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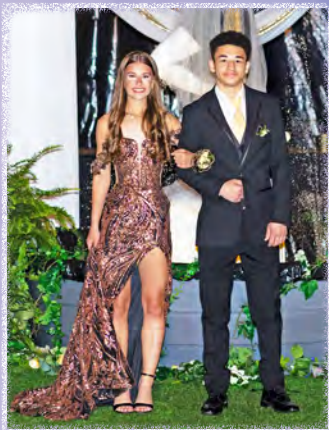
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# City-Wide Cleanup Days Underway

**By Edward Lynn  
Editor**

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — Eagle Grove’s annual Spring Clean Up Days kick off as this issue hits stores Wednesday, and run through Saturday (May 3) giving residents a prime opportunity to clear out clutter and dispose of unwanted items.

Cleanup hours will be Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Drop-offs are accepted at the Public Works Department, located at 209 SE 1st Street (behind the Eagle Grove Fire Station).

Residents can bring a variety of items for disposal, including appliances, electronics, furniture, tires, and hazardous waste materials. Stickers, required for many items, can be purchased at City Hall (121 N. Commercial Ave) or at the Clean Up Days site. Sticker prices range from \$10 to \$50 based on the item type, while hazardous waste materials will

be charged separately at 50 cents per item.

Accepted items include household appliances like refrigerators, washers, and microwaves; electronics such as TVs and computers; bulky furniture like sofas and mattresses; car batteries; propane tanks; tires; recyclable items; and even vehicles.

Hazardous waste accepted includes household cleaners, paints, oil, antifreeze, yard and bug sprays, pool chemicals, gasoline, and light bulbs.

Some items are not accepted, including fluorescent ballasts, yard waste, construction debris, dead animals, mercury-containing items, needles, asbestos, explosives, fireworks, medications, and large trailer or truckloads of junk.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this annual event to help keep Eagle Grove clean and safe. For more information, contact City Hall or visit during operating hours.

# Ladies Night Out, ‘Vegas Night’ Coming Friday

Shop Local Poker concludes during Ladies Night Out at 9 & Dine

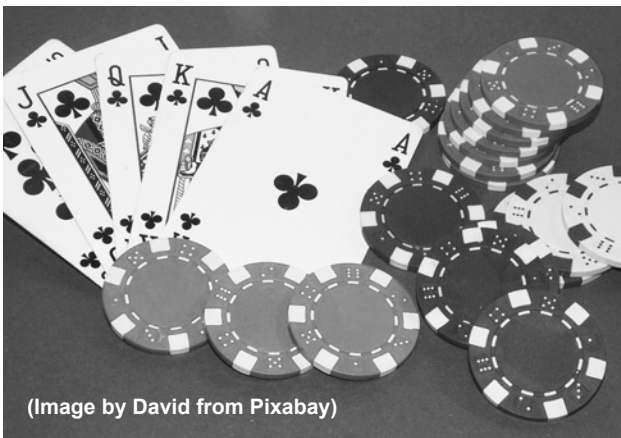
**By Edward Lynn  
Editor**

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — The excitement is building as the Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce prepares to host its “Ladies Night Out” event this Friday, May 2, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Nine & Dine Restaurant. Featuring a fun-filled night of Vegas-style games, a buffet of appetizers, prize raffles, and more, the evening also marks the finale of the Chamber’s Shop Local Poker promotion, which some have also called “Vegas Night.”

The festivities begin with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., giving guests a chance to mingle and enjoy refreshments before the games get underway. At 6 p.m.,

the casino-themed games will begin, offering participants the chance to test their luck and skills. To participate, guests must purchase “Casino Cash” — with a minimum buy-in of \$5 — to join the games. Casino Cash is non-refundable and cannot be exchanged. Those purchasing Casino Cash at the door will have their amount doubled — for example, a \$25 purchase would receive \$50 in Casino Cash. Players can use their Casino Cash at each game table to try their hand at winning even more.

At 8 p.m., players will turn in their remaining Casino Cash in exchange for raffle tickets, which can then be used to bid on a wide variety of exciting



(Image by David from Pixabay)

prizes donated by local businesses and sponsors. The evening will culminate with a raffle prize drawing at 9 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Shop Local Poker contest, which launched on April 18, will conclude Friday night as well. Shoppers who have visited participating local businesses over the past two weeks collected one card for every \$10 spent, up to a maximum of five cards per purchase. Cards were available at the Chamber office and at participating businesses.

Participants who have built their poker hands must turn in their completed forms to the Chamber

office either before May 2 or during the Ladies Night Out event. The top three poker hands will each be awarded prizes, with winners announced during the evening. Participants do not need to be present to win.

The Chamber encourages everyone to come out, support local businesses, and enjoy an evening of fun, food, games, and community spirit.

For more information about Ladies Night Out or the Shop Local Poker promotion, contact the Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce at chamber@eaglegrove.com or call (515) 448-4821.

# Hydrogen Exploration Company Urges Reconsideration of Setbacks

**Amanda Rink,  
Mid-America Publishing**

April 28, 2025 – Twin Rivers Exploration representatives asked the Wright County Board of Supervisors to reconsider the county’s 250-foot setback requirement for seismic testing, a policy Twin Rivers says could block their search for underground hydrogen and possible economic development opportunities in the area.

Twin Rivers, which specializes in hydrogen exploration through seismic testing, has targeted Wright County because of promising geological features underground. Natural hydrogen could support local fertilizer production, clean electricity, and other new economic investments if it is found in viable quantities.

However, seismic testing — the first step in finding hydrogen — has been stalled after the Wright County Board of Supervisors denied a request from the company to reduce setbacks from county assets.

"Without reducing the buffer, we can no longer explore in Wright County," said Kyle Handy, a landman for Twin Rivers, at the Monday Board of Supervisors meeting. "The 250-foot buffer essentially makes large sections of the road network off-limits, which leaves critical gaps in our seismic imaging."

Twin Rivers proposed reducing the setback to 50 feet from county assets, most notably county drainage tile.

The company says they would monitor the seismic imaging vibrations to ensure

they do not exceed the 0.5 Particle Velocity (PPV) standard, a scientific vibration limit endorsed by third-party engineering firms hired by the company. Handy delivered a detailed plea to the board to reconsider, highlighting tests the company had completed, which showed no damage to underground clay drainage tile.

**County Concerns**

Despite Twin Rivers’ assurances, the Board remained cautious, with Supervisor Dean Kluss stating he was firm on the 250-foot setback.

Wright County Engineer Adam Clemons emphasized the long-term risk. Even if no immediate tile damage is observed, decades-old drainage systems made of fragile clay tiles could deteriorate or fail in future years, potentially causing major flooding and expensive repairs.

"We’ll be the ones named in that lawsuit because we allowed the testing," stated Clemons.

Twin Rivers said they would provide full GPS tracking of every seismic shot and offered to extend a ten-year indemnification agreement, covering any damages linked to their operations. They stressed that their technology and testing methods were less invasive than older seismic methods used during oil exploration in the 1980s.

Precision Drainage, an Algona-based contractor, supported Twin Rivers’ request, describing extensive tests conducted with both new and old tiles.

"We placed vibratory trucks directly over shallow-buried clay tile. After multiple tests, there were no cracks, no shifts, nothing," said a representative, who said he was an uninterested party, with Precision Drainage and Excavating of Algona.

Yet, several voices, one of which was Bob Ritter, remained skeptical. He pointed out that aged tiles already prone to cracks may react differently than fresh test installations, and that vibrations, even at low intensities, may have cumulative effects not visible immediately.

**What Happens if Hydrogen Is Found?**

Beyond testing, public questions turned to the broader environmental impact if hydrogen is found in Wright County. "What does Wright County, Iowa look like when you’re drilling hydrogen?" asked County Conservation Director Eric Rector.

It was explained that hydrogen extraction would

look similar to a natural gas operation, with a typical well site occupying about 1.5 acres once completed. The above-ground "Christmas tree" structures would be 6 to 9 feet tall. Gathering lines to transport hydrogen would ideally run along road easements to avoid disruption to other systems.

Unlike CO2 pipelines, which have stirred significant local controversy, hydrogen gas is lighter, less hazardous, and would likely be consumed locally rather than piped across long distances, according to Twin Rivers.

Still, skepticism was voiced about land leases, the potential industrialization of rural areas, and the danger of anhydrous fertilizer plants.

"I’m a fan of hydrogen as a fuel source," said Rector. "But there are a lot of unanswered questions."

Twin Rivers representatives stated that at this point there are possibilities to consider, but right now they are just looking for the resource.


**What’s Next?**

The Wright County Supervisors did not make a final decision during the meeting. They requested more time to consult with the county attorney, insurance providers, and to review all data, including mapping files and vibration testing reports submitted by Twin Rivers.

A potential decision could come within the next two weeks.

Without a revision to the current setback, Twin Rivers warned, seismic testing could not begin in Wright County, though neighboring counties like Franklin, Cerro Gordo, and Hamilton have already approved similar projects without restriction.

Request for comment from the Wright County Monitor submitted to Twin Rivers Exploration remains unanswered as of the publication deadline.




Use caution on unprotected streets, without stop or yield signs.

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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, May 5**  
**BREAKFAST:** Breakfast Pizza, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice  
**LUNCH:** Cheeseburger, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Fruit Cocktail

**Tuesday, May 6**  
**BREAKFAST:** Cereal, Muffin, Fruit, Juice  
**LUNCH:** Tacos, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Pears

**Wednesday, May 7**  
**BREAKFAST:** Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit, Juice  
**LUNCH:** Crisпитos, Corn, Salad, Orange

**Thursday, May 8**  
**BREAKFAST:** Breakfast Bagel, Ham Slice, Fruit, Juice  
**LUNCH:** Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Applesauce, Bread & Butter

**Friday, May 9**  
**BREAKFAST:** Cook’s Choice  
**LUNCH:** Cook’s Choice

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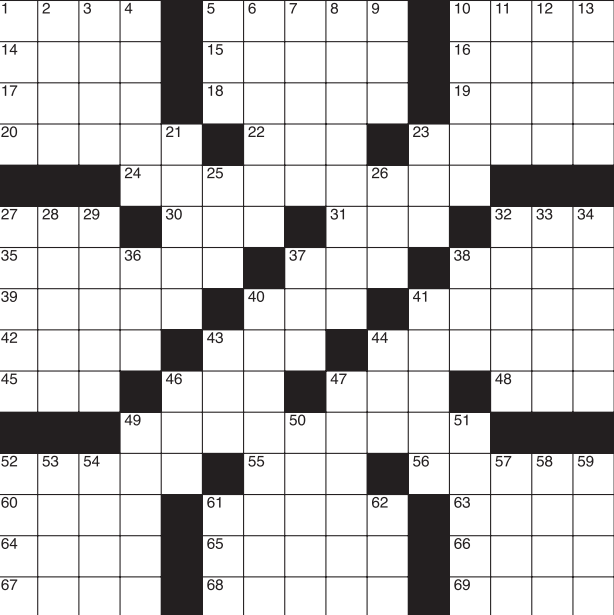
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CLUES ACROSS

1. McCarthy acolyte Roy

5. Ancient Korean chiefdoms

10. Not soft

14. Jai \_\_, sport

15. Philosophy

16. Do what you're told

17. Gaffe

18. Widely known and esteemed

19. Amusement park attraction

20. Popular comic strip Viking

22. Usually has a lid

23. American sportscaster

24. Lung fibrosis

27. General's assistant (abbr.)

30. Pouch

31. Upset

32. Partner to hem

35. Astronomy unit of distance

37. Witch

38. Gradually disappear

39. Regions

40. Possesses

41. Body parts
42. A way to comprehend

43. Defraud

44. Sandwich type

45. Expression of disappointment

46. Popular Dodge truck model

47. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet

48. Soviet Socialist Republic

49. Songs to a beloved

52. Custom

55. Partner to cheese

56. West Indies trees

60. Member of a Semitic people

61. Plant that originated vegetatively

63. Squandered one's money

64. Ethiopian river

65. Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues

66. Acquire by one's efforts

67. Irish goddess

68. Hungarian village

69. Cereal grasses

CLUES DOWN

1. Currency

2. Ceramic jar

3. Reagan's Secretary of State

4. God worshipped in Kanesh

5. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)

6. Semitic

7. About blood

8. Benign tumors

9. Move one's head

10. Hours (Spanish)

11. Hebrew calendar month

12. Advise someone

13. Colors clothes

21. The sun does it

23. Concealed

25. City of Angels hoops team (abbr.)

26. Droop

27. Away from one another

28. Challenges

29. A harsh scraping sound

32. Attaches to a wall

33. Capital of Ethiopia: \_\_ Ababa
34. German river

36. Disappointed

37. Star Wars character Solo

38. Supervises flying

40. Not mass-produced

41. Nonsense

43. Automobile

44. Hogshead (abbr.)

46. Soak in water

47. Flower cluster

49. Romanian city

50. A parent is often one

51. Fencing sword

52. Body part

53. Region

54. Farm building

57. Ali's surname at birth

58. Waxy bird beak covering

59. Stiff bristles

61. VCR button

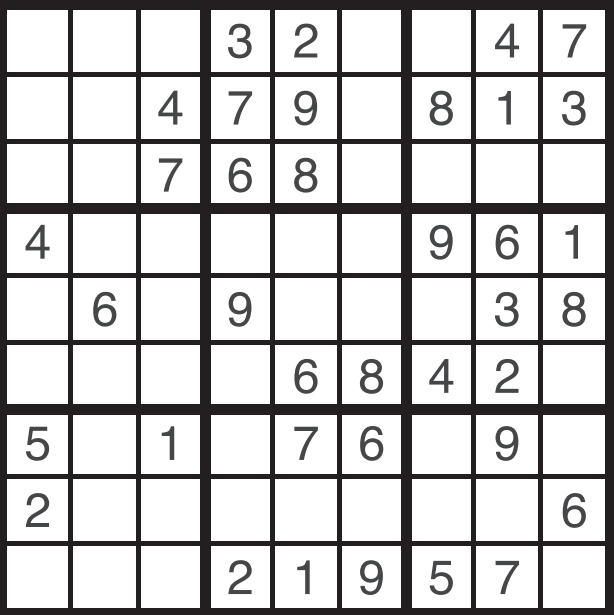
62. Small amount

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FABRIC

MODERN

STYLE

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MOLDING

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Lions Club Launches Yearlong Shoe Drive for Global Impact

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

EAGLE GROVE — Starting May 1, 2025, the Eagle Grove Lions Club will kick off a yearlong community-wide shoe drive aimed at improving lives and protecting the planet. The initiative, which runs through May 1, 2026, is part of a broader humanitarian effort in partnership with Zappos.com and the nonprofit organization Soles4Souls.

