentals as well—

broadening the facility’s value to the entire town. And, of course, there will be a concession stand. Strategically located, the Rec Center sits within a few blocks of the city’s aquatic center, an outdoor playground, the Wright County Fairgrounds, and Eagle Grove’s baseball and softball diamonds, as well as the soccer fields—placing several key recreational and athletic assets in town within easy walking distance of one another. Membership options are designed to be inclusive and affordable. A Family Pass—covering parents and children under 23—is

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Eagle Grove Scout Troop Produces Second Female Eagle Scout - First from Fort Dodge

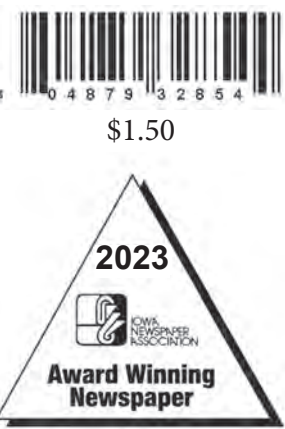
By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — Local Scouting America troop member Katie Dawson made local history Friday

evening when she became Fort Dodge’s first-ever female Eagle Scout. The milestone also marked her as the second female Eagle Scout in Wright County—and in Eagle Grove Troop 1059, which has long been North Iowa’s leader in efforts to welcome girls into the scouting ranks. Dawson earned the prestigious rank after completing her Eagle Scout Board of Review in the basement of Eagle Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church, even as Good Friday services continued in the chapel above. “I’m so happy,” Dawson said following the review. A Scout since 2018, she

joined Troop 1059-G, as the girls’ troop was called at the time, almost immediately after girls were first allowed into the organization originally known as the “Boy Scouts of America”. That organization, officially rebranded as Scouting America (as of 2024) to reflect and respect the involvement of the more than 176,000 girls and young women currently participating in scouting—including over 6,000 who have earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

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Eagle Grove Easter Egg Hunt DRAWS GENEROUS SUPPORT AND HUGE CROWD

By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — Hewitt Park was packed Saturday afternoon as families turned out in droves for this year’s Easter Egg Hunt, hosted by Eagle Grove Empowerment. The event kicked off at 3:00 p.m. under clear skies and sunshine, drawing what appeared to be the largest turnout in memory. As evidenced by the cars that lined the streets all around the park. In the days leading up to the event, volunteers gathered gifts from local retailers and sponsors. Then still more volunteers worked to

fill plastic eggs with candy and prize slips, with the Rails Depot once again provided space for the team to prepare thousands of eggs in time for the big day. “I’m so glad that we were able to make it another successful year,” said event organizer Cassidy Reed. “The group of girls I’m working with really helped me out. Along with our sponsors.”

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Ellie Madson, who had perhaps the most stylish egg basket at the event, noted that the eggs got picked up “really fast”. (Photos by Edward Lynn)

Local Pharmacy’s Struggle Attracts Statewide Attention

By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — A Facebook post by Eagle Grove Pharmacy owner Andrew Wagner has not only gone viral—it’s now become the focus of statewide television coverage by *WHO13 News* out of Des Moines, bringing Eagle Grove’s independent pharmacy crisis to greater awareness. The story, first reported by *the Eagle*, gained new attention Friday when *WHO13* reporter Teodora Mitov—who has been covering related stories statewide for some time—traveled to Eagle Grove to feature the pharmacy, its legacy, and its uncertain future amid growing pressure from pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs).



(Screenshot, WHO13/Youtube)

“It’s a story heard across the state,” Mitov opened in her report. “Pharmacies are struggling to keep their doors open, and communities are losing access to healthcare.” **A Pharmacy Built on Community Roots** The *WHO13* story chronicled the pharmacy’s deep local roots, beginning with

pharmacist Mickey Cooper, who co-founded the business in 1984 by converting her husband’s downtown carpet store into a pharmacy. “We started with a typewriter, no computers, and just us,” she said. See **PHARMACY:**
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Lakeland scouting district Board of Review members Aaron Mannes, Chris Charbonneaux, Dr. Rick Brockhohn, and Carol Meyer met with Eagle Grove Scoutmaster Rick Dawson and local scout Katie Dawson (no relation) at the Eagle Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church on Good Friday, to approve her ascension to the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

200th Baby Born at Iowa Specialty Hospital to Local Parents

Iowa Specialty Hospital’s 200th baby of 2025, Slade Grant Sebby, was born on April 14th at 4:02 in the afternoon to parents Bailey and Grant Sebby of Clarion.

Baby Slade weighed 7 pounds 10.5 ounces and was 20 inches in length. He is joined at home by his big sister, Laikynn.

Iowa Specialty Hospital’s Maternity Center is located at its Clarion campus. “It is always so exciting to hit a milestone in the OB department,” stated Brittney Schafer, OB Leader. “A new baby is like the beginning of all things; wonder, hope, and a dream of possibilities! Thank you, Grant and Bailey, for entrusting Iowa Specialty Hospital to care for your newest addition, Slade.”

In 2024, Iowa Specialty



Pictured is Slade Grant Sebby, the 200th baby born at Iowa Specialty Hospital in 2025. (Photo: Bailey Sebby)

Hospital delivered 632 babies, which was the most babies ever delivered at the facility in a year.

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Eagle Grove Empowerment, the group behind the hunt, is made up of Reed, Mackenzie Rasmussen, Jeni Leshner, and Daisah Shivers, in addition to still more volunteers who worked to fill the eggs. “It wouldn’t have been possible without our volunteers and sponsors,” Reed noted.

Children scrambled to collect thousands of colorful eggs in record time. Ellie Madson, one of the young participants, noted, that they were gone “really fast!”

There was a wide selection of truly premium prizes to be won. “We had hoverboards, electric scooters, tons of

stuff,” Reed said, explaining that “I wrote a letter asking for donations and dropped them off to local stores. It really helped us out a lot.”

This year’s event was made possible by a long list of generous sponsors: AGP, American Sanitation, Brandon & Kelsey Hauck, Christ Furniture, CIDD, EG Pharmacy, Fareway, First Bank, Gold Eagle, Heather Weiner, Holmes Christmas, the Johnson Law Firm, Prestage Foods, Rails Bar & Grill, Ann Shriver, Deb Smith, Jennifer Leshner, Wright County Discounts, and The Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce.



Cynthia Smith won this bike, but her little sister Jojo wasn’t about to miss the chance to take it for a spin. (Photos by Edward Lynn)



There were a bunch of high end prizes for the boys and girls, thanks to the sponsors, including local retailers.

School Board Approves Budget, Bank Purchase and Curriculum Changes

By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — The Eagle Grove Community School District Board of Education approved its 2025-2026 budget during its regular monthly meeting held April 14 at the Emerson Building. The budget was set based on a 2.25% state supplemental aid (SSA) increase, though the actual SSA was later finalized at 2%. Superintendent Jess Toliver explained the discrepancy during the public hearing, noting the state will adjust funding accordingly.

In addition to budget approval, the board moved forward with a real estate purchase agreement to acquire the First State Bank building and three adjacent lots for approximately \$400,000. The bank intends to relocate across the street, freeing up the facility for district use. If finalized, the building will be converted into administrative offices and classroom space, with fleet vehicle parking supported by the additional parcels. Toliver said the goal would be to move in by spring 2027, pending funding and renovations.

The board also reviewed and accepted the district’s FY24 audit report. Toliver noted that while the audit listed a few technical deficiencies, such as a budget coding oversight and ongoing IPERS liability reporting, the district maintained a positive financial balance. “We still spent less than we brought in,” he said.

The meeting featured presentations on academic



The current location of First Bank, which the school board voted to make an offer on, and the land where the bank hopes to build their new location. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

progress and student activities from elementary, middle, and high school staff. Elementary Principal McKristie Logan-Willard reported that I-Tests at the elementary level were completed, and praised new curriculum initiatives for preparing students effectively. Middle school Principal Josh Schild highlighted science labs using the new OpenSciEd curriculum and shared early ISASP testing results showing positive trends. High school Principal Dr. Heidi Vasquez reported that high school students created custom branding stickers for a local business, participated in tornado and speech drills, and attended a career fair at Iowa Central, receiving praise from employers for their professionalism.

In other business:

- A \$29,000 renovation of the district’s concessions and restroom facilities was approved, along with a \$25,000 locker room upgrade.
- The board approved a continued contract with juvenile court services to fund a shared school-based supervision role.
- E.G.E.S.A. staff contracts for 2025-2026 were reviewed, with Toliver noting a 40-cent increase to the base pay and a 3-cent step increase.
- The board adopted updated policies reflecting legislative changes, primarily removing “gender identity” from protected class definitions, per state law.
- Board members discussed the potential for a future bond issue to fund additional security and fa-

cilities upgrades, though no timeline has been set.

Toliver warned that the continuation of federal CEP funding, which currently allows for universal free school lunches, is uncertain for next year. “We need to keep an eye on the CEP program,” he said. “There’s a good chance they’re not going to fund it.”

Finally, Toliver confirmed the district is monitoring fluctuating student enrollment but has not observed a significant decline within the Hispanic student population despite national concerns over immigration enforcement. “We’re definitely keeping an eye on it,” he said.

Graduation is scheduled for May 18, with the board’s year-end meeting tentatively planned for June 30.

Saturday Sidewalk Sales Coming to Eagle Grove This Summer

By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — A new event aimed at bringing life and commerce to downtown Eagle Grove is set to launch this summer, as the Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce announced the debut of “Saturday Sidewalk Sales.”

In a Facebook post this week, the Chamber described the event as an ex-

citing opportunity for both shoppers and local businesses. “Vendors will line the sidewalks with sales, treats, and treasures,” the Chamber wrote. “Local businesses are encouraged to open their doors—or even set up outside!”

Scheduled to run on Saturdays throughout the summer, the event is designed to make downtown Eagle Grove a destination for

residents and visitors alike. Vendor spots are free for current Chamber members, and available for just \$10 per day for non-members.

“We’re now accepting registrations for vendors and food trucks,” the post noted, linking to an online registration form and inviting interested parties to contact the Chamber Office directly.

Participants who register

will receive additional details via email. Chamber members are encouraged to reach out for specific instructions.

The Chamber hopes the Saturday Sidewalk Sales will create a festive atmosphere and boost foot traffic for downtown businesses. “Let’s make downtown the place to be this summer!” the Chamber concluded.

Audit of Eagle Grove School District Released

Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates, P.L.C., CPA’s today released an audit report on Eagle Grove Community School District in Eagle Grove, Iowa.

Financial Highlights:
The District’s revenues totaled \$16,994,529 for the year ended June 30, 2024, a 0.4% decrease from the prior year. Expenses for the District operations for the year ended June 30, 2024, totaled \$15,746,427, a 7.5% increase over the prior year. The significant in-

crease in expenses was due to the hiring of additional staff caused by the inability to fill the positions from the year before and negotiated salaries and benefits.

Audit Findings:
Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates, P.L.C reported six findings related to the receipt and expenditure of taxpayer funds. They are found on pages 88 through 96 of the audit report. The findings address issues such as a lack of segregation of duties, expendi-

tures exceeding budgeted amounts and deficit activity account balance. Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates, P.L.C provided the District with recommendations to address the findings.

Four of the six findings are repeated from the prior year. The Eagle Grove Community School District’s Board of Education has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the Eagle Grove Community School District’s opera-

tions and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the “watchful and responsible care” a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State’s web site at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports>.

Eagle Grove City-Wide Clean Up Days

The annual city-wide Spring Clean Up Days will be held from **Wednesday, April 30th through Saturday, May 3rd, 2025**. Operating hours are as follows: **Wednesday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.** **Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** The Public Works Department can be found at 209 SE 1st Street (behind the Eagle Grove Fire Station). Take this opportunity to get rid of some of your old junk stored in your garage or basement, such as tires, appliances, furniture, hazardous waste materials, etc.

