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Author and marathon runner Tyler Sullivan paused to take a selfie as he ran past the Eagle Grove sign on the outskirts of town.

Running Poet visits Eagle Grove on final stretch of Iowa tour

Modern Day Renaissance Man praises Eagle Grove

By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa – Tyler Sullivan, an Iowa-born ‘renaissance man’, who is a marathoner, poet, author, photographer, and small-town history enthusiast, arrived in Eagle Grove this week as part of his years-long quest to run at least a mile in every city in Iowa – and write a poem for each of the state’s 99 counties. Wright County marked his 97th, and Eagle Grove became his 1,291st city visited.

“I run at least a mile in every city in Iowa,” Sullivan said. “And I wrote a poem for every county so far. Wright County was number 97, and I have run through 1,291 cities officially, now across Iowa.”

The journey began in 2015, spurred by routine drives between Iowa City and Mason City to visit a girlfriend. “One Friday, I was going through counties I had never heard of before, like Chickasaw and Bremer, and I began to

wonder, gosh, there has to be something special in all these counties,” Sullivan recalled. “Still to this day, 10 years later, these towns are magical.”

His exploration evolved from a casual curiosity into a personal mission combining endurance running, photography, and poetry. Along the way, he has published two books and is preparing his third, focusing on northwest Iowa’s museums, courthouses, and the stories behind his journeys.

And nowadays Sullivan’s travels are getting a lot of attention. Over 24,000 people are following his Facebook Page, Iowa Scenic Views by Foot, where he shares updates with his fans. The page has become a sort of contemporary history resource, showing recent views of Iowa’s towns, and roads, mostly off the beaten track. And his fans support his travels. “I’ve had people reach out to me and I get free lodging, mostly, in all four corners of the state,” Sullivan said, gratefully.



Author Tyler Sullivan, at the Eagle Grove Historical Museum. (Photos courtesy of Tyler Sullivan)

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Council Approves EMS Agreement, Eyes Infrastructure Fixes

By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa – The Eagle Grove City Council approved a new emergency medical services partnership Monday night, paving the way for expanded paramedic coverage at no added cost to the city. Council members also postponed a decision on a controversial dangerous dog design-

nation, citing the need for all members to review the full evidence, and received wide-ranging updates on local infrastructure and storm-water management.

The council unanimously passed a resolution authorizing a tiered response agreement with Van Diest Medical Center. The agreement allows Eagle Grove EMS to request advanced paramedic services from Van Diest when other responders are unavailable.

“This just adds one more benefit to our patient care,” said City Administrator Bryce Davis. “If we’re closer to Van Diest, it makes more sense. Like if we go to Woolstock, it makes more sense to tier with Van Diest Medical Center.”

Unlike the city’s agreement with Fort Dodge Fire, which charges \$200 per response, Van Diest will pro-

vide services free of charge. The city and hospital will split billing based on the level of care delivered.

The council tabled a vote to confirm a dangerous dog order issued during a June 23 special meeting after discovering that not all council members had reviewed the video and exhibits from that hearing.

“You do need to review that evidence,” said City Attorney Lynn Seaba, adding that the previous vote lacked a full quorum and had relied on the mayor’s tie-breaking vote. The council will revisit the matter on July 21.

In a separate item, the council approved a street closure request for the 200 block of West Broadway on October 4 for an expanded Chamber of Commerce

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Coach Reiland to be inducted into the UNI Hall of Fame

By Edward Lynn
Editor

EAGLE GROVE, Iowa – Eagle Grove native Marv Reiland, a standout wrestler for the University of Northern Iowa and longtime Eagle Grove coach and official, will be inducted into the UNI Athletics Hall of Fame as part of the 2025 class.

Reiland wrestled for the Panthers from 1966 to 1970 under Hall of Fame coach Chuck Patten. He was a three-time All-American, capturing two North Cen-

tral Conference titles and finishing second at the 1969 NCAA Division II Championships at 130 pounds. He also placed sixth at the NCAA Division I meet that year and fourth at 134 pounds in 1970.

Following his collegiate success, Reiland returned to his hometown and developed a deep roster of top-tier athletes, coaching 14 individual state champions and 14 runners-up, and achieving a dual meet



Marv Reiland

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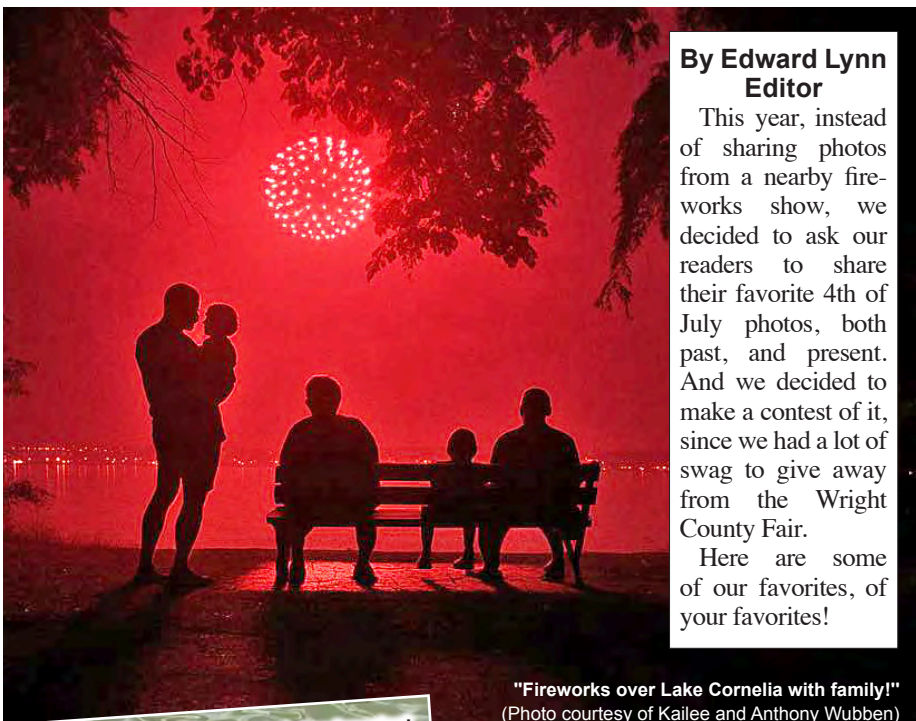
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‘Happy Birthday America’ 4th of July Memories, Past & Present

By Edward Lynn
Editor

This year, instead of sharing photos from a nearby fireworks show, we decided to ask our readers to share their favorite 4th of July photos, both past, and present. And we decided to make a contest of it, since we had a lot of swag to give away from the Wright County Fair.

Here are some of our favorites, of your favorites!



“Fireworks over Lake Cornelia with family!” (Photo courtesy of Kailee and Anthony Wubben)



Happy birthday America! (Photo courtesy of Christine Eveleth Huffaker)



The girls are so happy! (Photo courtesy of Rick Dawson)



Sparkler fun! (Photo courtesy of Brooke Reichter)



Throwing it back to 2016 (Photo courtesy of Lyndsey Wepel)



Friends forever. (Photo courtesy of FeeFee Bell)



Wright County Partners with Housing Trust Fund to Offer Home Repair Assistance to Low-Income Residents

By Edward Lynn
Editor

CLARION, Iowa — Applications are now being accepted for the 2025 cycle of a home repair assistance program funded by Wright County Economic Development and the Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund.

The initiative offers financial support to low-income individuals and families for

rehabilitating and repairing owner-occupied housing in Wright County. “In the 2024 cycle, all available monies were applied for and received by qualifying Wright County families to help with improvements such as plumbing, electrical, or energy efficiency,” said Wright County Economic Development Director Darrell Steven Carlyle. “We are happy to announce

that money is now available for the 2025 cycle and applications are being accepted.”

Eligible improvements include, but are not limited to, updating mechanical code deficiencies, lead hazard reduction, and modifications that make a home accessible for persons with disabilities. Applicants must meet income guidelines and other requirements established

by the Housing Trust Fund, the Iowa Finance Authority, and the Board of Directors. Only single-family, owner-occupied dwellings qualify, and applicants must supply all required documentation.

Each household may receive up to \$15,000 in assistance in the form of a five-year forgivable loan, with 20 percent of the loan forgiven annually.

Priority for the forgivable loans is given to individuals who are 62 years or older and to people with disabilities. “This is a win-win for everyone,” Carlyle said. “We are able to help rehabilitate housing in our county, and at the same time, help residents have better, safer, more efficient homes to live in.”

The program is sponsored by First Citizens Bank, First

State Bank – Belmond, First State Bank – Clarion, First Citizens Bank – Clarion, and the Wright County Board of Supervisors.

For more information, contact Carlyle at Wright County Economic Development by calling (515) 532-6422 or emailing wcedd@wrightco.iowa.gov. Additional information is available at www.wrightcounty.org.

Scoop & Sculpt: Local Youth Explore Art and Agriculture Through Creative, Hands-On Program

By Paige Roberts

CLARION, Iowa -- Iowa State University Extension and Outreach of Wright County recently hosted *Scoop & Sculpt*, an engaging two-part workshop series that blended art education with agricultural literacy, giving local youth a chance to explore both creativity and the importance of the dairy industry.

In the first session, participants designed and decorated their own ceramic bowls, guided by a local ceramic artist. Youth learned about the principles of design—including balance, contrast, texture, and form - and how these elements come together when working with clay. They also discovered the process of glazing and firing, gaining insight into how everyday ceramic products are crafted.

The second part of the series highlighted the vital role of the dairy industry in our community and the journey from farm to table for our favorite dairy products, like ice cream. Youth discussed the nutritional



(Photos courtesy of ISU)

benefits of dairy and why dairy production is essential to a balanced diet. To cap off the experience, the program partnered with The Main Scoop in Clarion to give kids a truly special treat - enjoying ice cream served right in their own handcrafted bowls.

