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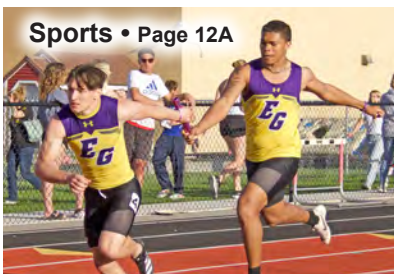
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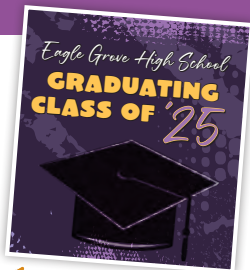
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Graduation Special in this issue!

# County Charitable Foundation Awards Nearly \$121,000 to 41 Projects

*Roughly \$46,000 goes to local projects*

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — From revitalizing signage and supporting Special Olympics to delivering meals and replacing music stands, local causes across Eagle Grove, Goldfield, and across Wright County received a significant boost as the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) awarded \$120,889.97 in grants during its 2025 ceremony on April 30 at Robert Blue Middle

School. The event also marked the foundation's 20th anniversary, celebrating two decades of community impact. Since 2006, the foundation has awarded over \$1.85 million to over 800 worthy local causes!

Each year, WCCF's Grant Committee carefully reviews every application submitted. After detailed deliberations, the committee makes funding recommendations, which are then reviewed and approved by the full WCCF Board of Directors.

This year, \$45,852.97 was designated for community projects in Eagle Grove and Goldfield. While another \$80,000 will support a

wide range of initiatives throughout Wright County.

Goldfield organizations received the following grants:

- **City of Goldfield:** \$4,000 for a pass-through window project
  - **Down Memory Lane:** \$1,500 for its pathway improvement project
- Eagle Grove organizations received the following grants:
- **Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce:** \$3,500 for revitalization of the city limit stone signs
  - **Eagle Grove Community School District (RBMS) Special Olympics:** \$1,500 for the Special Olympics general fund

- **Eagle Grove Concerned Inc.:** \$10,000 for meal and home delivery assistance
- **Eagle Grove Music Boosters:** \$1,500 for music stand replacements
- **Eagle Grove Police Department:** \$3,000 for ballistic shields
- **Eagle Grove Senior Citizens:** \$2,000 for roof and bathroom upgrades
- **Lazy J Rescue Ranch:** \$5,500 for power and water access
- **Multilingual Task Force, Eagle Grove Community School District:** \$1,500 for Festival Hispano

- **Parent and Community Involvement Committee:** \$2,000 for Aaron Eilerts Day of Service and Giving
- **Rotary Senior Living:** \$5,000 for a call light and wander management system upgrade
- **Studio Sol Art Outreach & Creative Space:** \$852.97 for county-wide summer creative programming
- **The Closet:** \$2,000 for a back-to-school clothing drive
- **Wright County District Junior Fair:** \$2,000 for Agri-Golf at the Wright County Fair

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Alana Alt accepted the check on behalf of the Family Literacy Night Committee



Ray Beltran and Matthew Valentine accepted the check on behalf of the Eagle Grove Police Department



Allison Whaley, Rodney Legleiter, and Tricia Rosendahl accepted the check on behalf of the Wright County District Junior Fair



Lyle Larson and Mike Moffitt accepted the check on behalf of Rotary Senior Living



Alana Alt, Sara Middleton, Tyler Linn, and Haley Fitzpatrick accepted the check on behalf of Lazy J Rescue Ranch



Karen Scholten accepted the check on behalf of Eagle Grove Concerned Inc.



Loretta Moon accepted the check on behalf of the Eagle Grove Senior Citizens



Angie Anderson and Brittney Osborn accepted the check on behalf of Eagle Grove Community School District (RBMS) Special Olympics



Rachel Cahalan accepted the check on behalf of The Closet



Tyler Khaleet, Josh Schild, Sara Middleton, and Brooke Hathaway accepted the check on behalf of the Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce



Josh Schild and Amanda Johnston accepted the check on behalf of Parent and Community Involvement Committee



Angie Anderson accepted the check on behalf of the Eagle Grove Music Boosters



Tom Crees accepted the check on behalf of the City of Goldfield



Sara Middleton accepted the check on behalf of Studio Sol Art Outreach & Creative Space

## 'Touch a Tire' Event Rolls Through Eagle Grove

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — Students at Eagle Grove Elementary got an up-close look at vehicles big and small during the first-ever "Touch a Tire" event, held Thursday, May 8. The event invited children to explore an array of impressive machines, including fire trucks, police cruisers, cement mixers, garbage trucks, race cars

and other heavy equipment. Hosted through the Iowa Preschool Program as a family engagement initiative, the event aimed to bring kids and their families together for a fun, hands-on learning experience. Children were not only allowed to get behind the wheel of the parked vehicles but also participated in a scavenger hunt

focused on environmental print. "We wanted to try something new," said McKristie Willard, principal for PreK through 1st grade. "I've seen similar events in other communities, and when we pitched the idea to the preschool team, they thought it was a great idea. We worked as a team to contact people

See **TOUCH A TIRE:** Page 11A



(Photo by Edward Lynn)

## Flip Some Coins for a Cause: New Noonan Fundraiser Kicks Off

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

The Eagle Grove community is rallying once again for one of its own, with a heartfelt campaign to support beloved local resident Barb Noonan in her fight against a rare and aggressive cancer. A coin-drive fundraiser is underway at Pop's Pizza and Pub throughout the month of May, culminating in a bingo "fundraiser" on Saturday, May 31, also at Pop's. Noonan's cousin, Kay Poppen, is a co-owner of Pop's.

Organizers are inviting residents to dig into couch cushions, clean out cup holders, and empty their change jars to fill up "Barbie's jars" at Pop's. Every



**ABOVE:** Barb Noonan with her son Jesse, a service member in the U.S. Army, who Noonan said has been her "rock" through her battle with cancer. (Screenshot, GoFundMe.com.)

**LEFT:** Jars for change to help Noonan wage her war against her rare and deadly cancer are set up at Pop's Pizza and Pub. (Photo by Edward Lynn)



coin collected throughout the month will go toward supporting Noonan's ongoing medical journey. Folding money is welcome too, and appreciated.

This "fundraiser" comes as Noonan, a pillar of the local community affectionately known to many as "Barbie," continues her fight with signet ring cell cancer—an

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## WCCF AWARDS from page 1A

Additional 2025 WCCF grant recipients across Wright County included:

- **Belmond Area Arts Council:** \$5,500 for ash tree removal and planting new trees
- **Belmond Fire Department Foundation:** \$1,000 for a vinyl hose bed cover
- **Belmond Growth Alliance:** \$1,000 for flower baskets on East Main Street
- **City of Belmond:** \$1,500 for Luick Memorial Pool rebuilding
- **City of Rowan:** \$5,000 for raising the roof at the Rowan Events Center/Iowa River Players Community Theater

- **Clarion Parks & Recreation:** \$2,500 for a gazebo park update
- **Clarion Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated:** \$1,750 for a supply hose
- **Colts Corner Daycare Center:** \$1,500 for independent play materials
- **Dows American Legion Watson Beach Post 523:** \$2,000 for a metal sign project
- **Dows Rural Fire Association:** \$4,000 for bunker gear replacement
- **Dows Senior Citizens:** \$2,891 for a furnace replacement project

- **Family Consumer Sciences Committee:** \$500 for a 5th Grade T-Shirt Design Project
- **Family Literacy Night Committee:** \$2,000 for a reading challenge
- **First Lutheran Food Pantry:** \$11,900 for the Food Access Equity Project
- **Food Bank of Iowa:** \$5,000 for feeding Wright County
- **Iowa Specialty Hospital - Clarion:** \$1,000 for a breast pump and trolley
- **ISU Extension and Outreach - Wright County:** \$2,500 for the Third Grade Safety Day Camp

- **Kid's Korner Day Care Center, Inc., DBA First Steps Early Learning Center:** \$3,000 for enhancing infant & toddler care resources
- **Rowan Historical Society:** \$5,000 for Phase 2 of the Rowan Outdoor Classroom: museum landscaping
- **Santa House:** \$500 for Santa House activities
- **Sensory Room Committee:** \$1,236 for a sensory room
- **St. John's Catholic Church Sacred Heart Church Womens' Guild:** \$1,760 for fair stand support

- **Upper Des Moines Opportunity (UDMO):** \$4,000 for assisting children, families and senior citizens in Wright County
- **Woolstock Fire Department:** \$4,000 for a thermal imaging machine and lockers
- **Wright County Conservation Board:** \$2,000 for a basketball court at Lake Cornelia Campground
- **Wright County Public Health:** \$2,000 for the Pick a Better Snack (PABS) program

applications and additional information are available at [www.wrightcounty.iowa.gov](http://www.wrightcounty.iowa.gov).

The Wright County Charitable Foundation is governed by a board of directors consisting of Dennis E. Bowman (President), Kyle Marker, Trish Morris, Lennea Groom, Kevin Cahalan, Adam Vornie, and Candi Jones. The foundation's development director is Duane Asbe. Darrel Steven Carlyle oversees grant administration through Wright County Economic Development.



Greg Schipull, Robyn Halvorson, and Dana Halvorson accepted the check on behalf of Down Memory Lane



Amanda Johnston and Alana Alt accepted the check on behalf of Multilingual Task Force Eagle Grove Community School District



Angela Wesselink and Sandra McGrath accepted the check on behalf of Wright County Public Health



Aubrey Brown accepted the check on behalf of the Wright County Conservation Board



Bergetta Beardsley accepted the check on behalf of Food Bank of Iowa



Bill Chambers and Richard Echelberger accepted the check on behalf of the Dows American Legion Watson Beach Post 523



Billy Stuck and Dave Stein accepted the check on behalf of the Dows Rural Fire Association



Brian Marker, Alex Rosenbaum, and Gene Rosenbaum accepted the check on behalf of the Clarion Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.



Bryan Clauck accepted the check on behalf of the Woolstock Fire Department



Chris Whipple accepted the check on behalf of Upper Des Moines Opportunity



Madison and Cecelia Wilde accepted the check on behalf of Family Consumer Sciences Committee



Elizabeth McOllough and Missy Loux accepted the check on behalf of First Lutheran Food Pantry



Elizabeth McOllough accepted the check on behalf of Clarion Parks & Recreation



Kathy Whitver accepted the check on behalf of ISU Extension and Outreach and Farm Bureau Third Grade Safety Day Camp



Cheryl Weber and Nancy Strub accepted the check on behalf of St. John's Catholic Church Sacred Heart Church Womens' Guild



Cody Nicholas and LeeAnn Waltzing accepted the check on behalf of the City of Belmond



Iran Carlos Martinez accepted the check on behalf of Belmond Growth Alliance



Pam Trausch and Kathy Whitver accepted the check on behalf of the Belmond Arts Council



Jessica Mercado accepted the check on behalf of Iowa Specialty Hospital - Clarion



Tish Arnold accepted checks on behalf of the City of Rowan and Colts Corner Daycare Center



Jeff Pentico and Max O. Peterson accepted the check on behalf of Santa House



Joleen Gonzalez and Alecia Frink accepted the check on behalf of Kid's Korner Day Care Center, Inc DBA First Steps Early Learning Center



Judy Gorder and Linda Brass accepted the check on behalf of the Dows Senior Citizens



Megan Northway accepted the check on behalf of the Sensory Room Committee



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Rhonda M. Benton and Nancy Beyer accepted the check on behalf of the Rowan Historical Society



Roger Duvall and Dean Adcock accepted the check on behalf of the Belmond Fire Department Foundation





## It's a boy!

Kasey Burns and Cari McPeak of Eagle Grove have welcomed a baby boy.  
Xander Alan Burns was born on May 7, 2025, weighing 7 pounds, 9.2 ounces.  
His grandparents are Beverly McPeak of Renwick, Brian Burns of Goldfield, and Bill and Deanna Armstead of Independence.  
His great grandparents are Joan Rasmussen of Eagle Grove and Carole Burns of Cedar Rapids.

**Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing**  
May 12, 2025 -Wright County's Drainage Trustees met Monday morning in a session that included introductions from AgriVia and a joint drainage assessment with Franklin County.  
Jacob Hagan and Tyler Buman from AgriVia, an agricultural engineering service based in Perry, Iowa, introducing themselves and

their firm's offerings. They explained their involvement with a project near the Agri Business Park outside Eagle Grove, where a property owner in a so-called "no man's land" is seeking access to district drainage assets.  
The board of trustees then held a conference call with Franklin County officials to discuss the 2025 assessment for Joint Drainage District (JDD) 100-2. While Franklin

County will shoulder most of the assessment, Wright County's contribution will be slightly over \$1,000.  
Later in the morning, at 10:30 a.m., Trustees held a call with Webster County to schedule a public hearing on the Engineer's Report for JDD 46-92's voluntary annexation. That item had been tabled during the May 6 meeting.  
The trustees also reviewed

work orders for issues, including a surface drain in the Eagle Grove Township that needs to be lowered and tile blowouts in Vernon and Pleasant Townships.  
The board ended up tabling the setting of the public hearing regarding the annexation of land near the Agri Business Park outside of Eagle Grove, and plans to appoint commissioners on Monday, May 19.