Hazardous waste will only be there on Saturday May 3rd from 9am – noon.

Please see the following list of items that can be accepted. Stickers can be purchased at City Hall, 121 N. Commercial Ave, Eagle Grove, Iowa, or at the Clean Up Days site during operating hours.


The price for a sticker ranges from \$10.00 to \$50.00 pending the type of item being dropped off. Hazardous Waste Materials will be charged \$0.50 per item dropped off.

ACCEPTED ITEMS: APPLIANCE/ELECTRONICS/MOTOR OPERATED ITEMS. STICKERS ARE REQUIRED. AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT CITY HALL, REFRIGERATORS FREEZERS, WASHERS, DRYERS, WATER HEATERS, DISHWASHERS. TELEVISIONS. COMPUTERS/MONITORS. AIR CONDITIONERS. DEHUMIDIFIERS. STOVES. PROPANE TANKS. MICROWAVES. WATER SOFTENERS TIRES. VEHICLES. CAST IRON ITEMS. CERAMIC ITEMS. BASIC METAL ITEMS. FURNITURE (I.E. SOFAS, TABLES, CHAIRS, MATTRESSES, BOX SPRINGS, ETC.). CAR BATTERIES. RECYCLABLE ITEMS.

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Celebrating Donna (Yoder) Fibikar



Date: May 3, 2025
Time: 2pm–5pm
Location: Southtown Apartments, 1501 S Main St, Clarion, IA in the Community Room

Hosted by: Shane & Chris (Ball) Fibikar, Dawn & Mark Heiden, Marda & Gary Lalor

Donna was recently diagnosed with terminal cancer and hasn’t much time remaining in this life.

Please join us in showing this amazing woman what she has meant to us all, whether she was a coworker, friend, family, neighbor, a childhood second mom, or your favorite pizza lady, come take the time to give her a hug and say your farewells. Share your story or best memory with her so she can take them with her on her next journey.

Eagle Grove Community School District -MENU-

Monday, April 28
BREAKFAST: French Toast, Sausage, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Chicken Sandwich, Fries, Green Beans, Cinnamon Apples

Tuesday, April 29
BREAKFAST: Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Walking Taco, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Orange

Wednesday, April 30
BREAKFAST: Breakfast Empanada, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Hot Dog/Cheeddar, Calico Beans, Coleslaw, Pineapple

Thursday, May 1
BREAKFAST: Pancakes, Sausage, Fruit, Juice
LUNCH: Pizza, Corn, Salad, Apple

Friday, May 2
BREAKFAST: Cook’s Choice
LUNCH: Cook’s Choice

Wright County Officials Warn of Rural Fallout from Proposed Iowa Property Tax Overhaul

Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing

April 18, 2025 - In a public meeting hosted at the Wright County Courthouse last week, state Representative Mark Thompson heard an urgent and unified message from local leaders: the proposed property tax overhaul working through the Iowa Legislature could devastate rural communities if approved without significant changes.

The discussion centered on House Study Bill 328 and Senate Study Bill 1227, proposals that would eliminate Iowa's current "rollback" system for calculating taxable property value.

Instead, full taxation would be allowed on assessed value while limiting local governments to a 2% annual growth cap on tax revenues, with modest flexibility during inflationary periods.

Supporters say the bill is designed to rein in unpredictable tax hikes and provide relief for homeowners. But local officials and

economic leaders warned that the measure, as written, fails to account for the real needs and constraints of rural Iowa.

"We are rural," shared Melinda Anderson, President of the Clarion Development Alliance. "The state's idea of rural is 15,000 to 20,000 people. We're not even close to that. These changes could stop (our) growth in its tracks. But we want to grow, we need to grow."

TIF Projects, Housing, and the Risk to Local Budgets - Much of the discussion focused on Tax Increment Financing (TIF), a tool widely used by counties to finance development projects. As Clarion City Administrator Clint Middleton put it, not many people understand TIF to its full extent. But under proposed legislation, many existing TIF agreements would lose revenue viability, putting major ongoing developments at risk.

Local economic officials shared their concerns that if the bills were to pass as

written, housing projects, daycare partnerships, and even industrial parks could go "belly up," with several attendees citing projects that rely on projected TIF revenues as collateral for development loans. They warned that a 30-40% cut in TIF income could force developers to renegotiate with banks or abandon projects entirely.

Equity, Inflation, and Legislative Whiplash - Participants voiced concerns over the inflation ranges built into the bills, which would allow revenue growth of 3-5% only if the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rises significantly, something they noted has averaged below 4% over the past decade.

One official suggested a fix, saying local governments should be allowed to grow revenue by 2%, plus CPI. "Don't cap us at 2% including CPI; that math doesn't reflect real-world costs," the official said.

Others expressed frustration over how frequently Iowa's property tax rules

change, describing the difficulty of planning long-term infrastructure or staffing when rules shift year to year.

Several attendees remarked that it's nearly impossible to build a five-year plan when legislation changes each session. One person compared it to trying to budget in a game where the rules are rewritten every time, referencing House File 718 as a recent example.

Rural-Urban Divide and Representation - Throughout the hour-long meeting, rural officials emphasized the mismatch between the needs of small communities and the assumptions in legislation shaped by what they consider urban districts.

One attendee pointed out that counties like Polk have vastly different tax bases and resource levels, noting that smaller towns are expected to provide the same services with fewer tools to raise revenue.

Some locals called for greater involvement of rural voices in the Ways and Means Committee, which

constructs such tax bills. They suggested that the process would benefit from the direct participation of rural clerks, treasurers, and supervisors, not just representatives from urban centers like Des Moines.

Next Steps - Thompson, who is originally from the Eagle Grove area, assured locals he would take their feedback directly to House leadership. Although he is not a member of the tax-writing committee, he acknowledged the legislation's issues.

"The number one thing I learned today was, don't do it this year," Thompson said. He considered the need to gather locals to speak with other officials at the Capitol, study the full impact of the bill, and be sure it works for all of Iowa.

As the legislation waits for subcommittee action, our local rural leaders left the meeting with cautious optimism and a shared hope that their voices won't be drowned out in Capitol debate.



It's a boy!

Marissa and Leo Livingston of Belmond are pleased to announce the birth of a baby boy.

Vincent Donald Livingston was born on April 18, 2025, weighing 8 pounds, 14 ounces. He joins sibling Victoria (6) at home.

His grandparents are Bob and Deb Crosby of Whittemore, Iowa and Julie and Bill Saddler of Harpers Ferry, Iowa.

Great grandparents are Don Shaefer of Harpers Ferry, Sue English of Decorah, Iowa, and Mary Beck of Estherville, Iowa.

Congregate Meal Menu:

Monday, April 28

Baked Fish, Roasted Red Potatoes, Whole Wheat Roll, Vegetable, Fruit

Wednesday, April 30

BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich on WW Bun, Coleslaw, Cinnamon Apples with Crunchy Topping

Wright County Supervisors Review Work Orders, Staffing Needs, and Text Alert System

Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing

April 21, 2025 - The Wright County Board of Supervisors gathered Monday morning for business as usual, discussing drainage projects, new hires, and community events.

The meeting began at 9:00 A.M., and the board, acting as Drainage District Trustees, opened the meeting with public input. Morris Brandt presented one of three drainage work requests that received approval. The board also signed off on invoices from Jack Britton and James Crawford, who trapped a total of 22 beavers as part of an ongoing drainage maintenance effort.

The board then moved on as County Supervisors to hear a virtual presentation from Landon Beck, a representative from Text My Gov., a service aimed at improving communications between local government and residents.



All smiles Monday morning, Eric Rector accepted a certificate from Supervisor Rick Rasmussen, celebrating 30 years of service with Wright County Conservation. Rector, who started with the department in 1995, was praised for his long-standing impact, especially at the county's popular campsite. (Photo by Amanda Rink)

Supervisor Betty Ellis noted the meeting was just the beginning of gathering information. "We're exploring what the program could do for Wright County," Ellis said, adding that county department heads would

be asked for input and emphasized, "Of course, we always need to know the big question, the cost." Beck noted that estimates would be sent to the board for consideration.

County Engineer Adam

Clemons presented his weekly report from the Secondary Roads department, noting staffing needs and work orders completed. The board approved the posting of a heavy equipment operator at the bridge and sign maintenance facility. The job will start at \$28.96 with raises throughout the year-long probationary period. The county will help potential hires in obtaining their Class A CDL, a requirement for the job. "It's not cheap," Clemons admitted, estimating the cost of certification around \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Clemons also shared updates on road maintenance efforts. Crews have been busy grading roads across the county and applying the spot rock. Nineteen work orders were completed last week, and the bridge team just finished a demolition project.

In other business, the board approved:

- A liquor license for Top of Iowa Lucky Wife, LLC,

for the Labor Day event at Lake Cornelia.

- Savannah Schnetzer as a Medical Examiner Investigator, following a recommendation from Dr. Jon Ahrendson.

The meeting wrapped on a celebratory note as Eric Rector was honored for three decades of service in Wright County's conservation department. He received a certificate from the county, presented by Supervisor Rick Rasmussen, who expressed appreciation for Rector's impact, particularly at the county's campsite.

"Over the last 30 years, you've really improved the campsite. It's one of the better ones around," Rasmussen said, highlighting the popular quiet water area for boaters.

The next Supervisors meeting will be held on Monday, April 28, at 9:00 AM. This meeting and others can be viewed online at YouTube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312.

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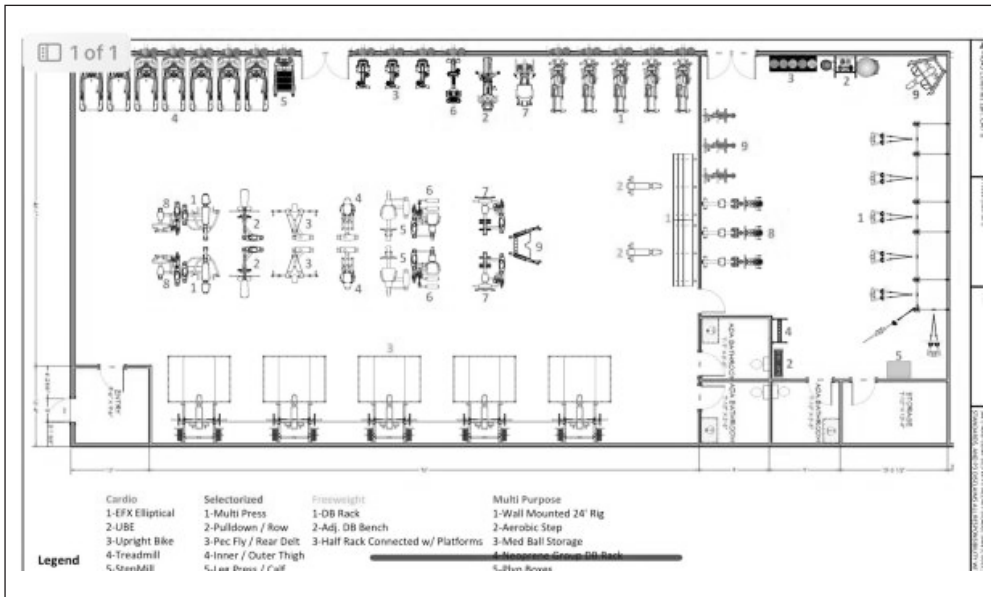
\$60 per month or \$720 per year. Adults 23 and older can join under the Adult Single plan for \$40 monthly or \$480 annually. Youth ages 16 to 23 can sign up for \$35 monthly or \$420 per year.

Seniors (65+) can access discounted plans: \$35 monthly or \$420 annually for couples, and just \$25 monthly or \$300 per year for individuals. Members can save even more with an upfront annual payment (buy 11 months, get one free) or a 5% discount for paying monthly via ACH. For occasional users, daily passes are available at \$8 with cash or \$10 by card.