The goal: to collect 10,000 pairs of gently used shoes—any size and style, except high heels—to keep them out of landfills and

put them to use helping people in need.

“Soles4Souls is more than a lesson in giving back—it’s a lesson in how easy it is to make ripple effects with small changes. It’s not just about shoes, it’s about changing lives,” said Tiffini Tolliver, President of the Eagle Grove Lions Club and local organizer of the effort.

Donated shoes will be repurposed and redistributed through Soles4Souls’ extensive network, which has provided nearly 10 million pairs of new shoes and clothing to people across the globe since 2004. Ac-

cording to the organization, four in five recipients report improved physical and mental well-being, and one in two return to work thanks to greater confidence and mobility.

If the Eagle Grove community meets its 10,000-pair goal, Zappos.com will donate 250 new pairs of shoes for local distribution to individuals and families in need.

Collection bins will be available at the Eagle Grove Memorial Library, the Wright County Landfill, and both ISH campuses in Clarion and Belmond. The project is supported

locally by Travis Connor and the Wright County Landfill.

Each year, Americans discard more than 13 million tons of clothing and footwear, contributing to environmental damage that disproportionately affects vulnerable populations. By giving shoes a second life, the drive helps combat waste and promote economic opportunity around the world.

For more information or to get involved, visit <https://soles4souls.org/4relief/> or contact a member of the Eagle Grove Lions Club.

Area counties improve jobs numbers

By Michael Hohenbrink  
Mid-America Publishing

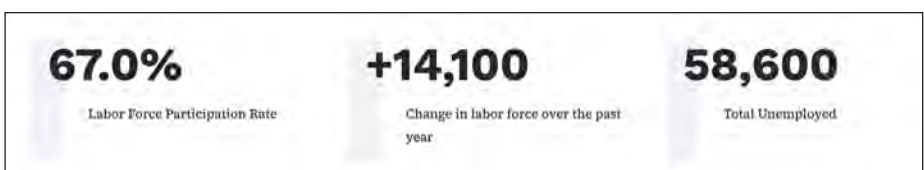
Most area counties saw their unemployment numbers dip with the latest figures released by Iowa Workforce Development.

Statewide, Iowa recorded a slight uptick in unemployment numbers, up to 3.4 percent from 3.3 percent the month before.

The national unemployment rate rose to 4.2 percent for the month.

Hardin County’s numbers bucked the state trend and dipped by .1 percent, down to 3.5 percent.

Wright and Franklin counties were the regional leaders at 3.1 percent as Grundy County also fell by



.1 percent, landing at 3.6 percent from 3.7 percent the month before.

Franklin County stayed constant at 3.8 percent while Butler County improved slightly to 4.7 percent from 4.9 percent the month before.

Marshall County had the state’s highest rate at 7.8

percent, followed by Crawford County at 5.4 percent.

“March’s report shows increased hiring in key industries such as construction, transportation, and healthcare, while other areas with more temporary workers pulled back,” said Beth Townsend, Executive Director of Iowa Work-

force Development. “There remains over 50,000 open jobs in Iowa, and the Iowa-WORKS career planners and Reemployment Case Management team can help Iowans who are looking for work find available jobs and learn how to best position themselves in a competitive job market.”

Supervisors Discuss Insurance Gaps

Amanda Rink,  
Mid-America Publishing

April 28, 2025 – Insurance coverage gaps were addressed at the Wright County Board of Supervisors meeting Monday morning as officials learned the county’s properties and equipment are significantly underinsured, a discovery that could cost taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars.

Jay LeFevre of the First Gabrielson Agency presented findings showing that Wright County is underinsured by about \$3 million. A review of the county’s insurance policy revealed road graders valued at only \$245,000 are now priced at \$475,000 for replacement.

Wright County Auditor Amanda Meyer and LeFevre warned that while the county could stick with lower valuations to save on premiums, doing so would expose Wright County to greater financial risk in case of loss.

Key issues:

- Road Graders and Equipment: A \$3 million underinsured gap for county equipment could cost an estimated \$6,000 more in premiums if corrected.
- County Jail: Currently insured for only \$5.3 million, the jail’s coverage needs to increase to \$10 million, an adjustment projected to add \$10,000 in premiums.
- Courthouse Coverage:

\$15 million to \$30 million, an increase of \$24,000 in premiums, though insurance caps still apply to certain items under the policy.

Supervisor Dean Kluss estimated insurance costs could rise by about 12.5%.

Auditor Meyer and LeFevre suggested that any increased insurance payments be budgeted after July 1, preventing disruption to department budgets near the end of the fiscal year. Final premium figures are expected by early June.

In Other Business:

- The Board held a public hearing and approved the Wright County Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget with no public comments. Resolution 2025-17 officially ad-

opted the new budget.

- A cigarette, tobacco, nicotine, and vapor permit was approved for the Casey’s General Store located in Dows.

- Director of Wright County Economic Development Daryl Steven Carlyle noted that the awards ceremony and dinner for the Wright County Charitable Fund is scheduled for Wednesday evening at The Eagle Grove Robert Blue Middle School.

The Wright County Supervisors will meet again on Monday, May 5, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. This meeting, along with past meetings, can be viewed online at [youtube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312](https://youtube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312).

There’s Still Time to Apply for POET Community Impact Grant

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — There’s still time for local organizations and individuals to apply for the 2025 POET Community Impact Grant, with the application window open through May 16.

The one-time grant program is designed to support nonprofits, schools, churches, earth-friendly groups, and individuals leading projects that improve communities and enrich lives. Applicants must be located within 50 miles of a POET headquarters, office, or bio-processing facility — and Eagle Grove and its residents qualify, with several POET facilities located within the eligible radius.

Projects that align with POET’s values of innovation, community, and sustainability will be given priority. Examples include efforts to improve local infrastructure, foster education, or advance environmental stewardship.

Applicants are asked to submit a brief description



The recipients of one Poet Community Impact Grant. (Screenshot, Facebook)

of their project, the community it will serve, and the outcomes they hope to achieve. Multiple points of contact are encouraged to ensure smooth communication throughout the review process.

Events funded by the grant must be scheduled

between July 2025 and July 2026. Funding will not be disbursed until the year the event is scheduled to take place, and applicants are advised to plan accordingly.

For more than 30 years, POET has supported positive change at the local

level, believing that lasting impact begins with friends, family, and neighbors in the communities they call home.

For more information or to apply, visit POET’s Community Impact Grant website before May 16.



# Visiting another 12 counties on my 36 County Tour

By Rep. Randy Feenstra

Since I was first elected to Congress, I pledged that I would travel to all 36 counties in our district – Iowa’s 4th Congressional District – at least twice each year. From Tuesday April 22nd to Thursday April 24th, I upheld that promise by meeting with Iowans in 12 different counties, marking nearly 350 individual stops completed over the last few years. Whether I’m working on policy initiatives in Washington or traversing our district in Iowa, I will remain accessible to and transparent with Iowans, giving them a voice at the negotiating table and turning their ideas into meaningful legislative solutions.

On April 22nd, I began another edition of my 36 County Tour in Sheldon with a visit to Maintainer Corporation, a manufacturer that builds premium service trucks. I toured their new showroom and training facility, which includes virtual painting and welding, allowing new and existing employees to learn new skills. I also stepped onto the production floor to see the assembly process firsthand. We had an extensive conversation about the work ahead for Congress to extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act – which was signed into law by President Trump in 2017 – before its expiration at the end of this year. Expiration would result in the largest tax increase on U.S. families, farmers, workers, and businesses in history, slowing economic growth, hollowing out domestic manufacturing, and preventing businesses and manufacturers like Maintainer Corporation from making long-term investment decisions or hiring new employees.

For my next stop, I traveled to Spencer to hold a roundtable discussion with small business owners who were negatively impacted by last summer’s devastating floods. The major theme of our meeting was the complete dysfunction at the federal level of bringing taxpayer dollars back home to Iowa to help our families and businesses rebuild and recover. Currently, funds tied to FEMA and the SBA take way too long to get to communities in need, which has left many of the business owners I met discouraged and outright frustrated. Like I told them, we need to find more efficient ways to get relief money to impacted Iowans quickly, including granting states like Iowa more flexibility with distributing these funds and keeping federal bureaucrats out of the process. I then made my way to Storm Lake to survey damage from the April 17 storms that caused hundreds of thousands of dollars of destruction, including at locations like Merrill Manufacturing. That same day, I jumped over to Fonda to check out the city’s new housing developments and parks. I’ve helped introduce legislation to support initiatives like the one that Fonda is undertaking. Two bills – the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act and the Neighborhood Homes Investment Act – have the goal of constructing affordable housing, especially in rural communities. Housing is critical to attract new families, new businesses, and new investment to any community. For lunch, I then stopped over at Tavern 119 for pizza where we had a good conversation about how we can help small businesses thrive with lower taxes and fewer regulations.

The next day – Wednesday April 23rd – I started the morning by speaking

at the Boone County Economic Development breakfast in Boone with nearly 70 people in attendance. I noted that, as a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, which handles tax policy, I’m working closely on the effort to extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which would spur economic activity, strengthen domestic manufacturing, help businesses grow, let families and workers keep more of their hard-earned money, and maintain the increased death tax threshold for farmers. Additionally, I mentioned my bill – the Access to Credit for our Rural Economy Act – to help our community banks offer home and agricultural loans at lower rates in rural areas. After breakfast in Boone, I toured Mid-States Millwright and Builders, a general contractor in Nevada. There, we also discussed the importance of extending the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and allowing our business sector to thrive. I then traveled to Marshalltown to visit for the first time the Iowa Veterans Home with Commandant of Veterans Affairs, Todd Jacobus. I had a great time meeting with our veterans. As I told them, I will always work to ensure that these heroes receive the high-quality healthcare and benefits that they have earned and deserve. To wrap up the day on Wednesday, I visited Omnium Manufacturing in Hampton and later held a roundtable discussion with employees, again talking about the urgent need to extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act before its expiration at the end of this year. That night, Jim – our Regional Director based out of Fort Dodge – hosted our 4th District Military Academy Day at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge. The event was a success with prospective students getting their questions answered about applying to one of our nation’s five military academies.

On Thursday April 24th, I started my day with a trip to Silgan Containers, which manufactures metal cans for everything from soup to dog food and employs 178 people in Fort Dodge. I then visited ARKO Labs in Jewell and Best Veterinary Solutions in Ellsworth. These facilities are working on innovative solutions to combat foreign animal diseases, including bird flu, and other animal illnesses, like aMPV, which namely impacts turkeys. After my stop in Hamilton County, I met with Jeff, a State Farm Insurance agent, in Eagle Grove. We had a great discussion about the need to extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, financially protect Iowans from severe weather, and promote investment in our rural communities. I finished this three-day stint on my 36 County Tour with a visit to the Britt Area Food Bank, which partners with the Food Bank of Iowa, businesses in town, and the local church to serve about 80 families every month. I’m working to pass a new, five-year Farm Bill so that we can feed those in need while supporting our farmers, opening new export markets for Iowa agriculture, and keeping China away from our farmland.

Traveling to every county in our district at least twice each year is a promise that I will always keep. It’s my pledge to Iowans. Serving on the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Agriculture Committee, I will continue to be a strong voice for our families, farmers, businesses, and rural communities.



By Senator Dennis Guth

As we approach the scheduled end date for the 2025 legislative session, we are working on final budgets in each department and finishing up legislative priorities.

Two important pieces of legislation that have yet to come to the floor for debate are pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) reform and eminent domain guidelines.

PBMs are the entities that determine how much a pharmacy gets paid for the drugs they sell. Too many of those drugs are being reimbursed at a rate that is less than what it cost the pharmacy to purchase. The pharmacy cannot refuse to fill the prescription, so it operates at a loss. We have lost many pharmacies in Iowa because of this over the past year.

The Senate is trying to minimize increases in costs for businesses that cover pharmaceuticals, while improving the outcomes for pharmacies, especially rural and privately owned pharmacies. It has taken considerable work to come up with a plan that will “thread

the needle” between costing too much and not helping local pharmacies enough. A primary part of this is to shed light on how the PBM determines how much to pay for each drug. It appears that PBMs have made considerable profit and not passed some discounts on to the consumer. Shedding light on this process has helped other states increase payments to pharmacies, while actually decreasing the cost to employers. I expect we will get something passed this session.

The other issue that has not been addressed is reforming when eminent domain can be used. I’ve worked on this for three years and not had any success getting a bill to come to the floor. The House passed two good bills dealing with eminent domain and pipelines. HF 943 prohibits the taking of agricultural land for a pipeline transporting liquefied carbon dioxide.

HF 639 has a number of policies designed to protect landowners. These include:

- Requires hazardous liquid pipelines to have insurance to cover potential damage.