## Supervisors Watch as Tax Reform Bill Advances in Des Moines

**Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing**  
May 12, 2025 - The Wright County Board of Supervisors met Monday to tackle routine business, hear from the County Engineer, and discuss state-level property tax reforms that could have lasting impacts on rural areas.  
County Engineer Adam Clemons began his weekly report with a road update. "We're prepping for dust control, we've got close to

100 orders," Clemons said. He added that weed spraying has begun on county bridges and that the crew completed eleven work orders.  
The Voss Quarry Bridge, in the southern part of Wright County, is again in the spotlight, with Clemons mentioning that the bridge should be poured this week. He raised concerns about wind speeds exceeding 25 MPH, which can change the evaporation rate of the concrete and cause cracking to the final surface. The county will consult with the contractor and make a final call by Thursday.  
During the new business segment, discussion turned to the ongoing property tax reform at the state level, particularly Senate File 651, which includes rollback changes and a revised homestead exemption.  
Wright County Assessor Tonee Nicholas explained, "It's not a straight \$50,000

exemption anymore. Now it's 25% of your property value, capped at \$125,000. So if you've got a \$500,000 or \$800,000 house, you'd only get the \$125,000 discount."  
Nicholas also highlighted overlooked costs to counties. "These changes will force counties to update software, which is an expense legislators didn't factor in," she said.  
Although SF 651 aims to smooth the financial shift

for residents and jurisdictions, concerns remain. The 2% allowable growth might not be enough if there's no new construction.  
Betty Ellis, who says she is following closely, added context from ongoing budget talks in Des Moines. "The Senate's still in session. There's resistance from 12 Republicans, and the Democrats are holding firm," she said. "They caucused for about eight hours Friday."

In other business, the board:  
- Reviewed the revenue report totaling \$2,909.81 from the Wright County Sheriff's office.  
The Wright County Board of Supervisors will meet again on Monday May, 19 at 9:00 A.M. This meeting, and past ones, can be viewed online at youtube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312.

## Clover Kids Wrap Up Year with Final Meeting and Look Ahead to County Fair Fun

CLARION, Iowa — The Clover Kids wrapped up their final meeting of the year with a fun, educational celebration that showcased all they've learned and gave them a taste of what's to come at the Wright County Fair.  
Clover Kids, a 4-H program designed for youth in kindergarten through third grade, spent the year exploring hands-on activities that encouraged curiosity, creativity, and confidence. At the final meeting, members practiced key fair skills with a playful twist—hosting a "stuffed animal" pet show. Each child had the opportunity to do a show-and-tell presentation with a favorite stuffed animal, mimicking what they will experience in the official Clover Kid Pet Show at the fair. It was a great way to practice public speaking, build comfort with showmanship, and celebrate each other's creativity in a fun, low-pressure setting.  
Throughout the year, Clover Kids have been learning valuable life skills—how to



The 2025 Wright County Clover Kids. (Photo courtesy of ISU).

ver Kids grow in confidence throughout the year," said Paige Roberts, Wright County K-12 Program Coordinator. "The fair gives them a real sense of pride and accomplishment, and it's a joyful way to wrap up all their hard work."  
As we head into fair season, the Wright County 4-H team encourages families to cheer on these bright young minds. The Clover Kid program is just the beginning of a lifelong 4-H journey filled with opportunity, growth, and community.  
For more information on Clover Kids or upcoming fair events, contact the Wright County Extension Office at xwright@iastate.edu

express themselves, work with others, and complete a project from start to finish. These lessons will be on full display at the Wright County Fair, where Clover Kids can participate in a wide range of exciting project areas, including:  
• Static Projects

- Photography Challenge
- Food & Nutrition Challenge
- Bottle/Bucket Calf
- Novice Lamb
- Lil' Squealers Showmanship Class
- Walk/Trot Horse Classes
- Clover Kid Pet Show
- Clover Kid Poultry Class

- Clover Kid Share the Fun
- The fair provides a safe, supportive environment where young members can share their interests and efforts with the public. It's not about competition—it's about exploration, learning, and having fun.  
"We love seeing our Clo-

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exceptionally rare and aggressive form that began in her appendix and has since spread to her stomach lining, colon, and ovaries. The disease has taken a toll, but Barbie is still in this fight!  
Noonan, a 1979 graduate of Eagle Grove High School and a lifelong community member, previously co-owned Noonan & Tomke Jewelers with her family and ran Piece by Piece, a shop in Clarion.  
"Barbie has always been a big fan of 'pay it forward,'" said Teresa Sadler, as Noonan's fight began in

October of last year. "Eagle Grove has already shown its ability to help others and to pull together. We can do it again."  
"She's just lovely," said Stacey Jorgenson. "She's been a great pillar of this community her whole life, and she's really struggling with this battle."  
Noonan herself acknowledged the uphill nature of her fight. "It isn't like it's gonna be cured and I'll be done," she said during a phone interview from the Mayo Clinic last October. "It's about quality of life... I'm really re-

lying on faith. Whatever this thing demands is what I've got to do."  
Community members can contribute throughout May by dropping off change at Pop's, then join in the celebration and show of support at the May 31 bingo fundraiser. More information and a way to donate online is available via the GoFundMe page set up in her honor at gofundme.com/f/join-us-in-supporting-barb-noonan-cancer-journey.  
"I've got good support," said Noonan. "And that's half of it."

### Congregate Meal Menu:

- Monday, May 19**  
Chicken and Rice Casserole, Whole Wheat Bread, Vegetable, Fruit
- Wednesday, May 21**  
Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Mushroom Gravy, Whole Wheat Roll, Vegetable, Fruit
- Friday, May 23**  
Ham Loaf, Sweet Potatoes, Whole Wheat Roll, Vegetable, Fruit

### Eagle Grove Community School District -MENU-

- Monday, May 19**  
**BREAKFAST:** Cereal, Strawberry Boli, Fruit, Juice  
**LUNCH:** Crisпитos, Refried Beans, Salad, Peaches
- Tuesday, May 20**  
**BREAKFAST:** Breakfast Pizza, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice  
**LUNCH:** Tenderloin, French Fries, Broccoli, Banana
- Wednesday, May 21**  
**BREAKFAST:** Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit, Juice  
**LUNCH:** Cook's Choice
- Thursday, May 22**  
**BREAKFAST:** Donut, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice  
**LUNCH:** Cook's Choice
- Friday, May 23**  
**BREAKFAST:** Cook's Choice  
**LUNCH:** Cook's Choice
- Monday, May 26**  
**No School**
- Tuesday, May 27**  
**BREAKFAST:** Cook's Choice  
**LUNCH:** Cook's Choice

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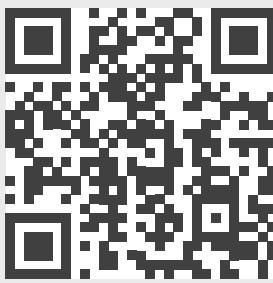
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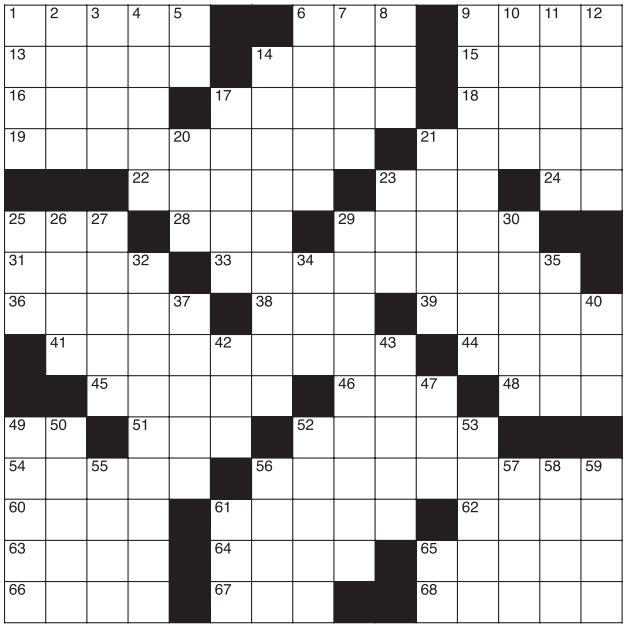
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Two-person German submarine

6. 60-minute intervals (abbr.)

9. Database management system

13. Vertical position

14. American jazz singer Irene

15. Ancient Greek City

16. Former Senate Majority Leader Harry

17. Japanese seaport

18. Self-immolation by fire ritual

19. Assigns tasks

21. Beloved type of cigar

22. Discounts

23. Cambodian communist leader Pot

24. Important football position

25. Kilometers per hour

28. Lentil

29. Extremely angry

31. Yellow-flowered European plant

33. American state
36. Some are made by rabbits

38. Express with a head movement

39. Affair

41. Cured

44. Youth organization

45. 18-year astronomical period

46. Automobile

48. Focus a shot

49. The NFL's big game (abbr.)

51. Mouth

52. Infections

54. Curved pieces of a horse collar

56. Shameless

60. Assist in escaping

61. Capuchin monkey genus

62. Cold wind

63. Retired Brazilian NBAer

64. Tropical Old World tree

65. Bulgarian city

66. Speak indistinctly

67. Soviet Socialist Republic

68. Between-meal sustenance

CLUES DOWN

1. Not soft

2. Sharp-pointed dueling sword

3. Line a roof

4. Greek god of the underworld

5. Software

6. Large-headed elongated fishes

7. Shag rugs

8. Type of whale

9. Lacking a plan

10. Spill the beans

11. Some is "heavy"

12. One who has been canonized

14. Indicate times

17. Greeting

20. Broadway actor Josh

21. Seashore

23. Indicates before

25. Electrical power unit

26. Destitute

27. Drags forcibly
29. Impropriety

30. Word forms

32. Equal to 10 meters

34. Neither

35. Computer language

37. Practice of aging film or TV characters (abbr.)

40. A woolen cap of Scottish origin

42. A promise

43. Challenges

47. Official

49. People living in Myanmar

50. Notable tower

52. Type of sword

53. Vaccine developer

55. Listing

56. Summertime insects

57. Concluding passage

58. Guitarist Clapton

59. Damp and musty

61. Central nervous system

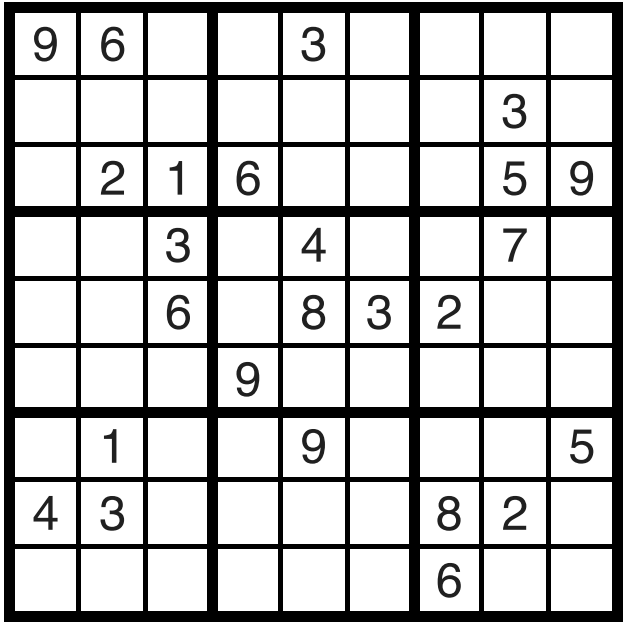
65. Against

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Fun By The Numbers

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



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Senate passes bill restricting eminent domain for carbon pipelines

10 amendments, countless discussions, four years and five hours later

By Cami Koons

Iowa senators voted 27-22 late Monday to pass a bill to limit the ability of carbon sequestration pipelines to use eminent domain, sending it to the governor's desk after a drawn-out debate.

The decision follows four years of Iowans and House lawmakers urging for eminent domain reform in response to the proposed Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline.

House File 639 comprised a number of bills passed by the House aimed at eminent domain. Senators tried repeatedly to change the scope of the bill with various amendments, none of which were adopted.

Sen. Tim Kraayenbrink, R- Fort Dodge, said amid debates on eminent domain and carbon capture pipelines, that senators were "missing the point" that the bill was poorly written and likely to create problems.

"The point is a crappy bill that we're going to be voting on here in a little bit," Kraayenbrink said.

Four years coming

Landowners opposed to the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline have traveled to the Capitol countless times over the past four years, urging lawmakers to move on the issue.

Many of those opposed to the pipeline own land in its path and fear its impact to their land, property values and safety.

The pipeline would transport carbon dioxide, cap-

tured from ethanol facilities, across Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, the Dakotas and into underground storage in North Dakota. The Iowa Utilities Commission granted the project eminent domain rights in June, though the project cannot begin construction until it has permits in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.

Proponents of the pipeline say it will allow Iowa to enter new, low-carbon ethanol markets, which would in turn help corn and soybean farmers.

The company's permit in South Dakota was recently denied, following the state's passage of a law preventing hazardous liquid pipelines carrying carbon dioxide from using eminent domain in the state. Summit has said it plans to reapply.

HF 639, as written, changed definitions of a common carrier, increased insurance requirements to cover any damages to property and reimburse landowners for increases in premiums due to the pipeline, set requirements for the IUC and expanded who can intervene in IUC proceedings.

A group of 12 senators signed a letter last week saying they would not vote on budget legislation until the eminent domain bill was debated. Their move stalled action on budget bills and contributed to pushing the session into overtime. Lawmakers have not received part of their per diem expense payments since May

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After the pipeline bill passed, senators approved the budgets for education and agriculture and natural resources, sending them to the House.

Senators planned to debate the issue on Friday, and drew a crowd of interested constituents to the Capitol, but the chambers leaders did not bring the bill to the floor.

Boussetot's amendment fails

Sen. Mike Boussetot, R-Ankeny, the bill's floor manager, proposed an amendment that would rewrite the bill, similar to what he had proposed in committee, that would have allowed companies to pursue voluntary easements outside of the project corridor, in order to avoid using eminent domain.

Boussetot called the original bill a "Trojan horse" bill written by "climate extremists" trying to kill the Summit pipeline project.

Rep. Steven Holt, R-Denison, who sponsored HF 639, said it's "ridiculous" to suggest the bill is about environmental extremists.

"This is not about environmental extremism at all, it's about protecting landowners," Holt said. "I think that the arrogance the Senate is showing, the disrespect to property owners is frankly unacceptable."

Boussetot's amendment would have kept HF 639 provisions requiring Iowa Utilities Commission members' attendance at permit

hearings, created a one-year deadline for permit decisions, and would have held project operators responsible for damage to the land during the lifetime of the project.

Under the amendment, the eminent domain changes would have applied to all projects seeking government permission to force unwilling landowners to give up easements for a court-determined price, not just carbon sequestration projects.

Boussetot said the amendment "protects Iowans, protects landowners of all types, for all project types."