“This program was a wonderful way to show how art and agriculture intersect in

our daily lives,” said Paige Roberts, K-12 Program Coordinator with Wright County Extension. “From designing their bowls to learning about where their ice cream comes from, youth gained an appreciation for both local artists and local farmers who enrich our community.”

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach—

Wright County remains committed to providing innovative educational opportunities that help youth build life skills, explore new interests, and understand the importance of agriculture. For more information about upcoming programs, contact the Wright County Extension Office at (515) 532-3453 or visit www.extension.iastate.edu/wright.



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Sullivan’s inspiration comes from his personal roots, and the meaningful connections he has forged with others throughout his life. “If you see a red cardinal, it’s supposed to represent the past of a loved one,” he said, citing the old folk belief, noting that the color red appears throughout his first book in memory of his grandmother and high school coach, Bob Brown, who both taught him valuable lessons. “He never cared about the winning,” Sullivan said of Brown, “he

never cared about the losing. It was about giving your best every single day, and the winning will take care of itself.”

While in town Sullivan visited the Eagle Grove Historical Museum, a former Carnegie library, and explored the city on foot early in the day. “I love the Carnegies of Iowa,” Sullivan said. “I think we have close to 90 of them... A lot of them are still libraries, if not, some are museums now and then, or they’re just homes. So it’s cool that people keep that

history.”

Sullivan also spoke light-heartedly about the challenges of continuing his running campaign as the weather gets hotter. “This morning I got to town. I visited the museum. I ran, and then I took pictures of the town,” he said. “It is July. I started at seven o’clock, and I had to catch my breath. You know, I’m fit, but, like, this heat is no joke.”

Despite running solo most of the time, Sullivan appreciates when locals lend a hand, and he noted that folks in Eagle Grove were friendlier than in many other towns. Ron Mohr, President of the Eagle Grove Historical Society, gave him a walking tour of downtown, the museum, and historic sites related to the city’s 1973 explosion. “It’s nice to have a personal tour, because, say, 95% of the time I’m driving around solo,” Sullivan said. “I probably met eight to 10 people today.”

An avid admirer of old

buildings, Sullivan was impressed with the local architecture. “You look around and you can see, you know, the 1899 building,” Sullivan pointed out. “You know, the very old buildings. They don’t date buildings anymore.”

Mohr pointed out that there are some other venerable buildings still standing in town, even some which survived the massive Chatterbox Café explosion half a century ago. Referring to the Christ Furniture warehouse Mohr noted, “if you look on that... like a Cowan block... it says 1890,” adding, “it’s got two metal strips in it... with anchors in it, and that’s where it actually cracked the street.” Another old building still standing is the old Junior College once home of the Eagle Grove Pirates, now the administration building for the Eagle Grove schools, Mohr pointed out.

Sullivan also admired the still-standing original high

school and “beautiful” local churches. And he noted it was special that students are still learning in the original High School building. “Sometimes it’s just a vacant building, but here it’s still the high school,” he said. People should be aware of that sort of thing, Sullivan said. But instead, all too often, “you’re blinded by history all around you,” he warned.

A graduate of Iowa City Regina and the University of Iowa, Sullivan said his passion for Iowa’s smaller towns continues to deepen. “These towns are where people go to church, it’s where they go to school, it’s where they like to grow up,” he said.

Sullivan’s mission also includes efforts to visit 250 museums across Iowa this year—up from 156 the year prior. And he expressed worry for their future. “The average age of these museum people are 85 if not older,” he said. “Young generation

like me and younger doesn’t have time. We don’t care about the history. What’s gonna happen in 15, 20 years?”

With only two counties left—Harrison and Humboldt—Sullivan isn’t rushing to the finish line. “What’s the hurry?” he asked. “Let’s go to these museums. I give programs across the state trying to promote for more Iowans to see more of Iowa.” And he had a challenge for the people of Eagle Grove. “How many people living in Eagle Grove have never been to the historical society? I bet it’s a large number,” he said, encouraging the locals to take advantage of the rich historical archives we’re so lucky to have.

Sullivan plans to return to return to Eagle Grove next year to give a presentation at the library and perhaps nearby towns as well. “I pour my heart into these communities,” he said. “And I love it.”

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Iowa State’s oldest research farm turns 95

AMES, Iowa – This year marks the 95th anniversary of Iowa State University’s Northern Research and Demonstration Farm. Originally, the farm’s research included several crops, including sugar beets. Now, this property has expanded to include some of the longest-running experiments on soil fertility and crop response to micronutrients, continuously running since the 1960s and 1980s, respectively.

In addition to the anniversary, the farm is celebrating the completion of a new building, which features a lobby/welcome area, offices for farm staff, a small meeting room, a large multi-use area and a kitchenette. It will be used to host events such as Planter University, the North Central Iowa Research Association’s annual meetings and extension gatherings. The flex space is heated and air conditioned and has already proved valuable to the town of Kanawha – a local high school senior recently held his graduation party in the space.

“To me, that’s one of the



The Northern Research and Demonstration Farm held an open house on June 26 to celebrate their new multi-use building, pictured. Photo courtesy of Paige Stewart, Wright County Extension and Outreach.

most important things that the farm does, being so integrated into the town,” said Kendall Lamkey, associate dean for facilities and operations at Iowa State’s College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. “This farm is a little unique, I think, because it’s the oldest, it’s also just outside the city of Kanawha, so it’s almost part of the town.”

Construction of the building was funded by the Expanding the Impact campaign.

The farm, located in

Kanawha, is the oldest of the 14 off-campus research and demonstration farms Iowa State manages across the state, focusing on research, teaching and extension opportunities for livestock and cropping farms. The Northern Research and Demonstration Farm was established in March of 1930 to help meet the agricultural and informational needs of the neighboring community in the face of the Great Depression.

The Kanawha Chamber



Jay Harmon, associate dean of extension programs and outreach, spoke to attendees at the celebration in the farm’s new building. (Photo courtesy of ISU)

of Commerce and 400 local residents raised the funds to purchase 85 acres of land, and with the assistance of the now-named North Central Iowa Research Association, leased it to Iowa State in 1931. Land has gradually been added to the farm, which now totals 173 acres of cropland and research plots.

Greg Guenther, president of the North Central Iowa Research Association, said the partnership between the North Central Iowa Re-

search Association and Iowa State is a model used for other Iowa State Research and Demonstration Farms across the state and by other university research farm relationships across the globe.

On Sept. 29, 1932, the Northern Research and Demonstration Farm hosted its first field day – what would become a tradition to share research findings and offer farmers a chance to ask questions. The farm continually hosts demonstrations, showing new technologies

and techniques and interacting with local farmers and community members.

“A lot of times, the ‘demonstration’ part of the farm’s name gets left off,” Guenther said. “I like to emphasize the demonstration part because that’s how the information we discover gets back out to the people.”

Lamkey said Iowa State is fortunate to have access to such a wide variety of research facilities. Researchers can find a soil type that works with their project and work with extension specialists to distribute their findings directly to the people it affects through field days.

“The Northern Research and Demonstration Farm enables me to evaluate disease management practices for yield protection of corn and soybean in an ‘on-farm’ setting under real-world conditions that I can share with Iowa producers to improve their production,” said Alison Robertson, professor of plant pathology.

Learn about Iowa State’s other research and demonstration farms.

Birth ANNOUNCEMENT

It’s a boy!

Hannah Resh and Edjhomson Mateo of Eagle Grove have welcomed a baby boy.

Malakai David Resh-Mateo was born on July 5, 2025 weighing 7 pounds, 0.8 ounces.

His grandparents are Lisa Williams of Eagle Grove and Yuri Velasquez of Goldfield. His great grandparents are Ron Moore of Marshalltown and Emma Acosta of Clarion.

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record of 129-62-5. He was twice named Iowa Class 2A Coach of the Year and was inducted into the IHSAA Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1989.

Reiland also served as a wrestling official for 45 years, working 22 traditional and 17 dual-team state tournaments. He was twice named Iowa Wrestling Official of the Year and was inducted into the IH-SAA Officials Hall of Fame in 2010.

UNI announced its 2025 Hall of Fame class on July 7. In addition to Reiland, the inductees include All-Americans Crystal (Hanson) Cook and Matt "Bob" Petersen, women’s basketball standout Diane (Roberts) Harms, Academic honoree James Lindgren, and posthumous service honoree Mike Allen.

The class will be honored during ceremonies this fall, with details to be announced. Reiland’s induction recognizes both his collegiate success and his decades-long contribution to Iowa high school wrestling.

The 2025 UNI Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 11, at the UNI-Dome Alumni Suite in Cedar Falls, Iowa. The inductees will also be recognized during the UNI Homecoming football game on Saturday, October 12.

King Band to perform Sunday, July 13

by Jerrold P. Jimmerson

A night for all ages

Each Sunday evening during June and July, the Karl L. King Municipal Band of Fort Dodge presents their concerts in Oleson Park at the Karl L. King Band Shell. Each week they present a wide variety of band music to appeal to all ages and musical tastes. This week’s concert on Sunday, July 13, will be no exception! Beginning at 7:30 pm, Conductor Dan Cassady will lead the band with selections in many different styles.

Beginning at 7:30 pm, these concerts are offered each week free of charge by the City of Fort Dodge. Persons attending the concert are reminded to bring their own lawn chairs, since no seating is provided.

If marches are your favorites, then you will hear several, from Karl King’s

“Michigan On Parade”, “The Three Musketeers”, and “Hawkeye Glory”, to former conductor W.B. Green’s fiery Spanish march, “La Roquina”, and even a March Paraphrase titled “Musetta’s Waltz Song” by Italian composer Giacomo Puccini from his opera, “La Boheme”. This selection was frequently performed by the Band under Karl King’s direction.

Many people attending these concerts enjoy those classical selections we present, and this concert will include Russian composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky’s Third Movement from his Symphony #6 (the Pathétique), titled “Allegro Molto Vivace”. Still others wait for those fast-paced circus galops, which this week will feature Karl King’s “Walsenburg”, dedicated to the town of Walsenburg, Colorado.