- States pipeline owner must provide insurance or reimburse the individual for increased costs if individuals face increased insurance, or are unavailable to get insurance due to the pipeline,

- Provides stronger safeguards to ensure that only legitimate public uses are recognized for eminent domain.

- Mandates that all members of the Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC) must be present during hearings.

- Allows Iowans who are impacted by IUC action to intervene. Many Iowans have been prohibited from speaking at hearings even though they will be impacted.

I will continue to encourage Senate Republican leadership to bring these or similar bills to the floor. We must realize that liberty is dead if property rights are taken away by private companies operating solely for their personal gain.

We passed SF 233 this week which expands our “Right to Try” Act which allows a person with a rare disease, especially one that is life threatening, increased access to alternative treatments that can provide hope for a better outcome.

HF 117 expands the scope of the National Guard Service Scholarship program to include a program that awards a credential rather than just degree programs. This would allow a Nation-

al Guard member to use the funds for a number of programs like HVAC, mechanic, and many other industry professions.

On April 22 the Family Leader sponsored a Champions Banquet to honor the conservatives who helped pass many important pieces of legislation relating to the right to life, religious freedom and parental rights.

The last eight years have been marked by an incredible list of pro-family bills passed into law, including, but not limited to:

- April 2017: 20-Week Abortion Ban
- May 2017: Defund Planned Parenthood
- May 2018: Heartbeat Protection Bill
- May 2019: Judicial Nominating Reform
- June 2020: Abortion 24-Hour Waiting Period
- April 2021: Protect Life Amendment
- May 2021: Critical Race Theory Ban
- February 2022: Save Girls’ Sports
- January 2023: Universal School Choice (ESAs)
- March 2023: Help Not Harm
- March 2023: School Bathroom Bill
- May 2023: Parental Rights in Education
- July 2023: Second Heartbeat Protection
- February 2024: Religious Freedom Restoration Act
- February 2025: Sex & Gender Clarity Act



By State Rep. Mark Thompson

One of our priorities we entered session with was to ensure Iowa laws are protecting our youth and setting them up for success in life, particularly those that are born into tough situations. This week we passed several bills off the House floor in that effort.

-- House File 1003 prioritizes providing stability for a child in the foster care system.

It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to have staff that is focused entirely on finding relatives for children placed in foster care. This staff would be dedicated to identifying those relatives and providing notice that the child has been removed from parental custody. It also allows the court to determine if placement with a foster parent that has had the child in their care for longer than 9 months may be in the best interest of the child over a relative or fictive kin.

Senate File 474 makes significant changes to the services provided to Iowa youth, particularly those with serious emotional disturbances and substance use disorders. It is a bill from the Department of Health and Human Services to help kids who are struggling get the mental health care and support they need.

Senate File 150 changes how a person can be charged for knowingly purchasing and possessing child pornography. Under this bill, multiple images of the same child can result in multiple charges. This bill aims to protect children and ensure justice is appropriately served.

Governor Signs into law Several House Judiciary bills also aimed at protecting children.

**Child In Need (CINA)**

**Family Interaction**

This modifies the rules regarding family interactions during ongoing child in

need of assistance (CINA) proceedings. Currently, family interactions must continue unless a court, or the Department of Health and Human Services determines they are detrimental to the child. The bill changes this requirement, stating that interactions should continue unless a court finds substantial evidence that they pose an imminent risk to the child’s life or health. (HF 367)

**School Safety Threat Assessment Teams**

This awaits the Governor’s signature and was passed to build upon previous efforts to make our schools as safe as possible. This bill requires schools to create a multidisciplinary threat assessment team to intervene when a student is exhibiting threatening behaviors. It encourages the collaboration between schools, law enforcement and mental health professionals to ensure the safest environment possible for our students and staff in schools. Under this bill, schools and government agencies are allowed to share information on students struggling with mental illness. It also provides immunity from civil liability for individuals who report credible threats. (HF 163)

**Prior Authorization in Health Care**

The Iowa House voted to improve access to quality healthcare in Iowa. It does this by addressing prior authorization. Prior authorization is a practice that requires insurance companies to approve a medical procedure or medication before it can be given to the patient. The goal of this practice is to control costs, but it can often result in delays in getting the patient the care they need. (HF 303)

**House File 1002: Firefighters Length of Service Award**

Many communities in Iowa rely on volunteer first responders in the case

of emergencies. This bill creates a length of service award program for volunteer emergency responders. The program will provide tax-deferred benefits to create an additional incentive to recruit and retain individuals for these crucial roles.

-- \$1.5 million from the sports wagering receipts fund for fiscal year 2025-2026 will be appropriated to support the grant fund.

-- A length of service award program offers a small but meaningful benefit for those who volunteer to put themselves on the front line.

**House Approves Measure to Legalize/Facilitate Farm to Table Meat Sales**

HF 1006 creates a new type of food processing entity that is licensed and inspected by the Department of Inspection, Appeals and Licensing (DIAL) agents that can store officially processed packaged meat or poultry raised by the licensee and offered for sale at a premise or farm on a wholesale or retail basis. The bill legalizes the on-farm storage of processed inspected packages and allows the sale on wholesale or retail basis for such packages by the producers. This legislation has been referred to the Senate Ways & Means Committee for its consideration. This bill would build on prior legislation that provided for tiered license/inspection fees for small food processors custom inspected poultry slaughter at state inspected lockers that have been enacted in recent sessions.

**Access to New Treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder**

In recent years, psilocybin, the psychoactive compound found in mushrooms has been found to be used as an effective treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder. With this bill, we are allowing Iowa military veterans, law enforcement or others with PTSD to have access to this treatment in a safe environment. HF 978 would establish a Psilocybin Production Establishment Licensing Board within the Iowa Department of Health

and Human Services. This new board would operate similar to the Medical Cannabis Advisory board, allowing for the use of psilocybin in a medical setting for people with certain mental health needs. The bill requires the patient to be over 21 years old. They would receive psilocybin in a clinical environment with psychiatric support. This treatment has been shown to resolve or lessen the impacts of PTSD. We know that suicide rates of veterans are devastatingly high. If this treatment can make a difference in saving the lives of American heroes, we believe it should be given a try with the proper safety controls in place.

**Tax Reform Thoughts**

Like me, fellow representatives have heard from constituents regarding the price of keeping local communities afloat as well as the cost incurred by property owners. This is a conundrum we must come to terms with if we expect our communities and citizens to prosper. Most likely, the House will vote on a few modifications to our current tax system but will likely decide not to make major changes until we have more information. The Senate’s intent is not yet known.

To say that the current tax system is complex and confusing would be an understatement. This has been ongoing for over 15 years so unravelling this puzzle needs in-depth study. There are many levels and types of taxation...classifications of those taxes including residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural; taxing authorities including school, county and city. Additionally, the difference between urban and rural residential is profound. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) have impact as well.

“Requirements” versus “wants” will need to be discussed. Those responsible for maintaining local services and infrastructure have hard choices. We in the state capitol need to be as helpful as possible in what we do and what we don’t do.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Last 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? Answer: Alabama.  
What female country singer had an 80s hit song with "I Was Country When Country Wasn't Cool"? Answer: Barbara Mandrell.

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This week's trivia questions:  
What country singer had hit songs in the late 70s and early 80s with "Every Which Way But Loose", "Drivin' My Life Away", and "I Love a Rainy Night"?  
What female country duo had hit songs in the 1980s with "Mama He's Crazy", "Why Not Me?", and "Girls Night Out"?  
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April 30 is National Bugs Bunny Day, and Healthy Kids Day; May 1 is National Day of Prayer, and May Day; May 2 is Baby Day, World Tuna Day, and National Space Day; May 3 is National Fitness Day, Sun Day, and National Scrapbook Day; May 4 is International Firefighters Day, National Lemonade Day, and National Orange Juice Day; May 5 is Cinco de Mayo, National Astronaut Day, and National Concert Day; May 6 is National Nurses Day, and National Teachers' Day.

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"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."  
— Isaiah 41:10

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"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."  
— Romans 8:28

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Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. 'And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."  
— Matthew 22:37-40

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**Actors who turned down famous roles**  
Robert Redford as Clark Kent in "Superman." The part went to Christopher Reeve.  
Al Pacino as Han Solo in "Star Wars." The part went to Harrison Ford.  
Burt Reynolds as "James Bond." The part went to David Niven.  
Henry Winkler as Danny Zuko in "Grease." The part went to John Travolta.  
Tom Selleck as Indiana Jones in "Raiders of the Lost Ark." The part went to Harrison Ford.  
Bruce Willis as Sam Wheat in "Ghost." The part went to Patrick Swayze.  
Molly Ringwald as Vivian Ward in "Pretty Woman." The part went to Julia Roberts.  
John Travolta as "Forrest Gump." The part went to Tom Hanks.  
Julia Roberts as Annie Reed in "Sleepless in Seattle." The part went to Meg Ryan.  
Mel Gibson as Maximus in "Gladiator." The part went to Russell Crowe.  
Jim Carrey as Buddy the Elf in "Elf." The part went to Will Ferrell.  
Tom Hanks as "Jerry Maguire." The part went to Tom Cruise.  
Halle Berry as Annie Porter in "Speed." The part went to Sandra Bullock.  
Michelle Pfeiffer as Clarice Starling in "Silence of the Lambs." The part went to Jodie Foster.  
Christina Applegate as Elle Woods in "Legally Blonde." The part went to Reese Witherspoon.  
Sandra Bullock as Maggie Fitzgerald in "Million Dollar Baby." The part went to Hilary Swank.  
Julia Roberts as Leigh Anne Tuohy in "The Blind Side." The part went to Sandra Bullock.  
Matt Damon as Jake Sully in "Avatar." The part went to Sam Worthington.  
Gwyneth Paltrow as Rose in "Titanic." The part went to Kate Winslet.  
Tom Cruise as Iron Man in the Marvel Superhero movies. The part went to Robert Downey Jr.

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The giving of May Baskets on May Day (May 1st), when small baskets of sweets and flowers would be left anonymously on doorsteps to the delight of neighbors, has faded since the late 20th century. However, the tradition is alive and well in schools, churches and hospitals.

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The international distress signal, "mayday," has nothing to do with the first of May. It is derived from a French word meaning "come help me."

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I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see."  
-1st Stanza of "Amazing Grace"  
**Amazing Grace**  
The story behind the hymn "Amazing Grace" has been told often, including in the movie "Freedom" and in the biographical film "Newton's Grace." John Newton, the author of "Amazing Grace," had been a slave trader who had a conversion experience in 1748. Following a mutiny by his crew, Newton was put ashore on Sierra Leone and forced to work on a lemon and lime plantation, becoming virtually a slave himself. After being rescued and on his return to England, his ship was battered by a violent storm where it appeared that all was lost. Newton called out to God for help and his ship, and its crew, were saved from destruction. Although this marked a turning point in Newton's life, he didn't immediately end his career as a slave trader, continuing in this until 1754 or 1755. But God's grace had apparently planted a seed in Newton's heart, and he began studying theology and eventually became an Anglican clergyman and ardent abolitionist. God's grace often produces conversions which appear suddenly in response to a particular event or crisis in our lives and yet it may take years or even decades for the conversion to have its full effect in our lives. When I think of the many times in my life when God's grace saved me from what could have been utter destruction, I realize how often I've been lost or blind to something which only God could show me. Often God saves us from ourselves.  
—Christopher Simon

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Obituary

Sandra Lee Jacobson Butt  
1947-2025

Sandra Lee Jacobson Butt was born on September 27, 1947, to Alfred Leonard and Betty Jean (Losee) Jacobson in Eagle Grove, Iowa. Sandi spent a joyful childhood in Eagle Grove surrounded by many extended family members—aunts, uncles, and cousins—with whom she shared a deep bond throughout her life. She also remained close with her high school graduating class of 1965, continuing to attend monthly reunions until just a few months before her passing. After high school, Sandi attended Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, where she earned her Licensed Practical Nurse degree. It was important to her to become a nurse so she could help and care for other people to live out the meaning of her name Sandra, a helper of humanity.



On May 25, 1968, Sandi married Kenneth Frederick Butt at Samuel Lutheran Church built by her father Al in Eagle Grove. The newlyweds moved to Ken's family farm near Ackley, Iowa. Their first child, Christine, died shortly after birth. Later, three more children—Kevin, Kristin, and Carrie—were born. Ken and Sandi built a happy life on the farm, raising crops, livestock, and children. They were proud of their Century Farm and the family legacy it has continued to represent, and over the decades, they often hosted visitors and exchange students from around the world. Their close-knit Robertson neighborhood enjoyed frequent potluck get-togethers to celebrate special milestones with pies, casseroles, and jello salads. The family attended Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Ackley and later Bethany Lutheran Church in Iowa Falls.

Sandi had an abundance of warmth, passion, creativity, and curiosity to share. She never met a stranger. She was active in her community, including serving the Iowa Pork Producers and Porkettes, 4-H, and her churches as a youth sponsor, Sunday school teacher, and council member. Sandi served as a parish nurse and started the Easter Cares program at Bethany Lutheran Church. Being a parish nurse brought her great joy.

Sandi's award-winning pies were legendary, especially at the Hardin County Fair; they were auctioned at many fundraisers, often reaching the highest bid for local charities and organizations. In her free time, she liked baking, cooking, reading, cross-stitching, and quilting, and she had a special fondness for the Open Exhibits at the county fair. She was a master gardener who was happiest when she was outside in a sunhat tending to her fruits, vegetables, and flowerbeds or zooming around on the lawn mower or golf cart—first at the farmstead and later on at Eagle's Roost just a couple of miles down the road where the couple built their dream home. She enjoyed feeding and spotting birds outside her window, always ensuring the bird feeders were full—a lesson her Dad had taught her.