His amendment would have stopped carbon sequestration pipelines from using eminent domain, unless the project had been granted a permit by the IUC before the enactment date, or had a sole purpose of connecting to another project that was already granted eminent domain.

"It ends eminent domain on CO2 pipelines in a constitutional manner, on a go forward basis," Boussetot said.

Sen. Jeff Taylor, R-Sioux Center, said it's "not correct" to say the bill is all about killing the Summit project.

"We're just saying you have to follow the law," Taylor said.

Taylor said the requirement to use eminent domain is public use.

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Iowa House sends bill regulating pharmacy benefit managers to Gov. Kim Reynolds

By Robin Opsahl

Iowa House lawmakers sent legislation to implement restrictions on pharmacy benefit managers to Gov. Kim Reynolds Monday, a bill supporters said will help keep rural pharmacies in business — but that opponents said could lead to higher insurance and drug costs for Iowans.

Pharmacists celebrated from the gallery as the House voted 75-15 Monday on Senate File 383, the legislation setting some restrictions and regulations on pharmacy benefit managers. PBMs are the entities that negotiate prescription drug prices between manufacturers, health insurance companies and pharmacies.

The bill sets new restrictions on certain PBM practices that supporters of the measure argue are major factors contributing to the closure of local and rural pharmacies in the states. It creates multiple restrictions on PBMs' use of strategies that favor a specific pharmacy to fill a prescription, like different cost-sharing rates or fees, or other financial penalties or incentives.

The legislation would also require pharmacies to be reimbursed at the average state or national acquisition cost of a drug.

Rep. Brett Barker, R-Nebraska, said the bill was needed to combat practices by PBMs, which he said have manipulated the U.S. health care system and "stacked the deck against consumers, pharmacies, employers and taxpayers."

"These monopolistic companies have become three of the most powerful corporations in the world from profiting off an opaque and complex system at the expense of everyone else in supply chain," Barker said. "These abusive, anti-competitive practices have created an epidemic of pharmacy closures and rising prescription drug prices nationwide. ... Community pharmacists

want to care for their communities, and it's time that they get an even playing field to do just that."

Pharmacists and advocates have spoken out in favor of the bill, saying that current PBM practices favoring mail-order prescription refills and pharmacy chains have played a major role in the closure of more than 200 pharmacies across the state, including 31 pharmacies in 2024. The measure was amended by the Senate to make some definition changes for how drug rebates received by PBMs would be passed through to health insurance companies to lower coverage costs, but Democratic Sen. Sarah Trone Garriott said the amendment could lead to higher health insurance costs for Iowans.

Some business leaders share these concerns, citing the Legislative Services Agency analysis that found the bill could result in higher costs and copays for the state's health insurance program. According to a news release Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) from earlier in May, the bill could result in an additional \$340 million in costs for private-sector health insurance plans and raised costs of approximately \$169 per insured Iowan annually.

Leaders representing business organizations like ABI, the Iowa Business Council and Iowa chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business released a statement urging lawmakers to make further changes to the legislation that will ensure health coverage costs do not rise for Iowans.

"ABI members and Iowa businesses support policies that improves access to care. But this legislation simply shifts hundreds of millions of dollars in new costs to employers and working families," Nicole Crain, ABI president said in the news release.

Rep. Jeff Cooling, D-Ce-

dar Rapids, introduced an amendment that he said would limit prescription drug cost increases for Iowans, but the proposal failed. He said he believed the portion of the bill setting a dispensing reimbursement fee of \$10.68 from PBMs to pharmacists for each prescription would be a cost put on Iowans filling their prescriptions.

Cooling said the bill allows the insurance or employer group to decide whether to cover the dispensing fee.

"As a representative in this state, I can't imagine an employer that is going to say, 'yes, that's okay insurance company, raise my rates, I'll cover that,'" Cooling said. "What to me seems far more likely is (saying), 'no pass that on.' So I believe a vote for this is a vote to raise prescription costs per fill by \$10.68 if someone fills them at an independent pharmacy."

He also said this provision will likely further incentivize Iowans to fill their prescriptions at larger pharmacies and increase financial pressures on independent and rural pharmacies, as people filling their prescriptions at larger, chain companies which do not receive the \$10.68 dispensing fee.

"That's fine, but when folks figure out that they can go to a larger pharmacy and not have to pay that \$10.68 at the counter, where do you think they're going to go to save money?" Coolin said. "That's what I think will happen. I think even with the best of intentions with this bill, that it will not fix the problem that we all want to fix."

But the Iowa Pharmacy Association, a major supporter of the bill, released a statement urging the legislation, as passed by the Senate, to go to the governor's desk. In a news release, the organization stated other states have implemented similar PBM regulations

and have not seen health insurance premiums increase.

Wes Pilkington, the president-elect of the Iowa Pharmacy Association Board of Trustees and owner of Evans Crossing Pharmacy, said in a statement that further changes to the bill "are only designed to protect the massive profits of Big Insurance and the PBMs they own."

"Big Insurance makes huge profits on the current system which leads to pharmacy closures and harm to Iowa's patients," Pilkington said. "This legislation is designed to help Iowa pharmacies, NOT protect Fortune 10 insurance companies."

Barker dismissed the criticisms of the bill as misinformation.

"Despite mistruths many you have heard in this room tonight, dark money, astroturf campaigns and fear mongering, we have a really good bill in front of us that will move the needle to protect vital health care infrastructure in our state," Barker said. "... By sending this bill to the governor, Iowa will take a huge step to catch back up with states across the country who have taken a leading role in reforming a broken system by reining in abusive PBM practices."

Kate Gainer, CEO of the Iowa Pharmacy Association, celebrated the bill's passage in a statement Monday.

"This bill is a critical step toward protecting Iowa's local pharmacies and ensuring accountability for PBMs, whose practices have forced Iowa pharmacies to shutter their doors and countless Iowans to lose healthcare access," Gainer said. "With states nationwide enacting similar reforms, we're grateful the House and Senate have paved the way for Governor Reynolds to sign this bill and safeguard Iowa's pharmacies and the patients they serve."



# Small businesses keep our communities strong

By Rep. Randy Feenstra

Every year, during National Small Business Week, we recognize and celebrate the contributions that our small businesses make to our economy and our communities. From family-owned-and operated enterprises spanning generations to young entrepreneurs pursuing the American Dream, the spirit of hard work, resilience, innovation, and ingenuity is alive in small towns and flourishing cities across Iowa's 4th Congressional District. It's why I've committed to visiting all 36 counties in our district at least twice each year as part of my 36 County Tour to see firsthand our businesses on Main Street and in our communities.

However, to ensure that our businesses can thrive, Congress must advance policies that support economic growth, job creation, and investment while eliminating unnecessary and burdensome regulations that make operating a business harder than it already is. With risks for business owners coming from all directions, we need to deliver certainty and tax relief for our job creators. As a member of both the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Agriculture Committee, I'm working to enact legislation that fosters an economic environment in which our small businesses can prosper.

The top priority ahead of Congress is to extend and build upon the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that President Trump signed into law in 2017 but sunsets at the end of this year. Alongside my Republican colleagues on the Ways and Means Committee, we're working to protect the 20% deduction on qualified business income for small businesses and restore full expensing for equipment purchases and R&D investments. We are also working to deliver death tax relief so that our family farms and family-owned businesses can pass their legacies onto the next generation without incurring a massive tax bill



upon the death of a loved one. These pro-growth policies will help free up cash for small businesses to hire new employees, make strategic investments, and support our economy.

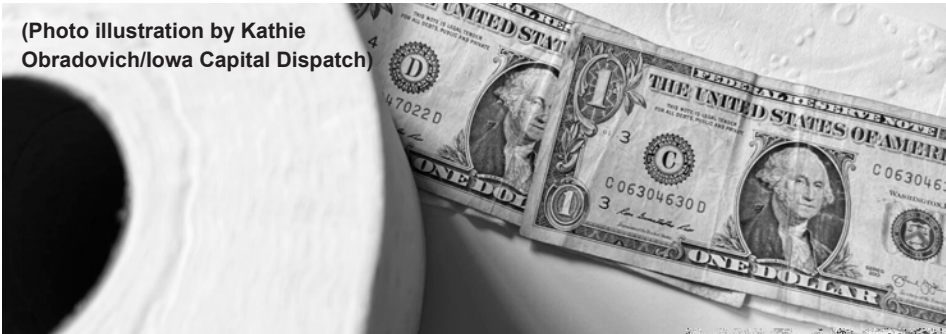
Another area of the tax code that we're exploring to support small businesses is paid family and medical leave (PFML). Providing employees with PFML can help retain a quality workforce and keep young families rooted in rural Iowa, but the cost to small businesses can also be prohibitive. It's why I introduced legislation to help small businesses offer PFML to their employees without breaking the bank. My bill specifically extends and reforms a tax credit from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which delivered financial relief for small businesses that offered up to 12 weeks of PFML. With just 20% of workers at businesses with fewer than 99 employees having access to PFML, this legislation would be a gamechanger for families, businesses, and workers alike.

I've also recently supported legislation to strengthen the small business ecosystem and help businesses get back up when they've been knocked down. In February, I joined the full House of Representatives in unanimously approving the Successful Entrepreneurship for Reservists and Veterans Act, which would help our veterans secure the capital and resources that they need to start a business and enhance outreach efforts to veterans who wish to open a business. Last year, I further voted for the Rural Small

Business Resilience Act, which would ensure that small businesses, particularly in rural communities, have full access to the financial support that they need after a disaster. Helping our small businesses access disaster assistance, recover as quickly as possible, and keep employees on payroll is crucial to our rural main streets and economic strength.

While passing meaningful policies to support small businesses is crucial, cutting unnecessary red tape is also a key part of the puzzle for business growth and vitality. It's why I've voted to overturn a regulation pushed by the Biden administration to codify expanded enforcement of Section 1071 of the Dodd-Frank Act. This misguided rule would inundate business owners with mountains of paperwork and violate basic privacy protections by requiring community banks to report every detail of every loan they originate. Fortunately, the Trump administration has indicated that it will look at this rule and work to support businesses, not the federal bureaucracy. In the same vein, I also voted earlier this year to repeal the Corporate Transparency Act, which forces businesses to comply with even more complex and unnecessary regulations with the threat of up to \$10,000 in penalties absent compliance. Again, the Trump administration stepped in to defend our small businesses by suspending enforcement of these burdensome reporting requirements in March.

Small businesses are the beating heart of our main streets and communities. In Congress, I will continue to work to support our job creators, entrepreneurs, and businesses by getting government out of the way, lowering taxes, and reducing bureaucratic red tape and regulations. This is how we can supercharge our economy and show appreciation to the small businesses that keep our communities vibrant and strong.



# New Republican tax break won't paper over Iowa's unfair system of raising revenue

The GOP shifts burden to lower-income families

By Ed Tibbetts

Rest assured, Iowa Republicans in Des Moines have heard your concerns about high prices, and they're doing something about it.

Members of the Iowa House took the bold step recently of voting to eliminate the sales tax on toilet paper. This was such a high priority that Speaker Pat Grassley led the charge, along with nearly two dozen other members of the House GOP. The Senate and Gov. Kim Reynolds still must act before it becomes law, but judging by the non-partisan estimates, if all of them get on the same page, this will save every Iowan about \$2.65 a year.

Go to town, Iowa. Buy a couple of candy bars.

To be fair, this isn't the only item Republicans want to shelter from the state sales tax this session. They're talking about adding laundry detergent, too.

In all seriousness, I can see why Republicans might be eager to look like they're reducing the sales tax burden on Iowans. Public opinion polls say Americans are worried about high prices. Meanwhile, the tariffs President Trump is imposing have convinced people, correctly, that prices will go up even more.

Still, Republicans in Iowa have more to be concerned about than just what their party's leader is doing to shrink American bank accounts.

They've created problems of their own.

## Big shift in Iowa tax collections

Over the past few years, the Iowa GOP has slashed personal and corporate income taxes that, historically, have taken a bigger percentage out of the incomes of the rich, even as they have collected more and more sales and use taxes, which exact a higher toll on low- and middle-income Iowans.

Here's a good illustration. The March report by the state Revenue Estimating Conference on general fund revenues predicted that in fiscal year 2026, 55% of total tax receipts, or \$5.6 billion, will come from personal and corporate income taxes. Meanwhile, 44%, or \$4.4 billion, will come from sales and use taxes. (These figures don't include refunds, the vast majority of which are personal income tax refunds.)

That's an extraordinary shift.

In 2019, almost 63% of total tax receipts came from personal and corporate income taxes, while nearly 34% of the total came from sales and use taxes, a 29-point difference. That gap fell to 24 points in 2023. In 2026, the REC says, it will shrink to about 11 points.

This is an easy trend to miss.

Republicans have made a big deal out of cutting income tax rates, and they get plenty of news coverage from it, too. Meanwhile, the state's sales and use tax rates have remained the same. But don't think the state isn't collecting more money every year just because those tax rates stayed the same. It clearly is.

People are spending more money each year on goods and services, and they're paying more sales tax as a result. In addition, the Legislature expanded the sales

tax, beginning in 2019, to include digital goods, subscription services and other online sales.

This was no small tax increase. In fiscal year 2024, the state raised about \$349 million from the tax on remote sales. Six years earlier, that number was zero.

Meanwhile, the money the state is raising from the income tax is steadily declining. Between fiscal years 2023 and 2026, Iowa will collect nearly \$1 billion less from personal and corporate income taxes, according to the Revenue Estimating Conference. At the same time, the state will raise almost \$500 million more from sales and use taxes, the REC estimates.

Again, the state is raising more money from the tax that hits low- and middle-income Iowans the hardest and less from the tax that traditionally has had a bigger impact on higher-income Iowans.

Think of it this way: The sales tax on the \$50 spent for clothes or dinner at a restaurant takes a bigger chunk out of the income of someone making \$30,000 a year than it does from someone who's making \$1 million. Last year, a study by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy said the 20% of Iowa households with the lowest incomes in the state paid 6.6% of their family incomes on sales and excise taxes. The top 1% only paid 1.1%.