City officials and com-

munity leaders believe the Rec Center will serve as more than a fitness hub. By hosting tournaments, sports events, and community programming, the facility is expected to draw visitors from across the region, creating a ripple effect of new revenue for local restaurants, shops, and hotels.

As final touches are completed and an opening date nears, excitement is building. Residents are encouraged to explore membership options and get ready to be part of a new chapter in Eagle Grove's growth—one built on health, community, and shared opportunity.



A blueprint drawing posted to the Rec Center's Facebook page. (Screenshot, Eagle Grove Rec Center/Facebook)

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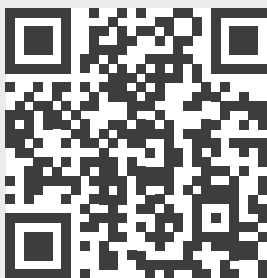
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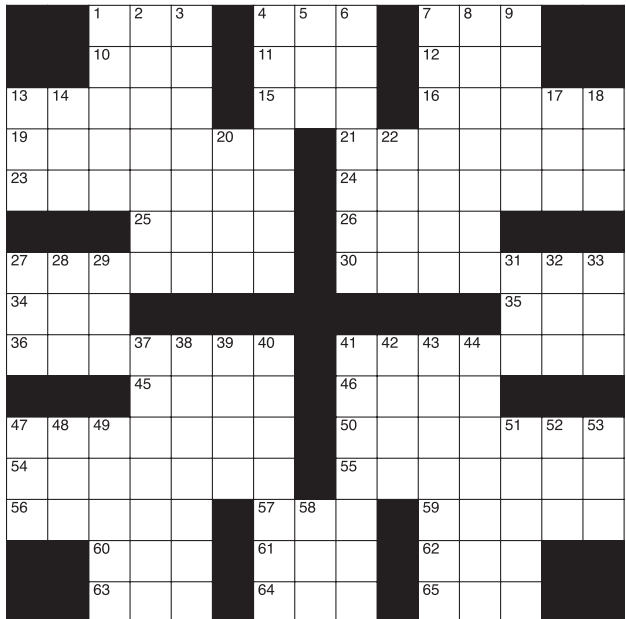
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CLUES ACROSS

1. English TV station
4. It fuels cars
7. Where ships dock (abbr.)
10. Indigenous people of Thailand
11. Midway between northeast and east
12. Small Milky Way constellation
13. Fritz __, Austrian chemist
15. A Brit's grandmother
16. Colombian city
19. Visualize
21. Charged
23. People's assets
24. Informative books
25. Jeer
26. You can do it with your horn
27. Agents of your downfall
30. Central Uganda city
34. Supervises flying
35. Type of tree
36. Alfalfa
41. Dishwasher soap brand
45. Hall where military eats
46. Ancient Greek City
47. Speaks incessantly
50. Discuss again
54. Extreme greed
55. Adopt or support
56. Fantasy writer Russell
57. Seize
59. Early Mesoamerican civilization
60. Noted pet detective Ventura
61. Automobile
62. Georgia rockers
63. Color opposite green
64. Amount of time
65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Sheep sound
2. Some can be emotional
3. Inflammation of colon lining
4. Origins
5. Comedienne Gasteyer
6. Perceived by the senses
7. A place to play ball
8. Occur before
9. Animal body parts
13. Thanksgiving dessert
14. Root mean square (abbr.)
17. 1960s teen idol Bobby
18. Promotional materials
20. One point east of northeast
22. Piers Anthony protagonist
27. Popular sports league
28. Cologne
29. Partner to cheese
31. Constrictor snake
32. Not good
33. Supplement with difficulty
37. Hug with fondness
38. Enforced again
39. Small amount of time (abbr.)
40. Substance
41. Anterior parts of the brain
42. Brews
43. Where ships load cargo
44. Holiday season singer
47. " __ humbug!"
48. Monetary unit of Macao
49. Popular children's book elephant
51. Glutinous
52. Function
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58. Swiss river

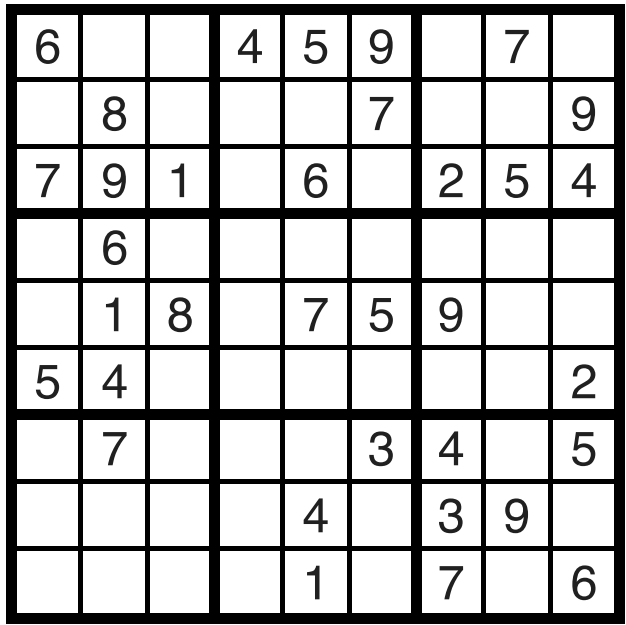
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GROWS
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NEST
POLLEN
REBIRTH
SAPLING
SHOWERS
- SPRING
SUNNY
SUNSHINE
TREES

Iowa Specialty Hospital - Clarion to Hold Open House

Clarion, Iowa (April 2, 2025) – Iowa Specialty Hospital - Clarion will be hosting an open house on April 30th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. to showcase completion of several renovation projects.

The public is invited to attend to take a tour of the Clarion Clinic, Behavioral Health department, and Maternity Suite. Refreshments will be available in the West Lobby, and the Gift Shop will also have extended hours for visitor shopping.

“Over the past couple of years, we’ve been busy with several renovation projects,” shared Steve Simonin, President and CEO of Iowa Specialty Hospitals & Clinics. “As often happens when we experience increased growth, we found that multiple changes would be required to continue to serve the needs of our patients.”

In order to expand the Maternity Suite to accommodate three additional OB patient rooms and a nurses’

station, several other projects had to be completed first. Administration offices moved from the east side of the facility to an area within The Meadows Senior Living. Once that was accomplished, a new Specialty Clinic was built where Administration had previously been located. With those two projects completed, the Maternity project could begin. Then thanks to a grant, the Behavioral Health department was able to have its own dedicated area in the

lower level. This change allowed the Clarion Clinic to update its registration area and nurse pod, as well as add new exam rooms. With so many recent changes, Iowa Specialty is excited to share these completed projects with the public during its open house.

If you are unable to attend the open house, but would like to learn more about Iowa Specialty Hospitals & Clinics, please visit their website at iowaspecialty-hospital.com.

Wright County Farm Bureau ‘Opinionnaire’ Deadline Nears

By Edward Lynn Editor

WRIGHT COUNTY, Iowa — Wright County Farm Bureau (WCFB) members have until April 30 to complete and submit the organization’s 2025 “Opinionnaire”, which represents the opportunity of locals to give their input on local, state and national agricultural policy. The online survey is open to regular (farmer) members, who may also request a paper version by contacting the WCFB office at (515) 532-3280.

“Please take a few min-

utes to complete and submit the survey,” WCFB urged in a recent Facebook post. “If you wish to receive a paper copy of the Opinionnaire, you may contact the WCFB office.”

The Opinionnaire process allows members to weigh in on pressing issues, helping set the agenda for resolutions that will be drafted and debated during a summer policy meeting.

This year’s effort follows a successful membership campaign that brought total paid memberships to 980 as of March 31, including 78 new members. The organi-

zation expressed gratitude to both new and returning members who support Farm Bureau’s mission.

“We extend a warm welcome to our new members and heartfelt thanks to those who renewed their membership,” the group posted, adding that member feedback through the Opinionnaire plays a vital role in policy development.

April also marks National Volunteer Month, and WCFB used the occasion to spotlight the many individuals who serve their communities through acts of service.

“The Wright County Farm Bureau extends heartfelt thanks to all volunteers who generously give their time to support agriculture and the Farm Bureau organization,” the group posted. Volunteers recognized included EMS personnel, firefighters, and community members involved in schools, churches, and local events.

WCFB continues to encourage civic engagement through both membership and volunteerism, emphasizing that grassroots involvement remains central to its work.

Lindaman Chosen for Wright County Farm Bureau Scholarship

by Edward Lynn Editor

Bryce Lindaman, a senior at Clarion-Goldfield-Dows High School, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Wright County Farm Bureau for 2025, the organization announced in a Facebook post on April 15.

Lindaman, the son of WCFB members Ben and Erica Lindaman, is graduating at the top of his class and has demonstrated exceptional leadership and service throughout his high school years. “Bryce has been actively involved in various school and extracurricular activities,” the post reads. “He has served as president of the National Honor Society and team captain in football, basketball, and track.”

His athletic accomplishments include earning three letters each in football and basketball and four in track.



Clarion Goldfield Dows Senior Bryce Lindaman. (Screenshot, Wright-County Farm Bureau/Facebook)

He was named to the Academic All-State team, selected first team all-district, and honored as the CGD defensive MVP in football.

Outside the classroom and off the field, Lindaman

has distinguished himself through extensive community service. He is a Scouting America Patrol Leader, an Order of the Arrow recipient, and an active member of the Liberty Pathfind-

ers 4-H club. His volunteer work includes hundreds of hours with the Gift of Giving nonprofit, the First Lutheran food pantry, and Dirt Diggers summer camp.

Since the summer of 2024, he has also worked as a part-time custodian for the school district and as a Food Access intern with Iowa State Extension, where he maintained a donation garden, led outreach efforts, and created educational materials.

Lindaman plans to attend Iowa State University to study environmental engineering. His career goals include reducing water pollution, promoting sustainable farming practices, and advancing rural Iowa through environmental innovation.

“The Wright County Farm Bureau wishes Bryce all the best in his future endeavors!” the organization concluded.

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Eagle Grove’s trailblazing local troop, 1059, was part of a pilot program that opened scouting to girls. The troop originally split into 1059-B for boys, led by Scoutmaster Rick Dawson (no relation), and 1059-G for girls, led by Scoutmaster Craig Voss. Today, the troop is unified under the Troop 1059 banner, with Dawson continuing as Scoutmaster and Voss serving as Assistant Scoutmaster.

“I got in as soon as I possibly could,” miss Dawson said, recalling how she had originally aimed to earn both the highest awards in Girl Scouts and what was then Boy Scouts in hopes of earning double promotions upon entering the military. “My whole goal was to stump the military recruiter and ask if I could get two promotions instead of just one... because I always thought it was really funny.”

While her Girl Scout

troop disbanded before she could complete her final levels, Dawson stayed the course in Scouts BSA—now Scouting America—with unwavering commitment.

“She’s very good at public speaking—one of the best that we’ve had,” said Dr. Jim Brockhohn, a member of the Board of Review. “Sometimes you ask a candidate questions and they say yes or no. She goes on and on, which is good... I could talk to her even longer.” Brockhohn also called Dawson’s application book “the best I’ve seen” since he began sitting on Eagle boards in 1989.

Carol Meyer, another Board of Review member, added, “It was probably one of the more fun board reviews. She just made it fun—very interesting. I think she’s going to do great things.”

Review committee member Chris Charbonneau

praised the thoughtfulness behind Dawson’s service project, which involved building a Gaga Ball pit. “She found a need, and then she filled the need... She went through some leadership challenges, and it was all amazing. Observation was five stars.”

“Every project is different,” said Scoutmaster Rick Dawson, noting that each project seems more and more challenging.

And as Meyer noted, Dawson’s Eagle Scout rank carries added meaning: “This is the first female that I have done [a board review for]. So I think that’s just really special.”