She proudly claimed the title of Grammy in 1996 with the birth of her first grandson. Despite hoping for twelve grandchildren, she and Ken were lucky to spoil their seven grandchildren immensely. The grandchildren fondly remember many car rides jamming to '60s on 6 music, movie nights with jello popcorn, county fairs, and Grammy Days. Grammy and Poppy were a steady presence in the stands and never missed a game, a concert, a school event, or a life milestone—always showing up with pride and love.

Ken and Sandi loved traveling and enjoyed frequent vacations to Florida and Louisiana, annual fishing trips to Minnesota, Jacobson family potlucks at Crystal Lake, and numerous Losee family reunions across the United States. Most memorably, the family took a spontaneous RV adventure through the Rocky Mountains and Upper Plains in 1978. Sandi also thoroughly enjoyed their European trips to visit family and friends in Slovakia, Germany, and Norway, including one special journey for their son's wedding in 1997.

Sandi entered heaven's gates with angel wings on Monday, April 21, 2025, surrounded by her family. She was preceded in death by baby daughter, Christine Ann; her parents, Alfred and Betty Jacobson; her brother and sister-in-law John and Nancy Jacobson; and her in-laws, Roy and Anna (Sailer) Butt. Left to cherish her life are her husband Ken; their children Kevin (Honória Balogh) Butt of Iowa Falls, Iowa; Kristin (Ole) Cleveland of Holland, Iowa; Carrie (Darren) Kube of Ackley, Iowa; their seven grandchildren, Espen Cleveland, Victoria (Zach) Armstrong, Finn Cleveland, Hailey Kube, Olivia Butt, Soren Cleveland, and Wilken Kube; niece and nephew Jennifer and Brad Jacobson; grandnieces Isla and Evelyn Jacobson, grandnephew Asher Jacobson; a lifelong friend Diana Messerly of Webster City; as well as many cousins and extended family members.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 2, 2025, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Iowa Falls. Visitation will be on Thursday, May 1, 2025, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Surls Funeral Home in Iowa Falls.

The family would like to thank St. Croix Hospice of Cedar Falls and Scenic Manor of Iowa Falls for the loving and tenderly care during Sandi's final weeks.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Croix Hospice of Cedar Falls, 6112 Chancellor Drive, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613.

**Services:** 11 a.m., Friday, May 2, 2025  
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Eagle Grove Police Report

April 17

6:39 AM: Theft reported in the 900 block of N Monroe ST.

8:07 AM: The Dept. of Transportation requested a copy of the accident report involving a train and a semi on 4/15.

9:35 AM: Return call requested.

10:52 AM: A caller reported two Hispanic males in a silver van sitting in the 1000 block of SW 1st ST, which the caller deemed "suspicious".

1:02 PM: Officer initiated case in the 700 block of NW 2nd ST.

1:23 PM: Injured goose reported alive on the west side of the 100 block of S Washington ST in Goldfield.

1:57 PM: Officer checked paperwork after observing a red 4-wheeler followed by a mini bike heading to Hewett Park. Told them they can only have one occupant and mini bikes can't be on public roads.

2:03 PM: Caller in the 500 block of N Cadwell requested a return call regarding their yard being torn up by a skid loader.

3:52 PM: Caller asked to review video footage of a hit-and-run from Saturday in the 400 block of S. Iowa AVE.

3:57 PM: Individual came to the police department to speak to an officer.

6:06 PM: Caller in the 200 block of S Kirkwood AVE reported a barking medium-sized brown dog on the east side of the property.

8:35 PM: Traffic stop at Garfield and W Broadway.

8:41 PM: Traffic stop at SW 2nd ST and Commercial.

9:21 PM: Traffic stop at N Cadwell and NW 4th.

9:47 PM: Traffic stop at NE 2nd and N Wright.

10:15 PM: Traffic stop at Lincoln AVE and NW 1st ST.

11:06 PM: Traffic stop at Jefferson and Wright in Goldfield.

11:54 PM: Traffic stop at Hwy 3 and N Main in Goldfield.

April 18

12:30 AM: Parking violation in the 0 block of S Garfield AVE.

1:11 AM: Parking violation in the 0 block of S Lucas AVE.

2:45 AM: Caller in the 200 block of S Washington AVE requested to speak with an officer.

6:45 AM: Traffic stop at NW 3rd and N Comm.

7:22 AM: Parking violation at Oak and Main in Goldfield.

7:51 AM: Caller in the 700 block of NW 2nd ST reported a large tree blocking the road.

8:16 AM: Assistance requested in the 200 block of

N Jackson.

8:29 AM: Recovered stolen vehicle in Fort Dodge.

8:51 AM: Traffic stop southbound on Hwy 17 passing 290th.

10:37 AM: Return call requested.

12:34 PM: Parking violation on Commercial and NW 3rd.

12:34 PM: Caller in the 800 block of N Wright AVE reported loud music at a house with no visible number. Said it's a group of kids and the music has been playing nightly. Caller wanted to remain anonymous.

1:42 PM: Caller in the 800 block of SW 2nd ST reported a small black dog without a collar loose in the road. This was the second sighting.

3:58 PM: Theft reported. Caller at DG Market reported a suspected shoplifter still on site. Described the person as female, red-haired, possibly Hispanic.

4:34 PM: Traffic stop in front of First State Bank.

5:43 PM: Traffic stop near the Rails.

8:35 PM: Traffic stop in the Ampride parking lot.

10:20 PM: Caller in the 800 block of N Wright AVE reported loud music being played again.

April 19

1:13 AM: Traffic stop at SW 1st and Iowa.

9:36 AM: Alarm burglary reported in the 100 block of S Commercial AVE. No answer at the front door; key holder could not be reached.

12:24 PM: Animal complaint reported. Caller in the 100 block of N Fort AVE reported dogs always out and wandering. Said they had already spoken to the responsible party.

3:21 PM: Officer initiated case in alley just off Eastern. Caller said people were making piles of stuff and burning it.

4:10 PM: Caller in the 200 block of S Kirkwood AVE reported loud music outside for over an hour. Caller believed subjects may be intoxicated.

4:26 PM: Return call requested. Caller asked to speak to a specific officer.

5:00 PM: Caller at the EMS shed requested to meet with an officer.

5:55 PM: Caller in the 600 block of NE 1st ST reported a dog issue.

6:02 PM: Dog complaint at the police department.

8:21 PM: Traffic stop in the 400 block of W Broadway.

8:40 PM: Traffic stop in the 100 block of N Lincoln. Vehicle described as a maroon Silverado with no plates.

8:51 PM: Traffic stop on the south edge of Eagle Grove.

9:29 PM: Traffic stop at

Webster and Water in Goldfield. Motorcycle had no plates.

April 20

2:09 AM: Traffic stop at Franklin and 270th.

11:14 AM: Domestic disturbance reported at 112 N Lucas, Apt. Open line with male yelling and female crying in the background.

6:25 PM: Follow-up conducted in the 500 block of N Lincoln.

April 21

4:22 AM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of NW 2nd ST.

8:30 AM: Return call requested.

10:38 AM: Caller near Lincoln AVE and SW 3rd ST reported a black SUV parked behind her driveway all weekend, making it difficult to get in and out.

12:17 PM: Return call requested.

1:03 PM: Caller in Eagle Grove requested to speak to Mark Hennigar about someone digging up their yard with a skid loader.

5:04 PM: Caller in the 700 block of NE 4th ST reported a man tossed a can out of his car in front of their house. Caller followed him to the same address and expressed frustration about littering.

5:11 PM: Assistance requested at the high school. Caller in the 400 block of N Lincoln reported middle school students refusing to leave the high school. A teacher would meet the caller at the front door.

5:33 PM: Caller in the 400 block of N Lincoln requested an officer regarding tree trimming by a neighbor. Branches were falling into the driveway, but the caller said it was fine once informed the Officer would follow up.

7:00 PM: Caller near the alley between Broadway and SE 1st reported a young child driving a black four-door car at a high rate of speed.

8:28 PM: Caller in the 0 block of SW 2nd ST reported very loud music about a block southwest of their location.

9:33 PM: Caller in the 600 block of NE 5th ST reported a stepbrother had not yet been picked up by his mom and they were starting to get concerned.

11:18 PM: Traffic stop in the 100 block of N Commercial.

11:16 PM: Return call requested in the 100 block of N Wright AVE.

11:20 PM: Caller reported a friend making suicidal threats.

11:41 PM: Theft reported in the 200 block of N Garfield AVE. Caller wanted assistance evicting two individuals from his house whom he believed were stealing.

April 22

6:42 AM: Traffic stop near gas pumps, Goldfield.

6:51 AM: Traffic stop in the block of N Commercial, Eagle Grove.

7:08 AM: Traffic stop in the 250 block of Highway 17, Eagle Grove.

7:44 AM: Abandoned vehicle at Arnold Motor, Eagle Grove.

8:05 AM: Traffic stop south of vet on Highway 17, Goldfield.

8:30 AM: Traffic stop at SW 3rd and Commercial, Eagle Grove.

8:32 AM: Traffic stop in Casey's parking lot, Goldfield.

9:25 AM: Traffic stop in the 2400 block of Highway 17, Eagle Grove.

9:29 AM: Traffic stop in the 2500 block of Highway 17, Eagle Grove.

9:49 AM: Traffic stop in the 2500 block of Highway 17, Eagle Grove.

10:05 AM: Traffic stop in the 400 block of E Broadway, Eagle Grove.

10:54 AM: Traffic stop in the 1300 block of Highway 17, Goldfield.

11:12 AM: Traffic stop near Highway 3 and Highway 17. Black Ford Escape no plates.

11:07 AM: Complaint from the 300 block of S Lincoln, Eagle Grove.

12:23 PM: Dog call in the 200 block of S Cedar, Eagle Grove.

12:36 PM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of N Western, Eagle Grove.

12:54 PM: Return call requested from Eagle Grove.

1:24 PM: Control burn near cemetery and edge of town, Eagle Grove.

2:01 PM: Met complainant at City Hall, Eagle Grove.

6:18 PM: Extra patrol requested in the 300 block of S Washington, Eagle Grove.

6:29 PM: Traffic stop at Highway 3 and Pine Street, Goldfield.

6:52 PM: Theft reported in the 700 block of N Wright Ave, Eagle Grove.

6:56 PM: Return call requested from the 500 block of S Iowa Ave, Eagle Grove.

7:42 PM: Met complainant in the 200 block of N Garfield Ave, Eagle Grove.

8:19 PM: Occupied vehicle in the 1100 block of N Iowa Ave, Eagle Grove.

April 23

7:56 AM: Accident in the 500 block of SE 3rd, Eagle Grove.

8:15 AM: Return call requested from Eagle Grove.

11:01 AM: Complaint from AGP, Eagle Grove.

12:31 PM: Return call requested from near Spruce Dr, Eagle Grove.

5:19 PM: Traffic stop at Fareway lot, Eagle Grove.

6:28 PM: Information reported from the 500 block of S Iowa Ave, Eagle Grove.

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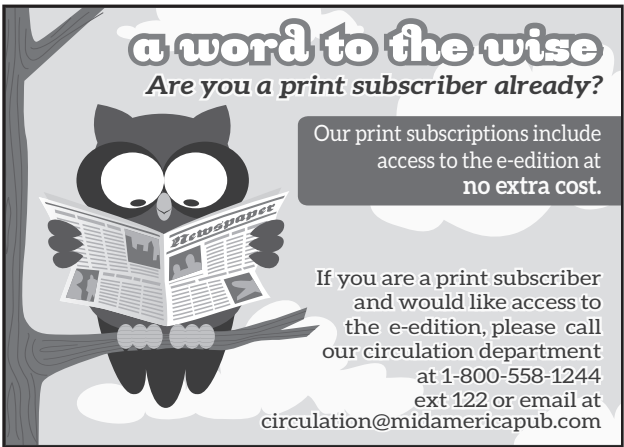
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### WRIGHT COUNTY BOS • APRIL 14, 2025

April 14, 2025

The Board of Supervisors met at Drainage District Trustees. To view the minutes from the drainage meeting, see the Drainage District minutes on the County website. Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:12 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux, and Ellis.

Motion by Bosch and seconded by Ellis to approve the tentative agenda with tabling item 12(c) for the use of the Courthouse grounds for CDA. Motion carries.

Minutes of the special meeting of April 7, 2025 were read and approved with one correction and the minutes of the regular meeting of April 7, 2025 were read and approved.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to receive the quarterly revenue report from the Wright County Recorder. Motion carries.

Tiffon Pohlman, Communications Director, presented wage adjustments effective July 1, 2025. Pohlman has been working with the County HR Attorney, Mike Galoway, to determine a wage scale for the Communication employees. Currently the starting wage is \$21.00 and the proposed scale would increase the starting wage to \$23.50 and a range up to \$29.00. Pohlman would also like to raise two employees beginning July 1 st , 2025. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to approve a starting wage of \$23.50 with no range and authorize the two employees presented to receive pay increase to \$24.00 and \$24.50 effective July 1,

2025. Motion carries.

Pohlman mentioned that this week is Dispatcher Appreciation Week. The Board would like to thank all the County Dispatchers for their work.

Darrel Steven Carlyle introduced Kate Garner with Prairie Energy to the Board. Garner would fill the seat that Todd Foss has since resigned from on the Economic Development Commission. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to appoint Kate Garner to the Wright County Economic Development Commission with a term to expire 12/31/2026. Motion carries.

Andy Yackie, Wright County Buildings and Grounds Director, presented three applications from the Clarion Development Alliance (CDA) for the use of Courthouse grounds. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the use of Courthouse grounds for June 13 th , 2025 for Family Fun Night from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and June 14 th , 2025 for Festival for Kid's Zone Activities from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to receive the Wright County 2024 Central Service Cost Allocation Plan and have the Chairman sign the Certification of Cost Allocation Plan. Motion carries.