This should not be a surprise. The same principle is at work with Trump's tariffs.

The tariffs, which are a sort of sales tax, will hit low-income families harder than the wealthy.

A new study by ITEP said for households making less than \$29,000 next year, Trump's tariffs will impose an additional 6.2% tax on them, according to CNBC. Households making more than \$915,000 a year will also see an increase, but it will be much smaller—only 1.7% of their incomes.

Meanwhile, those tariff

revenues will undoubtedly backfill some—but certainly not all—of the revenue lost to the federal treasury by extending the Trump tax cuts, which favor the wealthy.

## Hedging their bets

In Iowa, Republican lawmakers support their president. And they are working to permanently freeze the shift they've implemented in state tax collections. They've pressed forward with a proposed amendment to the Iowa Constitution that would require supermajorities in the state Legislature to raise the personal or corporate income tax. But not the sales tax. They purposely excluded this tax from their proposal.

Why? I think it's because they're hedging their bets.

Iowa Republicans already see that their income tax cuts have yielded a \$900 million deficit for fiscal year 2026. They have suggested they'll use one-time reserve funds to close the deficit this year. But what about down the road? What happens if Iowa's economy hits the skids? Or if lawmakers find they can't squeeze public education budgets more than they have already? Or if the economy doesn't grow as much as they promised and state reserves drain faster than expected?

If this constitutional amendment is approved by voters, it will be practically impossible to raise personal or corporate income taxes, even on the wealthy who have benefitted the most from the Republicans' new flat income tax. Which may leave them no alternative but to raise sales and use taxes.

The trend here isn't hard to figure out. The state of Iowa is relying more on the taxes that hit low- and middle-income Iowans the hardest, even as they lean less on the tax that has traditionally taken more money from the wealthy.

This is a big shift, and saving \$2.65 on a year's supply of toilet paper does nothing to change that fact.



## The Thompson Times

REPRESENTATIVE MARK THOMPSON  
HOUSE DISTRICT 56

By State Rep. Mark Thompson  
Budget Updates

This week, we made positive movement forward on the negotiations for the State Budget for Fiscal Year 2026. After negotiations with the Senate and Governor, the total spending for Fiscal Year 2026 is agreed to be \$9.425 billion. This total number is an increase of \$478.1 million over the current year's spending level of \$8.947 billion. This amount is an increase of 5.34 percent over Fiscal Year 2025.

This budget agreement also includes a number of priorities funded through the Sports Wagering Fund. The Sports Wagering Fund is a fund that has collected taxes on casino sports betting profits which has built up over the past few years since sports betting was made legal in Iowa. This includes:

- \$14 million for Paraeducator Pay
- \$5 million for Special Education Division in the Iowa Department of Education
- \$8 million for the Public Safety Equipment Fund
- \$1.5 million for Length of Service Award Program for volunteer first responders

Iowa legislators all agree on the importance of being fiscally responsible as we approach the budget. Through the negotiations, the House fought hard to secure a number of wins in this budget. That includes \$14 million to raise paraprofessionals' salaries. We first passed this last year to boost the pay for this critical role.

Budget subcommittee chairs are now working hard with their Senate counterpart to hammer out the final details of each budget. We will be back in Des Moines Monday, May 12th to get the final budgets through the Iowa House and close the book on the 2025 Legislative Session.

Pharmacy Benefit Manager The pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) legislation has drawn a lot of well-deserved attention. I am convinced after talking to several local, privately owned pharmacies as well as large employers that the legislation we are considering, whether it is amended or not, will improve the survivability of privately owned pharmacies and enable customers to shop more conveniently in a local setting. Customers may pay slightly more, however, in our rural environment, it will provide

pharmaceuticals closer to home, thereby avoiding driving greater distances, particularly in hazardous weather conditions.

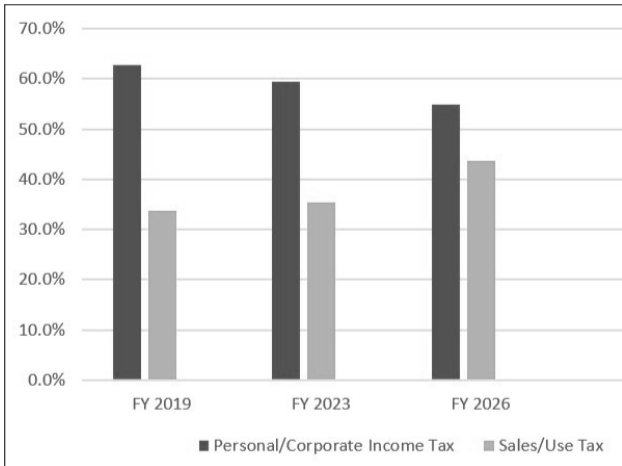
Coincident with the PBM, I have looked at my own medical situation much more closely. I am certainly no medical expert, but my wife and I have more thoroughly researched what we need to do to maximize our health. Recently I learned I had to improve my eating habits, even though I was quite proud of my consistent exercise regimen, but it was not enough. Processed foods loaded with carbohydrates and sugars are the fuel for a variety of illnesses. I encourage everyone to do their own research as you consult with medical professionals to promote a longer and healthier life.

The PBM bill is on the calendar to hopefully debate this week.

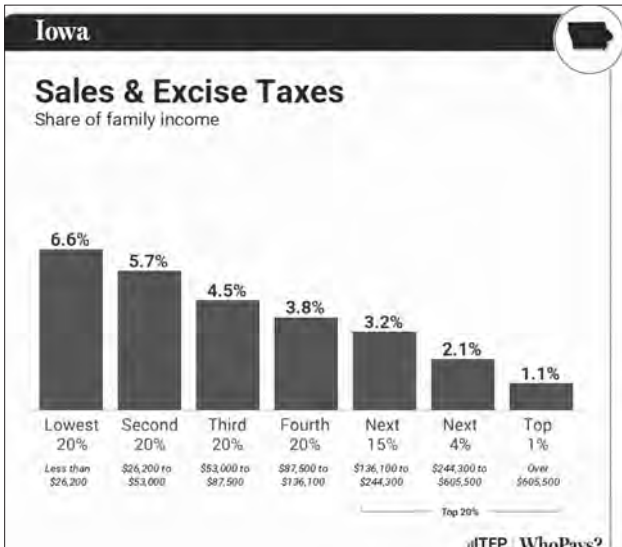
## Weekly and Cumulative Votes

This week's House vote tally.

Weekly Bill Tally  
Unanimous: 4  
Bipartisan: 6  
Party Line: 0  
Ongoing Bill Vote  
Unanimous: 126  
Bipartisan: 109  
Party Line: 35



Percentage of Iowa's total tax receipts by fiscal year and tax type, not including refunds. (Data source: Revenue Estimating Conference reports on General Fund revenues. Graphic: Ed Tibbetts)



(Source: Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy)



PRAISE & WORSHIP

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
421 W. Broadway St.  
Eagle Grove  
Sundays

9:30 am Worship  
Wednesdays each week unless no school for the day: Kids' Club (K-Gr. 4) and Middlers (Gr. 5-8), 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

All are welcome.  
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P.O. Box 214  
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Sunday  
11 a.m. Worship

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Office M-F 7:30-11:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH  
Fr. Jerry Blake  
Eagle Grove  
515-532-3586  
Friday, May 16  
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. John  
8 a.m. Mass at St. John  
Saturday, May 17  
3:15 p.m. Adoration & Benediction at St. John  
4 p.m. Mass at St. John  
7:15 p.m. Adoration & Benediction at St. John  
8 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. John

Sunday, May 18  
7:15 p.m. Rosary, A/B in St. Francis  
8 a.m. Mass, St. Francis  
9:45 a.m. Rosary, A/B at Sacred Heart  
10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart  
Monday, May 19  
8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis  
6:30 p.m. OCIA St. John  
Tuesday, May 20  
9 a.m. Bible Study at St. Francis  
Wednesday, May 21  
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis  
8 a.m. Mass, Adoration & Benediction at St. Francis  
Thursday, May 22  
8 a.m. Sewing at St. John  
11 a.m. Adoration, Tossary, Benediction

7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima Novena in Spanish at St. John

HOLMES BAPTIST CHURCH  
2137 Hancock Ave.  
Holmes, Iowa  
Pastor Cody Huber  
515-825-3110

HOLMES LUTHERAN CHURCH  
2139 Hancock Ave  
Holmes, Iowa  
Pastor George Lautner  
412-874-8643  
HolmesLutheran@gmail.com  
All are welcome.  
Sunday, May 18  
9:30 a.m. Worship with Communion  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

EAGLE GROVE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)  
P.O. Box 333  
515-448-3584

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

GRACE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH  
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Eagle Grove  
www.graceefc.com  
Sundays  
9:30 a.m. English speaking service  
6 p.m. Spanish speaking service

Wednesdays  
GraceKids (age 5-5th grade) and Youth Group activities for 6th-12th graders starting at 6 p.m.

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

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

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH—LC-MS  
Eagle Grove  
Pastor Mark Eichler  
515-448-4668  
8:30 a.m. Worship

EAGLE GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
615 SW 2nd Street  
Eagle Grove  
Pastor Jason Cooper  
515-448-3697  
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Thursday  
10 a.m. Pastors' Prayer  
Sunday  
9 a.m. Worship  
10:15 a.m. Coffee Fellow  
Tuesday  
7 p.m. Property Committee

Wednesday  
9 a.m. Bible Study  
Noon Men's Bible Study

EG MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION FOOD PANTRY  
510 S. Jackson  
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Please call to verify open.  
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MAC LIFE CHURCH  
Blairsburg  
Interim Pastor Dick Birr.  
Sundays  
10: a.m. Services for now

SAMUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH NALC  
201 N. Lincoln Ave.  
448-5038  
www.samuellutheran.net  
Sundays  
9 a.m. Worship in-person and on Facebook  
Tuesday  
9 a.m. Bible Study  
Wednesday  
Confirmation

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

REJOICE CHURCH: A WORD AND SPIRIT CHURCH  
Pastors Cris and Jennifer Decious  
New Location! Sunday  
Worship Services at 10:30 a.m. at 3320 210th St., Goldfield, Iowa 50542  
www.Rejoicechurchiowa.com and Facebook

WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:  
What band, named after their lead singer, had hit songs in the 1970s including "Fly Like an Eagle", "Take the Money and Run", and "Jet Airliner"? Answer: The Steve Miller Band.  
What band had hit songs in the 1970s with "More Than a Woman", "Jive Talkin'", and "Stayin' Alive"? Answer: The Bee Gees.

This week's trivia questions:  
What country band had hit songs in the late 70s and early 80s with "Leaving Louisiana in the Broad Daylight", "Thank God for Kids", and "Elvira"?  
What country duo of brothers had hit songs in the late 70s and early 80s with "Let Your Love Flow", "If I Said You Had a Beautiful Body (Would You Hold it Against Me)", and "Redneck Girl"?  
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May 14 is The Stars and Stripes Forever Day; May 15 is International Family Day, and National Chocolate Chip Day; May 16 is Drawing Day, Wear Purple for Peace Day, and National Pizza Party Day; May 17 is Armed Forces Day, and National Learn to Swim Day; May 18 is Emergency Medical Services Day, International Museum Day, and World Baking Day; May 19 is Plant Something Day, and World Family Doctor Day; May 20 is Flower Day, World Bee Day, and National Band Director's Day.  
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This week is National Hospital Week, and National Public Gardens Week.  
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"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"  
— Psalm 27:1  
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"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."  
— Revelation 21:3-4  
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"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."  
— John 13:34-35  
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Funny quotes from musicians  
"I'm sick of people saying we've made 11 albums that sound exactly the same. We've actually made 12 albums that sound exactly the same." — Angus Young of AC/DC  
"If I knew I had to play this song the rest of my life, I probably woulda wrote something else." — Joe Walsh of the Eagles  
"Let me be clear about this: I don't have a drug problem, I have a police problem." — Keith Richards of the Rolling Stones  
"If you're listening to a rock star to get your information on who to vote for, you're a bigger moron than they are."  
— Alice Cooper  
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A few notable people who never graduated from high school in a traditional manner include Thomas Edison, Benjamin Franklin, and Albert Einstein.  
• Edison was home-schooled by his mother, a schoolteacher, after dropping out due to an illness.  
• Franklin, the 15th child in a family with 17 children, dropped out of school at age 10 and went to work for his father, and then his brother, as a printer.  
• Einstein dropped out of high school at age 15. (He later returned to high school and got his diploma.)  
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Harvard University is known for its unpredictable choices of graduation commencement speakers over the years, including Tom Hanks, Steven Spielberg, Oprah Winfrey and Bill Gates.  
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Illustration of a man and a woman looking at a tangled ball of string with a question mark.  
"Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."  
—Colossians 3:13 NIV

Don't Hold Grudges  
Fred Luskin, a Stanford University psychologist and Director of the Stanford University Forgiveness Project, has done important research on forgiveness and holding grudges that has important practical applications for improving our lives. Forgiveness and giving up grudges allows us to move on with our lives and has more to do with us than with the person who has harmed us. Luskin identifies three key components of these long-standing grudges: 1) An exaggerated taking of personal offense; 2) Blaming the offender for how you feel; and 3) the creation of a grievance story. As is true with most of the negative states of mind, including anger and hatred, the grudge or grievance which we hold onto harms us more than the person who we blame for the offense. Letting go of the grudge is our way to free ourselves from this negative state, and failing to do so has negative consequences for our physical and emotional health.  
—Christopher Simon

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# Rustvold to Succeed Chambers as Fort Dodge Regional Airport Director

By Edward Lynn Editor

FORT DODGE, Iowa — A familiar face will take the helm of Fort Dodge Regional Airport — the closest commercial airport for Eagle Grove travelers — after the Fort Dodge Airport Commission on Monday approved longtime administrator Sarah Rustvold as the facility’s next director.

Rustvold will officially step into the position on Aug. 1, 2025, succeeding Rhonda Chambers, who will retire on July 31 after 30 years as the airport’s director and 45 years in aviation.