Special guest soloist for the evening will be Mi-



Guest soloist Michael Short, a Fort Dodge native, will be featured. (Photo courtesy of the Karl King Band)

chael Short on Tuba. Mike grew up in Fort Dodge, and joined the Municipal Band while still in high school. He was the first recipient of the Karl King Memorial Scholarship, which we continue to offer to at least 3 young musicians every spring. Mike currently resides in Des Moines, where he maintains an active teaching and performing schedule throughout the

central Iowa area.

Mr. Short will perform a Humoresque written by Karl King in 1910, titled “The Devil and the Deep Blue Sea”. Short will then join the rest of the Tuba section for G.H. Huffine’s toe-tapping march, “Them Basses”.

Other light-hearted moments, which our audiences always enjoy, will include selections from the recent popular movie and musical “Wicked”, along with George Gershwin’s memorable composition “Oh, Lady Be Good”, and everyone’s well-known favorite, “Friend Like Me” from the Disney movie and musical, “Aladdin”.

In case of inclement weather, the concert may be cancelled at the starting time. Any announcements will be made on the band’s Facebook page listing for the Karl L. King Municipal Band at <https://www.facebook.com/karlingband/>.

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barbecue event. The event, held on a side street last year, drew strong attendance and organizers are seeking a larger venue. Some council members expressed concern about harvest traffic disruptions, but others noted rerouting options should be manageable.

“They definitely want to do West Broadway,” Davis explained. “Not sure if they’re incorporating businesses or not into the ordeal.”

Public Works and infrastructure dominated the latter half of the meeting. Davis reported ongoing issues at the city’s aquatic center, where a faulty drop slide is leaking as much as 15,000 gallons per day, more than the rest of the pool combined.

“That is why it’s off,”

Davis said. “I like the water guys to like me. They have to stay at the water department for 30 extra minutes a day to make that much water.”

The city plans to internally repair the slide and complete additional epoxy work this fall to reduce water loss and ease strain on the system.

Street work continues around town, including catch basin repairs, pavement transitions, and pot-hole mitigation. An underground conduit not shown on city maps forced an unexpected design change on Lucas Street.

“The railroad is going to be doing the tracks... potentially Montgomery to Lucas is going to be shut down again,” Davis added, noting that recent storms delayed work but

also provided valuable stormwater data.

Eagle Grove’s wet well saw an unprecedented spike during the storm, rising to 16 feet — well above the historical norm of 12–13 feet.

“It was interesting to see how fast the water rose,” Davis said. “It allows us to make some modifications in the future... to divert flows to the lagoon so that we do not have any type of reduction in the collection system, which ultimately impacts residents.”

The city is also preparing to begin sanitary sewer inspections on July 21 and is awaiting state funding approval to move forward with a 2026 rehabilitation of the North Lift Station.

The future of the city’s

historic flowing well also came up. While the water is not classified as drinkable under state law, it continues to draw visitors.

“We can’t tell people to drink from it because it’s not considered a public water source,” Davis said, “but we can’t shut it down because it doesn’t have arsenic in it.”

Council Member Tony Axtell recalled a local professor who brings his Iowa State hydraulics students to visit the well annually. “It’s just a neat thing to have,” said Seaba.

The council is expected to revisit the flowing well project, the dog hearing, and engineering proposals for long-term street improvements at its next meeting, scheduled for July 21.

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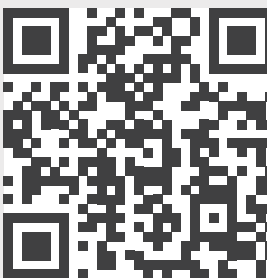
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Help Children Avoid Learning Loss This Summer

By Barbara Dunn Swanson
AMES, Iowa – Iowa children are mid-way through their summer break from school, and for some, even the memory of the previous school year may be long gone. However, learning and academic growth don't have to stop when school is not in session, says Barbara Dunn Swanson, a health and human sciences educator with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.
"In education, we often hear about the 'summer slide.' It's the learning loss that students experience

during the long break from school," Dunn Swanson said.
Research suggests that students can lose up to one month of academic progress over the summer, particularly in reading and math. However, families can take steps to keep their children engaged and learning throughout the summer months.
Promote reading
Reading is one of the most effective ways to prevent learning loss. Dunn Swanson offers parents the following tips:
• Set aside time each day for your child to read,

whether independently or together with you.
• Choose books that match your child's interests to make reading enjoyable.
• Check out your local library. Many offer summer reading programs and challenges.
• Little free libraries have popped up in many towns. Explore their offerings for a fun summer adventure.
• Reading can happen everywhere. Take your favorite books with you in the car to share on shopping trips, picnics, stops at local parks or wherever your family travels.
Add math to your menu

Getting the kids into the kitchen to cook this summer can reinforce many math concepts they learned during the school year, Dunn Swanson said. Reading recipes, measuring ingredients and learning cooking skills can be fun, as well as something families can do together.
Math can also be strengthened when planning a family meal within a budget, Dunn Swanson said. "Take the shopping list and head to the grocery store to see whether you can buy the items on the list and stay within your budget. It's OK if you need to change the

menu to stay within budget."
Encourage writing
Another way to reduce the summer slide in academics is to encourage children to write about their summer experiences, Dunn Swanson continued. Writing helps children retain literacy skills. Encourage them to write about their camping experiences or their trips to the library or other fun summer experiences.
While summer is a time for relaxation, maintaining a regular routine can help children stay mentally active, Dunn Swanson said.
"Don't let the summer

slide impact your family this summer! Set aside time for reading, learning activities and creative play to ensure that your children continue to develop their skills without feeling overwhelmed. Then they'll be able to return to school with a greater sense of confidence," Dunn Swanson said.
For more parenting tips, visit the Science of Parenting Podcast from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. Health and human sciences educators share real-life solutions based on scientific research to help you make informed decisions for your family.

Social worker accused of negligence and unethical conduct

by Clark Kauffman
A Boone County social worker has been charged with negligence and unethical conduct by state licensing officials.
According to the Iowa Board of Mental Health Professionals, Abigail Doerder, 43, who practiced social work in Nevada and currently lives in Boone,

is charged with negligence in the practice of the profession, unethical conduct, and violating the terms of an agreement or contract with the Impaired Practitioner Review Committee.
As is usually the case when charges are filed by Iowa's licensing boards, the Board of Mental Health Professionals has not pub-

licly disclosed the nature of the alleged conduct, or when it may have occurred.
It's not clear what impact the charges might have on Doerder's licensing status since, according to the board, her license expired in December 2024.
A hearing on the matter is scheduled for July 9, 2025. The Iowa Capital Dispatch

was unable to reach Doerder for comment.
Court records show that in 2022, Doerder was arrested and charged with driving while barred as a habitual offender. Boone County prosecutors later amended the charge to the misdemeanor offense of improper taillights and Doerder was fined \$30.

That case followed a 2018 incident in which Doerder was arrested in the parking lot of the Boone County Hospital and charged with third-offense drunken driving. The charge resulted in a guilty plea, a five-year suspended prison sentence and 18 months of probation.

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Iowa PBS presents Behind the Blue Ribbon

JOHNSTON, Iowa - Experience the Iowa State Fair like never before through the stories of four individuals preserving its most beloved traditions in Iowa PBS's upcoming documentary, *Behind the Blue Ribbon*. The hour-long program will premiere Tuesday, August 5, at 8 p.m. on the statewide network. It will rebroadcast Thursday, August 14, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, August 17, at 1 p.m. *Behind the Blue Ribbon* will also be available to stream at iowapbs.org and on the PBS app.
"Every Iowan has a fair story and tradition. I think viewers will find that the throughline of every character in the documentary is a strong sense of pride and love for the fair," said Iowa PBS Producer and Director Emily Kestel. "It was an absolute delight to co-produce this project and document parts of the Iowa State Fair experience that not everyone thinks about, or sees."
Step beyond the Grand Concourse and into the heart of the fair with an intimate, behind-the-scenes look at four people keeping some of its most beloved traditions alive. From early morning load ins with 11-year-old hog farmer Jack Theobald and the high-energy hustle of corn dog concessions led by Eric Campbell, to the artistry of butter sculpting by Sarah Pratt and the big-picture vision of Iowa State Fair CEO Jeremy Parsons, this documentary captures the passion and pride that power Iowa's biggest celebration during its 11-day run and the preparation that leads up to it.
"It has been such a joy to

spend the last year working on this project. Our goal was to capture the unique spirit of the Iowa State Fair in a new and never before seen way," said Iowa PBS Producer and Director Kelsey Kremer. "I think *Behind the Blue Ribbon* delivers on that promise and I hope that viewers enjoy watching the film as much as I enjoyed working on it."
Bursting with state fair excitement? Iowans eager to catch the film early can attend an advance premiere screening of *Behind the Blue Ribbon* on Tuesday, July 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Iowa PBS studios. Doors will open at 6 p.m. for attendees to indulge in fan-favorite treats like a classic Campbell's corn dog and refreshing lemonade, and capture their fair spirit at our fair photo ops. For more information and to register for free, visit iowapbs.org/events.
Funding for *Behind the Blue Ribbon* is provided by Kent Nutrition Group.
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Iowa crops continue to thrive following another abnormally hot, wet week

by Cami Koons
Corn and soybean crops continue to progress well throughout Iowa, with 15% of corn silking and 36% of soybeans blooming amid another week of above-average temperatures and precipitation, according to the latest crop progress and condition report.
This statistic puts corn two days ahead of the five-year average, and the report, generated from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, said there were several accounts of corn reaching the dough stage across the state.
Iowa's main crops rated overall good to excellent during the reporting period of June 30 through July 6. Corn rated 86% good to excellent and soybeans rated 79%.
Oats, which are almost entirely headed across the state and are coloring on more than half of acres in the state, rated 88% good or excellent. Farmers are finished with the second cutting of 53% of alfalfa hay acres in the state,