Rick Dawson, the troop’s longtime Scoutmaster, said it’s hard for him and for Voss as well to see scouts walk away from scouting. “That’s heart-breaking for us,” he said. But that makes it all the more special when a scout sticks with it all the way to

the Eagle Scout rank, the scoutmasters agreed. Miss Dawson’s achievement adds up to a total of eleven Eagle Scouts so far for the pair. “We’re having fun,” Scoutmaster Dawson said, “that’s what it’s all about for us. Having fun, and helping the kids.”

As for her future plans Dawson, who just turned 18, said she’d consider restarting a Girl Scout troop herself someday but acknowledged the challenges in getting people to participate in outdoorsmanship centered activities like scouting in a tech obsessed modern world. “It is really hard to get people into scouting,” she said. “I’ve tried—I even have a little recruiter patch because I got a couple of people in. But it’s really hard to drag people out of their rooms nowadays, off their phones.” But before that, she plans to follow in her father’s footsteps, and join the military.

Letter to the Editor

Reynolds’ Record Speaks for Itself

During the past four years, I’ve penned many letters-to-the-editor in protest of Summit Carbon Solutions’ plans for a 2500-mile CO2 pipeline and its intent to take our property through eminent domain. My most recent LTE expressed frustration with the Iowa Legislature where eminent domain reform bills passed out of the House the past four sessions only to die in the Senate Commerce Committee.

Recently, I received a reply from a reader in Dickinson County asking me to “think about” the possibility that Governor Reynolds has been complicit in the actions of the legislature and the unfair treatment of landowners on Summit Carbon Solutions CO2 pipeline route. I have given this some thought, and interesting facts support the possibility.

The writer mentions the fact that Gov. Reynolds is a “protégé of former Gov. (Terry) Branstad.” This is true. Coincidentally, Branstad is now employed by Summit Carbon Solutions as Senior Policy Advisor. In fact, he isn’t the only Summit executive with previous connections to the Governor’s office. Summit’s VP of Government Affairs, Jake Ketzner, previously served as Chief of Staff to Governor Kim Reynolds. Ketzner was also an administrative legislative liaison for both (former Governor) Branstad and (then Lt. Governor)

Reynolds. The connection between Governor Reynolds and Bruce Rastetter, owner of Summit Carbon Solutions, is also mentioned. Facts support this assertion. Public records show that Rastetter has contributed over \$150,000 to Reynolds’ campaigns over the years. Furthermore, a FOIA request filed by Bold Nebraska (2019-2020) and Food and Water Watch (2022-2023) show that Governor Reynolds and Bruce Rastetter exchanged eight hundred emails which often included plans for lunch. A more recent FOIA request by Bold Nebraska (2024) was returned with more than 20,000 possible documents. In contrast, Governor Kim Reynolds has refused to meet with landowners for four years despite our letters, phone calls, emails, and in-person requests made to her staff and to her personally. Reynold’s response is always the same: She “opposes eminent domain,” but “there is a process,” and “they [landowners] will be compensated.” Yes, I’ve thought about the assertion that Governor Kim Reynolds uses the weight of the Governor’s office to tip the scales in favor of Summit Carbon Solutions. I think her record speaks for itself. Respectfully, *Bonnie Ewoldt Milford IA, and Crawford County landowner*



by Senator Dennis Guth

We have now completed the 14th week of what will hopefully be a 16-week legislative session. We passed bills ranging over many topics including how we conduct a recount in a close election. House File 928 establishes thresholds for the total vote margin that warrants a recount, how a recount can be requested, and who oversees the process of a recount to ensure accuracy and consistency across the state. The safeguards put in place by this bill ensure our election recount process is safe, secure, and accurate. This bill continues to strengthen and protect Iowa elections. A couple of bills that I floor managed established an interstate compact for dieticians and respiratory therapists so they can operate in multiple states without having to go through the entire licensing process in each state. They established guidelines on how disciplinary action is exercised and what qualifications are required. Military personnel that move around the country requested these compacts to help their spouses. I heard that the respiratory therapists heaved a sigh of relief when this bill passed (pun intended).

April 15 is known to many Americans as Tax Day, the day federal income taxes are due. On this day, the Senate passed Senate Joint Resolution 11, which makes it harder to raise income taxes on Iowans. Senate Joint Resolution 11 is a constitutional amendment requiring a 2/3 majority vote of the people in order to raise the income tax in Iowa or create a new tax. Constitutional amendments need to pass two consecutive General Assemblies

before going to the people of Iowa for a vote. This legislation was passed in the last General Assembly so if it passes the Iowa House, the proposal will be on the ballot for all Iowans to vote on in the fall of 2026. In the Senate, we use a super-majority vote for such things as confirming the governor’s appointments to boards and commissions. Iowans overwhelmingly support using a super-majority vote to raise the income tax. It should be difficult to take more money from Iowans and their families. Senator Rocky De Witt, the floor manager for the bill, said in his closing comments, “The Iowa state constitution does not belong to this chamber, it doesn’t belong to the House, it doesn’t belong to the governor, it doesn’t even belong to the State of Iowa. It belongs to the people of this state. It belongs to the citizens of this state, and they have entrusted us to protect that Constitution. Why? It is a barrier between the citizens and government. It’s not a guardrail, not a little lowly speed bump, it’s a barrier that guarantees our constituents their freedoms, and freedom from excessive taxation is real.” Senator De Witt’s closing remarks were a reminder for all of us legislators. It passed, 32-15, with all Democrats voting no. Spring is a season of beginnings and as we enter the Easter season, we also recall God’s second chance and new beginning for sinful man through Jesus Christ. The famous evangelist, Billy Graham said, “God proved His love on the Cross. When Christ hung, and bled, and died, it was God saying to the world, ‘I love you.’”



By Rep Mark Thompson

As this session winds down, the final bills from Ways and Means and Appropriations committees are being completed. The property tax reform is the most prevalent. Those drafting the legislation are requesting feedback from all Iowans. From the overwhelming input I have received, it’s clear we need property tax reform. Looking at my personal taxes, I couldn’t agree more. This past week a quickly formed group of district leaders were able to attend a discussion at the Wright County Courthouse. We were able to utilize the zoom-in system for others not able to physically attend. It was short notice, but I was very impressed with the full room of city managers, city councilmen, economic development, county supervisors, auditors, assessors, business owners, journalists and citizen in the room and online. While so many try to find the right path on property tax reform, the issue is so complex that the consensus was to not rush through such impactful legislation this year. Rather, slow it down and get it right. I appreciate the input from all mentioned

above and their efforts to find positive solutions. After the meeting I contacted the Chairman of Ways and Means, Bobby Kaufmann. All tax legislation originates in his committee. He appreciated the input. He concurs with the idea of studying the issue further prior to making any substantive changes. He had heard the same from his constituents in SE Iowa. I will be advocating for several of the professionals in the room who volunteered to be part of any future study committee. Chairman Kaufman also indicated that short term property relief might be proposed based on the input he has received.

Another piece of legislation that has been worked on for some time is the **Cancer Coverage and Screening for First Responders (HF 969)**. After years of work, we officially sent House File 969 to the governor’s desk to become law. This bill expands the definition of cancer for the Municipal Fire and Police Retirement System and the Special Services Members of IPERS. Current code outlines 14 types of cancers that are covered for disabilities and death benefits. In listing certain cancers that are covered, code inevitably leaves out additional cancers that should certainly be covered.

Firefighters and family members who have lost friends, coworkers, and loved ones to cancers that are not covered by current code, were in attendance to support the passage of this bill. These people have our backs every day as they risk their lives and go to work. With this bill, we do what we can to return the favor and have their backs as well. This bill’s relevance is further highlighted by having VOLUNTEER fire fighters in our district, a fact we should always keep in mind. Thank them for their service when you can and support their fundraising efforts. **This week’s House vote tally. Weekly Bill Tally**
Unanimous: 10
Bipartisan: 13
Party Line: 3
Ongoing Bill Vote
Unanimous: 98
Bipartisan: 83
Party Line: 34



Finding a permanent, loving home for every child

By Rep Randy Feenstra

In the United States, there are approximately 370,000 children in the foster care system with about 117,000 waiting to be adopted. While the number of kids in foster care has fortunately declined over the decades, there is still more work to be done to ensure that every child can find a permanent, loving home as quickly and safely as possible. As a father of four, I know that children are one of life’s greatest blessings, and it’s why, throughout my time in Congress, I have introduced legislation to help connect our nation’s most vulnerable children – those in the foster care system – with a caring family and loving home to call their own. In January of this year, legislation that I authored was included in a larger child welfare package, the Supporting America’s Children and Families Act, and signed into law. My bill – the Strengthening Evidence-Based Prevention Services Act – addresses a little-known obstacle negatively impacting organizations that work diligently to keep vulnerable children out of foster care. These groups offer what are referred to as “prevention services,” which include initiatives like substance abuse treatment, mental health services, and



parental coaching. However, the programs supported by these organizations must be rigorously evaluated for efficacy, with those certified as effective being eligible to receive federal funding. Without this funding, these organizations would struggle to fulfill their missions and consequently be forced to cut their services or shut down entirely. To prevent this from happening, this legislation, which is now law, authorizes a grant program through the Administration for Children and Families in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to fund evaluations of prevention services, enabling them to have the supporting evidence that they need to receive federal funding, and in turn, keep families and children together. In early March, another bill that I introduced to improve outcomes in our foster care

system also passed the U.S. House of Representatives with unanimous support. This legislation would help states uphold and strengthen their diligent recruitment plans by improving their processes – with concrete facts and information – for identifying, recruiting, and retaining qualified foster homes. Diligent recruitment plans are strategic frameworks that use data and other relevant statistics to recruit and retain families willing to foster and adopt. This is a particularly important initiative as our nation faces a shortage of foster families and, according to the data, those families who do open their homes do not foster for long. That’s why this legislation would also establish family advisory boards to share best practices, highlight financial obstacles facing foster families, and keep foster families at the center of systematic changes and improvements. To ensure that more children are paired with stable families, we need to implement policies that identify potential foster families, connect children with those families, and reverse the alarming trend of foster home closures and declining foster retention rates. Fortunately, by passing this bill and getting it signed into law as soon as possible, I

am confident that we can connect more foster children with loving families and make a lasting and positive impact on our country. Additionally, to encourage more families to adopt, I recently helped introduce legislation to lower the financial costs of adoption by making the Adoption Tax Credit fully refundable and removing income as a barrier to adoption. Iowans who want to adopt but do not have the financial resources to do so should not be prevented from making additions to their families – they should be supported. With approximately half of youth adopted from foster care living in families with incomes at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, this legislation makes improvements in our tax code to reduce financial barriers associated with adoption, invest in our families, and help every child find a permanent, loving home. In the United States, every child deserves a loving home and caring family. Through meaningful policy and collaboration across the aisle, we can improve outcomes in our foster care system, support families willing to foster and adopt, and give every child the opportunity to grow up surrounded by a strong and dedicated support system.

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WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:
What actress has starred in movies including "The Blind Side", "Speed", and "Miss Congeniality"? Answer: Sandra Bullock.
What actress has starred in movies including "Legally Blonde", "Sweet Home Alabama", and "Walk the Line"? Answer: Reese Witherspoon.

This week's trivia questions:
What band was named "Artist of the Decade" in the 1980s, and has more hit country songs than any other band?
What female country singer had an 80s hit song with "I Was Country When Country Wasn't Cool"?

April 23 is Administrative Professionals Day, Denim Day, Movie Theatre Day, and National Picnic Day; April 24 is Fashion Revolution Day; April 25 is National Arbor Day, World Women's Wellness Day, and World Penguin Day; April 26 is International Sculpture Day, National Pretzel Day, World Healing Day, and World Veterinary Day; April 27 is Babe Ruth Day, Woody Woodpecker Day, and World Design Day; April 28 is National Blueberry Pie Day, and National Superhero Day; April 29 is World Wish Day, International Dance Day, and National Peace Rose Day.