Jeremy Abbas, Assistant to the Wright County Engineer, gave an update on the Secondary Roads. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

*Rick Rasmussen, Chairman, Wright County Board of Supervisors*  
*Amanda Meyer, Wright County Auditor*

EAGLE GROVE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES • APRIL 21, 2025	
<p><b>Special Council Meeting</b> <b>Monday April 21st, 2025</b> <b>Public Safety Building</b> <b>210 E. Broadway,</b> <b>Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533</b></p> <p>Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Vandewater, Weland, Pamperin and Limerick. Absent: Axtell. Also present: City Administrator Davis City Finance Officer Willard and City Attorney Seaba.</p> <p>Public Forum: Richard Chalan expressed how budgets are important and needing a breakdown on spending.</p> <p>Mayor Boyd opened Public Hearing at 6:34pm on the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Hearing Closed at 7:02pm</p> <p>A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Pamperin to adjourn at 7:02pm.</p> <p>Mayor City Administrator</p> <p><b>Regular Council Meeting</b> <b>Monday April 21st, 2025</b> <b>Public Safety Building</b> <b>210 E. Broadway,</b> <b>Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533</b></p> <p>Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Vandewater, Weland, Pamperin and Limerick. Absent: Axtell. Also present: City Administrator Davis City Finance Officer Willard and City Attorney Seaba.</p> <p>Public Forum: Bob Torkelson wanted to discuss housing projects around the community and associated incentives. Mike Ryerson wanted to discuss the direction of the community because site locators are always looking at Eagle Grove.</p> <p>A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Pamperin to approve the Consent Agenda which includes April 7th, 2025 minutes and claims. Roll Call: All Ayes</p> <p>AIRGAS USA LLC, TANK RENTAL.....390.52 BARCO MUNICIPAL PRODUCTS, TRAFFIC CONES.....558.50 BOMGAARS, SUPPLIES.....913.02 BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, MEDICAL SUPPLIES.....505.49 CERTIFIED FIRE EXTINGUISH-ER, FIRE EXTINGUISH SERVICE.....2,394.50 CHANGE HEALTHCARE, EMS BILLING SVCS.....135.96 DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, STORM SEWER MATERIAL.....511.96 DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE CO, LIFE INSURANCE.....157.82 DOUBLE EAGLE 5, LLC, CAR WASH FOR EMS.....6.25 EAGLE GROVE PHARMACY INC, EMS BILLING.....1,604.46 EMS LEARNING RESOURCES CENTER, BLS CARDS-FD....144.50 FAREWAY STORE, SUPPLIES.....47.89 FORT DODGE FORD, '21 FORD INTERCEPTOR.....388.70 VISUAL EDGE IT, XEROX C405N LEASE.....71.31 INTOXIMETERS, SUPPLIES.....125.00 J &amp; J SPORTS, REC SHIRTS-SOC-CER.....1,400.00 L &amp; L SERVICE INC., '19 CHARGER.....295.02 MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, ELECTRICITY.....132.13 MIDWEST ALARM SERVICES, ALARM MONITORING.....367.44 N.C. IA REG. 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Hearing Closed at 7:16pm</p> <p>A motion was made by Pamperin and seconded by Vandewater to approve Resolution 2025-39: A Resolution Extending a Nuisance Abatement Order for 720 SE 1st by 15 days (May 5th 2025). Roll Call Vote: all ayes</p> <p>Opened Hearing at 7:17pm on Extension Request on Nuisance Abatement for 116 N. Garfield. Hearing Closed at 7:17pm</p> <p>A motion was made by Vandewater and seconded by Pamperin to approve Resolution 2025-40: A Resolution Extending a Nuisance Abatement Order for 116 N. Garfield until May 31st, 2025. Roll Call Vote: all ayes</p> <p>A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Vandewater to approve Resolution 2025-41: A Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2025- 2025 Annual Budget. Roll Call Vote: all ayes</p> <p>A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Limerick to approve Resolution 2025-42: A Resolution Setting May 19th at 6:30pm as Date for Public Hearing to Consider Amending Fiscal Budget 2024-2025 for the City of Eagle Grove. Roll Call Vote: all aye</p> <p>Mayor Boyd Swore-in Officer Joshua Smock to the Eagle Grove Police Department</p> <p>A motion was made by Limerick and seconded by Pamperin to approve Resolution 2025-43: A Resolution Setting May 19th at 6:30pm as Date</p>



# Bill regulating pharmacy benefit managers passes Iowa Senate

By Robin Opsahl

The Iowa Senate passed a bill setting new standards for pharmacy benefit managers that lawmakers said will help keep rural pharmacies in business and lower the cost of prescription drugs.

Senate File 383, passed 36-14, is the legislation passed through the committee process earlier this year limiting certain PBM business practices. Pharmacy benefit managers are companies that serve as the negotiator between drug manufacturers, pharmacies and health insurance companies for setting prescription drug costs.

The legislation would set new regulations for PBMs, including requiring pharmacies to be reimbursed for the national or state average acquisition cost of a drug — a higher reimbursement rate than many pharmacies are currently receiving, according to several workers and owners of current rural pharmacies.

Many components of the bill deal with PBM practices to pressure or force consumers to use certain pharmacies to fill a prescription. The bill specifically prohibits PBM strategies like setting different cost-sharing rates or implementing financial advantages or penalties for the use of certain pharmacies to fill a prescription. It also restricts other methods of PBMs limiting the use of certain pharmacies if that provider has agreed to participate in a person’s health benefit plan.

Earlier in the legislative session, pharmacists and supporters told lawmakers the bill would help Iowa pharmacies stay in business, linking the closure of many locally owned, rural pharmacies in recent years to PBM practices that favor



mail-order prescription refills and certain pharmacy chains.

The bill was amended by the Senate Monday to define “retail pharmacies” and “pharmacy chains.” The Senate amendment also makes some changes to the language about how rebates received by a PBM on drugs are returned to a health benefit plan to reduce insurance premiums.

The bill’s floor manager Sen. Mike Klimesh, R-Spillville, said the legislation was important to him because of his own experience having medicine for his father, which could only be filled by a mail-order pharmacy, get lost in the mail. He said ensuring rural pharmacies in Iowa stay in business is necessary to help keep Iowans healthy, saying local pharmacies can help address problems and adjust to the medical needs of people in their community in real time.

“We need to have a conversation about what rural health care looks like in Iowa,” Klimesh said. “And one of those main talking points about rural health care in Iowa is not only just a clinic you go to to get your check up, or the hospital you see, but the next step in that in that phase — which is the pharmacy, the pharmacy to fill your prescription.”

Many local pharmacies have closed in recent years, which Klimesh said was largely due to unfair business practices by PBMs. More than 150 Iowa pharmacies have closed in the past 10 years, and 31 closed in 2024, according to the Iowa Pharmacy Association. Klimesh said if the Legislature does not pass a bill regulating and PBM practices and improving transparency, “we are setting (Iowans) up for having no access to a pharmacy.”

“I lost four alone in my district, and once they close, they’re not going to reopen,” Klimesh said. “So this bill is a great step in the right direction to provide transparency.”

Sen. Sarah Trone Garriott, D-West Des Moines, said she supported a measure to restrict PBM business practices, but said Senate Republicans’ amended legislation would lead to consumer cost increases. She introduced an amendment that would require negotiated drug manufacture rebates exclusively go to reducing health care plan premiums. Her proposal also would require pharmacies with five or less organizations and pharmacies that are the only entity able to fill a prescription in their community receive a \$10.68 dispensing fee for every prescription they fill.

Trone Garriott said she believed Klimesh’s amended bill would lead to significantly increased health insurance costs for Iowans, while her amendment would ensure Iowans do not lose access to health coverage because of efforts to regulate PBMs.

“(The amendment) does increase prices on consumers, it does increase prices on Iowa,” Trone Garriott said. “The amendment that I am presenting today has a much smaller increase. When we compare \$160 increase to \$6 increase, that’s a pretty big difference when it comes to folks who are working so hard to make ends meet. We have to take seriously that the PBMs have promised they’re going to pass the cost along to the consumers, and we want to shield the people of Iowa from increased costs, while protecting our small town and rural pharmacies.”

Klimesh called Trone Garriott’s amendment “PBM reform light.” He said the issues she brought up with rebates were already addressed in his amendment, stating a transparency provision in the bill “forces all rebates to flow back to the plan payer,” and said the Democratic senator’s amendment did not address issues with spread price manipulation, where PBMs charge payers like Medicaid more than a pharmacy is paid for a medication.

Trone Garriott’s amendment failed, while Klimesh’s amendment was adopted. The amended legislation heads to the House for further consideration. The House passed a companion version of the legislation through the committee process in March, but has not yet had floor debate on the measure.

## What’s Cookin’ this week?

### A French standard offers a unique way to prepare beef

Beef is a versatile ingredient that’s popular in countries across the globe. There’s no shortage of ways to prepare this favorite protein source. French chefs utilize beef in various recipes, and one popular dish is Beef Bourguignon. This stew works well as a comfort food, and has become a standard of French cuisines over the last century and a half and made widely popular in the United States when Julia Child first adapted the recipe.

Those who want try their hand at cooking beef in the French fashion can look to this recipe for “Beef Bourguignon” from Lines+Angles.

#### Beef Bourguignon Makes 6 servings

- 1 1/2 tablespoons sunflower oil
- 7 ounces diced smoked bacon
- 2 1/4 lbs. beef steak, chuck, cut into 2 1/2-centimeter cubes
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 onion
- 3 carrots, peeled
- 14 ounces button onions, or small round shallots, peeled
- 2 finely chopped garlic cloves
- 1 tablespoon tomato passata
- 3 cups good quality red wine (e.g., from Burgundy)
- 1 2/3 cups beef stock
- 3 bay leaves
- 4 to 5 sprigs young thyme, plus extra for garnishing
- 1 small bunch chives, snipped
- Salt
- Freshly ground black peppercorns
1. Preheat the oven to 275 F.
2. Heat the sunflower oil in a large, wide saute pan or caserole dish set over a moderate heat until hot. Add the bacon and fry until golden and crisp, 7 to 8 minutes. Remove from the pan to a plate lined with paper towels.
3. Dust the chuck steak with the flour, shaking off the excess. Season with salt and pepper before browning in the pan, in batches, over a moderately high heat. Remove from the pan to a bowl.
4. Return the pan to a medium heat. Add the butter, let it melt, and then stir in the onion, carrot, pearl onions, and a pinch of salt.
5. Saute for 8 to 10 minutes until colored. Add the garlic and tomato passata, and cook for a further minute.
6. Return the beef to the pan and deglaze with the wine, scraping the base to release any stuck-on bits.
7. Stir in the stock, bay leaves and thyme sprigs, and bring to a boil. Once boiling, transfer to the oven.
8. Braise for about 90 minutes to 2 hours, stirring occasionally, until the beef is tender and easy to pull apart.
9. Remove from the oven and season to taste with plenty of salt and pepper. Serve from the pan with a garnish of snipped chives and some thyme sprigs.

#### UTILITY BOARD • APRIL 16, 2025

Utility Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday April 16th, 2025 at 7:00 AM Public Safety Building 210 W. Broadway, Eagle Grove, IA 50533 The meeting was called to order with trustees Peterson, Ryerson, Jeske and Bisson. Absent: Reth- man. Also present: Mayor Boyd, City Administrator Davis, Public Works Lunda, Waste Water Oper- ator Sogard and Waste Water Su- perintendent Brockman via phone. A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Jeske to approve March 12th 2025 minutes and claims Roll Call: all ayes AUTOMATIC SYSTEMS CO., BIO- SOLIDS CONTROL PANEL ..... 7,614.31 BLACK HILLS ENERGY, NATURAL GAS-PRESTAGE LIFT ..... 84.16 BOLTON & MENK INC, ENG SVCS-SAN SEWER EVAL ..... 29,832.10 CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING, SUPPLIES ..... 560.00 CIT SEWER SOLUTIONS, SAN SEWER-JET VAC ..... 3,077.30 CERTIFIED LABORATORIES, CERTOP 600 ..... 2,057.45 ECHO GROUP INC, BEARINGS ... 124.48 EOSI, BULK MICRO-C... 30,644.20 FISHER WELDING, WELDING TOOL BOX ..... 25.00 HAWKINS INC, CHEMICALS ..... 26,536.90 INNOVATIVE PLANT SOLUTIONS, CLEAN FILTER #2,3,4 ... 81,959.54 IOWA PUMP WORKS INC, GRUNDFOS PUMPS X 3 ..... 98,398.09 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, BEAR- INGS, PARTS ..... 501.08 MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC, TESTING-WRF ..... 5,785.75 MATT SOGARD, TESTING REIMB 32.29 MENARDS, SUPPLIES ..... 39.48 MISSISSIPPI LIME CO., STAN- DARD QUICKLIME ..... 9,923.02 NORTH CENTRAL IA SERV LLC, CONCRETE CORE DRILL ..... 1,774.66 NORTH CENTRAL IOWA VAC SERVICE, JETVAC-SAN SEWER ..... 957.50 PACKARD ELECTRIC INC, NEW BREAKERS ..... 5,432.74 PRAIRIE ENERGY COOPERA- TIVE, ELECTRICITY-PRESTAGE LIFT STA ..... 1,614.80 SEWER REVENUE BOND SINK- ING, MONTHLY TSF ... 125,000.00 STATE HYGIENE LABORATORY, TESTING SVC ..... 158.00 STEFFEN TRUCK EQUIPMENT, SUBMERSIBLE PUMP ..... 953.75 STEIN HEATING AND COOLING, AC-MCC BUILDING ..... 5,434.60 VAN-HOF TRUCKING INC, HAUL- ING QUICKLIME ..... 2,382.45 VESSCO INC., PARTS, CELL #1 ... 30,931.34 WOODRUFF CONSTRUCTION, INC, PAY APP #12 ..... 177,972.92 XYLEM WATER SOLUTIONS USA	INC, WIPER ASSEMBLY..... 649.69 ZIEGLER INC., SVC CALL LABOR,MILEAGE ..... 1,650.90 BEATRIZ HERNANDEZ ANTONIO, UB Refund ..... 186.07 EMMA MARIE GOMEZ, UB Re- fund..... 269.24 NATHANALYSSA RICE, UB Re- fund..... 41.91 GLADIS ONDINA ROSALES SOLA, UB Refund ..... 200.00 Treasurer, State of IA, 032025 wet. ..... 6223.30 Treasurer, State of IA, 022025 sales tax..... 12650.49 Postmaster, Ut bill postage ... 556.61 <b>Fund Totals</b> WATER ..... 29708.33 METER DEPOSIT FUND ..... 697.22 WATER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ..... 112,745.54 SEWER ..... 245960.02 SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ..... 93,493.99 SEWER - NORTH LIFT PRJ ..... 7,171.50 SEWER - CHEM BLDG PRJ ..... 181,459.52 Discussed filling a vacancy in the Wastewater Department and a pathway forward. Discussed Financials for Water and Sewer funds No action taken on Resolution UB2025-07: A Resolution Authoriz- ing Utility Billing Adjustments Re- port for March A motion was made by Jeske and seconded by Bisson to approve Pay Application No. 12 for the Chemical Building Project. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Bisson, Peterson and Jeske. Nays: Ryerson. Motion Passed Discussed Consent Order with the Iowa Department of Natural Re- sources Discussed North Lift Station and Collection System Project A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Bisson to approve Resolution UB2025-08: A Resolu- tion Committing Matching Funds for a Community Development Block Grant Application. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Jeske and seconded by Bisson to approve Resolution UB2025-09: A Resolu- tion authorizing Execution of Sub- recipient Agreement with City of Eagle Grove for the North lift Sta- tion Improvement Project. Roll Call Vote: all ayes A motion was made by Jeske and seconded by Ryerson to approve Resolution UB2025-10: A Resolu- tion Endorsing an Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds. Roll Call Vote: all ayes Discussed 5 Year Maintenance Contract for the Sanitary Sewer Collection System improvements Department Reports given. A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Jeske to adjourn at 9:15 am. <i>Secretary</i>
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#### CITY OF GOLDFIELD • APRIL 21, 2025