Corn silks begin to show on a corn field in early July. (Photo by Cami Koons/Iowa Capital Dispatch)

which overall rated 84% good or excellent.
Across crops, acres in central regions of the state are the furthest along, according to the report. Thirty-three percent of soybean acres in east central Iowa are setting pods, and in central Iowa, 17% are setting pods. Southeast Iowa, at 15%, is the only other region with more than 10% of soybean acres setting pods.
Rod Pierce, a soybean and corn farmer in Boone County, said in a call last week the big rains from the week prior had slowed down his spray-

ing schedule and created "some wetness in his fields."
Besides that, he said his beans were "blooming good — very good" and his corn was "a couple of leaves out from tasseling."
Climate outlooks, posted on the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship website, show more precipitation and warm temperatures are expected this week.
"Outlooks for the next few weeks indicate that warm weather is likely to stick around as we enter the peak of county fair season and an

Ames senator calls for special session to override veto of eminent domain bill

by Cami Koons
Sen. Herman Quirmbach, a Democrat from Ames, announced Monday he submitted a request to Senate leadership, calling for a special session to override the governor's veto of a bill pertaining to eminent domain and carbon dioxide pipelines.
Quirmbach joins 70 members of the House, from both parties, who signed a petition in June, calling for a special session to override the veto. Two-thirds of senators would have to agree with Quirmbach for a special session to be called.
Quirmbach said he's not sure if his request, submitted July 3 to Senate President Amy Sinclair, R-Allerton, will be effective in mobilizing enough senators for a special session, but said he "personally felt it was important to make (his) opposition clear."
"I think we should do something about eminent domain this year," Quirmbach said in a call with Iowa Capital Dispatch.
The bill, House File 639, was highly controversial during session, resulting in

hours of floor and closed-door debates before eventually passing the Senate 27-22.
This followed several years of bills aimed at eminent domain reform, and limiting the abilities of carbon sequestration pipelines, that passed the House but were not taken up by the Senate.
HF 639 was vetoed by Gov. Kim Reynolds, who said the bill included "sweeping mandates that reach far beyond their intended targets."
About the bill
House File 639 would have increased insurance requirements for hazardous liquid pipelines, limited carbon pipeline permits to one 25-year term and changed the definition of a common carrier for pipelines, making it more difficult for the projects to use eminent domain. It also included several provisions related to the Iowa Utilities Commission. In her explanation of her decision to veto the bill, Reynolds instructed the IUC to follow a provision in the bill requiring commissioner attendance at hearings and

meetings.
The bill would have affected the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline, which would stretch close to 1,000 miles through Iowa to connect to biofuel facilities and transport their captured carbon dioxide to underground storage in North Dakota. The project would allow the biofuels industries, and the associated feedstock industries, to enter the ultra-low carbon fuel market.
Quirmbach, in a statement, said he's not opposed to the pipeline project, nor the ethanol industry, but said the project would need to clear certain "hurdles" related to safety and land acquisition.
"If the pipeline would generate such large financial gains to Summit, it should offer landowners prices generous enough to secure voluntary sales," Quirmbach said. "Use the voluntary market, not government force."
Summit Carbon Solutions has said in previous statements it has secured voluntary easements for 75% of its first-phase route through Iowa, which equates to \$175 million in contracts with

more than 1,300 Iowans.
Quirmbach said he submitted the request as a "personal desire" and said he had not spoken with any of his Democratic colleagues.
Iowa Senate Democrats did not respond to requests for comment on their willingness to support a petition for special session.
Sen. Sinclair and Senate Majority Leader Jack Whitver did not respond to requests for comment, but have previously expressed they agreed with the governor's decision to veto the bill. Whitver has said Senate Republicans "would not be interested" in a special session for a veto override.
House Republicans, who led the charge on the bill and on the House's call for special session, did not respond to requests for comment.
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Making President Trump’s “One, Big, Beautiful Bill” the law of the land

By Rep. Randy Feenstra, (R-Hull)

On Thursday July 3rd, I voted to pass President Trump’s “One, Big, Beautiful Bill” and send it to his desk for his signature – making this historic legislation the law of the land. This pro-family, pro-worker, pro-growth economic package is the culmination of President Trump’s campaign promises and conservative economic principles, which will dramatically grow our economy, cut deficits, and create jobs. It is the largest tax cut in American history for families, farmers, workers, and small businesses, ensuring that Iowans keep more of their hard-earned money – not the federal government.

The provisions of the “One, Big, Beautiful Bill” will be jet fuel for our economy. Estimates by the Council of Economic Advisers suggest that our GDP could grow by as much as 5.2% in the short run and 3.5% in the long run while investment in our country could see a 14.5% boost with more than four million jobs created in the long term. These figures underscore the positive effects of tax cuts, sensible deregulation, and certainty for businesses and manu-



facturers.

As a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, I was a key author of this legislation and worked to include policies that benefit Iowa families, farmers, workers, seniors, small businesses, and manufacturers.

Under this bill, families receive a permanently higher child tax credit at \$2,200 indexed to inflation and a permanently doubled standard deduction with an additional \$1,500 increase, workers will see taxes on tips and overtime eliminated, and small businesses will grow with a permanent 20% deduction on qualified business income. We further expanded 529 education savings accounts, created \$1,000 Trump accounts for newborns, renewed opportunity zones to drive private capital to rural communities, and

created new immediate expensing for the construction of American factories, manufacturing plants, and agricultural facilities.

We also invested \$50 billion in the farm safety net, strengthened crop insurance, increased reference prices for corn and soybeans, and increased the exemption for the death tax, saving two million family farms and ensuring that we pass our farmland from one generation to the next – not China or any of our foreign adversaries. Additionally, this legislation allows seniors to deduct up to \$6,000 from their federal taxes, which will result in 88% of Social Security recipients paying no tax on Social Security.

But this “One, Big, Beautiful Bill” does not just invest in Americans’ economic security, it also strengthens our energy and national security. This legislation fully funds the border wall, deploys the latest technology to combat drug trafficking and illegal immigration, and hires 10,000 new ICE agents, 5,000 new customs officers, and 3,000 new border patrol agents. It also supports our national defense by dedicating \$25 billion to President Trump’s Golden Dome missile defense

system, growing our naval fleet to counter threats from China, and improving the quality of life of our troops and military families. Moreover, we will restore American energy dominance through a more streamlined permitting process, increased and unhindered oil and gas development, and strong support for homegrown Iowa biofuels. These provisions will help lower gas prices for our families, protect our electric grid from power failures, and reduce our dependence on foreign countries for our energy needs.

President Trump’s “One, Big, Beautiful Bill” is a once-in-a-generation investment in the American economy and the largest tax cut for families, farmers, workers, seniors, and small businesses in American history. It represents our commitment to keeping the promises that we made to the American people that we would cut taxes, reignite the economy, and make life more affordable for working and middle-class families. With this bill, we will unleash economic growth and rural prosperity in Iowa and nationwide. The beginning of our nation’s 250th year also marks the beginning of the Golden Age of America.

Editorial: Fact Checking Feenstra's Latest "Big Beautiful Bill" Claims

By Edward Lynn Editor

On July 3, Rep. Randy Feenstra voted to approve President Donald Trump's "One, Big, Beautiful Bill," a sweeping tax and spending package that was signed into law on July 4. In his current op-ed, submitted following the vote, Feenstra described the legislation as the largest tax cut in American history and claimed it would dramatically grow the economy, reduce deficits, and create jobs—assertions that deserve a closer look.

To be clear, Feenstra is correct that the bill includes significant tax cuts and spending provisions aimed at middle-class families, seniors, small businesses, and rural communities. It increases the child tax credit to \$2,200 and indexes it to inflation. It offers a \$6,000 federal tax deduction for seniors and makes permanent the standard deduction increase. The bill also expands 529 education savings accounts, creates \$1,000 "Trump accounts" for newborns, and introduces a 20% deduction for qualified business income.

On the surface these seem like real policy changes that would have tangible effects, but that's assuming they are

not counteracted by other policy changes in the same bill.

For instance, a \$1,000 bank account will only buy groceries, baby formula and diapers for a few months; so if a child's parents lose their SNAP and WIC benefits, that one time payment of a cool grand will put them behind, not ahead. And a thousand bucks doesn't pay for much in terms of medical care, so if the child loses Medicaid, their parents are likewise behind, not ahead. Similar math applies to the Child Tax Credit increase. Likewise, expanding 529 education savings accounts sounds great, but aren't much help if the student can't get Pell Grants. Now, to be fair, restrictions on Pell grants originally in the bill didn't make it through reconciliation - but the fact that they were in there hints at the GOP's intention to undermine them, which they may well try to do again in the future. And even for the 88% of seniors who won't pay income tax on their social security thanks to the \$6,000 deduction, if they lose their Medicaid, they may well not be alive to claim it.

So, in case after case, these supposed boons seem more like bait on a hook - or

a bait and switch.

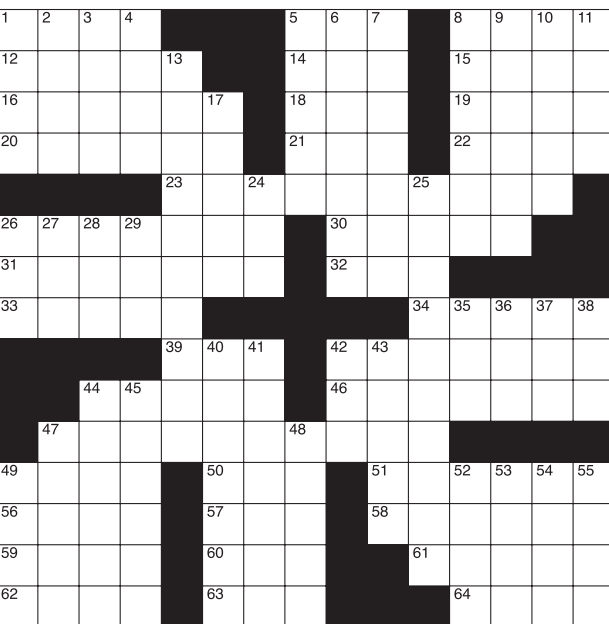
Moreover, Feenstra’s portrayal of the bill as deficit-reducing and universally beneficial is misleading. Independent analyses, including from the Congressional Budget Office and multiple nonpartisan think tanks, estimate the bill will add between \$2.8 trillion and \$3.4 trillion to the federal deficit over the next decade. Claims that the bill will "cut deficits" are not only unsupported—they are directly contradicted by the evidence.