This week is Administrative Professionals Week, and National Infant Immunization Week.

"The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love."
— Psalm 145:8

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus."
— 1 Thessalonians 4:14

"And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."
— Mark 11:25

"The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter."
— Winston Churchill

"It would be nice to spend billions on schools and roads, but right now that money is desperately needed for political ads."
— Andy Borowitz

"It's always funny until someone gets hurt. Then it's just hilarious."
— Bill Hicks

"Everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it."
— Charles Dudley Warner

"If you find it hard to laugh at yourself, I would be happy to do it for you."
— Groucho Marx

"The fact that some geniuses were laughed at, does not imply that all who are laughed at are geniuses. They laughed at Columbus, they laughed at the Wright Brothers. But they also laughed at Bozo the Clown."
— Carl Sagan

"Be yourself" is about the worst advice you can give some people."
— Thomas Lansing Masson

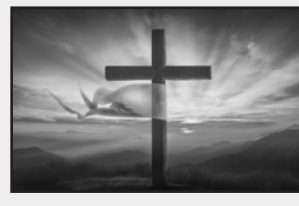
"Clothes make the man. Naked people have little or no influence on society."
— Mark Twain

The first ever National Football League (NFL) draft of college players was held on Feb. 8, 1936 in Philadelphia. The Philadelphia Eagles had the first pick and selected Dubuque, Iowa native and Heisman Trophy winner Jay Berwanger, from the University of Chicago. The Eagles were unable to meet Berwanger's reported demand of \$1,000 per game, and traded his rights to the Chicago Bears. Berwanger chose not to play pro football.

The 2025 NFL draft will be the 90th annual meeting of NFL franchises to select players. The draft is scheduled to be held at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wisconsin on April 24-26. The first pick in last year's draft, Chicago Bears quarterback Caleb Williams, signed a four-year contract worth almost \$40 million dollars, plus a \$25 million dollar signing bonus.

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Births

Elise Renae Bockelmann was born on April 8, 2025, to Shelby and Cole Bockelmann of Humboldt.

Hallee Mae Berhow was born on April 9, 2025, to Carlee and Chase Berhow of Webster City.

Braxton Hayes Ostendorf was born on April 9, 2025, to Jessica and Ross Ostendorf of Thornton.

Kieran Atreus Hovellon was born on April 10, 2025, to Mya and Liam Hovellon of Kanawha.

Oliver Idriel Velasco Bravo was born on April 11, 2025, to Maria Bravo Perez of Thornton.

Everett Axle Dean Askvig was born on April 11, 2025, to Britni and Myles Askvig of Vincent.

Cove Clair Dahlby was born on April 11, 2025, to Samantha Cooper of Northwood.

Lincoln Wade Anderson was born on April 11, 2025, to Peyton and Michael Anderson of Belmond.

Rhett Dean Nelson was born on April 12, 2025, to Sarah and Taylor Nelson of Leland.

Edward Ronaldo Vicente Estrada was born on April 13, 2025, to Margarita Estrada Reyes and Gilmar Vicente Maldonado of Eagle Grove.

Levi Gaspar Raymundo Perez was born on April 15, 2025, to Catarina Perez Raymundo and Jose Raymundo Lopez of Webster City.

Deaths

Earnest Dean Kiley of Eagle Grove was born on April 21, 1936, and died on April 14, 2025, at the age of 88.

Property Transfers

Court officer deed - others-land deeds: Caruth Culley Executor, Caruth Alan, Caruth Alan Estate to Caruth Culley - 29-90-23 NE, Estate of Alan Caruth 000013261004675321; 25-645

Warranty deed - town lot: Kelch Consulting Services LLC to Kelch Charles P Revocable Land Trust, Kelch Pamela K Revocable Land Trust, Charles P and Pamela K Kelch Revocable Land Trust - Clar McKay's Second Addn Blk 1 Lot 7 except N 20', Clar McKay's Second Addn Blk 1 Lot 8 except N 20'; Kelch Consulting 000012305004676435; 25-646.

Warranty deed - land deeds: McMurray Michael R, McMurray Vicki J to Nelson Cole E - 30-93-23 NW Tract in the NE 1/4; 25-647.

Contracts - town lot: Lopez Adalberto Jr, Lopez Olivia to Banegas Velasquez Fredis Antonio, Velasquez Banegas Fredis Antonio, Amador Gutierrez Kelvin Joel, Gutierrez Amador Kelvin Joel, Banegas Menica Brayan Jonathan, Menica Bangas Brayan Jonathan - Clar Denison's Addn Blk 2 Lot 4; 25-648.

Warranty deed - town lot: Cahalan Investments LLC to Venegas Sanchez Alisson Yajaira, Sanchez Venegas Alisson Yajaira - EG Broadway Addn Blk 9 Lot 6, EG Broadway Addn Blk 9 Lot 5 W 1/2, In Fulfillment of Real Estate Contract; 25-649; Related Documents 22-388 02-004 Contracts- Town Lot.

Contracts - land deeds: Jacobson Jim, Jacobson Alice M to Morelli Jill - 14-93-25 NW, Jim Jacobson/ Jill Morelli 000016045004677191;

25-651.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Gregg Marilyn M Trustee, Gregg Marilyn Revocable Trust, Marilyn M Gregg Revocable Trust to Okland Joshua, Okland Michelle - 16-92-24 SW Tract Sandy Beach Sub, FJF Gregg TR 20250409 0956 000016887004677333; 25-652.

Warranty deed - town lot: Barnes Melissa M, Barnes Edward A to Vences Blanca - Gold Orig Addn Blk 49 Lot 8, Vences - Barnes 000014225004678922; 25-661.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Dougherty Dennis M Trustee, Dougherty Randall D Trustee, Falconer L G Trust, L G Falconer Trust to Dougherty Dennis M Trustee, Dougherty Joan M Trustee, Dougherty Dennis M Revocable Trust, Dougherty Joan M Revocable Trust, Dennis M and Joan M Dougherty Revocable Trust - 16-92-24 NE Lot 26 Wilson's Sub & Tract, Falconer Trust to Dougherty Trust 000022861004679397; 25-663.

Warranty deed - town lot: Grant Sebby Drywall LLC to Gold Eagle Cooperative - Holm Orig Addn Blk 1 Lot 7, Holm Orig Addn Blk 1 Lot 8 Part, Sebby Drywall to Gold Eagle 000022861004679397; 25-633; Related Documents - GWH667 56-001 Groundwater Hazard.

Warranty deed - land deeds: Schmid Kurt J, Schmid Maria, Schmid Todd M, Schmid Lynn to Jacobson Kreg Family Revocable Trust, Kreg Jacobson Family Revocable Trust - 1-90-25 SW W 1/2 of S 1/2 Except, Schmid, Kurt J 000013261004681228; 25-669.

Tickets

Timothy Edward O'Connor of Waterloo, IA, maximum gross weight violation - 1001 to 2000.

Joseph Scott Elliott of Forest City, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Adam Robert Walker of Winterset, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Edward Parra of Roland, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

David R Johnson of San Antonio, TX, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Karly Paige Terhark of Urbandale, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (1 thru 5 over).

Joseph LaDuke of Belmond, IA, failure to provide proof of financial Liabili.

Joseph LaDuke of Belmond, IA, improper rear lamps.

William Clay Sievers of Maple Grove, MN, speeding OVR 55 zone (11 thru15 over).

Yeferzoin Amador Banegas of Eagle Grove, IA, no valid drivers license.

Yeferzoin Amador Banegas of Eagle Grove, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (16 thru 20 over).

Yeferzoin Amador Banegas of Eagle Grove, IA, failure to provide proof of financial Liabili.

Mark Lee Pittman of Clarion, IA, use electronic communication device - age 18.

Jessica Elizabeth Place of Alden, IA, failure to maintain or use safety belts - Adu.

Hunter Myles Sutter of Alexander, IA, failure to comply with safety regulations

Rul.

Jess Allen sprung of Are-dale, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (1 thru 5 over).

Benjamin Vazquez of Kanawha, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (16 thru 20 over).

Kathy Jean Meyer Allbee of Hampton, IA, dark window or windshield.

Jason Marc Tucker of Minneapolis, MN, speeding OVR 55 zone (16 thru20 over).

Kirk Wallace Nessel of Ames, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Danaisy Carmona Castellon of Brandon, FL, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

James Michael Bata of Owasso, OK, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Carter Joseph Bjorklunder of Eagle Grove, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Tarron Marie Glidden of Forest City, IA, window tint.

Melissa Rae Pulido of Clarion, IA, speeding.

Bryson X Warren of Belmond, IA, window tint.

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

Carlos Enrique Sanchez Fuego of Belmond, IA, no valid drivers license.

Carlos Enrique Sanchez Fuego of Belmond, IA, proof of security against liability - driving.

Santos Isidro Garcia Gomez of Eagle Grove, IA, permitting unauthorized person to drive.

Agustin A Garcia of Clarion, IA, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Miguel Antonio Oxlaj Lux of Clarion, IA, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Sara Jo Bakker of Roseville, MN, failure to obey traffic control device.

Selena E Johnson of Belmond, IA, dark windows.

Dora A Espinoza of Eagle Grove, IA, expired registration.

Humberto Hernandez Rodriguez of Eagle Grove, IA, no drivers license.

Andres Reyes Lopez of Eagle Grove, IA, no drivers license.

Small Claims

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC v. Pamperin, Alvin John; case dismissed with prejudice.

Hauge Associates, Inc. v. Jonas Knehans; judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$513.20 plus interest at 7.22% from 3/10/25.

SENCOR Holdings, LLC vs Melissa Adams & PIP; case dismissed, plaintiff ordered to pay \$95.00 in court costs.

Civil

(RTD)Andrew Johnson vs State of Iowa; case dismissed with prejudice.

Criminal

State of Iowa vs Douglas, Lacey Michele; simple misdemeanor assault - General, Defendant pled guilty and was fined \$105.00, plus \$95.00 in court costs, and a \$15.75 surcharge.

State of Iowa vs Robinson, Octavious D; simple misdemeanor violation of no contact/protective order-contempt, dismissed by the court; simple misdemeanor interference with official acts, defendant pled guilty and was fined \$250.00 plus \$60 in court costs and a \$37.50 surcharge.

Eagle Grove Police Report

April 10

8:18 AM: Parking violations reported near the intersection of SW 1st St. and Western.

10:32 AM: Return call requested from the police department.

10:35 AM: Mail Carrier reported being harassed in the 500 block of S Park.

11:06 AM: Report of a violation of a protective order.

11:08 AM: Assistance requested in a classroom with a student at Robert Blue Middle School.

11:36 AM: Return call requested from the 300 block of E Oak in Goldfield. Caller wished to discuss her condemned home, having already consulted with a lawyer and seeking guidance on the process.

11:47 AM: Road debris reported in the area of NW 11th.

12:11 PM: Traffic stop near the fire station in Goldfield.

2:26 PM: Theft of utilities reported in the 600 block of S Cadwell. Mid-American was notified.

4:14 PM: Caller at La Bonita reported being followed while walking with dogs. Dispatch could not make out the rest of the call.

5:05 PM: Return call requested from the 200 block of N Jackson Ave.

9:21 PM: Return call requested from the 200 block of S Iowa Ave.

April 11

4:30 AM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of S Commercial.

12:30 PM: Caller from business in the 300 block of W Broadway St. reported harassment involving tenants upstairs and requested an officer.

12:56 PM: Return call requested regarding cleanup.

3:59 PM: Dog bite reported at the Methodist Church. Two dogs were attacked by another dog.

7:40 PM: Extra patrol requested in the 200 block of N Jackson.

7:48 PM: Traffic stop in the 2800 block of Highway 17.