Goldfield City Council Special Meeting Budget Hearing April 21, 2025 The Goldfield Council met for a special session on April 21, 2025 at the Goldfield City Hall. Council members present: Crees, Meinke, Schermer and Petersen. Absent: Duncalf. Also present: City Clerk; Kathy Nelson. Mayor Fiscus opened the Budget Public Hearing at 6:00 pm. There were no written or verbal comments. Motion by Crees, second by Schermer to approve Resolution 783, adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Duncalf. Motion by Schermer, second Meinke to approve the proposal from Edmund Software in the amount of \$21,500 to switch software. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent: Duncalf. Motion by Petersen, second Crees to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Duncalf. <i>Gabe Fiscus, Mayor</i> <i>Kathy Nelson, City Clerk</i>	Published in the Eagle Grove Eagle on Thursday, May 1, 2025
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#### GOLDFIELD CITY COUNCIL MINUTES • APRIL 14, 2025

<b>Goldfield City Council Meeting April 14, 2025</b> The Goldfield Council met in regular session on April 14, 2025 at the Goldfield City Hall. Mayor Fiscus called the council meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Council Members present: Petersen, Schermer, Duncalf, Crees and Meinke. Also present City Clerk, Kathy Nelson; PW Superintendent Jim Sisson; Police Chief, Ray Beltran, Officer Matt Valentine, City Attorney, Lynn Seaba; Scott Curran; Jerry Askvig and Ashley Bosch. Absent: WCED Director Darrel Steven Carlyle. Motion by Crees, second Meinke to approve the March 10th minutes. Motion by Schermer, second Duncalf to approve the April claims. All ayes. Motions carried. Scott Curran with Abens-Marty-Curran Agency discussed the insurance policy with the Council. Motion by Meinke, second Schermer to approve the insurance renewal \$47,140.00. All ayes. Motion carried. Jerry Askvig discussed jake brakes with the Council. Police Chief, Ray Beltran gave an update on the March dispatch report. Officer Matt Valentine gave an update on nuisance properties. PW Superintendent Jim Sisson gave an update. Motion by Crees, second Petersen to approve 2 truckloads of asphalt at \$3000 per truckload. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Crees, second Schermer to approve the quote \$2163.11 to replace the backhoe control accumulator. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Meinke, second Schermer to approve Bev Steffenson's building permit to put up a fence. All	ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Schermer, second Petersen to have the curb stop fixed at 319 W Boone St. <b>CLAIMS REPORT APRIL VENDOR, REFERENCE...AMOUNT</b> A.D TECH SOLUTIONS, CARBONITE BACKUP-JIM'S COMPUTER ..... 118.95 ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING, COPIER LEASE ..... 238.2 AGSOURCE LABORATORIES, TESTING/SAMPLES ..... 58.25 ASHLEY SHILLINGTON, BASIC LIFE SUPPORT-FIRE ..... 300 BECK PERFORMANCE DIESEL, SERVICE INTERNATIONAL PLOW TRK ..... 2,121.49 CARGILL, INCORPORATED, SALT-WATERPLANT ..... 6,998.42 CERTIFIED FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, YEARLY SERVICE CALL... 77 CITY OF EAGLE GROVE, POLICE AGREEMENT APRIL-JUNE ..... 14,938.20 CITY OF GOLDFIELD, WATER/SEWER COMMUNITY CENTER ... 68.4 CITY OF GOLDFIELD, WATER/SEWER-USED DEPOSIT 722 PINE ..... 65.57 DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP, PLOW BLADE INTERNATIONAL... 2,286.73 ED M. FELD EQUIPMENT CO, MASK-FIRE DEPARTMENT... 350 DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, FED/FICA TAXES ..... 2,591.52 FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BU-REAU, HAZMAT ..... 400 GOLDFIELD POST OFFICE, WATER/SEWER BILLS,POSTAGE ..... 223.08 GOLDFIELD POST OFFICE, PO BOX RENEWAL ..... 84 GOLDFIELD TELEPHONE CO, PHONE/INTERNET ..... 341.89 HACH COMPANY, TESTING
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#### CITY OF EAGLE GROVE • PUBLIC NOTICE

<b>PUBLIC NOTICE</b> Pursuant to the requirements of Section 508 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1987, as amended, the City of Eagle Grove is hereby providing Public Notice that on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., the City Council will hold a public hearing at City Hall. The purpose of the hearing will be to provide the public information concerning the progress, scope, budget and status of the City’s Upper Story Housing Project at 217 W. Broadway. This project is being funded in part through a Community Development Block Grant provided by the Iowa Economic Development Authority. If you have questions concerning the project, or if you require special accommodation to attend the hearing, such as handicapped accessibility or translation services, you may contact the City Administrator at City Hall. Persons interested in the status of funding or the progress of the project, are welcome to attend this meeting or submit written comments to City Hall before the Hearing. Program Contact: City Hall at (515) 448-4343 or Program Administrators (Simmering-Cory) at (641) 355-4072. Bryce Davis, City Administrator	Published in the Eagle Grove Eagle on Thursday, May 1, 2025
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CHEMICALS..... 317.45 HAWKEYE WEST PEST CONTROL, PEST CONTROL COMMUNITY CENTER..... 101.5 HAWKINS, INC, AZONE15-WATERPLANT ..... 509.44 IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOP., UNEMPLOYMENT JAN-MAR 2025 ..... 37.7 IPERS COLLECTION, IPERS -REGULAR..... 1,472.54 JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL, JOHN DEERE MOWER LEASE ..... 503.58 K & K CONSTRUCTION, 1' ROADSTONE ..... 817.08 KVALE TREE SERVICE, TREE DEBRIS & REMOVAL..... 1,875.00 L & L SERVICE, INC., BATTERY BRASSFIELD LIFTSTATION ..... 158.95 MATT LEWIS, REIMBURSE TRAINING BOOKS-FIRE ..... 253.05 MID AMERICAN ENERGY, GAS/ELECTRIC..... 3,202.67 MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING, PUBLISHING LEGALS ..... 207.43 NUWAY-K&H COOPERATIVE, GAS/DIESEL ..... 444.16 OVERHEAD DOOR COMPANY, SERVICE SHOP DOOR..... 438.59 POUTRE'S CONSTRUCTION, CITY HALL OFFICE UPDATE..... 5,858.00 SEABA LAW OFFICE, PLC, LEGAL EXPENSE..... 710 STATE OF IOWA, STATE TAXES ..... 1,241.24 T & R ELECTRIC, REPLACE HEATER GENERATOR-WP ..... 672.49 T & S SANITATION, MARCH GARBAGE..... 55 TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, WATER EXCISE TAX MARCH 2025 ..... 920.18 TREASURER STATE OF IOWA, SALES USE TAX MARCH 2025..... 214.13 VERIZON, SIMS CARD-WATER	PLANT ..... 40.01 VERIZON, SIMS CARD-WATER PLANT..... 40.01 WR.ABSTRACTING&LAND TITLE, REPORT OF TITLE & LIENS... 200 WRIGHT COUNTY LANDFILL, LANDFILL CONTRACT APRIL-JUNE ..... 3,968.75 Payroll Checks..... 14,358.54 <b>***** REPORT TOTAL ***** 69,879.19</b> <b>EXPENSES</b> GENERAL ..... 34,721.19 FIRE DEPT ..... 1,504.79 ROAD USE TAX ..... 12,557.21 EMPLOYEE BEN. .... 14.52 WATER ..... 16,353.13 SEWER ..... 4,728.35 <b>TOTAL..... 69,879.19</b> <b>REVENUE</b> GENERAL ..... 6,673.72 CORN LP ..... 4,167.00 FIRE DEPT..... 89.75 ROAD USE TAX ..... 5,758.71 EMPLOYEE BEN. .... 297.60 LOCAL OPTION TAX ..... 7,206.75 DEBT SERVICE ..... 598.72 COMM.CENTER ..... 100.00 WATER ..... 17,610.48 SEWER ..... 12,056.79 <b>TOTAL..... 54,559.52</b> Edmund software was tabbed. Motion by Petersen, second Schermer to approve Resolution 782, suspension of water services for snowbirds. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion carried. Public hearing for FY 26 Budget set for April 21 st at 6 p.m. Spring clean up day has been scheduled for Saturday May 31 st 8-5 p.m. Motion by Crees, second Schermer to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. <i>Kathy Nelson, City Clerk</i> <i>Gabe Fiscus, Mayor</i>
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In the sky during May

By David Voigts



May will be an exciting month in the sky. As May begins, brilliant Venus and bright Saturn will be close together low in the eastern predawn sky with Mercury near the eastern horizon and probably hard to spot without binoculars. As the month progresses, Mercury will drop quickly toward the Sun, while Venus and Saturn separate as Saturn climbs much faster than Venus into the morning sky. If you are an early riser, it should be interesting to follow these planetary movements. Since Saturn will be in a dim part of the sky, it should be easy to find even when it is far from Venus.

In the evening sky, very bright Jupiter will be dropping into the twilight glow and will be hard to spot by the end of the month. Meanwhile, Mars will be high in the west-southwestern sky. Its eastward motion has taken it away from the bright twin stars of Gemini (the Twins), and it will be moving through the dim constellation Cancer (the Crab). This movement will take it very close past the Beehive open star cluster on about May 4, and it be close to the cluster for a couple of days before and after. If you every wanted to see this iconic star cluster that some say looks like bees around a hive, this is an excellent opportunity to find it. Binoculars or a very dark sky will be needed to see the cluster, but with Mars nearby it should be easy.

Although Cancer is the dimmest constellation of the zodiac, it has a long history. It is thought to have been given its name because about 2,500 years ago, the summer solstice occurred when the Sun was in this part of the sky. The motion of the Sun northward and then turning and moving southward may have reminded the ancient sky watchers of the sideways motion of a crab. In Greek-Roman mythology, Cancer represents the crab that was sent to distract Hercules during his battle with the monster Hydra. Hercules crushed the crab, and because it failed, it was given only dim stars when it was placed in the sky.

Another story related to Cancer concerns what currently is called the Beehive star cluster but in ancient times was called the Praesepe or manger. As the story goes, the Greek gods Dionysus and Silenus were riding two donkeys into the battle with the Titans. The loud braying of the donkeys frightened the Titans and allowed the gods of Olympus to win the war. The donkeys then fed at a manger. The manger, along with the donkeys, were placed into the sky.

On May 16, we commemorate Dr. Nancy Grace Roman, NASA's first Chief Astronomer, who was born in 1925. She created NASA's space astronomy program, championed larger space telescopes, and helped develop the Hubble Space Telescope.

Observing Highlights

May 2 The Moon will be close to Pollux, the slightly brighter of the twin stars of Gemini (the Twins). Castor, the other twin star, will be to their right, and Mars will be farther to their upper left.

May 3 Observe Astronomy Day with the Black Hawk Astronomy Club and Grout Museum at the Imaginarium, 7-9:30. The Moon will be close above Mars and the Beehive open star cluster in Cancer (the Crab), but the bright Moon may make it hard to see the cluster. Mars will be very close to the Beehive on May 4 and 5, and it will be within a binocular field of view of the cluster from about April 21 to May 17.

May 6 Before dawn, brilliant Venus and dimmer Saturn will be side by side, with Venus on the left.

May 6 The Moon will be close above Regulus, the brightest star in Leo (the Lion), at nightfall.