Feenstra also repeats economic growth projections from the White House’s Council of Economic Advisers, citing short-term GDP growth of up to 5.2% and 4 million new jobs. But these are optimistic forecasts, not guarantees. Most outside economists are skeptical of such sustained high growth, especially when paired with large deficit spending. Furthermore, the bill’s benefits are heavily skewed toward high-income individuals and corporations, while simultaneously slashing Medicaid and SNAP funding. These are cuts that could harm millions of low-income Americans, especially in rural areas like Feenstra is supposed to be representing

here in Iowa.

Another significant omission in Feenstra’s statement is the bill’s rollback of environmental protections, expansion of fossil fuel production, and deep reductions in funding for social safety net programs. While he touts “energy dominance” and rural prosperity, the legislation weakens clean energy incentives, risking worsening climate change crises, and threatening to allow the U.S. to fall behind rivals like China in the energy industries of the future. And, on the issue of old vs. new energy technologies, it's also worth noting that there's not much oil drilling or coal mining in Iowa, which Feenstra is supposed to represent, but there are a lot of windmills, solar farms, and lots of bio-fuel crops are grown here.

In short, while Feenstra helped craft portions of the bill and can rightfully claim credit for provisions that may aid some Iowa families and businesses, so long as they aren't harmed to a greater degree, his op-ed exaggeratea the legislation’s benefits and obscures its substantial costs. Honesty and full transparency matter, especially when selling Iowans a bill this big, baity, and bloated.



- CLUES ACROSS
- 1. 50 percent
 - 5. Records electric currents
 - 8. Charlize Theron flick “ ___ Flux”
 - 12. More frosty
 - 14. Disfigure
 - 15. Sky color
 - 16. A thoroughfare in a town or city
 - 18. Actress de Armas
 - 19. Spend time in a relaxed way
 - 20. California peak
 - 21. Lodging option
 - 22. Small amount of a thing
 - 23. Expresses sorrow
 - 26. Keeps an ear warm
 - 30. Babies (Spanish)
 - 31. A conceited and self-centered person
 - 32. No seats available
 - 33. Pouches
 - 34. Hip joints
 - 39. A place to bathe
 - 42. Evading
 - 44. Minute, one-celled unit
 - 46. Losing one's hair
 - 47. A country in W Africa
 - 49. One point north of northeast
 - 50. Pointed end of a pen
 - 51. Extreme
 - 56. Norse personification of old age
 - 57. Doctors' group
 - 58. Member of U.S. Navy
 - 59. Mens' fashion accessories
 - 60. A way to allow
 - 61. Gloomy
 - 62. Grads wear one
 - 63. Between south and southeast
 - 64. Jaguarundi cat

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Snakes do it
 - 2. Hormone
 - 3. The standard monetary unit of Turkey
 - 4. Fixed charges
 - 5. Electronic communication
 - 6. Artilleries
 - 7. “Strangers on a Train” actor Farley
 - 8. Burning
 - 9. Makes ecstatically happy
 - 10. Greek liqueurs
 - 11. Tropical Old World tree
 - 13. Someone who takes vengeance
 - 17. Style of cuisine
 - 24. Select
 - 25. Immunized against disease
 - 26. Old world, new
 - 27. Honorable title (Turkish)
 - 28. Court case: ___ v. Wade
 - 29. Supervises interstate commerce
 - 35. Not divisible by two
 - 36. Twelve
 - 37. Commentator Coulter
 - 38. Encourage
 - 40. Plumbing fixtures
 - 41. Early
 - 42. One point north of due east
 - 43. King of Thebes
 - 44. Short-tailed martens
 - 45. Impose a penalty on
 - 47. Consort of Poseidon
 - 48. A way to lessen
 - 49. Brooklyn hoops team
 - 52. Female of a horse
 - 53. Do as one is told
 - 54. A way to prepare meat
 - 55. Unit of measurement

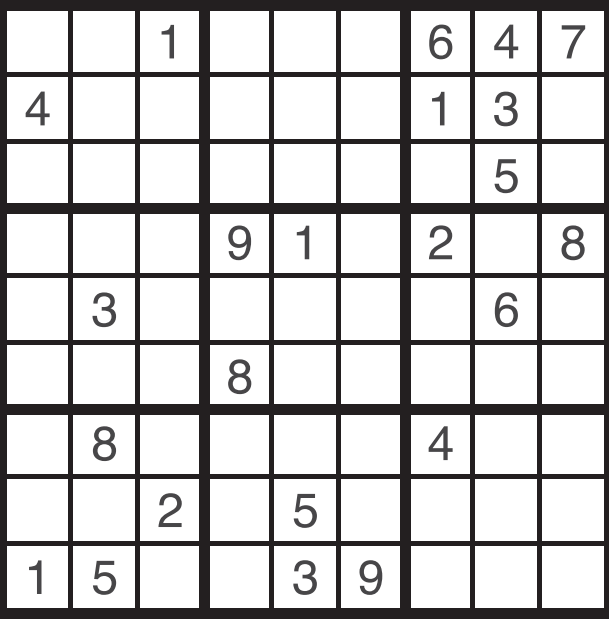
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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BERM	DOLPHIN	SHARK	TIDES
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WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:
What country gained its independence from the United States on July 4th, 1946? Answer: The Philippines.
The 50-star United States flag was officially raised for the first time on July 4th of what year? Answer: 1960.

This week's trivia questions:
In 1984, which former member of The Eagles had a hit song with "The Boys of Summer"?
In 1985, what singer had a hit song with "Summer of '69"?

July 9 is National Sugar Cookie Day, and Fashion Day; July 10 is National Kitten Day, and Pick Blueberries Day; July 11 is National Swimming Pool Day, and World Kebab Day; July 12 is National French Fry Day; July 13 is Barn Day; July 14 is National Mac and Cheese Day; July 15 is National Gummi Worm Day.

July is National Blueberry Month, National Picnic Month, National Grilling Month, National Ice Cream Month, National Family Reunion Month, Family Golf Month, National Parks and Recreation Month, National Hot Dog Month, World Watercolor Month, National Peach Month, National Culinary Arts Month, and National Baked Beans Month.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands."

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus."

"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

Jeff Foxworthy jokes about Iowa:
"You know you live in Iowa -

"If your local Dairy Queen is closed from September through May."
"If someone in a Home Depot store offers you assistance and they don't even work there."
"If you've worn shorts and a parka at the same time."
"If you've had a lengthy telephone conversation with someone who dialed a wrong number."
"If 'Vacation' means going anywhere south of DES MOINES for the weekend."
"If you measure distance in squares of farmland."
"If you have gone from 'heat' to 'A/C' in the same day and back again."
"If you install security lights on your house and garage, but leave both unlocked."
"If you carry jumper cables in your car and your wife knows how to use them."
"If you design your kids' Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit."
"If you have more hours on your lawn mower, and snow blower than miles on your car."

More than half of all pigs in the world are kept by farmers in China. There are approximately 430 million pigs in China, compared to the United States with around 75 million pigs.

Polar bears have jet black skin under their white fur coats. It helps them absorb heat to keep warm, while the white fur helps provide camouflage in the snowy and icy environment they live in.

What's Cookin' this week?

Make it a 'berry' good day for cobbler

Blueberry Lemon Cornmeal Cobbler Makes 8 to 10 servings

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| 3 tablespoons boiling water | 1/2 cup plain unsweetened almond milk |
| 1 tablespoon ground flaxseed | 2/3 cup all-purpose flour |
| 5 cups fresh blueberries | 1/4 cup fine-ground cornmeal |
| 1/2 cup plus 1/3 cup sugar, divided | 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder |
| 3 tablespoons lemon juice, divided | 1/4 teaspoon salt |
| 2 tablespoons cornstarch | 1/4 cup coconut oil, melted |
| 1 1/2 tbsp finely grated lemon peel, divided | |

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Spray 8-inch square baking pan with nonstick cooking spray. Combine boiling water and flaxseed in small bowl. Let stand until cool.
2. Combine blueberries, 1/3 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, cornstarch, and 1/2 tablespoon lemon peel in large bowl; toss to coat. Spoon into prepared pan.
3. Combine soymilk and remaining 2 tablespoons lemon juice in small bowl; let stand 5 minutes. Combine flour, cornmeal, remaining 1/2 cup sugar, 1 tablespoon lemon peel, baking powder and salt in medium bowl; mix well. Add soymilk mixture, coconut oil and flaxseed mixture; stir until just combined. Drop topping by 2 tablespoons into mounds over blueberry mixture.
4. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until filling is bubbly and topping is golden brown. Let stand 30 minutes before serving.

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Births

Angelo Romeo Castorena was born on June 24, 2025, to Jozalyn Castorena of Radcliffe.

Alitzel Itzamary Martinez-Lopez was born on June 24, 2025, to Yamilex and Eliseo Martinez Lopez of Eagle Grove.

Wrenley Jane Smith was born on June 25, 2025, to Kayla and Matthew Smith of Forest City.

Cade Gerald Nelson was born on June 25, 2025, to Emily and Dalton Nelson of Garner.

Sullivan Thomas Ressler was born on June 26, 2025, to Brittany and Joshua Ressler of Mason City.

Elijah Cruz Perea was born on June 27, 2025, to Madison Perea and Cruz Perea Castellanos of Webster City.

Shawn Roger Little was born on June 27, 2025, to Lani and Clayton Little of Forest City.