9:09 PM: Caller in the 500 block of S Iowa reported online harassment and a violation of a court order.

April 12

12:44 PM: Concerned citizen report from the 0-99 block of Spruce Dr. Caller was worried about burning leaves in high wind conditions. Officer requested.

12:49 PM: Return call requested from the Grove Inn. Caller was concerned about her storage unit situation and potential homelessness.

2:11 PM: Return call requested from the 500 block of S Iowa. Caller had concerns about someone taking pictures of her property.

8:40 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of High-

way 17 and Braden Ave.

11:20 PM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of S Jackson.

11:47 PM: Officer-initiated bar checks.

April 13

1:04 AM: Traffic stop in the 900 block of N Iowa.

2:14 AM: Public intoxication reported at a Goldfield Bar. Caller reported a drunk patron being belligerent and repeatedly falling to the floor.

11:35 AM: Assistance provided to another agency in the 600 block of NE 5th St.

1:10 PM: Caller in the 300 block of S Lincoln complained about a black truck frequently parking in Hewitt Park and requested increased patrols.

1:29 PM: Return call requested from Goldfield.

2:25 PM: Caller at the police department reported theft and requested to meet with an officer. Language barrier noted.

5:15 PM: Assistance provided in the 2400 block of N 17.

6:09 PM: Assistance provided in the 400 block of SE 4th St, Caller Reported an incident escalating while trying to retrieve belongings from in-laws' home.

7:11 PM: Accident in the 0-99 block of Parkview Dr.

8:43 PM: Assistance requested in the 300 block of NW 3rd St. Caller reported her husband had been assaulted and did not want to go to the hospital due to immigration concerns. Requested a Spanish-speaking officer.

8:40 PM: Return call requested from the Grove Inn regarding a prior theft. Caller asked to be contacted when officer 404 is next on duty.

11:02 PM: Unoccupied vehicle reported on Highway 17 near the airport.

11:25 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of Highway 3 and Pine in Goldfield.

April 14

6:43 AM: Road debris reported in the 400 block of S Commercial.

7:18 AM: Road debris reported in the 600 block of S Commercial.

7:38 AM: Caller at the Grove Inn reported theft of items from a storage garage.

7:55 AM: Traffic stop in the 100 block of N Iowa.

11:49 AM: Return call requested from the 600 block of SE 1st St.

11:56 AM: Funeral escort needed at the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

2:02 PM: Parking violations reported in the 200 block of N Hewitt.

2:27 PM: Caller in the 300 block of N Main in Goldfield reported gas tanks were drilled and requested an officer.

2:31 PM: Parking violations reported.

2:34 PM: Parking vio-

lations reported in the 400 block of N Iowa alley.

3:30 PM: Caller in Goldfield reported a stolen truck and requested an officer call.

5:07 PM: Caller at the police department reported a stolen vehicle. 911 caller was speaking Spanish and reported running to the station.

6:22 PM: Two-car accident reported at Casey's in Goldfield. No injuries. Report requested.

11:06 PM: Traffic stop in the 300 block of S Kirkwood Ave.

11:05 PM: Domestic dispute in the 500 block of N Cadwell. Caller requested an officer due to an argument with his son.

April 15

8:17 AM: Return call requested.

10:14 AM: Caller in the 100 block of S Park reported being struck with a cane during an altercation. Officer requested.

11:11 AM: Harassment Reported in the 300 Block of W Broadway.

12:56 PM: Return call requested. Caller sought follow-up on a report involving her brother's death.

1:41 PM: Funeral escort requested from the Baptist Church to Rose Hill.

4:06 PM: Report of a train vs. car accident near 2nd St. and AGP. No further details available.

4:36 PM: Return call requested from the 200 block of N Jackson Ave.

8:39 PM: Assistance requested at Fareway.

April 16

9:06 AM: Found property reported in the 100 block of S Cedar.

3:53 PM: Return call requested from the 400 block of W Broadway. Caller had a question about driving an unregistered vehicle to a storage unit.

4:12 PM: Return call requested regarding a parking issue.

4:20 PM: Return call requested. Caller did not provide a reason for the call or location.

5:35 PM: Vandalism reported in the 500 block of N Cadwell Ave.

7:19 PM: Caller in the 700 block of NW 3rd St. requested help with her grandmother.

7:35 PM: Caller in the 300 block of E Chestnut in Goldfield requested assistance with an out-of-control child on ADHD medication.

8:21 PM: Return call requested from the 400 block of N Blaine. Caller caught a parakeet and wished to speak with an officer when available.

April 17

12:05 AM: Caller in the 0-99 block of Morningside Dr. reported her elderly mother was the victim of an email scam and wished to make a report.

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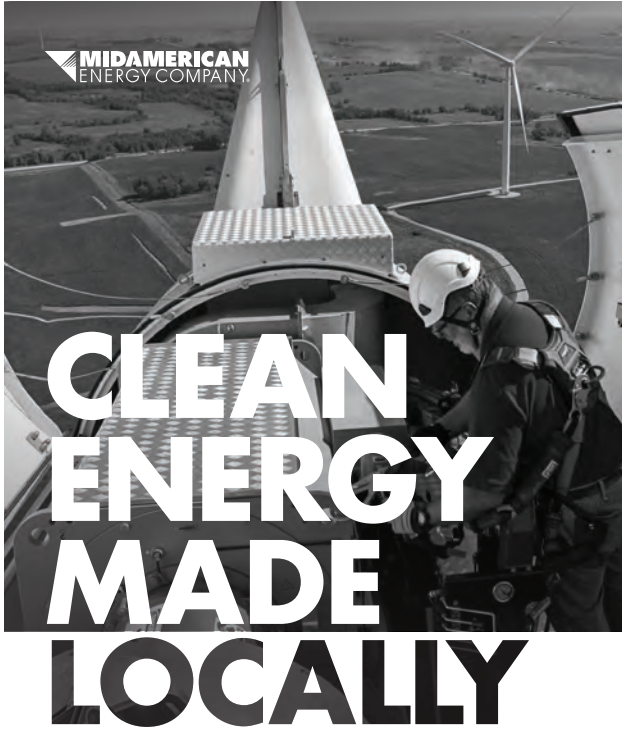
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SPORTS

UPCOMING
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SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 24

- Middle School Girls Track @ Nevada HS, 4:30 p.m.
- Varsity Boys Track @ Algona HS, 4:30 p.m.
- Middle School Boys Track @ Bishop Garrigan, 4:30 p.m.
- Varsity Girls Track @ Webster City HS, 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Soccer vs. IF-A @ Belmond-Klemme, 5:30 p.m.
- Boys Soccer vs. IF-A @ Belmond-Klemme, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 25

- Girls/Boys Golf @ Eagle Grove Golf Course, 4:15 p.m.
- JV/Varsity Boys Track @ Pocahontas Area, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 26

- Varsity Boys Golf @ Algona Golf Tournament, 9:00 a.m.

Monday, April 28

- Girls/Boys Golf @ Garner Golf and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.
- 8th Grade Girls Track @ SE Valley, 4:15 p.m.
- 7th/8th Grade Boys Track @ Hampton-Dumont-CAL, 4:30 p.m.
- Varsity Girls Track @ Lake Mills, 4:30 p.m.
- Girls Soccer vs. GHV @ Belmond-Klemme, 5:30 p.m.
- Boys Soccer @ GHV, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 29

- Esports @ EGHS, 4:00 p.m.
- Girls/Boys Golf @ Belmond Country Club, 4:15 p.m.
- 7th/8th Grade Boys Track @ Belmond-Klemme, 4:30 p.m.
- Varsity Boys Track @ Manson, 4:30 p.m.

Lady Eagles Show Out In Clarion

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On Tuesday, the EGHS girls track team took a short trip to Clarion to compete in the annual Cowgirl Relays. Twelve schools were at the meet, and the purple and gold placed fifth overall with 174 points. Clarion-Goldfield-Dows earned fourth

with 184.

Addy Jeske took first in the long jump (16'3"), and Addison Eittreim had a new PR in the high jump (4'6") for fourth place. Rynn Ettinger tossed the discus a season best 87'9" for fourth.

The sprint medley team of Holly Anderson, Crystal Flores, Mya Morgan, and

Myka Anderson finished in 2:08.7 and placed third. Myka also placed fifth in the 100m hurdles and Ellie Lenning sprinted for sixth in the 100m dash.

A new 4x400 relay group of Aubreigh Miller, Myka Anderson, Lenning, and Jeske finished in 4:44.3 for bronze.

Willard Takes Silver At Dodger Stadium

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The Eagle Grove boys track and field team tallied 51 points for a 7th place showing at last Monday night's Dodger Relays. St. Edmond, Humboldt, Mason City, Boone, Marshalltown, and Waukee Northwest were also in attendance at Dodger Stadium in Fort Dodge.

TOP FINISHERS:	
High jump –	
2 – Syrus Willard.....	5'10"
100m Dash –	
4 – Leelan Spencer.....	11.55
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5 – Waldo-Martinez, Castro, Terwilliger, Vasquez.....	9:32.99
Sprint Medley –	
4 – Spencer, Miller, Heaton, Castro.....	1:44.40
4x200 –	
4 – Beck, Heaton, Nielsen, Thacker.....	1:40.75



Josh Miller passes the baton to Patrick Heaton. (Photo by Gloria Becker)

Willard Swings For 1st In Goldfield

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On Tuesday, the Eagle Grove girls golf team battled Clarion-Goldfield-Dows and South Hamilton at Oak Ridge Golf Course in Goldfield. The Eagles had five of the meet's top six golfers

and won handily with a low score of 204. The Cowgirls finished second with 246, and the Hawks took third with 271.

Senior Piper Willard was the medalist at the triangular and shot a 48. Azlyn Amonson and Kennedy Thacker

tied for second place after both scoring a 50, and freshman Salem Willard was Eagle Grove's final scorer with a 56.

Caitlin Christopher had a 60 for sixth, and junior Lily Locke shot a 73 in Goldfield.

Wright County United Continue To Improve

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The Wright County United's boys team fell to 1-4-2 on the season after a Tuesday night loss to 1-3 Waterloo East.

Junior midfielder Anderson Diaz was the United's top performer against the Trojans, finishing the road match with an assist and

his fourth goal of the season. Byron Tux Coc would score United's only other goal of the contest, and Cristian Lopez added an assist. Goalkeeper Jose Alfaro had ten saves in the loss.

The girls team played on Monday and Thursday night last week and finished with a 2-2 tie at home against Webster City and a

0-0 tie at home vs. Charles City.

Sophomore forward Nazaria Matul and senior captain Jocelyn Gonzalez both scored second half goals against the Lynx, and Angelita Camey added an assist. Freshman goalkeeper Angelica Gonzalez finished the match with six saves.

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Andrew studied pharmacy at Drake University and returned home to Eagle Grove to raise a family and take over the pharmacy with Rachel. Their two sons, Archie and Wyatt, are often seen in the store with them. "Archie does deliveries sometimes," Rachel said. "He loves it, knocking on doors and giving people medicine."

A Personal Impact, Not Just Prescriptions

Inside the pharmacy, a bulletin board displays community events, and the staff work closely with schools and medical providers to support residents. And Mitov highlighted stories that underscore how the pharmacy's value goes far beyond dispensing medications.

"Mickey probably saved my husband's life not too many years ago," said longtime Eagle Grove resident Colleen Bartlett. Her husband Bob didn't feel well one graduation weekend, and she wasn't sure what to do. "So I called Mickey," she said.

Cooper advised them to go to the hospital. "When they arrived, they found out Bob was having a heart attack," Mitov reported. "I'm really blessed, truly blessed

that we had Mickey," Bob told *WHO13*. "Otherwise, I wouldn't have known. I probably would've been home and I wouldn't be here today."

Still, Cooper downplayed the praise. "I don't think about it much because to me it's my job. It's just what you do," she told Mitov, holding back tears.