“Sarah brings fresh perspectives and expertise to the position, having worked

alongside Chambers for many years,” Airport Commission Chair Deb Johnson said. “With a deep understanding of the foundation laid by Rhonda, she is prepared to build upon that legacy and drive continued growth and success.”

Rustvold has served as the airport’s administrative coordinator since Jan. 3, 2017, gaining experience in day-to-day operations, grant administration and capital projects while working side-by-side with Chambers.

Chambers’ tenure is credited with multiple airport improvement grants and expansions that have bolstered aviation services and facil-

ities. Looking ahead to the leadership transition, Chambers said, “I look forward to working through this transition with the commission and airport staff.”

“This airport has been a significant part of my life for so many years, and I will always be available to provide guidance and answer any questions if needed,” she added.

Commissioners said collaboration with staff, stakeholders and the broader aviation community will remain a priority as Rustvold moves into her new role, ensuring the airport continues to serve as a vital hub for travelers and commerce across north-central Iowa.

# Farmers in a ‘good spot’ with planting, crop emergence

By Cami Koons

More than half of corn and soybean acres are planted, which puts Iowa farmers more than a week ahead of last year’s pace, according to the crop progress and condition report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Thirty percent of corn and 16% of soybean acres have emerged as of Monday.

Stu Swanson, president of Iowa Corn Growers Association, said despite weather delays last month, his fields, and those in his north central region are “sitting in a really good spot.”

“Farmers tend to be worriers,” Swanson said. “We worried that we weren’t going to get back in, and we appreciated the rain because now we’re looking dry and we’ll need a little shot of

rain to get the rest of the soybeans to go.”

Swanson said he was able to plant all of his corn between April 11 and 15, then faced a 16-day delay due to the rain, which set soybean planting behind slightly. Swanson said he finished planting beans late last week.

Statewide, 76% of corn acres and 64% of soybean acres have been planted.

Swanson said cold rain in the middle of April caused some “spotty” corn emergence in some fields, which he said has led to some replanting in those areas.

Overall, the rain has meant adequate moisture in 70% of topsoil and 67% of subsoil.

State Climatologist Justin Glisan said Iowa had “unseasonable warmth” with

some regions of the state logging temperatures 10 degrees or more above normal.

Warm temperatures and an average rainfall for the state of 0.05 inch, led to nearly seven days suitable for field work during the reporting period of May 5 -11.

According to the crop report, 6% of the state’s first cutting of alfalfa has been completed. More than 80% of hay and oats rated good or excellent.

The U.S. and China announced Monday they agreed to a 90-day pause in trade-war tariffs, which Swanson said caused a bit of a “jump” in soybean prices.

“That was great, but we’ll need an extended rally just to get them back to where we were earlier in the year,” Swanson said.

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“It’s not a positive business climate, it’s not helping the agribusinesses in the state, it’s not the price of corn or helping the ethanol plants, it’s public use,” Taylor said.

Bousselot’s amendment failed narrowly, 28-22.

**Democrats push for simplified, eminent domain only amendment**

Democrats submitted an amendment, with language from House File 943, which the House passed in March, to ban the use of eminent domain on pipelines transporting liquified carbon dioxide.

Sen. Zach Wahls, D-Coralville, sponsored the amendment and said it would get at the “fundamental question” of eminent domain, which constituents have asked the body to debate.

Wahls said bipartisan conversations over the past several weeks have been “fractured” and “raucous.”

“I think most of the people in this room are quite tired, but I’m quite positive that there is nobody in this room more tired than the landowners who are sitting in the gallery because they’ve been taking time out of their lives, not being paid to come to this building, and ask for their voice to be heard,” Wahls said.

Bousselot argued that the amendment was not germane, since it was a “major change to the scope of the bill” and Senate President Amy Sinclair, R-Allerton, agreed and the amendment was scrapped.

**On the ‘crappy’ bill**

Sen. Mike Klimesh, R-Spillville, asked Sen. Kevin Alons, R-Salix, about some of the issues he had with the bill, including multiple definitions of a common carrier and an “elevated standard” for judicial review that he said would “bog the system down.”

Klimesh also noted a lack of specificity in some of the language of the bill, like the section expanding intervenors in utility board cases that does not specify that members of the general assembly, city or county officials must be in Iowa.

“I mean is that the intention really, to bog this system down with intervenors from any place or anywhere, any elected official, any city council, county official, or any resident with plausible interest in the proceedings?” Klimesh said.

Following the decision, Rep. Charley Thomson, R-Charles City, said the arguments brought up on the Senate floor about the bill providing for out-of-state

individuals to intervene with the Iowa permitting process were incorrect, and “it reflects a misunderstanding of the IUC system and administrative law.”

He said the process of intervention only gives individuals the right to file motions and get copies of meetings by email.

“It’s not an invitation to sue,” Thomson said. “And there is a limitation on there, that you have to have some connection with what’s going on. It’s absurd to say that we’re opening the process up to endless litigation.”

Klimesh asked on the floor how the insurance clauses of the bill would be determined.

He said the bill, as written, would make it more difficult for all pipeline projects in the future, tie up “critical infrastructure projects” in court and pass costs onto consumers who would have increased utility costs.

Klimesh said in the future, companies that want to build pipelines in the state would be deterred by the requirements in the bill that would be costly.

Alons said much of the language was a “codification” of what is already in the IUC rules.

Klimesh said the bill would lead to increasing costs on energy for Iowans.

“Cost drivers, cost increases — they’re based off decisions we make here in this chamber,” Klimesh said. “This is one of those decisions that is going to affect pipeline companies, again, far beyond CO2 pipeline companies, and places an onerous burden on them to ascertain and achieve this coverage.”

Klimesh also worried that enactment language in the bill would open the door to lawsuits from Iowans who have already signed an easement contract with the state when Summit is no longer able to uphold that contract without eminent domain to complete the project.

“I’m concerned about putting the state of Iowa and our taxpayers at a legal risk,” Klimesh said.

“This bill sets up a whole avalanche of potential bad policy. While we were trying to squash a fly, we took a nuclear bomb to it.”

Taylor said senators tried to swap HF 639 for a different version, via the Democrats’ amendment, but “it was rejected out of hand.”

“So it makes me wonder if it wasn’t really just any opposition to tampering with the Summit pipeline, rather than the particulars of 639,”

Taylor said.

Taylor said the group of GOP senators who stepped forward to push for a debate on this faced criticism for it, but Taylor said he was standing for Republican values and the motto of Iowa.

“When it says our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain, there’s not an asterisk there,” he said. “It doesn’t say unless we’re threatened by a billion dollar lawsuit.”

Sen. Mike Zimmer, D-De Witt, said he was “flummoxed” that the Democrat’s amendment was turned down, because it made the argument “really simple.”

“You can be for the pipeline, you can be for ethanol production, you can be for union workers putting that pipeline together, and say, ‘we can do this without having to use eminent domain,’” Zimmer said.

Klimesh said when he met with the 12 senators who pushed for a debate on the bill, he offered to work with them and to amend the bill to resemble HF 943, but the group declined.

“In that week’s time, we could have sat around and crafted probably a much better piece of legislation,” Klimesh said.

Sen. Bill Dotzler, D-Waterloo, said “hogwash” and that there was an opportunity for a cleaner bill on the floor and the majority chose to ignore it.

Sen. Tony Bisignano, D-Des Moines, criticized the majority party for not working on the bill sooner.

“Where have you been? This bill didn’t start a week ago ... we’ve had years,” Bisignano said.

Sen. Dan Zumbach, R-Ryan, said “emotions got ahead of reality” on the issue and as a result, the body is stuck with “horrible” legislation.

“This bill is about killing a project, not about constitutionality, not about property rights — we missed that boat, folks,” Zumbach said. “Had it laid out there in front of us and we were too stubborn to listen to the actual words.”

Bousselot said in his closing comments on the bill that everyone will leave the Capitol Monday claiming they “voted to protect private property rights” because everyone either voted for his amendment, or for the bill.

“I hope we have a plan for infrastructure, to grow our state, for the jobs that are going to be harder to build, for the farmers that produce the wealth and the great crops and commodities that we rely on,” Bousselot said.

The bill advanced from the Senate and will now go to Gov. Kim Reynolds for final approval. Reynolds has not said publicly whether she would sign or veto it. Summit Carbon Solutions did not respond to a request for comment.

**Reactions**

Kathy Stockdale, a landowner from Iowa Falls, said she was happy to see the bill pass and was “extremely proud” of the 12 GOP senators who took a stand to force the legislation to come to a vote. At the same time, Stockdale said she was “deeply upset” as a Republican, with Senate leadership, and that she and many landowners would have preferred to see House File 943 pass.

“It doesn’t protect our private property rights,” she said.

However, she said the bill passed does provide some benefits to landowners: “It helps us in the IUC hearings. It does provide insurance for us. ... It defines what a common carrier is, just like in South Dakota.”

While the measure passed the Senate, she said she is not sure it will be signed by Reynolds.

Thomson and Holt, who led the legislation in the House, hugged and shook hands with activists and landowners outside the Senate chambers after the bill’s passage.

Holt said Bousselot talking about being supportive of property rights was “disrespectful” considering his role in similar bills stalling in the Senate in recent sessions.

“Everybody that’s followed this knows that it has been Senator Bousselot,

who formerly worked for Summit, who killed these pieces of legislation over and over again,” Holt said. “It’s so disingenuous and so disrespectful treating the citizens of Iowa like fools, so it was not a proud moment for me as a Republican.”

Holt said the bill’s Senate passage Monday was because of landowners and supporters who worked for years to push lawmakers to vote on the bill. He also credited House Republicans for introducing and passing measures in response to these calls in recent legislative sessions.

“We listened to the people of Iowa, and that is why this finally got done,” Holt said. “That is why the governor needs to sign it just as soon as possible.”

*Robin Opsahl contributed to this report.*



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The EAGLE GROVE School District will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025				
Meeting Date/Time: 5/28/2025 12:00 PM		Contact: Nicole Boyer	Phone: (515) 448-4749	
Meeting Location: School Board Room Emerson Building 325 N Commercial Eagle Grove, IA 50533				
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EXPENDITURES	Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Amendment Increase	Total Budget After Current Amendment	Reason
Instruction	17,069,011	0	17,069,011	
Total Support Services	4,980,000	500,000	5,480,000	New teacher minimums set after budget was certified.
Noninstructional Programs	915,000	0	915,000	
Total Other Expenditures	2,036,369	0	2,036,369	
Total	25,000,380	500,000	25,500,380	

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CITY OF EAGLE GROVE • MAY 5, 2025

**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Monday May 5th, 2025**  
**Public Safety Building**  
**210 E. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533**

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Axtell, Weland, Pamperin, Vandewater and Limerick. Also present: City Administrator Davis, City Attorney Seaba and Police Chief Beltran.

Public Forum: Councilman Lorenzen thanked individuals for volunteering at Clean Up and Fort Dodge Hazardous Waste.

A motion was made by Limerick and seconded by Lorenzen to approve the Consent Agenda which includes April 21st Special and Regular minutes and claims. Roll Call: All Ayes.

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CDBG UPPER STORY HOUSING ..... 66,152.00  
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SEWER ..... 122944.72  
Opened Hearing at 6:33pm on the Status of Funded Activities for 217 W. Broadway.

CITY OF EAGLE GROVE - 2024 Upper Story Housing Project - 217 W. Broadway

STATUS OF FUNDED ACTIVITIES (SOFA) PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Funding of Activities and Sources of Funds.

This project is funded in part by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The City was awarded 2024 CDBG Funding for \$550,000. To date, \$320,487 of the CDBG allocation has been expended. There is a local obligation of \$280,800 committed towards project costs. To date, \$101,803 has been expended.

B. Explain how the need for the activities was identified.

The need for the project is to help provide affordable, safe, and adequate housing for residents of the City of Eagle Grove, especially families who are considered low-to-moderate income (LMI). The project will help establish six new residential units at this property of which five of the units will be made available to LMI families and individuals for a period of at least five years.

C. Nature of and Status of the Activities.

The nature of the project involves the construction of six new residential units on the second floor of an existing commercial building in the City's historic downtown. The project includes construction of walls, kitchen and bathroom facilities, new windows, a secondary exit at the back of the building, and other utility, electrical, plumbing, and life safety improvements.

Torkelson Construction is the prime contractor for the work on the project. Work on the project is approximately 58% complete.

There has been no change to the project beneficiaries as proposed in the application submitted to State for funding.

D. Announce the estimated portion of funds that will benefit low-and-moderate income persons. The project will result in the construction of six new rental units including two one-bedroom units and four two-bedroom units. Of the six units created by this project, at least five of the units will be rented to families or individuals who meet the LMI requirements for the County for a period of at least five years.

E. Announce where the activities are being conducted.

The project activities are taking place at 217 W. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa.

F. Announce plans to minimize displacement of persons and businesses resulting of funded activities.

The project will not result in the displacement or relocation of any persons or businesses.

G. Announce plans to assist persons actually displaced.

Since this project will not result in the displacement or relocation of any persons or businesses, there are no plans being made to assist displaced persons.

Closed at 6:38 p.m.

A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Pamperin to approve

Resolution 2025-52: A Resolution Authorizing Pay Application No. 4 for 217 W Broadway for the CDBG Upper-Story Conversion Project. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Vandewater, Pamperin, Lorenzen, Limerick and Weland. Nays: Axtell

A motion was made by Axtell and seconded by Vandewater to approve Resolution 2025-53: Resolution Approving Development Agreement with First Bank, Authorizing Annual Appropriation Tax Increment Payments and Pledging Certain Tax Increment Revenues to the Payment of the Agreement. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Pamperin to approve Second Reading on Ordinance 2025-05: An Ordinance Approving the Vacation and Conveyance of the East-West alley between the South 65' of Lot 1 and Lot 2, Block 11, Hewett's Park Addition. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Pamperin to approve Second Reading on Ordinance 2025-04: An Ordinance Approving the Vacation and Conveyance of the East-West alley adjacent north of Lot 5 and the N 16' of Lot 4, Block 5, Broadway Drive Addition. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Pamperin to approve Second Reading on Ordinance 2025-05: A Resolution Approving the Vacation and Conveyance of the unvacated, irregular tract of land located in the North Half of Block 16, Wright's 3rd Addition. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

No Action taken on Waiving the Third Reading on Ordinance 2025-05: An Ordinance Approving the Vacation and Conveyance of the unvacated, irregular tract of land located in the North Half of Block 16, Wright's 3rd Addition. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

A motion was made by Vandewater and seconded by Pamperin to approve Resolution 2025-55: A Resolution Changing the Council Meeting Times. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

No action taken on Resolution 2025-56: A Resolution Authorizing the sale of 922 N. Iowa. Department reports were given.