May 9 The Moon will be close above Spica, the brightest star in the constellation Virgo (the Maiden).

May 13 The bright Moon will rise very close to Antares, the brightest star in the constellation Scorpius (the Scorpion).

May 23 Before dawn, the Moon will be to the upper right of brilliant Venus and farther to the lower left of Saturn.

May 28 The Moon will have returned to the evening sky and will be above Jupiter very low in the west-northwestern sky.

May 31 Star Party sponsored by Grout Museum & Black Hawk Astronomy Club, Prairie Grove Park, Waterloo, 9-10:30.

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

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

Full moon, May 12, Sunset, Midnight, Sunrise, All night

Last quarter, May 22, Midnight, Sunrise, Noon, A.M. New Moon, May 26, Sunrise, Noon, Sunset, Not visible

\*Dates and times are approximate.

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

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# Knee-High Naturalists Program to Explore 'Wiggling Worms' at Lake Cornelia Park

By Edward Lynn Editor

CLARION, Iowa — Children ages 2 to 6 are invited to discover the fascinating world beneath their feet during the upcoming Knee-High Naturalists event, "Wiggling Worms," set for Saturday, May 24, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Lake Cornelia Park Campground, located at 1768 Obrien Avenue, Clarion.

The Knee-High Naturalists program offers young children the opportunity to engage with nature through hands-on activities designed to spark cu-

riosity and environmental awareness. Each monthly session is free to attend, though parental supervision is required.

In May's "Wiggling Worms" program, participants will learn about earthworms and other creatures that live in the soil. Through interactive activities, children will explore how worms help the environment and why they are important to healthy ecosystems.

Organized by Franklin and Wright County Naturalist Aubrey Brown, the event encourages fami-

lies to foster a love of the outdoors from an early age. Interested families are asked to register in advance by completing the Knee-High Naturalist "Wiggling Worms" form online. Registration opened on April 24 and will run through May 23 at 11:59 p.m.

Reservations and additional information are available by contacting Aubrey Brown at 641-531-9475 or by email at naturalist.franklin.wright@gmail.com.

Program highlights include story times, science

labs, and interactive nature activities. The event promises a fun and educational morning for young explorers and their families.



Scan this QR code with your phone camera to visit the website.

# 100 Days Until the 2025 Iowa State Fair

DES MOINES, IA (04/29/2025) (readMedia)—Just 100 days to go until the gates open, and we're thrilled to unveil the 2025 Iowa State Fair FREE entertainment lineup! From rock and rising country stars to incredible tribute acts, family fun and returning Fair favorites, there's something for everyone at Fair Sweet Fair, August 7–17, 2025.

With gate admission, you can enjoy more than half a million dollars' worth of top-notch entertainment-completely free!

Susan Knapp Amphitheater sponsored by Prairie Meadows with media sponsor WHO 13

- August 7 Ty Myers (Country) 8 p.m.
- August 8 Creed Fisher (Country) 8 p.m.
- August 9 Waylon Wyatt (Country) 8 p.m.
- August 10 The Castells (Country) 8 p.m.
- August 11 Kashus Culpepper (Country) 8 p.m.
- August 12 Drew Baldrige (Country) 8 p.m.
- August 13 Tanner Adell (Country) 8 p.m.
- August 14 William Clark

Green (Country) 8 p.m.

• August 15 Brent Cobb (Country) 8 p.m.

• August 16 Drake White (Country) 8 p.m.

• August 17 Redferrin (Country) 7 p.m.

Anne and Bill Riley Stage sponsored by Pepsi with media sponsor iHeart

• August 7-8 The Holy Rocka Rollaz (Rock n' Roll) 7 & 9 p.m.

• August 9 Iowa State Fair Queen Coronation presented by Nature Hill 7 p.m.

• August 10 Parranderos Latin Combo (Salsa/Cumbia/Afrobeat) 7 p.m.

• August 11 Six Appeal (Pop) 7 & 9 p.m.

• August 12-13 Herman's Hermits (Pop/Folk) 7 & 9 p.m.

• August 14-16 Ron Diamond (Hypnotist) 7 & 9 p.m.

• August 17 Rebecca St. James (Christian) 7 p.m.

MidAmerican Energy Stage with Iowa Realty and media sponsor KCCI 8

• August 7 Taylor Inspired Dance Party (Pop/Electronic/Dance Beats) 8 p.m.

• August 8 The Nadas (Folk) 7 & 9 p.m.

• August 9 The End (A Tribute To The Beatles) 8 p.m.

• August 10 Pecos and the Rooftops (Country) 8 p.m.

• August 11 PetRock (Smooth Rock) 8 p.m.

• August 12 Electric Avenue (MTV 80s Tribute) 8 p.m.

• August 13 Allie Colleen (Country) 8 p.m.

• August 14 The Pork Tornadoes (Beard Pop) 8 p.m.

• August 15 Not Quite Brothers (Classic Rock/Rock) 8 p.m.

• August 16 Jason Brown (Country) 8 p.m.

• August 17 Journey from the Heart (Rock) 7 p.m.

Fun Forest Stage sponsored by Community Choice Credit Union

• The Chipper Experience! – Where COMEDY & MAGIC Collide!

• Brad Weston (Comedy/Juggler)

Grounds Entertainment (August 7-17)

• Chainsaw Artists Gary Keenan, T.J. Jenkins and Clint Henik – Expo Hill

• The Flying Royals Trapeze Show sponsored by Mountain Valley Spring

Water – Jacobson Exhibition Center West Lawn

• Hot Glass Academy – Heritage Village, Next to First Church

• Cowboy Boot Camp – North of Little Hands on the Farm

• Kids Can Cook Cooking Show – Variety Theater

• The Ice Cream Show with Greg Frisbee – Strolling

• Bandaloni – Strolling

• Hillbilly Bob – Strolling

All grounds entertainment times to be listed in daily schedules available in mid-July.

FREE entertainment is included with gate admission. Advance discounted admission tickets and Grandstand tickets are on sale now at [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org).

The complete daily program of events and entertainment will be released in July at [www.iowastatefair.org](http://www.iowastatefair.org) and on the official Iowa State Fair App. Sign up for the Iowa State Fair e-newsletter, text alerts or App, and follow us on social media for announcements, information, giveaways and contests.

# North Dakota's pesticide protection law a first for the US

by Jeff Beach, North Dakota Monitor

*Editor's note: This issue is just as important and local here in Wright County, Iowa, as it is in North Dakota. Here on the outskirts of Eagle Grove, just before you reach Bomgaars, there's a billboard put up by a political action group supporting Glyphosate (the active ingredient in Roundup) manufacturers. And the leading manufacturer, Bayer, has a factory most of us drive past on the outskirts of Clarion. Most important of all, we all live in one of the areas of the country with the high-*

*est cancer rates, and recent studies suggest Glyphosate may be a major reason for that.*

North Dakota is poised to be the first state in the nation to implement a law that provides legal protections for pesticide manufacturers — an issue that has been debated in legislatures across the country in the face of large payouts to cancer victims.

Gov. Kelly Armstrong on Wednesday signed House Bill 1318, which specifies that a label approved by the Environmental Protection Agency acts as sufficient warning to users about the hazards posed by pesticides and herbicides such as Roundup.

Georgia's General Assembly passed its version of the pesticide protection bill but it has yet to be signed. The National Agricultural Law Center has been tracking the status of similar legislation in Iowa, Florida, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Wyoming.

In Iowa, the bill passed the Senate this year but did not have sufficient support to pass the House, House Speaker Pat Grassley told reporters last month.

Elizabeth Burns-Thompson is the executive director of the Modern Ag Alliance, a national group backing the legislation in North Dakota and other states.

"This law sets the standard for states across America to pass legislation similar to HB 1318 and, ultimately, stand up for our farmers," Burns-Thompson said Thursday in a statement.

Ag groups have lined up behind the pesticide legislation, saying it ensures

farmers will have access to chemicals they need to control weeds and insects.

Critics have said the bill will make it harder for people harmed by chemicals to win lawsuits against the manufacturers of chemicals.

Germany-based Bayer, maker of the popular herbicide Roundup, has been ordered to pay out billions of dollars to plaintiffs who claim the product has caused cancer.

The EPA has never determined that Roundup causes cancer. Plaintiffs have still prevailed, in part on the argument that they were not adequately warned.

Brigit Rollins, attorney for the National Agricultural Law Center, wrote earlier this year that almost every pesticide injury lawsuit filed in the past 10 years has included a claim that the pesticide manufacturer failed to warn the plaintiff of the health risks associated with the product.

Rollins was unavailable for comment Thursday, but wrote earlier this month that it was not clear how pesticide laws might affect pending lawsuits, which number in the thousands nationally.

Bayer's website says it is also hopeful for a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in favor of laws such as the one being implemented in North Dakota.

A Bayer executive said in an April 14 Wall Street Journal article that the company may have to shut down U.S. production of glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup.

The pesticide bill in North Dakota sailed through the House of Representatives,

where it was introduced, passing unanimously in January.

It faced more debate in the Senate, but was amended and returned to the House. A small group of protesters gathered outside the Capitol the day of the Senate vote, urging members to reject the bill.

Its second vote in the House was much closer, passing 51-40.

As the debate on the bill wrapping up, Rep. Donna Henderson, R-Calvin, said, "If we have learned anything, it is that we don't know all the answers. We don't know what this bill does."

She noted that similar legislation has been pushed in other states.

"If it's just a simple labeling bill, why did 35 other states vote it down?" she asked.

Leaders of North Dakota farm groups expressed their appreciation for the bill Thursday.

"This monumental step forward helps ensure our farmers have the certainty they need to make long-term planning decisions and stay productive in the field," Justin Sherlock, president of the North Dakota Soybean Growers Association said.

While the debate focused on Roundup, the law applies to other pesticides registered with the state Department of Agriculture.

The North Dakota law will take effect Aug. 1. If signed, the Georgia law would take effect Jan. 1, 2026.

Armstrong's office declined to comment on his decision to sign the bill.



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# Wright County Prepares for 2025 Local Elections

## City and School Board Seats Open

By Amanda Rink  
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As the 2025 election season approaches, Wright County residents will have the opportunity to shape their local communities by voting for a variety of city and school leadership positions. While there are no open seats at the county level this year, several key roles are up for grabs in cities and school districts across the county.

### School Board Openings

School board elections are crucial for shaping the future of education in our communities. This year, all of the districts in Wright County have open seats. School board members help set district policies, approve budgets, and ensure schools are serving students effectively.

Belmond-Klemme School District:

- Director District #4
- Director District At Large
- Clarion-Goldfield-Dows (CGD) School District:
- Director District #2
- Director District #3

Eagle Grove School District:

- Director District At Large

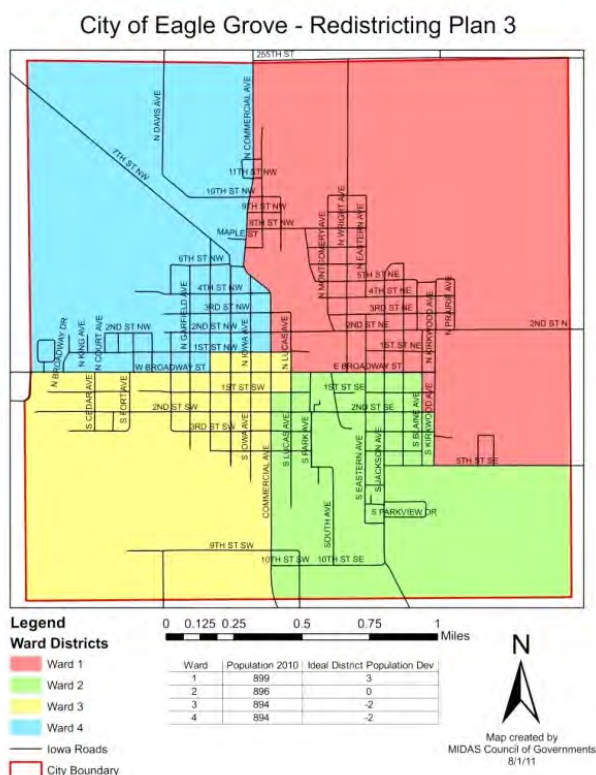
### City Government Seats

City elections offer a chance to choose local leaders who make choices that impact our everyday lives, like city spending, parks, public safety, and town projects. Here are the seats open in Wright County towns:

- Belmond: Mayor, 3 City Council Members, 2 Hospital Trustees, 1 Park Board Member
- Clarion: Mayor, 3 City Council Members
- Dows: Mayor, 3 City Council Members
- Eagle Grove: Mayor, Council Member At Large, Council Member Ward #2, Council Member Ward #4
- Galt: Mayor, 5 City Council Members
- Goldfield: Mayor, 3 City Council Members
- Rowan: Mayor, 3 City Council Members
- Woolstock: Mayor, 3 City Council Members

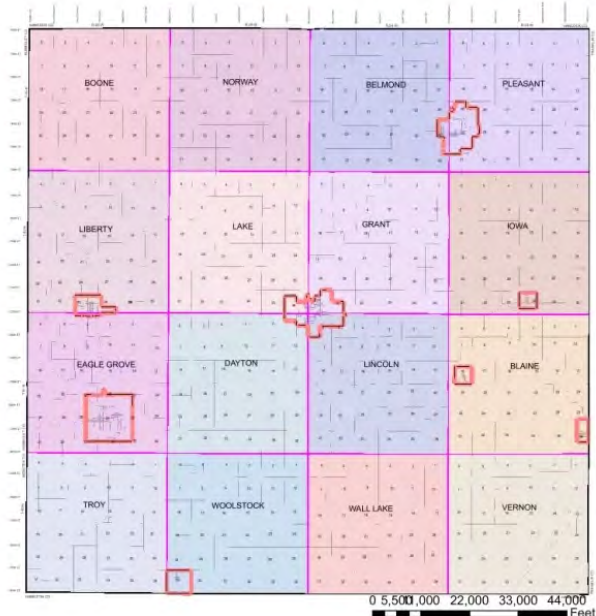
### How to Run

If you're considering run-



Eagle Grove's Wards. (Public Domain Image, Wright County Auditor)