The pharmacy's reach continues today under Wagner's leadership. Beth Wilson, the elementary school nurse, described how the pharmacy provided critical COVID, flu, and strep testing when healthcare access was otherwise limited. "There are so many things that I rely on them for," Wilson said.

"And not only that," she added, "but Andrew was able to, if you had a positive strep test, he was able to fill a prescription for that as well. And I think that eased the burden."

Wilson also said Wagner often provided emergency medications to students even if their families couldn't pay until payday. "They are an invaluable resource to us as school nurses," she said.

Dr. Tiffini Toliver, a family practice provider in Clarion, said she regularly relies on the pharmacy after hours. "It's never a concern. It doesn't matter what they're doing, what the weather's like. They make it happen."

The PBM Squeeze

Despite its indispensable role, Eagle Grove Pharmacy is now under financial strain. In his Facebook post, Wagner said more than one-third of prescriptions filled

last year were at a loss—driven by PBMs reimbursing pharmacies at rates below drug cost. "I'm almost to the point of begging our patients, friends, and family members to reach out to your local state senators and representatives and voice your support for PBM reform," Wagner wrote in his viral post.

According to *WHO13*, 31 Iowa pharmacies closed in 2023. More are expected to follow, including a Colfax pharmacy already projecting its closure, and others in Minden and Oskaloosa that have already shut down.

"We just want to stay in Eagle Grove and raise our family here," Wagner told the TV station. "And be able to send them to college one day. That's the most important thing for us. And then our staff, that they can keep their job, have good-paying jobs they can afford to live."

But Wagner said without reform, that vision may not be possible. "I may have to come up with an exit strategy in the next five years," he said.

What Reform Could Mean

A PBM reform bill is now

under consideration in the Iowa Legislature. It would require fair-cost reimbursement and protect patients' right to choose their pharmacy. Similar laws have passed in other states, with no evidence of premium increases, according to *WHO13*.

Last year, similar reform stalled without a vote. Independent pharmacists fear this year's effort could face the same fate.

Wilson warned the impact of closure would be dire. "We also live in a poverty, a high poverty area," she said. "Some people don't have a car to drive 30 miles. Some of them don't have the gas money to drive that far. That means some of our families wouldn't go get the medication."

Wagner urged patients to make their voices heard before it's too late. "We really love being your pharmacy," he stated in the post that caught so much attention. "Please voice your support for local healthcare so we can stop thinking about all these scary 'what ifs.'"

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

Larsen Jumps For Gold In FD

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Last week, the middle school girls track team had their first meet of the season at the Dodger Relays in Fort Dodge. Coach Zach Whipple said his girls did an "incredible job," and several individuals and relay teams brought home top-3 finishes.

Long Jump –	
1 – Mackenzie Larsen.....	14'10"
Discus –	
2 – Brooke Demuth (7th grade).....	47'4"
3 – Piper Lalor (8th grade).....	55'7"
Shuttle Hurdle –	
1 – Surber, Sadler, Nelson, Larsen.....	1:17
Distance Medley –	
1 – Waldo-Corado, Sadler, Whipple, Parrott.....	5:09
Sprint Medley –	
1 – Alaniz, Link, Gilbert, Sadler.....	2:15
4x100 –	
1 – Larsen, Surber, Alaniz, Link.....	57.4
100m Dash –	
2 – Kenlee Link.....	14.4
200m Dash –	
2 – Alayna Alaniz.....	31.1
200m Hurdles –	
3 – London Parrott.....	

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Shoppers enjoyed the wide selection of brand new goods at prices that rival the lowest offered by big box retailers.



Shoppers were lined up to pay for their purchases – and to enjoy the free cookies! (Photos by Edward Lynn)



Winner by Technical Knock Out!
(Photo courtesy of Lowell Washburn)

Ruler of the Roost!

By Lowell Washburn

For Iowa’s wild turkeys, the lengthening days of spring bring on a dramatic change in attitude. Gobblers that have peacefully spent the entire winter residing in close knit bachelor groups are suddenly defriending their associates. It’s the spring nesting season and for long bearded, ill-tempered toms, the wooing of hens has become a far greater priority than the maintenance of old alliances. Engaged in a perpetual quest for dominance, mature gobblers are now short fused and volatile. And whenever a pair of these twenty-plus pound feathered giants decide to duke it out, the results are dramatic.

The Nature Conservancy’s Clausen’s Cove – located along the Farmer’s Beach area of Clear Lake’s south shore – is one of my favorite places to view and photograph a wide range of woodland wildlife – including the eastern wild turkey. While at the area last week, I was treated to a classic example of just how intense a turkey rumble can be.

The event began when two widely separated gobblers simultaneously emerged from the oak timber to forage in some adjacent corn stubble. Upon becoming aware of each other’s presence, the pair quickly converged. Once they were together, it didn’t take long for tempers to flare. It was the beginning of a genuine spring smack-down, and I had a ringside seat.

Round One kicked off with a bit of low-key saber rattling which included strutting, gobbling, and some harmless chest bumping. Once these formalities had been completed, the birds squared off and got down to the real

business of deciding who was going to rule the roost. The Long Beards appeared to be evenly matched, and it took some additional posturing before either bird made its move. The actual battle began with some bob-and-weave head pecking before quickly escalating to the vigorous use of claw and spur. Following multiple bouts of intense rooster-like sparring, the gobblers paused to recalculate. By now, each bird had felt the sting of their opponent’s beak, claws, and spurs.

Having gained newfound respect for each other’s weaponry, the toms warily circled round and round with each seeking the advantage. Finally seeing what he perceived as an opening, the bird on the right made his move, lunging forward and then going airborne with a mighty leap. On his way back to earth, the gobbler made the most of his split-second opportunity by raking his adversary with a powerful thrust of his spurs. The impact of the needle-sharp daggers was enough to knock the recipient backwards – throwing the victim completely off his feet and onto his tail. That blow was the equivalent of an avian TKO. The decision was final — This match was over. Having sustained more than enough punishment to quell his enthusiasm, the ruffled gobbler had no desire for further conflict. Bruised and beaten, the defeated turkey promptly fled the scene. The newly confirmed Ruler of the Roost celebrated his victory by strutting back and forth across the corn.

Enjoy more wildlife tales online at Washburn’s Outdoor Journal at iawildlife.org/blog/.

Storm Knocks Out Power to 1,900 Wright County Customers

By Edward Lynn
Editor

CLARION, Iowa — Nearly 2,000 Wright County utility customers lost power early April 18 as a strong storm system swept across Iowa, triggering widespread outages and damage in rural areas. Ironically, the outage occurred on Lineworker Appreciation Day—which really puts the day of recognition in perspective.

An automated outage report from FindEnergy.com showed 1,990 out of 7,628 tracked meters in the county were without electricity following the storm. MidAmerican Energy confirmed that approximately 2,000 customers were affected.

City workers in Clarion moved quickly to address storm-related disruptions, including issues at the water treatment facility, while linemen worked through the storm to restore electricity.

Winds peaked at 41 mph



A large tree lay toppled just east of Clarion following the powerful April 18 storm that tore through Wright County, knocking out power and damaging rural properties. (Photo courtesy of Jon Ahrendsen)

during the multi-day event, according to the Iowa Environmental Mesonet. On April 17, gusts reached 34 mph, and on April 18, 32 mph. Rainfall totals for Wright County measured 0.08 inches and 0.27 inches on those days, respectively,

though other parts of the state saw over two inches of rain.

Wright County Emergency Manager Jarika Beecher told Iowa Public Radio that most damage was concentrated in rural areas. “Some hog facilities had damage to

their roofs,” she said, along with reports of damage to outbuildings and hoop barns.

Emergency crews and local officials continue to assess storm damage and lead clean-up efforts across the county.

Iowa Capital Dispatch Wins First Amendment Award

By Edward Lynn
Editor

Iowa Capital Dispatch was honored Wednesday with a prestigious award recognizing its unwavering commitment to First Amendment principles.

Editor-in-chief Kathie Obradovich accepted the Mark Witherspoon First Amendment Award, affectionately known as the “Spoon Award,” during a ceremony at Iowa State University’s Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication. The award, presented by the Greenlee First Amendment Committee, recognizes individuals or organizations that demonstrate outstanding dedication to upholding the freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment. It includes a \$500 prize.

The honor is named for Mark “Spoon” Witherspoon, the retired longtime editorial adviser to the Iowa State Daily, who



Kathie Obradovich, editor-in-chief of Iowa Capital Dispatch, accepted the Mark Witherspoon First Amendment Award on April 16, 2025, at Iowa State University’s Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication, on behalf of the Dispatch. From left: ISU Associate Teaching Professor Gary Sawyer, Obradovich, retired Iowa State Daily editorial advisor Mark “Spoon” Witherspoon, and Teaching Professor Brenda Witherspoon. (Photo courtesy of Tyler Lindsay)

initiated the university’s inaugural First Amendment Days celebration in 2003.

Gary Sawyer, associate teaching professor at


the Greenlee School and chair of the First Amendment Committee, praised Iowa Capital Dispatch for

its “dedication to covering

government and politics and use of public records” in its journalism.

Now in its 23rd year, First Amendment Days ran through April 17th this year. Thursday’s festivities include the annual “Feast on the First” from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Iowa State’s Central Campus, featuring food by the student group Block & Bridle, free First Amendment-themed T-shirts, and buttons designed by the late Ames resident Richard Deyo.

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EGHS students got some real world experience in Des Moines at Build My Future, the largest hands-on career exploration event in the state. (Photos from Eagle Grove Community Schools/Facebook)



A VR headset always makes for a nice escape.



Students were able to test out nail guns and other tools at Build My Future 2025.



Mrs. Putney presented Olympia with her medal.



Olympia Asche, who placed 1st in the 9th_10th grade poetry category at the Waldorf University Creative Writing Festival on March 6th, received her medal last week. (Photos from Eagle Grove High School/Facebook)



Earlier this month, instructor Floyd Perry taught students from EGHS, C-G-D, and Webster City how to use the countersink machine at the ICCC Regional Center.



Students in Manufacturing take Shop Operations, Blueprint Reading, Welding, Mills, and Lathes and Tech Math classes. (Photos from Iowa Central Community College North Central Career Academy/Facebook)

Planning The Next Step



Last week, several busloads of EGHS juniors and seniors attended the Iowa Central Career Fair in Fort Dodge.



EGHS students dressed in professional attire at the career fair.



Senior Eduardo Sosa talks to a representative from Mediacom.



The boys listen to a presenter from Chief Buildings of Ft. Dodge.



Even the Iowa State Patrol paid a visit to ICCC! (Photos from Eagle Grove High School/Facebook)



Field Trip to Fuller Hall



Last week, academically eligible high school students earned a group trip to Fuller Hall Recreation Center in Webster City.



A spontaneous card game erupted.



Students enjoyed the foosball table and pool hall at Fuller. (Photos from Eagle Grove Community Schools/Facebook)

Introduction of Champ the Bulldog at the 57th Annual Drake Road Races Kicks off Relays Week

DES MOINES, Iowa – The 57th running of the Drake Road Races saw unprecedented demand as the 5k, 10k, and half marathon all featured sold out fields of runners. Over 3,400 participants of all ages and abilities maneuvered their way through the streets of Des Moines on a picturesque April morning before finishing inside Drake Stadium to officially start the 2025 Drake Relays presented by Xstream powered by Mediacom.

This year's champions also became the first to celebrate a new tradition, the signing of Champ the Bulldog. The winners of all 158 events at the 2025 Drake Relays from the prep races to World Athletics Continental Tour contests will get to ink their signature on Champ, cementing their title-winning status for the year.

Two of today's champions, Jessica McKee and Kayci Martensen, are pictured above after collecting their champion flags and marking Champ with their autographs.