Halle Rae Mulholland was born on June 28, 2025, to MaKayla and Lynn Mulholland of Duncombe.

Hayes Michael Hanson was born on June 28, 2025, to Bethany and Todd Hanson of Lake Mills.

Jade Victoria Rivera Gonzalez was born on June 29, 2025, to Andrea Pixtun Gonzalez of Eagle Grove.

Zoey Kaylani Rodriguez Suyo was born on June 29, 2025, to Nayeli Suyo of Webster City.

Ailany Ramirez Mendoza was born on June 30, 2025, to Martha Mendoza Camacho and Luis Ramirez Nuno of Webster City.

Alberto Salazar Ramon III was born on June 30, 2025, to Kaitlin Yezek of Mason City.

Deaths

Cynthia Lea Riley (Amonson) of Clarion was born on March 10, 1954, and died on June 8, 2025, at the age of 71.

Thomas Klaver of Clarion was born on April 12, 1971, and died on June 24, 2025, at the age of 54.

Cheryl Lee Tomke of Clarion was born on June 17, 1949, and died on June 25, 2025, at the age of 76.

Mary Louise Holley (Kunkel) of Clarion was born on September 12, 1930, and died on June 28, 2025, at the age of 94.

Marriages

Connor McElderry, 29, of Belmond, was wed to Paige Watne, 27, of Belmond on June 21, 2025.

Allen Loux, 53, of Dows, was wed to Lisa Leanhard, 57, of Dows on June 21, 2025.

Jeremy Dodge, 34, of Goldfield, was wed to

Chloe Johnson, 25, of Goldfield on June 28, 2025.

Dyan McCombs, 25, of Clarion, was wed to Paeten Schultz, 26, of Clarion on June 28, 2025.

Property Transfers

Quit Claim Deed-Land Deed: Bojack Sandra L to Bojack Kristin, Hermann Blair - 36-91-23 NE tract in lot 24 NE 1/4, Bojack 6/23/2025 000021464004779165; 25-10074.

Others-Town Lot Deeds: Wirtz Kimberly E Executor, Wirtz Audrey D, Wirtz Audrey D Estate to Carrieland Inc - Rowan Bailey's Addn Lot 1, Rowan Bailey's Addn Lot 2 N 1/2, Rowan Bailey's Addn Lot 9 E 102', Rowan Bailey's Addn Lot 10 Exc W 30.8' of S 28.51 Court Officer Deed; 25-1079.

Warranty Deed-Land Deeds: Norris Jerry M, Norris Janice M to Jacobsen Brian W, Jacobsen Lori A - 16-90-23 NE Parcel B in SE 1/4, 16-90-23 SE Parcel B in NE 1/4; 25-1080.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Kuester Joann B to Sorensen Tatin Jo - BELM Railroad Addn Blk 10 Lot 6; 25-1085.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Berneman Chanse B, Berneman Shayne F to JW Rental Properties LLC- BELM Morse Brother's Addn Blk 12 Lot 2 N 1/2, BELM Bartholomew's Addn Blk 3 Lot 4 E 28, Berneman to JW Rental Properties 000022861004783943; 25-1089.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Sadler Larry D, Sadler Marilyn A to Chamberlin Joseph P, Chamberlin Kayleen A- EG Fitzmaurice's First Addn Blk 2 Lot 3 W 15', EG Fitzmaurice's First Addn Blk 2 Lot 4, EG Fitzmaurice's First Addn Blk 2 Lot 5 E 1/2; 25-1092.

Others-Land Deeds: Staudt Elizabeth A to Staudt Elizabeth A Trustee, Staudt Elizabeth A Trust, Elizabeth A Staudt Trust - 16-92-24 NE Lot 6 Wilson Sub Gov Lot 1 & 2, Staudt to Staudt Trust Wright 000011532004784935 Cont Assign, Related Documents: 25-1054 01-004 Contracts-Land Deeds; 25-1093.

Warranty Deed-Land Deeds: Mogle John W Trustee, Mogle Virginia M Iowa Realty Trust, Virginia M Mogle Iowa Realty Trust to Mogle John W, Burdick Susan M - 35-91-23 SE E 1/2, Mogle1 000016170004784293; 25-1094.

Quit Claim Deed-Land Deed: Mogle John

W, Mogle Kristine K to Mogle John W Trustee, Mogle Kristine K Trustee, Mogle Living Trust, Mogle Living Trust- 35-91-23 SE E 1/2, Mogle1 000016170004784300; 25-1095.

Warranty Dred-Town Lot: Zigrang Robert J, Zigrang Lisa M to Ballard Wanda Louise - EG Scott's Highland Park Addn Blk 5 Lot 6 E 63' and W 8' & W 8' Alley, EG Scott's Highland Park Addn Blk 5 Lot 5 E 63' & W 8' Alley, Zigrang Robert 000013261004787435; 25-1100.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Coyle Jerad L, Coyle Heather to Panti Martin Santos Leandro, Martin Panti Santos Leandro - BELM Barry's Addn Blk 2 Lot 6; 25-1106.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Stephens Dennis H to Jakama Holdings LLC - Gold Orig Addn Blk 26 Lot 7 Cetner 1/3. Stephens to Jakama Holdings, LLC 000022861004788065, Related Documents: 24-1564 02-004 Contracts-Town Lot; 25-1111.

Quit Claim Deed-Land Deed: Highnam Diane to Knutson Joan - 10-90-26 SW Tract; 25-1113.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Radechel Scott C, Radechel Kristin L to Reyna Diaz Arturo, Diaz Reyna Arturo, Salazar Ruiz Mayra L, Ruiz Salazar Mayra L - Gold Orig Addn Blk 28 Lot 7, Gold Orig Addn Blk 28 Lot 8; 25-1114.

Affidavit Transfer: Middleton Diane G to Middleton James H, Middleton James H Life Estate, Middleton Troy J, Middleton Diane G Life Estate, Middleton Diane G - 34-91-26 NW Part of S 1/2, 34-91-26 SW Part of N 1/2, 29-91-26 SW Part of SE 1/4, 29-91-26 SE S 1/2 S of C 54, 32-91-26 NE NW 1/4, EG Broadway Addn Blk 6 Lot 4, EG Broadway Addn Blk 6 Lot 5, Middleton, Diane G 000013261004783817 Terminating Life Estate; 25-1086.

Affidavit Transfer: Simonson Eric R to Burt Mary Louise, Allen Austin L, Allen Haleigh M - 6-91-23 NE Parcel B, Aff in Support of Real Estate Contract Forfeiture, Related Documents: 24-1396 01-004 Contracts-Land Deeds; 25-1091.

Affidavit Transfer: Logue Paula R to Lein Jean M, Lein Wayne E, Lein Jean M Life Estate, Lein Wayne E Life Estate, Mouw Janine M, Logue Paula R - 1-91-24 SW N 1/2; 25-1096.

Eagle Grove Police Report

June 26

11:19 AM: Return call requested.

12:20 PM: Return call requested.

12:35 PM: Nuisance issue in the 800 block of N. Montgomery.

3:57 PM: Caller claiming his landlord moved his belongings out and locked him out, in the 800 block of N. Montgomery.

4:53 PM: Domestic dispute in the 500 block of N. Lincoln Ave.

6:41 PM: Harassment reported in the 600 block of E. Broadway St.

8:46 PM: Return call requested.

9:12 PM: Civil standby in the 600 block of SE 5th St.

11:20 PM: Suspicious activity at Rotary Senior Living, S Building.

11:47 PM: Traffic stop near Daybreak North of Eagle Grove.

June 27

8:11 AM: Traffic stop in the 600 block of W. Broadway.

9:18 AM: Return call requested.

9:56 AM: Return call requested from Vincent.

10:19 AM: Civil matter in Eagle Grove.

1:45 PM: Return call requested at EGPD.

6:44 PM: Traffic stop in the 600 block of E. Broadway.

6:36 PM: Return call requested in Eagle Grove.

7:05 PM: Suspicious person at Hewetts Park.

8:40 PM: Concerned citizen report in the 400 block of S. Iowa St.

10:24 PM: Suspicious activity at Fareway, involving someone going through a dumpster.

June 28

9:08 AM: Dog running in traffic near Subway.

9:46 AM: Skittish small brown and white dog running in yard, in the 500 block of N. Lincoln Ave.

10:55 AM: Report of a robbery where a dog and other items were taken, in the 100 block of N. Cadwell Ave.

12:20 PM: Complaint that an unrelated upstairs neighbor is trying to be added to car insurance, on Montgomery.

12:57 PM: Minor accident with no injuries at Bomgaars parking lot.

1:18 PM: Return call requested in Fort Dodge regarding an estranged husband trying to enter an apartment.

1:27 PM: Return call requested in Eagle Grove regarding a found billfold.

4:52 PM: Unknown problem at PD Station.

5:21 PM: Parental assistance requested in Eagle Grove regarding a teen

daughter staying at ex-husband's residence.

7:13 PM: Complaint of a neighbor dispute involving teasing a child, in the 800 block of N. Montgomery.

10:29 PM: Complaint in the 100 block of N. Lucas Ave.

11:17 PM: Traffic stop at the corner of NE 2nd St. and N. Montgomery.

June 29

1:39 AM: Burglary in the 100 block of S. Park.

2:30 AM: Parking violation in the N. Lucas Ave.

2:49 AM: Parking violation in the 300 block of W. Broadway.

4:24 AM: Parking violation in S. Iowa Ave.

4:26 AM: Parking violation in S. Iowa Ave.

10:22 AM: Return call requested in the 1000 block of W. Broadway regarding problems with a tenant.

3:27 PM: Complaint of a subject with a warrant at First State Bank.

4:30 PM: Return call requested in Eagle Grove regarding vehicle use during a move.

5:03 PM: Domestic dispute in the 500 block of E. Broadway, requesting civil standby.

9:44 PM: Traffic stop at Commercial/Broadway.

10:44 PM: Parking violation in E. Broadway St.

11:21 PM: Traffic stop at NE 2nd/Montgomery.