## Wright County Townships



Wright County Townships. (Public Domain Image, Wright County Auditor)

ning for one of these positions, the process is pretty straightforward, but you will need to act within the official filing period. Nomination papers can be submitted starting August 25, 2025, but must be turned in by Thursday, September 18, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

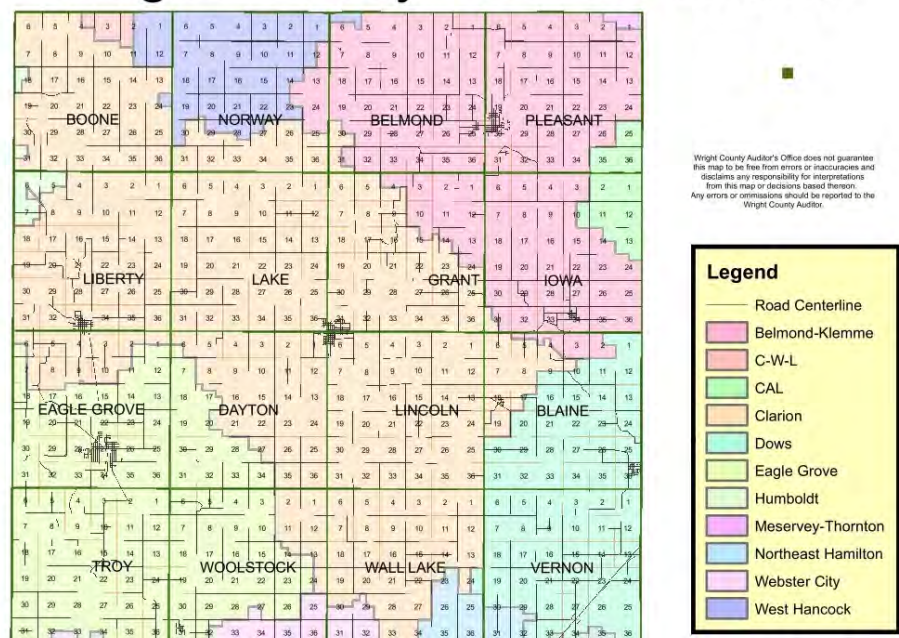
Candidates must meet basic requirements, such as being a registered voter in

the district or city they wish to represent or being located within the districting maps.

More details and nomination forms are available on the Iowa Secretary of State's city/school election page: [sos.iowa.gov/voters/schools-and-cities](https://sos.iowa.gov/voters/schools-and-cities)

This election season is a great time to get involved and make a difference in your community!

# Wright County School Districts



Wright County School Districts. (Public Domain Image, Wright County Auditor)

# Drainage Maintenance Takes the Lead during Trustees' Meeting

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April 28, 2025 – Acting as Drainage Trustees Monday morning, the Wright County Board of Supervisors considered drainage maintenance mostly.

### Work orders approved included:

- Beaver Dam Removal in Vernon Township
- Standing Water in Nor-

way and Grant Township

- Surface Pipe Covered/Buried in Boone Township

In addition to work orders, invoices were approved for payment to:

- Maasdam Construction for work done in Vernon Township for \$2,631.08 and Grant Township for \$3,099.42.

- Wright County Secondary Roads for Open Ditch

Drone flying to check for vegetation overgrowth for the combined amount of \$569.32.

Drainage Administrator Courtney Morris noted that ditch clearing and maintenance would be a priority for the coming months as part of the annual rotation schedule. The Drainage District trustees meet on an as-needed basis.

# Local Pharmacist Sounds Alarm Over Insurance 'Scam' as Reform Bill Advances

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — Just days after the Iowa Senate passed a bill aimed at regulating Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs), Eagle Grove Pharmacy owner Andrew Wagner is warning patients about what he calls a “desperate scheme” by big insurance companies to derail the reform.

In a new Facebook post, Wagner alerted patients about text messages inviting them to sign a petition he claims misrepresents its purpose.

“If you received this, DO NOT SIGN the petition,” Wagner wrote. “This is clearly a desperate scheme from Big Insurance to trick Iowans after our step forward in the Iowa Senate today.”

Wagner argues the petition falsely suggests that Senate File 383 would reduce access and increase drug costs. “This bill will do the EXACT OPPOSITE this text states,” he wrote. “SF 383 will preserve patient access to medications, keep pharmacies open, and decrease costs!”

Wagner thanked his supporters for their continued advocacy and emphasized the importance of passing the bill in the Iowa House before the session ends. “We truly wouldn’t be this close to the finish line without all your help!”

The pharmacy owner has become a leading voice in Iowa’s grassroots push for PBM reform, a movement that has gained momentum over the past several weeks.

In early April, Wagner made headlines after a heartfelt Facebook post went viral, warning residents of the real possibility that Eagle Grove could lose its only pharmacy. The Eagle first reported on the post, which quickly caught the attention of Rep. Mark Thompson and Sen. Dennis Guth, who invited Wagner to the State Capitol to speak on the issue.

Wagner, who began working at the pharmacy as a teenager and eventually purchased it with his wife Rachel, urged community members to contact lawmakers and support reform.



Andrew Wagner, owner of the Eagle Grove Pharmacy, went to Des Moines to speak to IA Senator Dennis Guth about PBM reform. Guth included the photo with his newsletter, noting that over 50 clients of the local pharmacy had also emailed him on the issue. (Photo courtesy of Dennis Guth).



(Screenshots, Eagle Grove Pharmacy/Facebook)

“The ‘what if I’m gone’ question scares me,” Wagner wrote in his original post. “I don’t want to leave this community who I have the honor to care for.”

His call to action gained statewide visibility when WHO13 News traveled to Eagle Grove to cover the story. Reporter Teodora Mitov highlighted the pharmacy’s deep community roots, founded by longtime pharmacist Mickey Cooper in 1984. Wagner began working there in middle school and later returned to raise his family in town and take over the business.

The station’s coverage also featured emotional testimonials from residents like Colleen Bartlett, who credited Cooper with saving her husband’s life.

“Otherwise, I wouldn’t be here today,” said Bob Bartlett.

Senate File 383, which passed the Senate 36-14, sets new rules for PBMs, including fairer reimbursement rates and limits on tactics that pressure patients into using mail-order or chain pharmacies. The bill now awaits action in the Iowa House.

Wagner, meanwhile, continues to fight—not just for his own business, but for rural healthcare across the state. “Please voice your support for local healthcare so we can stop thinking about all these scary ‘what ifs,’” he wrote.

Iowans can learn more and contact legislators by visiting [patientsfirst.org/iowa](https://patientsfirst.org/iowa).

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# SPORTS

## UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Thursday, May 1**
- Girls/Boys Golf @ Eagle Grove Golf Course, 4:15 p.m.
  - Girls/Boys Soccer vs. Hampton-Dumont-CAL @ Belmond-Klemme, 5:30 p.m.
- Friday, May 2**
- Varsity Boys Track @ South Hardin, 4:30 p.m.
  - Varsity Girls Track @ Hampton-Dumont-CAL, 4:30 p.m.
  - Boys Soccer @ Webster City, 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 3**
- Boys Golf @ Britt Golf Course, 9:00 a.m.
  - Girls Golf @ Clarmond Country Club, 9:00 a.m.
- Monday, May 5**
- Girls/Boys Golf @ Bear Creek Golf Course (Forest City), 4:15 p.m.
  - Boys Soccer @ Humboldt, 5:00 p.m.
  - Girls Track @ Iowa Falls-Alden, 5:00 p.m.
  - Girls Soccer vs. Humboldt @ Belmond-Klemme, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 6**
- 7th/8th Grade Girls Track @ Belmond-Klemme

## Freshman Golfer Shows Incredible Poise

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Eagle Grove girls golfers had three successful meets last week, and freshman sensation Azlyn Amonson walked away with two individual titles and a runner-up. On Tuesday afternoon, the girls faced off against Top of Iowa conference opponents from North Union and West Hancock at Britt Golf Course. The purple and gold would be the only school with a complete team and finished with a score of 202. Amonson was awarded meet medalist at West Hancock after shooting a 48 over nine holes. Kennedy Thacker scored a 49 for runner-up, and Piper Willard finished 3rd with a 50. Junior Caitlin Christopher tied for 5th with a 55, and freshman Salem Willard came in 7th with a 59. On Thursday, the Eagles edged out the competition at Livermore's Spring Valley Golf Course. Amonson shot a 46 to tie for 2nd at the triangular against Bishop Garrigan and Lake Mills. Thacker finished tied for 4th with



Azlyn Amonson has been showing out in her first year of varsity golf. (Photo by Taylor Smith)

a 49, and Salem and Piper Willard tied for 7th with 54's to bring EG's team score to 203. The purple and gold would wrap up their busy week with a Friday home triangular vs. Lake Mills and North Union. Amonson helped lead EG

to the team title, tying with Reagan Ham of Lake Mills for 1st overall individually. Thacker took bronze with a 48. Piper Willard (4th/51), Christopher (7th/57), Salem Willard (9th/59), and Lily Locke (13th/74) also golfed for EGHS.

## Boys Steal Soccer Win In Iowa Falls

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Last week, the Wright County United boys and girls soccer teams were back in action with two matches apiece. After a 3-0 loss in Belmond against Clear Lake on Monday, the boys bounced back and responded with a 1-0 Thursday night road victory in Iowa Falls. Wright County United improved to 2-5-2 after junior midfielder Anderson Diaz assisted on a goal to freshman William Ordonez in the second half of the game against the winless Cadets. On the girls side, the United would lose 5-0 to Clear Lake on Monday and 6-0 to Iowa Falls-Alden on Thursday. Junior goalkeeper Lily Pigman had twelve saves against Clear Lake.



Leelan Spencer, pictured here in Eagle Grove, has been EG's fastest sprinter this season. (Photo by Taylor Smith)

## Ladies Shine At Cardinal Relays



Taytum Edwards has been dusting the competition this season. (Photo by Taylor Smith)

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On Tuesday, April 22, the EG girls track and field squad ran, jumped, and threw in the Cardinal Relays held at Garner-Hayfield-Ventura High School. Addy Jeske brought home another 1st place medal in the long jump and Taytum Edwards sprinted to silver in the open 200. The girls scored 68 points as a team for 4th place out of the nine schools in Class A. Forest City (204) and Garner-Hayfield-Ventura (129) placed 1st and 2nd, and Clarion-Goldfield-Dows earned 6th with 65.

### Top Finishers:

<b>100m Dash –</b>	
4 – Taytum Edwards.....	13.71
<b>200m Dash –</b>	
2 – Taytum Edwards.....	27.59
<b>100m Hurdles –</b>	
5 – Myka Anderson.....	18.91
<b>400m Hurdles –</b>	
3 – Myka Anderson.....	1:17.63
<b>4x100 –</b>	
3 – Jeske, Morgan, Lenning, Edwards.....	54.09
<b>4x200 –</b>	
3 – Jeske, Morgan, Lenning, Edwards.....	1:54.52
<b>4x400 –</b>	
3 – Hoop, Anderson, Lenning, Jeske.....	4:33.65
<b>4x800 –</b>	
4 – Miller, Terwilliger, Olson, Calles.....	12:29.3
<b>Sprint Medley –</b>	
5 – Anderson, Flores, Morgan, Anderson.....	2:05.75
<b>Discus –</b>	
6 – Rynn Ettinger.....	79'1"
<b>Long Jump –</b>	
1 – Addy Jeske.....	15'8 ¼"

## Boys Finish Week At Poky Relays

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Twelve area high schools traveled to Pocahontas last Friday night for a windy evening on the track. Sophomore thrower Gavin Pedersen had one of the best performances of his career for a top-3 finish in the discus, and speedy junior Leelan Spencer left Poky with silver in the Class A 100 to go along with a bronze medal in the 4x4. The EGHS boys team claimed 5th place in Class A after scoring 69 team points. Webster City (133) and Humboldt (119) placed 1st and 2nd, respectively. Rival Clarion-Goldfield-Dows had 84 points for 4th in Class A.

<b>100m Dash –</b>	
2 – Leelan Spencer.....	11.67
6 – Cooper Thacker.....	12.39
<b>200m Dash –</b>	
10 – Cooper Thacker.....	25.8
<b>400m Dash –</b>	
5 – Anthony Vasquez.....	1:00.47
6 – Abraham Lin.....	1:00.89
<b>800m Run –</b>	
5 – Camden Sisson.....	2:26.42
6 – Gavin Pedersen.....	2:26.55
<b>1600m Run –</b>	
5 – Hunter Waldo-Martinez.....	5:21.36
7 – Hayden Schafer.....	5:52.89
<b>3200m Run –</b>	
3 – Felix Reyes.....	11:23.17
<b>110m Hurdles –</b>	
6 – Evan Cooper.....	18.9
<b>400m Hurdles –</b>	
7 – Dylan Terwilliger.....	1:09.49
<b>4x400 –</b>	
3 – Spencer, Miller, Castro, Castro.....	3:49.39
<b>4x800 –</b>	
2 – Castro, Castro, Gonzalez, Waldo-Martinez.....	9:26.67
<b>Distance Medley –</b>	
2 – Heaton, Nielsen, Castro, Castro.....	4:04.23
<b>High Jump –</b>	
3 – Josh Miller.....	5'8"
5 – Syrus Willard.....	5'6"
<b>Discus –</b>	
3 – Gavin Pedersen.....	120'10"

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