"It was another tremendous day for the Drake Road Races," said Drake Road Races Director Ben Huftalin. "Athletes from all over the country made the most of their chance to finish on the iconic Blue Oval and the energy throughout the course was evident. We're especially thrilled for today's first-place finishers as they were the first to participate in the newest Relays tradition of signing Champ the Bulldog, and are excited to see hundreds more do the same later this week as Drake Relays champions."

Martensen, a native of Benton, Wis., was the women's 5k champion in 17:27. Ankeny's Ahren Davis won the men's 5k in a time of 16:00.

McKee, a Johnston resident, returned to the Drake Road Races to defend her women's 10k title from a year ago. She did just that with a winning pace of 35:52, besting her triumphant 2024 time by nearly a second. Tyler Boyle of Lincoln, Neb. took top honors in the men's 10k at 31:43.

The men's half marathon was won by Seth Kilborn of Waukee. Kilborn navigated the 13.1-mile course in 1:11.04 to earn his champion flag and the right to sign Champ the Bulldog. He was joined in the winner's circle by Danna Herrick of Norwalk. She won the women's half marathon in 1:20:31.

UNI PANTHERS

Hoins Sets New UNI Steeplechase Record at Bryan Clay Invitational

AZUSA, Calif. --- UNI track and field's distance runners put their endurance to the test this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as five Panthers competed in events at the Bryan Clay Invitational in southern California.

With new career-bests, top-five team marks and a new school record set in the three days of competition, Northern Iowa sets itself up for a strong showing at the 115th running of the historic Drake Relays next week in Des Moines.

Emma Hoins opened competition for the Panthers on Wednesday night with an impressive performance in the women's 3,000-meter steeplechase, breaking her own school record set just last year in a time of 10:15.39 for a 23rd place finish in the open event. Amelia Hill also competed unattached in the steeplechase, finishing 14th in the invite competition.

On Thursday, the trio of Caleb Shumaker, Drake Hanson and Chase Knoche all took to the track. In the men's 5,000 meters, Shumaker dropped 10.8 seconds for a new career-best time, while also registering the fifth-fastest mark in team history. In the 800-meter invite, Hanson showed top speed with a fourth-place effort, shaving 0.90 seconds off his career-best time in 1:47.90, the second-fastest time in UNI history. Despite a strong start, Knoche would not finish the 800 meters following a collision in the final 20 meters.

In Friday's mile runs, Chase Lauman clocked the sixth-fastest time in team history with a career-best time of 3:47.90 in the 1,500-meter invite, while Hanson ran a 3:56.94 in the men's open mile. Hoins closed out the final night of action with a career-best time of 4:26.76 in the women's 1,500 meters to move into third on the program's all-time list, while Hill (unattached) ran a 4:32.33.

IOWA STATE CYCLONES

Cyclones Rally in Seventh; Walk-Off Jayhawks 7-6

AMES, Iowa – Iowa State (23-18, 11-6 Big 12) claimed its fourth conference series of the season Friday afternoon, coming back to beat Kansas (18-22, 4-13 Big 12) by a score of 7-6 at the Cyclone Sports Complex.

After a solo blast in the first, Kansas strung together four consecutive scoring innings to take a three-run lead into the seventh frame. With its back against the wall, Iowa State delivered, rattling off four consecutive singles in the seventh to tie things up at six apiece. With the bases eventually loaded, Reagan Bartholomew sent a deep sac fly to left field to plate the winning run and walk-off the Jayhawks.

Three Cyclones notched two-hit outings, as Tatum Johnson, Jessie Clemons and McKenna Andrews led the way at the plate. Johnson also added a pair of RBI, tying her for the team lead with both Sydney Malott and Bartholomew.

In the circle, Sami Potvin made her second start of the Big 12 slate for the Cyclones, going one inning and allowing one run. Jaiden Ralston (8-6) and Lauren Schurman would combine to relieve Potvin.

Kansas was led by short-stop Hailey Cripe, who went 3-4 on the day with a pair of homers and a double, accounting for three RBI. Ava Wallace and Anna Soles also had multiple RBI as each accounted for two. Kennedy Diggs got the start, as she struck out three in 3.2 innings, before both Kaelee Washington and Lizzy Ludwig (3-6) took over.

IOWA HAWKEYES

Hawkeyes Set 3 School Records In Florida

Gainesville, Fla. – The University of Iowa track and field team wrapped up a strong weekend of competition by setting three program records in Florida on Saturday afternoon. Fifth-year senior Kalen Walker broke his own school record in the 100 meters, freshman Chioma Nwachukwu set a new program best in the 400 meters, and the women's 4x400-meter relay team posted the fastest time in school history.

"I was very pleased overall with our performances today," Director of Track and Field Joey Woody said. "It was very exciting to see Kalen (Walker) back in action for the first time this season in an Iowa uniform, and he didn't disappoint by breaking his own school record in the 100 meters. His time is top 10 in the NCAA this season and is one of a few that is under the legal 2.0 wind."

At the Tom Jones Memorial Invitational in Gainesville, Walker clocked a personal-best 10.06 in the 100-meter invite, improving on his previous record of 10.09 and finishing fifth overall.

Nwachukwu recorded a school-record time of 51.26 in the women's 400-meter invite, placing seventh and achieving a new personal best. Fellow freshmen Damaris Mutunga (52.13) and Alivia Williams (52.92) also notched personal bests in the event. Mutunga's time ranks seventh all-time at Iowa.

The women's 4x400-meter relay team of Olicia Lucas, Mutunga, Williams, and Nwachukwu clocked a program-best 3:30.92 to finish 13th overall. The quartet previously held the number two spot in school history with a time of 3:31.55.

In the women's 4x100-meter relay, the team of Holly Duax, Lucas, Williams, and Lia Love ran 44.29, ranking fifth all-time at Iowa.

"I was very thrilled with how well Lia (Love) and Holly (Duax) ran in the 100 meter with Lia (Love) finishing top eight overall," Woody added. "Holly had a huge personal best that will give her lots of confidence going into these next few. The women sprinters started us off on a high note in the 4x100-meter relay running the fifth fastest all-time at Iowa for the first time they've ran together this year."

"The women's 400-meter group all ran terrific races today led by Chioma's school record. Kai (Graves-Blanks) and Tyler (Kenaga) had terrific prelim races in the 110-meter hurdles with a huge personal best by Tyler and Kai winning his heat against the NCAA indoor 60-meter hurdle champion," Woody said. "Unfortunately, there was a lot of bumping in the finals and Kai lost his balance and ran into the hurdles. The women's 4x400-meter relay team finished the day on another high note breaking another school record and setting them up well going into the next few meets."

At the Kansas Relays, senior Drake Woody threw a personal-best 59.70 meters in the javelin.

At the Mt. Sac Relays, freshman Maria Arboleda earned silver in the women's high jump elite, clearing 1.85 meters. In the women's 800 meters, senior Alli Bookin-Nosbisch was the top collegiate finisher with a time of 2:03.60.

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Tea Is The Key!

No tea party is complete without a variety of delicious teas!



Students were able to work on other art projects during their tea party.



Snacks were an arms length away at the first grade tea party!



Earlier this month, Mrs. Erdman's first grade art classes made vases. Later, they used the vases to decorate a table for a tea party. (Photos from Eagle Grove Community Schools/Facebook)

What's Cookin' this week?

Pecans add the perfect finishing touch

Pecans can make any recipe better. Whether they add a nutritious crunch to oatmeal, star as the lead ingredient in pecan pie or give cookies that little something extra, pecans elevate the foods they touch.

In this recipe "Twice-Baked Sweet Potatoes" from "Simply Scratch" (Avery) by Laurie McNamara, honey-covered pecans are the crowning touch on sweet potatoes, helping to make this side dish one to remember at any special meal.

Twice-Baked Sweet Potatoes

(Serves 4)

- 2 medium sweet potatoes, scrubbed
 - 1 teaspoon olive oil
 - 4 tablespoons unsalted butter
 - 2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
 - 2 teaspoons chili powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
 - 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt, plus a pinch
 - 2 tablespoons honey
 - 3/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans
- Preheat the oven to 400F.
- Massage the olive oil onto the sweet potatoes and set them on a small baking sheet. Bake for 1 hour or until a knife glides through effortlessly. Let cool until safe to handle. Keep the oven on.
- Halve the sweet potatoes horizontally and carefully scoop out the flesh into a medium bowl. Set the skins aside. Add the butter, maple syrup, chili powder, cinnamon, and 1/4 teaspoon of the salt and use a potato masher to mash the filling until smooth.
- In a small bowl, combine the honey, pecans, and a pinch of salt.
- Place the skins side by side in a small baking dish. Spoon the filling in, dividing it evenly, and top with the honeyed pecans. Bake for 5 minutes. Serve warm.

THIS WEEK'S famous Birthdays

- April 20 – Shemar Moore, Actor (55)
- April 21 – James McAvoy, Actor (46)
- April 22 – Sherri Shepherd, Actress (58)
- April 23 – Gigi Hadid, Model (30)
- April 24 – Kelly Clarkson, Singer (43)
- April 25 – Jonathan Bailey, Actor (37)
- April 26 – Melania Trump, First Lady (55)

THIS WEEK'S Horoscopes

- ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20**
Spending time with new friends and those you've know for years can be a satisfying way to pass the week, Aries. Try to plan some activities that you can enjoy together.
- TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21**
Taurus, this week you may choose to tackle some necessary, albeit time-consuming, chores. They may take a few hours, but then you'll have time to unwind.
- GEMINI - May 22/June 21**
Gemini, certain information that you have been looking for may finally come to the surface. Once you have your answers, you might be able to move on to other tasks.
- CANCER - June 22/July 22**
Cancer, emotional matters that emerged over the previous few days might soon be settled with all parties feeling satisfied with the results.
- LEO - July 23/Aug 23**
Leo, confusion with loved ones can be easily cleared up with a little, honest communication between you and the other people involved. Embrace this chance to be open and honest.
- VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22**
Virgo, you may be especially motivated this week and feel a need to get as much done as possible. Try not to race through tasks without focusing on doing things right.
- LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23**
Libra, you are operating at peak efficiency and ready to handle many of the less exciting tasks on your to-do list. Tackle the grunt work and the fun will follow.
- SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22**
You have the stamina and energy to get a lot of chores taken care of this week, Scorpio. But you may be short on time. Enlist other people to help if an opportunity presents itself.
- SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21**
Don't be surprised if you spend a lot of your time on the phone this week, Sagittarius. There are many things on your to-do list and tackling them one by one is essential.
- CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20**
Financial paperwork and money matters fill the docket for you the next few days, Capricorn. Paying bills, balancing a checkbook and building your nest egg are your top priorities.
- AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18**
This week you could be feeling industrious and on the lookout for a new project, Aquarius. You will be an asset to anyone who needs extra assistance.
- PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20**
Particularly vivid dreams could have you wondering what your mind is trying to tell you, Pisces. You might come up with some interesting interpretations, but the answers remain unknown.

KIDS Corner

What's the Difference?

Find the four differences between the two pictures.

A

B

Answers: 1. Bunnies in background 2. Missing egg in hand 3. Extra egg in grass 4. Shadow on tree trunk

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

APRIL

25

1792: "La Marseillaise," the French national anthem, is composed by Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle.

1859: British and French engineers break ground for the Suez Canal.

1954: The first practical solar cell is demonstrated by Bell Telephone Labs.

NEW WORD

FAITH

a strong belief or trust in something

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to springtime. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 10 = R)

A. 2 7 22 19 21 10 4
Clue: Blooms

B. 6 15 11 4
Clue: Beginnings of flowers

C. 19 23 10 12 16 5
Clue: Temperate climate

D. 10 23 9 26 14
Clue: Lots of wet precipitation

Answers: A. flowers B. buds C. warmth D. rainy

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to spring.

S B R D I

Answer: Birds