June 30

2:09 AM: Parking violation in the 100 block of N. Lucas.

9:21 AM: Complaint about lawn maintenance in the 600 block of N. Wright.

10:58 AM: Small dog running loose in the 300 block of NE 5th St.

2:06 PM: Selling tobacco to minor in Clarion.

2:08 PM: Officer originated case in Clarion.

3:03 PM: Parking violation in the 200 block of W. Broadway.

5:18 PM: Information received about a confused woman in a nightgown near Family Table.

6:18 PM: Hit and run in the 600 block of NW 2nd St.

6:43 PM: Traffic stop at Lincoln & NW 6th.

7:08 PM: Return call requested in the 800 block of N. Eagle Ave. regarding an ex-boyfriend waving guns in Fort Dodge.

8:37 PM: Lost wallet dropped off at PD.

9:32 PM: Civil matter in the 200 block of N. Iowa Ave.

9:45 PM: Return call requested in the 600 block of N. Jefferson St., Goldfield.

July 1

12:28 AM: Parking violation in S. Commercial Ave.

7:41 AM: Traffic stop in

the 1300 block of Hwy 3, Goldfield.

7:57 AM: Nuisance issue in the 800 block of N. Montgomery.

8:36 AM: Traffic stop on Hwy 17 N of Airport.

10:15 AM: Animal complaint about a sick fox in the 1200 block of W. Broadway St.

11:30 AM: Met complainant at EGPD with documentation.

1:00 PM: Accident report needed from 6-17-25.

2:27 PM: Information in the 200 block of W. Broadway.

3:29 PM: Animal complaint about a sick coyote on the football field, moving to NW 4th St.

4:27 PM: Traffic stop in the 600 block of W. Broadway.

8:59 PM: Complaint in the 700 block of NE 4th St.

9:49 PM: Traffic stop at Caseys parking lot.

July 2

1:18 AM: Parking violation in the 100 block of NE 6th St.

1:44 AM: Parking violation in the 100 block of NE 6th St.

2:16 AM: Parking violation in E. Broadway St.

2:17 AM: Parking violation in E. Broadway St.

2:18 AM: Parking violation in E. Broadway St.

2:19 AM: Parking violation in E. Broadway St.

2:20 AM: Parking violation in E. Broadway St.

8:26 AM: Return call requested in the 600 block of NE 4th St.

10:41 AM: Return call requested in the 400 block of W. Mill St., Goldfield.

1:08 PM: Violation of protective order in the 600 block of NE 4th St.

3:26 PM: Complaint about a person smoking on school property at the baseball field.

4:15 PM: Return call requested in the 800 block of N. Montgomery #33 regarding a DHS case.

4:22 PM: Vandalism report requested in the 300 block of NE 4th St.

5:17 PM: Return call requested in the 200 block of S. Lincoln Ave. regarding property return from an ex-boyfriend.

6:48 PM: Return call requested in Goldfield regarding her mother.

8:48 PM: Assistance requested in the 100 block of S. Water St., Goldfield, to help get a dog.

8:59 PM: Assistance in the 100 block of S. Water St., Goldfield.

10:12 PM: Traffic stop at Hewett/W. Broadway.

11:09 PM: Domestic dispute with screaming and yelling in the 500 block of NW 3rd St.

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City of Eagle Grove • Public Hearing Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Eagle Grove will be holding a Public Hearing to review an application for a State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan and to make available to the public the contents of an environmental information document and the City's project plan. These documents include design and environmental information related to the proposed improvements to the City's sanitary sewer collection system.

The proposed project includes the replacement of the Highway 17 lift station with a new submersible lift station and various collection system improvements. This will include: demolition of the existing lift station, installation of new lift station structure, pumps, electrical and controls, valves, piping, and backup generator; and all necessary connections and appurtenances. Included in the proposed project is a force main from the lift station to a discharge manhole on Commercial Ave. Collection system improvements to address inflow and infiltration include cleaning and televising, lateral repairs, grouting, chimney seals, lining or replacing areas of existing collection system piping, replacing or lining existing manholes, and raising the rim elevation of manholes where necessary.

The purpose of this Public Hearing is to inform area residents of the community of Eagle Grove of this proposed action, discuss the actual cost and user fees associated with this project, and to address citizen's concerns, if any, with the plan.

The Public Hearing location and time are as follows:
August 13, 2025 at 7:00 a.m.
Council Chambers
210 E. Broadway
Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533

All interested persons are encouraged to attend this hearing. Written comments on this proposal may also be submitted prior to the hearing. Questions regarding this hearing or the availability of documentation may be directed to the Project Contact at (515) 448-4343. Additionally, public comments can be sent to SRF-PC@dnr.iowa.gov.

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Wright County Board of Supervisors • June 23, 2025

June 23, 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 Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux, and Ellis.
Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.
Minutes of the previous regular meeting of June 16, 2025 were read and approved.
Approved claims for payment.
Jay LeFevre with First Gabrielson Agency and members of the Insurance Committee met with the Board to give an annual review of the ICAP and IMWCA insurance renewal. Rates have had an increase due to claims pressure. The overall property coverage increased from \$41.4 million to \$53.1 million, and the insurance committee recommended changing the deductibles to \$5,000 on buildings and \$1,000 on equipment. The insurance committee has requested ICAP to complete a reinspection of the Courthouse to provide an updated replacement cost.
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to accept the ICAP Property and casualty renewal for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026. Motion carries.
Andy Yackle, Buildings and Grounds Director, discussed transferring \$100,000 from General Basic to Capital Projects. These funds will be used to complete remodeling projects such as the west side of the Courthouse, new employee entrance, and Records Office remodel. Ellis asked this be placed on the agenda for June 30th with a resolution.
Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to approve the certified salaries for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026 with the three corrections for Secondary Roads department for the July 1st wage. Motion carries.
Motion by Ellis and seconded by Loux to approve Resolution 2025-24 to appropriate money for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Resolution 2025-24 duly passes and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION 2025-24
RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR FY 2025 – 2026
WHEREAS, on April 30, 2025 the Wright County Board of Supervisors did adopt the County Budget for FY 2025-2026; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors shall appropriate the amounts deemed necessary for each of the county officers and departments during the ensuing fiscal year, as provided by Section 331.434(6) of the Code of Iowa.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wright County Board of Supervisors that the following amounts are hereby appropriated to the various county offices and departments for FY 2025-2026.

Description	GENERAL BASIC	GENERAL SUPPLEMNTL	OTHER	RURAL SERVICES FUND	SECONDARY ROADS FUND	OTHER	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJ.	Budget 2025/2026
01 Board of Supervisors	1,023,523	357,561	228,450	2,734,985					4,344,519
02 Auditor	251,019	252,259							503,278
03 Treasurer	402,587	152,544							555,131
04 County Attorney	297,015	112,148							409,163
05 Sheriff	593,271	605,499	13,300	1,012,105					2,224,175
06 Clerk of Court	100								100
07 Recorder	235,084	61,048				21,500			317,632
08 Jail	981,004	303,593	42,000						1,326,597
09 Drainage						59,827			59,827
11 Emergency Medical Service						786,652			786,652
12 Planning & Zoning	20,746								20,746
16 Law Enforcement Enhancement						5,500			5,500
19 Sanitarian	137,750	48,034							185,784
20 County Engineer					8,588,512				8,588,512
21 Veterans Affairs	115,370	34,790							150,160
22 Conservation Board	873,000	158,690	419,500						1,451,190
23 Health Board - Nurses			775,470			25,500			800,970
24 General Relief	25,931	4,640							30,571
25 Human Services	5,800								5,800
26 Substance Abuse		10,800							10,800
30 Treas-Drivers Licenses	58,076	33,107							91,183
31 District Court	22,000	21,000							43,000
38 Wr Co Development Comm	185,034	38,340	11,200			50,500			285,074
39 Wr Co Development Comm						100,400			100,400
40 Tourism/Hist Pres			3,300						3,300
51 General Services	560,864	101,585							662,449
52 Data Processing	379,989	40,201							420,190
61 Communications		251,000	623,200						874,200
99 Nondepartmental							2,044,190	91,142	2,135,332
Report Total	6,168,163	2,586,839	2,116,420	3,747,090	8,588,512	1,049,879	2,044,190	91,142	26,392,235

Passed and approved on this 23rd day of June, 2025.

Kathy Erickson, Mental Health Advocate for Humboldt, Pocahontas, Webster and Wright Counties, presented the 28E Agreement for Mental Health Advocate Services provided in the said Counties. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to approve the 28E Agreement for Mental Health Advocate Services provided to Humboldt, Pocahontas, Webster and Wright Counties. Motion carries.
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to approve Resolution 2025-25 for interfund operating transfers for Fiscal Year 2025 – 2026. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Resolution 2025-25 duly passes and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION #2025-25
RESOLUTION FOR INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS
WHEREAS, according to Section 331.432 of the Code of Iowa, the Board of Supervisors shall authorize inter-fund transfers.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wright County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor be authorized to make transfer of funds during the 2025-2026 budget year, not to exceed the following amounts:

From	To	Amount
Rural Basic	Secondary Roads	\$ 2,422,435
General Basic	Public Health Basic	\$ 100,000
General Supplemental	Public Health Supp.	\$ 225,000

Passed and approved on this 23rd day of June, 2025.

Appoint Supervisor Ellis and Supervisor Bosch to count cash on Tuesday, July 1st at 8:00 a.m. for Fiscal Year End 2024 – 2025.
Adam Clemmons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on the Secondary Roads department.
In Old Business, the Board discussed the response that was received from the Department of Management and the County Attorney regarding the warning system at Lake Cornelia. The Iowa Code 359.42 states that the township emergency warning system budget can only be used for population over 300,000 of the said County. Steven Been with the Lake Cornelia Improvement Association does not want to pay for any repairs or new system when the time may come. There are grants that can be applied for by the Lake Cornelia Improvement Association through Charitable Foundation and Ellis asked Emergency Management to keep an eye on grants that the Association could apply for.
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Loux to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.
Rick Rasmussen, Chairman Wright County Board of Supervisors

Amanda Meyer, Wright County Auditor

SPORTS



Purple and Gold Drub Bison, 8-2

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Eagle Grove baseball ended their regular season with an 8-2 triumph over North Iowa last Wednesday night in Greenwood Park.