A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Pamperin to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Mayor  
City Administrator

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WRIGHT COUNTY BOS • APRIL 30, 2025

April 30, 2025  
Chairman Rasmussen called the special meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux, and Ellis.  
Motion by Ellis and seconded by Bosch to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.  
This meeting was in order to correct the publication notice that was presented at the April 28th meeting due to an error in stated levy.  
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Loux to approve Resolution 2025-19 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Wright County Budget. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Resolution 2025-19 duly passes and reads as follows:  
**Resolution 2025-19**  
**Resolution for the Adoption of Budget and Certification of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 per Iowa Code 331.434(5)**  
This Resolution will rescind and replace Resolution 2025-17 that was passed on Monday, April 28th , 2025.  
WHEREAS, IA Code 331.434(5) requires that after a budget hearing,

the Wright County Board of Supervisors shall adopt by resolution a budget and certificate of taxes, and; WHEREAS, the Wright County Board of Supervisors has met the budget publication requirements in IA Code 331.434(3) through publication in all three official newspapers in the county, and; WHEREAS, the Wright County Board of Supervisors has met the budget hearing requirements in IA Code 331.434(3) and 331.434(4) through the public hearing held on April 28, 2025 at 9:30 A.M.;  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 30th day of April 2025, that the Wright County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts by resolution the attached Adoption of Budget and Certification of Taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.  
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30th day of April, 2025.  
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*

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PROBATE • ROBERT D. CAMPBELL

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
ROBERT D. CAMPBELL,  
Deceased  
CASE NO. ESPR017698  
**NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Robert D. Campbell, Deceased, who died on or about April 6, 2025:  
You are hereby notified that on May 5, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Robert D. Campbell, deceased, bearing date of August 13, 2008 , was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Sandra Campbell was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities

are reasonably ascertainable or thereafter be forever barred.  
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.  
Dated May 6, 2025.  
Sandra Campbell,  
Executor of Estate  
1409 285th St.  
Eagle Grove, IA 50533  
Dani L. Eisentrager  
Attorney for Executor  
Eisentrager Law  
109 South Commercial Avenue  
P.O. Box 346  
Eagle Grove, IA 50533  
Date of second publication  
May 22, 2025

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WRIGHT COUNTY BOS • APRIL 28, 2025

April 28, 2025  
The Board of Supervisors met as Drainage District Trustees. To view the minutes from the drainage meeting, see the Drainage District minutes on the County website.  
Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:07 a.m. Members present were Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux, and Ellis with Kluss present via zoom.  
Motion by Ellis and seconded by Loux to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.  
Minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 21, 2025 were read and approved.  
Approved claims for payment.  
Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to approve the cigarette/tobacco/nicotine/vapor permit for Caseys General Store by Dows. Motion carries.  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-18**  
**AWARDING CONTRACT FOR PROJECT BROS-C099(106)—8J-99**

the Fiscal Year 2026 Wright County Budget at 9:30 a.m. Motion carries. There were no verbal or written comments made.  
Motion by Loux and seconded by Kluss to close the public hearing at 9:32 a.m. Motion carries.  
Motion by Ellis and seconded by Loux to approve Resolution 2025-17, a Resolution for the Adoption of Budget and Certification of Taxes for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Resolution 2025-17 duly passes and reads as follows:  
**Resolution 2025-17**  
**Resolution for the Adoption of Budget and Certification of Taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 per Iowa Code 331.434(5)**  
WHEREAS, IA Code 331.434(5) requires that after a budget hearing, the Wright County Board of Supervisors shall adopt by resolution a budget and certificate of taxes, and; WHEREAS, the Wright County Board of Supervisors has met the budget publication requirements in IA Code 331.434(3) through publication in all three official newspapers in the county, and; WHEREAS, the Wright County Board of Supervisors has met the budget hearing requirements in IA Code 331.434(3) and 331.434(4) through the public hearing held on April 28, 2025 at 9:30 A.M.;  
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on the 28th day of April 2025, that the Wright County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts by resolution the attached Adoption of Budget and Certification of Taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.  
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of April, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Wright County Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes that **BROS-C099(106)—8J-99** , hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Wright County, Iowa, and the residents thereof.  
The project is defined as **BROS-C099(106)—8J-99** consisting of **BRIDGE REPLACEMENT - CCS** ; and  
WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications, hearings, and bidding/letting; and  
WHEREAS, The Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Wright County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and  
IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by Board to accept the bid from **MERYMAN BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION** in the amount of **\$557,691.44** and awards the associated contract(s) to the same; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Adam W. Clemons, P.E., the Engineer for Wright County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the afore awarded construction project let through the DOT for this county.  
Dated at Wright County, Iowa, this 28th day of April 2025.  
Clemons gave an update on the Secondary Roads Department. Motion by Bosch and seconded by Ellis to open the public hearing for

on the 28th day of April 2025, that the Wright County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts by resolution the attached Adoption of Budget and Certification of Taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026.  
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of April, 2025.  
Jay LeFevre, First Gabrielson Agency, discussed with the Board the ICAP renewal. LeFevre and the Auditors Office sat down with different departments to discuss the values on buildings and equipment. Many items on the renewal were undervalued. In order to get the equipment and buildings up to replacement cost, it will increase the renewal by about \$40,000. LeFevre also discussed with the Board to pay the ICAP renewal out of the General Fund rather than splitting amongst all the departments. The Board asked LeFevre to be placed on the agenda once he gets a more accurate figure on the ICAP Renewal.  
Kyle Handy with Twin Rivers Exploration, discussed with the Board an amendment to the County Road Use Agreement. Currently there is a 250 foot setback in the agreement and Handy would like to amend that to 50 feet or 0.5 (Peak Particle Velocity) PPV measurement. Handy would also like to use 370 miles in Wright County to do the seismic testing. Kluss would like to stick with the 250 feet setback and Ellis would like to do more research on the testing. Rasmussen does not see how it would hurt anything when the testing is done. The Board asked Handy to come back on May 12th , 2025 at 9:30 a.m. after the Board has a chance to review the amendment.  
Motion by Loux and seconded by Ellis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.  
*Rick Rasmussen, Chairman, Wright County Board of Supervisors*  
*Amanda Meyer, Wright County Auditor*

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WRIGHT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS • AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET				
Board of Supervisors of WRIGHT COUNTY				
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025				
The Board of Supervisors of WRIGHT COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025				
Meeting Date/Time: 5/27/2025 09:15 AM		Contact: Amanda Meyer	Phone: (515) 532-2771	
Meeting Location: Wright County Board of Supervisors Chambers				
There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <a href="https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals">https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals</a> .				
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	10,767,449	0	10,767,449
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	275	0	275
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	350,444	0	350,444
Net Current Property Tax	4	10,416,730	0	10,416,730
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	275	0	275
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	19,025	0	19,025
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues	7	2,183,547	0	2,183,547
Intergovernmental	8	6,400,084	134,556	6,534,640
Licenses & Permits	9	35,700	5,228	40,928
Charges for Service	10	610,785	15,257	626,042
Use of Money & Property	11	831,361	100,000	931,361
Miscellaneous	12	259,698	5,000	264,698
Subtotal Revenue	13	20,757,205	260,041	21,017,246
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	49,320	0	49,320
Operating Transfers In	15	3,029,959	0	3,029,959
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	7,050	0	7,050
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	23,843,534	260,041	24,103,575
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	5,725,223	-9,295	5,715,928
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,231,121	66,155	1,297,276
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	0	0
County Environment & Education	21	1,773,870	53,534	1,827,404
Roads & Transportation	22	7,087,763	-31,000	7,056,763
Government Services to Residents	23	822,886	1,500	824,386
Administration	24	2,591,109	139,104	2,730,213
Nonprogram Current	25	63,400	36,500	99,900
Debt Service	26	2,884,905	0	2,884,905
Capital Projects	27	653,670	120,480	774,150
Subtotal Expenditures	28	22,833,947	376,978	23,210,925
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	3,029,959	0	3,029,959
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	25,863,906	376,978	26,240,884
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-2,020,372	-116,937	-2,137,309
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2024	33	9,485,063	0	9,485,063
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	3,651,818	283,381	3,935,199
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	1,099,281	-441,714	657,567
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	2,713,592	41,396	2,754,988
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2025	40	7,464,691	-116,937	7,347,754
Explanation of Changes: Increase in revenue. Increase in expenses with projects needed to be completed.				

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WRIGHT COUNTY • APRIL 2025 CLAIMS

<b>April 2025 Claims</b>					
<b>General Basic Fund</b>					
Access Systems, Copier contract...	\$167.83	Iowa DPS, Online access.....	\$300.00	True Value, Salt/Glue/etc.....	\$136.91
AgVantage, Fuel.....	\$2,382.97	IPI, Mattresses.....	\$583.98	UDMO, Contribution.....	\$4,000.00
Amazon, Off. supp.....	\$1,356.45	IP Pathways, IT support.....	\$193.75	Urness, Cust. supp.....	\$703.13
Arnold's, Cleaner.....	\$217.22	ISAC, Registration.....	\$420.00	US Cellular, Phone.....	\$129.79
Auxiant, Insurance.....	\$204.25	ISCTA, Conference.....	\$150.00	Verizon, Phone.....	\$3,482.90
Denise Baker, Mileage.....	\$149.98	ISSDA, Training.....	\$125.00	VISA, Credit Card.....	\$698.47
Independent, Publication.....	\$567.55	Kathy's Kitchen, Rolls.....	\$72.00	Visual Edge, Copier contract.....	
Black Hawk Co Treas., Med. Ex.....	\$50.00	LC Improv. Assoc., Dues.....	\$150.00	W & H, Fuel.....	\$163.67
Blue Ribbon Pelham, Water.....	\$129.50	Legislative Serv., Code Supplies.....	\$290.00	West Payment Center, Law Library	
Bomgaars, Worms.....	\$12.87	LexisNexis, Online research.....	\$406.00	John M. Wibholm, Service.....	\$752.00
Brothers Market, Hot Deli.....	\$1,091.61	LiftOff, Office 365.....	\$69.00	Wr. Co. Aud., Postage.....	\$1,064.00
Bruns, Repair.....	\$113.43	Mail Services, Print/postage.....	\$5,554.97	Wright County Fair, Apport.....	\$852.43
BOA, Credit Card.....	\$132.62	Brenda Majerus, Mileage.....	\$157.50	Wright County IT, ID card.....	\$2,500.00
CDW-G, Toner.....	\$1,226.50	Sandra McGrath, Mileage.....	\$28.00	Wright County IT, ID card.....	\$10.00
Central Iowa Dist., Cust. supp.....	\$5,753.00	Menards - FD, Cust. supp.....	\$282.68	<b>Public Health Basic Fund</b>	
City of Clarion, Water & sewer.....	\$351.08	Amanda Meyer, Mileage/Notary.....	\$53.65	Amazon, Office Supplies.....	\$37.87
Clarion Distributing, Cust. supp.....	\$76.75	Mid States Parking, Re-stripping.....	\$535.00	Elizabeth Bernal, Mileage.....	\$276.50
Column, Publication.....	\$873.77	Mid-America, Publications.....	\$184.40	Carrie Covington, Mileage.....	\$151.20
Comm1, Phone.....	\$1,527.02	MidAmerican, Utilities.....	\$3,381.31	Culligan, Water.....	\$54.50
Cost Advisory, Cost plan.....	\$4,450.00	Courtney Morris, Mileage/Notary.....	\$53.65	Fareway, Snacks.....	\$19.92
Crescent Elec., Outlets.....	\$487.17	Dennis Mraz, Contract carrier.....	\$125.00	Monica Figueroa, Mileage.....	\$95.20
Culligan, Water.....	\$114.75	ODP, Off. supp.....	\$326.32	ISH-Clarion, Prenatal.....	\$800.00
Eagle Building Supply, Supplies.....	\$348.36	Olson's, Labor.....	\$5,080.59	Sandra McGrath, Mileage.....	\$21.00
Andy Flagge, Hotel/PerDiem/Mileage.....	\$1,037.84	Pitney Bowes, Ink.....	\$174.29	Naomi Rothman, Mileage.....	\$94.50
Foust Funeral Home, Transport.....	\$600.00	Plumb Supply, Toilets.....	\$947.31	Denise Schumacher, Mileage.....	
Franklin Co. Cons., Contract.....	\$224.67	Prairie Energy, Utilities.....	\$1,550.76		\$402.50
Gold-Eagle Coop, Fuel.....	\$124.97	Region V HazMat, Contribution.....	\$4,853.62	Secure Shred, Recycle.....	\$54.00
GreatAmerica, Copier contract.....	\$388.98	River City Comm., Service.....	\$250.00	UnityPoint Health, Saver cards.....	\$352.00
Hawkeye West, Pest control.....	\$313.00	James Russell, Mileage.....	\$431.90	US Cellular, Phone.....	\$54.79
Hennigar's Constr., Gravel/Repair.....	\$4,030.00	Jason Schluttenhofer, Per Diem.....	\$300.00	VISA, Credit Card.....	\$105.78
ILEA, Training.....	\$125.00	Schumacher Elevator, Maintenance.....	\$195.85	Wells Fargo Fin., Copier Contract ..	\$628.10
Imagine That, Apparel.....	\$157.96	Solutions, Ribbon.....	\$150.00	Angela Wessellink, Mileage.....	\$333.90
Iowa DPS, Online access.....	\$300.00	State Hygienic Lab, Testing.....	\$1,815.00	<b>American Rescue Plan of 2021</b>	
IPI, Mattresses.....	\$583.98	T & S, Disposal.....	\$965.50	Amazon, Wire.....	\$1,407.40
IP Pathways, IT support.....	\$193.75	T-Mobile, Phone.....	\$837.30	Olson's, Labor.....	\$514.00
ISAC, Registration.....	\$420.00	Thrifty White, Meds.....	\$21.87	T & S, Disposal.....	\$617.50
ISCTA, Conference.....	\$150.00			<b>LG Opioiad Abatement Fund</b>	
ISSDA, Training.....	\$125.00			Allen Hospital, Opioid funds.....	\$10,000.00
Kathy's Kitchen, Rolls.....	\$72.00			Sandra McGrath, Mileage.....	\$10.50
LC Improv. Assoc., Dues.....	\$150.00			<b>General Supplemental</b>	
Legislative Serv., Code Supplies.....	\$290.00			Amanda Meyer, Mileage/Notary.....	
LexisNexis, Online research.....	\$406.00				\$72.80
LiftOff, Office 365.....	\$69.00				
Mail Services, Print/postage.....	\$5,554.97				
Brenda Majerus, Mileage.....	\$157.50				
Sandra McGrath, Mileage.....	\$28.00				
Menards - FD, Cust. supp.....	\$282.68				
Amanda Meyer, Mileage/Notary.....	\$53.65				
Mid States Parking, Re-stripping.....	\$535.00				
Mid-America, Publications.....	\$184.40				
MidAmerican, Utilities.....	\$3,381.31				
Courtney Morris, Mileage/Notary.....	\$53.65				
Dennis Mraz, Contract carrier.....	\$125.00				
ODP, Off. supp.....	\$326.32				
Olson's, Labor.....	\$5,080.59				
Pitney Bowes, Ink.....	\$174.29				
Plumb Supply, Toilets.....	\$947.31				
Prairie Energy, Utilities.....	\$1,550.76				
Region V HazMat, Contribution.....	\$4,853.62				
River City Comm., Service.....	\$250.00				
James Russell, Mileage.....	\$431.90				
Jason Schluttenhofer, Per Diem.....	\$300.00				
Schumacher Elevator, Maintenance.....	\$195.85				
Solutions, Ribbon.....	\$150.00				
State Hygienic Lab, Testing.....	\$1,815.00				
T & S, Disposal.....	\$965.50				
T-Mobile, Phone.....	\$837.30				
Thrifty White, Meds.....	\$21.87				



## Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing is Coming-up on June 6th

By Edward Lynn  
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa — The Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce will tee off its annual Golf Outing on Friday, June 6, at Eagle Grove Golf Course. The 18-hole, four-person best-shot tournament welcomes “guys or gals,” with check-in opening at 8:30 a.m. and a 9 a.m. shotgun start. A grab-and-go lunch is included for every golfer. “It’s that time of year again when we dust off

our clubs and meet up for a day full of fun, networking, and friendly competition on the greens,” Chamber Director Brooke Hathaway wrote, in an email announcing the event.

Sponsorship and entry options

- Hole Sponsor — \$300: name in the Chamber newsletter, signage on a hole and one complimentary team entry.
- Eagle Sponsor — \$125: name in the newsletter and on a hole.
- Team registration

— \$180: four golfers, four lunches, up to two team mulligans at \$10 each and two Pick-a-Putt chances at \$5 each.

- Golf cart rental — \$30 per cart (limited supply; registrations received after June 1 rise to \$40).

Thirty percent of all registration fees will be paid out to winning flights. Pin prizes, raffle prizes and a 50/50 drawing are also planned.

### How to register

Teams and sponsors must submit entry

forms and payments by Wednesday, May 21, 2025. Cancellations are accepted up to 10 business days in advance for entry refunds; cart rentals are non-refundable. Forms (below) can be mailed to the Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 2, Eagle Grove, IA 50533.

No additional carts will be available on tournament day. For details, contact the Chamber office.

## Eagle Grove Police Report

### May 1

6:39 AM: Picked up a small black dog on Highway 3 in Goldfield. Took it to the police department.

2:10 PM: Golf cart inspection in the 1400 block of SW 1st Street.

8:22 PM: Caller in the 700 block of SW 1st Street reported a situation involving a rental property where someone moved in without the owner's knowledge.

9:25 PM: Damage reported to vacant property in the 600 block of N Montgomery. Vehicle with no plates was abandoned.

### May 2

9:29 AM: Bicycle reported as found in a backyard in the 500 block of N Lincoln.

4:37 PM: Traffic stop near NW 10th Street and Arthur.

5:55 PM: Assault reported at the police department.

6:55 PM: Complaint received from the west side of the railroad tracks in Goldfield.

7:11 PM: Officer-initiated case in the 100 block of 2nd Street SW in Clarion.

9:17 PM: Traffic stop near S Broadway and Commercial Avenue.

10:50 PM: Traffic stop near 255th Street and Highway 17.

### May 3

1:30 AM: Traffic stop in the 800 block of N Iowa Avenue.

2:34 AM: OWI arrest near N Iowa and NW 3rd Street.

10:31 AM: Loose dog reported on Commercial. Dog without a collar reported running loose near the co-op.

5:51 PM: Stolen vehicle reported in the 300 block of NW 3rd Street.

6:36 PM: Return call requested to the police department.

8:26 PM: Traffic stop near SW 2nd Street and Iowa Avenue.

8:29 PM: Traffic stop near City Hall.

10:37 PM: Traffic stop in the 600 block of S Commercial Avenue.

### May 4

1:50 PM: Return call requested in the 700 block of NW 3rd Street.

3:55 PM: Dog reported loose in the 700 block of N Montgomery.

4:15 PM: Noise complaint at the corner of Broadway and Garfield.

8:57 PM: Traffic stop in the Ampride parking lot.

9:10 PM: Officer met with a complainant at the police department.

11:29 PM: Caller in the 400 block of N Main Street in Goldfield reported repeated knocking at the door by an unknown individual.

### May 5

12:40 AM: Noise complaint in the 400 block of N Main Street in Goldfield. Caller reported loud bang-

ing on the walls and music.

6:45 AM: Traffic stop in the 2400 block of Highway 17.

8:42 AM: Complaint from the 200 block of W Broadway.

9:55 AM: Garbage dumping reported in the 600 block of S Lucas.

11:48 AM: Return call requested to the police department.

2:23 PM: Return call requested with questions about some papers.

3:48 PM: Caller in the 800 block of N Montgomery reported a German shepherd not allowing tenants into their apartment.

5:21 PM: Return call requested.

6:42 PM: Set of keys found; one marked with the name Corey, including a silver key and a black Ford key.

6:33 PM: Traffic stop in the 2400 block of Highway 17.

### May 6

6:35 AM: Parking violation near N Washington and NE 3rd Street.

7:23 AM: Parking violation in the alley near NE 3rd Street.

7:24 AM: Parking violation in the alley near NE 8th Street.

7:26 AM: Parking violation in a yard near N Montgomery.

1:01 PM: Smoke reported coming from a culvert in front of Innovative Plant Solutions in the 1400 block of N Iowa Avenue.

5:55 PM: Return call requested.

8:59 PM: Parking violation in the 400 block of NE 2nd Street.

9:10 PM: Parking violation reported.

9:20 PM: Parking violation in the 500 block of NE 2nd Street.

9:36 PM: Parking violation in the 400 block of S Park Avenue.

9:54 PM: Parking violation in the 500 block of N Montgomery.

10:09 PM: Parking violation in the 300 block of NE 4th Street.

10:24 PM: Parking violation in the 600 block of SE 3rd Street.

10:34 PM: Parking violation in the 700 block of NE 3rd Street.

11:04 PM: Parking violation in the 0 block of Richard Drive.

11:21 PM: Parking violation reported.

### May 7

2:17 AM: Parking violation in the 700 block of NW 1st Street.

2:17 AM: Parking violation on E Broadway.

3:02 AM: Parking violation in the 800 block of N Eastern Avenue.

3:23 AM: Parking violation in the 500 block of NE 5th Street.

12:10 PM: Nuisance reported in the 200 block of Court Avenue.

2:07 PM: Complaint received at the police department regarding repeated walk-ins about charges.

2:25 PM: Nuisance reported in the 500 block of E Broadway.

2:35 PM: Nuisance reported in the 200 block of S Lucas Avenue.

2:41 PM: Officer-initiated case in the 300 block of E Chestnut, Goldfield.

3:11 PM: Nuisance reported in the 900 block of N Pine, Goldfield.

5:05 PM: Return call requested in the 500 block of E Broadway regarding a notice.

5:38 PM: A small child reported walking alone near the railroad tracks in the 100 block of W Broadway.

7:51 PM: Parking violation in the 300 block of S Broadway.

### May 8

12:27 AM: Unknown problem reported at the ambulance shed.

## Wright County Courthouse

### Property Transfers

Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot: Vandemark Kerrie to Smith William - Wool Orig Addn Blk 7 Lot 11, Wool Orig Addn Blk 7 Lot 12, Kerrie Vandemark QCD 000026344004684696; 25-677.

Contracts - Land Deeds: Helmick Lavonne C, Rowland Jodie, Haley Juli, Lee Joni, Eeckhoff Moore Jaci L, Moore Eeckhoff Jaci L, Perlongo Michael, Ketchum Cheryl, Helmick Francis Keith, Rowland Steven, Lee John, Moore Joseph M, Perlongo Tracy M, Ketchum Gregory, Haley Timothy to Pogge Jay, Pogge Lindsay, Pogge David - 10-93-26 NE, Helmick, ET AL To Pogge 000005146004682463; 25-678.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Sorenson Donnell L, Sorenson Donnell, Sorenson Michelle L to Sorenson Donnell L, Sorenson Michelle L - 3-92-24 NE N 1/2, 3-92-24 NE SW 1/4, 3-92-24 NW NE 1/4, 3-92-24 NW SE 1/4, Sorenson 000016248004686251; 25-683.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Sorum Sharleen K to Ketchum Kanon W - BELM Bartholomew's 2nd Addn Blk 4 Lot 4, Ketchum 9069803 0000121148004686251; 25-696.

Quit Claim Deed - Land Deeds: Belmont City of to Yohn Ready Mix Inc - 25-93-24 NE tract in SE 1/4, Belmont-Yohn 000006046004690852; 25-703.

Quit Claim Deed - Land

Deeds: Johnson Dennis E to Johnson Dennis E Life Estate, Kee Jennifer K Remainder, Johnson Hailey K Remainder - 31-90-25 NW S 182' Of Lot 3 in SW 1/4, 31-90-25 NW S 182' Of Lot 4 in SW 1/4, WOOL Orig Addn Lot 2 S 182' in Outlot B.

Quit Claim Deed - Land Deeds: Courtney Patrick M, Courtney Sally E, Patrick M Courtney and Sally E Courtney Trust, Patrick M Courtney Trust, Sally E Courtney Trust to Courtney Patrick M Trust, Courtney Sally E Trust - 10-92-25 Part Of W 1/2, Courtney Trusts 000013802004691950; 25-706.

Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot: Howe John E to Howie Micah T, Howie John E Life Estate - Belm Country Club Estates Addn Blk 4 Lot 1 Apart 3 Prairie View & Gara, Belm Country Club Estates Addn Blk 4 Lot 2 Apart 3 Prairie View & Gara, John Howe - Micah Howe Subject to Life E 000017564004693028; 25-714.

Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot: Halverson Donald E, Halverson Doryce D to Schmidt Deborah F Trustee, Halverson Family Trust, Halverson Family Trust - EG Middleton's Addn Blk 5 Lot 12, Halverson 12 000031790004694976; 25-720.

Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot: Halverson Donald E, Halverson Doryce D to Schmidt Deborah F Trustee, Halverson Family Trust, Halverson Family Trust - EG Middleton's Addn Blk 5 Lot 13; Halverson 13

000031790004694976; 25-721.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Federal National Mortgage Association, Fannie Mae to Gambrell Jared D - EG Parkview Addn Lot 15, Fannie Mae 000013261004695410; 25-722.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Anderson Tina M, Anderson Scott D to Sosa Garcia Jose H, Garcia Sosa Jose H - EG Orig Addn Blk 22 Lot 11, Anderson To Sosa WD 000022861004696116 Satisfaction of Contr - Related Documents: 25-221 02-004 Contracts - Town Lot; 25-724.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Anderson Kyle Wesley, Anderson Andrea to Smith Scott L - CLAR McKay's Second Addn Blk 8 Lot 2 S 1/2, Anderson to Smith 000022861004696646; 25-726.

Others - Land Deeds: Charles Leroy Wilson Trust, Wilson Charles Leroy Trust, Wilson Robert C Trustee, Bailey Wayne Trustee to Dukes Barbara - 15-91-26 NE S 1/2 Of N 1/2, 042525 Wilson Dukes 000022534004698293; 25-763.

Others - Land Deeds: Charles Leroy Wilson Trust, Wilson Charles Leroy Trust, Wilson Robert C Trustee, Bailey Wayne Trustee to Hill Shirley - 15-91-26 NE N 1/2, 042525 Wilson Hill 000022534004698302; 25-737.

Others - Land Deeds: Charles Leroy Wilson Trust, Wilson Charles Leroy Trust, Wilson Robert C Trustee, Bailey Wayne Trustee to Wilson Robert C, Wilson Duane R Trustee, Wil-

son Mark A Trustee, Eagle View INC, DJM Trust - 13-91-26 SW, 042525 Wilson Wilson Eagle DJM Wright 000022534004698515; 25-739.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Smeenk Susan, Weide David R, Weide Toni L, Helton Denise R, Helton Daniel J to Munoz Calles Reynaldo, Calles Munoz Reynaldo, Cruz Falcon Cynthia, Falcon Cruz Cynthia - CLAR Sturgeon's Addn Blk 5 Lot 1; 25-744.

Affidavit Transfer: Dicke Kay M to Dicke Darren L - EG Hewett's Park Addn Blk 2 Lot 12 E 10', EG Hewett's Park Addn Blk 2 Lot 13, EG Hewett's Park Addn Blk 2 Lot 13 W 6', Dicke, Kay M 000013261004687628 Aff of Surviving Spouse; 25-693.

Affidavit Transfer: Sorum Sharleen K to Sorum Lynn D, Sorum Lynn David - Belm Bartholomew's 2nd Addn Blk 4 Lot 4, Ketchum 9069803 000012148004688007 Aff of Surviving Spouse; 25-695.

Affidavit Transfer: Madison Eileen A to Madison Robert L - Gold Liberty Addn Blk 2 Lot 4, Gold Liberty Addn Blk 2 Lot 3 S 1/4, Madison Affidavit 000028577004697966 Surviving Spouse Cot; 25-735.

Affidavit Transfer: Harding Stacey L to Krukow Ronald L, Krukow Ronald L Estate, Sutton Kay, Krukow Roberta J Executor, Iowa Department of Human Services Estate Recover Program - Dows Eskridge's 3rd Addn Blk 1 Lot 5, Dows Eskridge's 3rd Addn Blk 1 Lot 4 S 4 1/2'; 25-741.

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Spring Bird Migration Moves Through Iowa

By Lowell Washburn

Spring is in the air – literally. Leaving their winter homes, millions of neotropical songbirds are now winging their way to northern nesting grounds. For many species, the flight between South American wintering areas and Canadian nesting grounds is a rigorous journey that traverses thousands of miles. Hidden from human eyes, the migration miracle occurs in inky darkness as flocks employ starry constellations, magnetic fields and other, certainly more mysterious, factors to successfully navigate the empty vastness of the night sky. But at the approach of dawn, wing weary travelers descend to earth to replenish spent reserves.

Thousands of those travelers are currently appearing at local woodlands, providing area birders with a fleeting view of their colorful splendor. The month of May is a time that no Iowa birding enthusiast would willingly choose to miss. The diversity of northbound spring birdlife is astounding. Dozens of species have already arrived; many more are on their way. Some birds, such as the brilliantly colored orioles, tanagers, indigo buntings and grosbeaks, are hard to miss.

Others – including more than 30 species of migrating wood warblers – provide greater viewing challenges. When it comes to these tiny travelers, a sud-



The ever-popular, black and orange Baltimore oriole is a long-distance migrant that may choose to make Iowa its summer home. (Photos courtesy of Lowell Washburn)



The magnolia warbler is one of more than 30 species of wood warblers that will visit Iowa this spring. Warbler watching can provide a challenge – a sudden burst of color may be the only glimpse you get.

den movement in the leafy understory and a quick flash of color may be the only glimpse you'll get.

Some long-distance travelers, such as the ever-popular Baltimore oriole, may choose to stay and nest in Iowa. For others, we are but

the half-way point to ancestral summer breeding grounds. Many migrants will travel to the far reaches of Canada's northern pine forests. Some will even wing northward to the dwarf shrub habitats of the subarctic.

Northern summers are



When it comes to intense color, nothing outcompetes the male indigo bunting.



Named for its distinctive pendant-shaped breast patch, the rose-breasted grosbeak is one of dozens of neotropical bird species currently migrating through Iowa. Grosbeaks are amazing long-distance migrants. Wintering as far away as South America, northbound grosbeaks may cross the Gulf of Mexico in a single 600-mile, nighttime flight.

brief and from a migrating bird's point of view, there is little reason to linger. For those of us who wish to view these amazing voyagers, getting into the out-of-doors is something that cannot be delayed. To make the most of this year's viewing opportuni-

ties, birders need to strike while the metal is hot. The birds you miss seeing today could already be hundreds of miles to the north by tomorrow's sunrise.

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

UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 15

- Girls/Boys 2A State Qualifying Track & Field @ Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, 4:00 p.m.
- Girls Soccer vs. Clear Lake @ Belmond-Klemme, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 16

- Girls Golf 2A Regionals @ Clarmond Country Club, 10:00 a.m.
- Boys Soccer @ Clear Lake, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, May 19

- 7th/8th Grade Girls Conference Track @ Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, 4:00 p.m.
- 7th/8th Grade Boys Conference Track @ Lake Mills, 4:00 p.m.
- JV/Varsity Baseball vs. West Bend-Mallard @ Gilmore City, 5:30 p.m.
- Girls Soccer @ Iowa Falls-Alden, 5:30 p.m.
- HS Band & Choir Music Banquet @ EG Elementary, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 20

- Varsity Baseball vs. Webster City @ Greenwood Park, 7:30 p.m.

Golfers Impress At Bear Creek

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Eagle Grove's boys and girls golf teams both faced off against Bishop Garrigan and Forest City on May 5 at Bear Creek Golf Course.

Eagle Grove freshman Azlyn Amonson was the meet medalist with a low score of 40 through 9 holes. As a team, ladies scored 184 for 2nd place and a new team record. The Golden Bears won the triangular with a score of 180, and Forest City took 3rd with 201 team points.

Kennedy Thacker tied for 3rd overall after shooting a 44, and senior Piper Willard's 46 was good enough for 6th. Freshman Salem Willard was the last EGHS scorer and shot a 54 for 11th.

With 173 team points, the boys would finish 3rd to Forest City (144) and Bishop Garrigan (163).

Senior Zach Hogrefe was Eagle Grove's top finisher with a 38 for 6th place, and freshman Grayson Chamberlin had a 43 for 9th.

Brett Ascherl (13th/44), Syrus Willard (16th/48), Jayden Grandgeorge (17th/55), and Andrew Robinson (18th/56) also represented the purple and gold.

Soccer Girls Pick Up First Win

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The Wright County United boys and girls soccer clubs kicked off May with matches against Hampton-Dumont-CAL, Webster City, and Humboldt. The boys would go head-to-head with a ranked conference foe, and the girls would earn their first win of 2024-25 against a tough opponent.

Against Humboldt, the Wright County United boys would fall 3-1. In the 2nd half, sophomore Ruben Guido assisted forward Byron Tux Coc for United's only goal of the contest. Jose Alfaro had 16 saves for Wright County.

Wright County would go on to face #7 (2A) Webster City on Thursday evening. The undefeated Lynx led by one goal after a half of play and went on to win 4-2. United's record sits at 3-8-2.

On the girls' side, the team celebrated their first win of the season on May 1. Senior Ella Negrete had a goal in the 2-0 home victory over Hampton-Dumont-CAL. Jany Morales Mejia finished with a goal and an assist, and junior goalkeeper Lily Pigman added seven saves on the night.

Last week, the ladies lost a 2-0 home match on Monday night against Humboldt and fell on the road 3-1 vs. Webster City.

Wright County Extension Hosts "Let Love Bloom" Workshop Series for Youth

WRIGHT COUNTY, Iowa – Wright County Extension recently hosted an inspiring "Let Love Bloom" workshop series, giving local youth grades K-5 a hands-on opportunity to explore both artistic creativity and floral design. Through this engaging program, participants not only gained new skills, but also deepened their connection to community and personal expression—core values of the 4-H and Clover Kids programs.

During the workshop, youth experienced the art of glazing ceramic vases, guided by the expertise and generous support of local ceramic artist Mik's Art. Each vase, uniquely handcrafted, gave participants the chance to personalize their creations before



LEFT: Colt Tweeten and Abe Wagner. RIGHT: Elaina Brinkman and Landry Healey. (Photo courtesy of ISU)

witnessing the transformation that happens in a fiery kiln—bringing their colors and visions to life.

Following the ceramic work, youth shifted focus to floral design, where they learned how to pro-

cess fresh flowers and thoughtfully arrange them using the elements and principles of design. Participants explored the balance of color, texture, and composition as they created their own vibrant ar-

rangements to take home or share with others.

"This workshop beautifully combined creativity and hands-on learning," said Paige Roberts, K-12 Program Coordinator. "It's a perfect reflection of how

4-H and Clover Kids programs grow the next generation of Wright County youth—by building confidence, curiosity, and creating sparks through unique learning experiences."

The "Let Love Bloom" series exemplifies the 4-H pledge to use our hands for larger service and our hearts for greater loyalty. Wright County Extension remains committed to providing educational opportunities that help youth thrive—both as individuals and as members of their communities. For more information about upcoming youth programs in Wright County, please visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/wright/> or contact Wright County Extension at 515-532-3453.

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we knew, and the district helped share some of their connections, too."

The idea evolved from the more commonly known "Touch a Truck" events held around the world. "I just knew we'd have more than trucks," Willard said, explaining the name change. "So we called it 'Touch a Tire' because it better reflected the variety of vehicles we expected—and got."

Willard explained that family engagement is a key requirement of the Iowa Preschool Program. The goal, she said, was to not only entertain, but educate: "There's an informational handout on reading environmental print, because that's the first concept of literacy—being able to read a stop sign or recognize logos like McDonald's or Fareway, even before you can read the letters."

Teachers also created an interactive scavenger hunt that had children searching for letters, numbers, and logos on the vehicles. Willard hopes the event will become an annual tradition: "Hopefully it'll just get bigger and bigger as we go."

To top off the afternoon, attendees were treated to a hotdog and chips feed, making sure everyone went home satisfied.



Photos by Edward Lynn





# SPORTS

## Ladies Soar at Top of Iowa Meet

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Last week, the Eagle Grove's girls track and field team competed against Forest City, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, Lake Mills, Bishop Garrigan, North Iowa, West Hancock, North Union, and Belmont-Klemme at the Top of Iowa-West Conference meet in West Hancock.

The girls placed 7th as a team with 43 points. Forest City earned the conference championship with 195 team points, followed by Garner-Hayfield-Ventura with 121 and Lake Mills with 107.

Senior Addy Jeske had a record setting performance in the long jump, and freshman hurdler Myka Anderson led the Eagles with three top-3 finishes in the 100m hurdles, 400m hurdles, and 4x400.

<b>100m Dash –</b> 7 – Ellie Lenning.....	13.98
<b>200m Dash –</b> 5 – Taytum Edwards.....	27.33
<b>100m Hurdles –</b> 5 – Myka Anderson.....	18.54
<b>400m Hurdles –</b> 4 – Myka Anderson.....	1:15.74
<b>4x100 –</b> 5 – Jeske, Morgan, Lenning, Edwards.....	52.6
<b>4x200 –</b> 5 – Jeske, Morgan, Lenning, Edwards.....	1:52.73
<b>4x400 –</b> 3 – Anderson, Lenning, Jeske, Edwards.....	4:24.61
<b>Discus –</b> 7 – Rynn Ettinger.....	83' 4"
<b>Long Jump –</b> 2 – Addy Jeske.....	17' 5 1/4"



Ellie Lenning passes the baton to Taytum Edwards.



Sophomore Rynn Ettinger threw for 7th in Britt.



Myka Morgan keeps pace with a Belmont-Klemme runner. (Photos by Andrew Shaw)



## Jeske Etches Name In Record Books (Again)

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Coming into this track and field season, Eagle Grove standout long jumper Addy Jeske had never completed a jump over 17' in a competition. This spring, the senior has achieved new personal bests a few times already, and in Britt last Thursday, Jeske went a step further and set a new Eagle Grove long jump record.

With an incredible leap of 17' 5 1/4", Jeske shattered an eight-year old EGHS record by over two inches and finished runner-up at the Top of Iowa-West Conference meet hosted by West Hancock.

Jarika Beecher was Eagle Grove's previous girls' long jump record holder with a mark of 17' 3" set in 2017. Beecher, now an assistant coach for the purple and gold, says there's no one she would rather see outjump her than Addy.

"We have a special bond," Beecher commented when asked about her experience coaching Jeske. "I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to better her both on and off the track! I have told her since her freshman year that I wanted her to beat my record."

In 2024, Jeske was a Top of Iowa-West champion (16' 6 1/2") after runner-up finishes in the two previous conference meets. She is a three-time state qualifier and finished eighth at the Blue Oval as a sophomore and sixth as a junior. In her freshman campaign, Addy led off the school record breaking and state qualifying 4x100 team of Braxton Steil, Olivia Anderson, and Ayden Feske.

"It has been a joy these past years coaching Addy," Coach Andy Ettinger remarked. "She will certainly be missed and she has definitely left her mark on this program."

I have told her since her freshman year that I wanted her to beat my record.

– Jarika Beecher, previous record holder



Jarika Beecher (left) held the previous long jump record of 17' 3". (Photos by Taylor Smith)

## Miller & Spencer Place 3rd At Conference Meet

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Eagle Grove's boys track and field team had their conference meet last week in Britt. On Thursday night, the purple and gold competed for area bragging rights against eight other Top of Iowa-West schools.

The boys compiled 48 points as a team for 7th place. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura took home team gold with 161 total points. Forest City placed 2nd with 145, followed by West Hancock's 118.

<b>100m Dash –</b> 3 – Leelan Spencer.....	11.69
<b>200m Dash –</b> 6 – Patrick Heaton.....	24.31
<b>3200m Run –</b> 7 – Felix Reyes.....	11:00.73
<b>4x100 –</b> 4 – Thacker, Heaton, Willard, Spencer.....	46.37
<b>4x200 –</b> 5 – Heaton, Nielsen, Miller, Thacker.....	1:37.21
<b>4x400 –</b> 6 – Vasquez, Miller, Castro, Castro.....	3:49.38
<b>4x800 –</b> 7 – Castro, Castro, Gonzalez, Sisson.....	9:04.47
<b>Sprint Medley –</b> 7 – Spencer, Willard, Heaton, Vasquez.....	1:45.02
<b>Distance Medley –</b> 5 – Gonzalez, Nielsen, Castro, Castro.....	3:59.64
<b>High Jump –</b> 3 – Josh Miller.....	5'11"
4 – Syrus Willard.....	5'11"
<b>Long Jump –</b> 4 – Josh Miller.....	19' 5 3/4"



Josh Miller hands off to Cooper Thacker.



Josh Miller jumped 5'11" for bronze in Britt.



Senior Evan Cooper clears a hurdle in the shuttle hurdle relay. (Photos by Andrew Shaw)

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