Before the action began, seven senior boys were accompanied by family and recognized for their contributions to the program. After they threw ceremonial pitches to their parents, the game was underway.

The scoring started in the bottom of the 2nd, when Adrian Whipple cracked a single to center and stole 2nd with ease. Hayden Schafer hit a ball between North Iowa's third baseman's legs, and Whipple later scored on a passed ball. Next, Trenton Robinson hit an RBI double to make it, 2-0, Eagle Grove. Courtesy runner and speed demon Josh Miller reached home on a passed ball. Jaxon Morris drew a walk, and Sy Willard's bunt hit home to extend the lead to 4-0.

Pitcher Gavin Pedersen kept the Bison scoreless in the top of the 3rd, and Brett Ascherl led off the bottom half of the inning with a single. He stole 2nd, and advanced to 3rd on a Jesús Baez ground-out. Ascherl scored on a wild pitch, and Eagle Grove led 5-0.

North Iowa returned fire with two runs in the top of the 4th, and with Pedersen at his pitch count limit, Coach Miller opted to bring Trenton Robinson to the mound. T-Rob ended the frame with a strikeout.

Robinson walked a man in the top of the 5th, but immediately picked him off at 1st. He later struck out a batter, and North Iowa popped out to bring Eagle Grove back to the plate.

In the bottom of the 5th, Leelan Spencer blasted a double and celebrated in style. After stealing third, he was brought home by Ascherl to make it, 6-2, EG.

Willard hit a two-run single to put the game out of reach in the bottom of the 6th. Eagle Grove's defense did their jobs in the top of the 7th, and Ascherl's diving catch at third base sent the crowd into a frenzy.

Willard hit 3-for-4 with three RBIs and two stolen bases. Morris stole two bases and scored a run, and Robinson went 2-for-2 at the plate with an RBI.

Pedersen was Eagle Grove's winning pitcher. He struck out four, walked two, and allowed three hits.

Eagle Grove improved to 6-15 after the win.



Season Ends for Eagle Grove Baseball

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On Saturday, the Eagle Grove baseball team played at Clarion-Goldfield-Dows High School in the first round of Class 2A, Substate 7 play.

The game was initially scheduled to take place at a neutral venue in Garner, but adverse weather conditions prevented this.

The Eagles finished their regular season with an 8-2 victory over North Iowa and came into the contest with a record of 6-15.

It was a three up, three down first inning for starting pitcher Jaxon Morris. Both teams were primed to score in the early innings, but the game remained tied 0-0 until the 4th inning.

Jesus Baez drew a walk to lead off the top of the 4th and quickly stole second base. Courtesy runner Dylan Beck was brought in for Baez and advanced to third on an Adrian Whipple ground out.

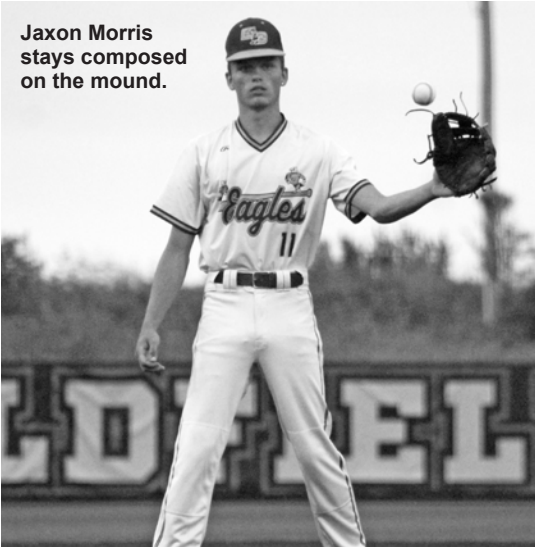
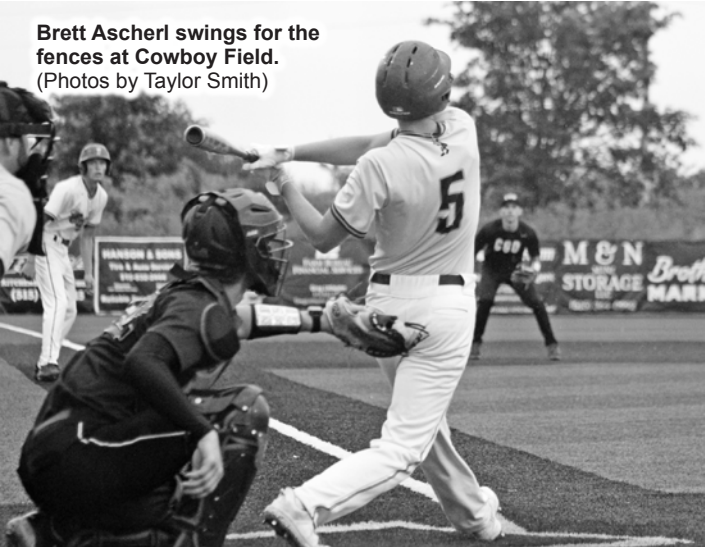
From there, Beck scored a run after a CGD infielder sent the ball flying over his catcher's head. Trenton Robinson had an RBI in the inning, and the Eagles led, 2-0.

Unfortunately, the Cowboys were just getting started. Their potent offense came up with eight runs in the bottom of the 4th and the red and black led, 8-2.

The 5th inning remained scoreless for both teams. However, the Eagles loaded the bases in the 6th inning after Hayden Schafer singled, and Gavin Pedersen and Robinson both drew walks. With a full count, center fielder Sy Willard hit a two-run single, making the score 8-4 in favor of the Cowboys.

CGD secured three additional runs in the bottom of the 6th inning, culminating in an 11-4 victory.

The Eagles finished their season with an overall record of 6-16 and a conference record of 6-10.



Early Offense Propels EG Past Cards

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

After a much-deserved Sunday off, the Eagle Grove softball team opened Week 6 with a resounding 14-4 conference victory over Garner-Hayfield-Ventura (8-13).

Back in front of their home fans, the girls scored an incredible twelve runs in the 1st inning alone. Addy Jeske showed off her power with a GRAND SLAM, and Holly Anderson joined the party with a three-run dinger a few batters later.

Anderson now has three homers on the year and leads the team with 19 RBIs.

Brenna Grandgeorge went 2-for-2 with a single, a double, and an RBI.

Mya Morgan hit 1-for-1 with an RBI and struck out five batters in four innings of work.

Crystal Flores improved her batting average to .404 after going 2-for-2 with a single and double.



(Photos from Eagle Grove Eagles Softball/Facebook)



Dirt Divas Dominate

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The Dirt Divas wrapped up their season in Ankeny on Saturday, June 28th and Sunday, June 29th. They defeated two teams from Nebraska, tied a team from Illinois, and won against Indianola, Charles City, and Waukee squads on their way to a CIS Tournament of Champions 12C Gold Bracket title. The team is made up of girls from Eagle Grove and Clarion.



Front row (L to R): Kinlee Nail, Morgan Whipple – Back row (L to R): Bentlee Olson, Vanessa Ruiz, London Parrott, Alivia Kirstein, Kiyah Collins, Piper Lalor, Kendyl Langfitt, Emery Staples, Eva Hogle – Coaches: Jenna Whipple, Dr. Aaron Parrott (Photo provided by Dr. Aaron Parrott)

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SPORTS



The Eagle Grove baseball team poured Gatorade on Coach Jordan Miller to help him celebrate win #100. (Screenshot from Eagle Grove Baseball/Facebook)

Coach Miller Tallies Win #100

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Coach Jordan Miller, who has been with Eagle Grove baseball since 2014, recently hit triple digits in the win column!

“I will always know that the coach doesn’t win the games, the players do,” Coach Miller told *The Eagle* in a recent interview.

Eagle Grove’s 3-2 victory over Garner-Hayfield-Ventura on Monday night gave Miller win #100. After the game, he had a long list of thank-yous for all those that helped make it possible.

“I would be crazy not to thank the people that showed me the way,” Miller said. “Coach Matt Elsbecker, Coach Bruce Rholl, Coach Ryan Lynn, Coach Ryan Kragh and Coach Linc Morgan have been instrumental in what I believe our program needs to look like. Some of these gentlemen were huge pts in laying the foundation of something special. At the end of the day it is all about relationships and treating your players like family. We may not always see eye-to-eye, but we all truly want what’s best for our program. Also, a big thank you to Eagle Grove and the community full of supporters. Being from Fort Dodge, I remember playing the Eagles from 2002-2004. The community gets behind the kids and that’s special. Seeing the amount of fans each night that come out truly makes me proud to coach for the Eagles.”

Last, but certainly not least, Coach Miller took his time to thank a few more special individuals.

“I have to thank Mr. Toliver for giving me the chance to lead the baseball program,” he added. “Finally, I have to thank my family. My wife Kelly takes on a lot during the season and we have both sides of our family that step up and help with our two little ones. Dad feels guilty missing out on the summers sometimes, but seeing my kids at the Senior Night game and seeing my son in full uniform like his daddy makes it all worth it!”

Softball Team Enjoys Senior Night W

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

A day after a 5-2 loss to 20-5 North Union, the Eagle Grove softball team returned home for Senior Night and a matchup against the North Iowa Bison.

In the last conference game of her high school career, senior Addy Jeske led off with a single and scored after a wild throw from North Iowa’s catcher reached the outfield. The Eagles put up two more runs in the top of the 1st to push their lead to 3-0.

The purple and gold would score five more runs in the bottom of the 4th. Myka Anderson led off with a single past the third baseman’s glove, and Chloe Schultz patiently drew a walk. A Salem Willard bunt advanced Eagle Grove’s runners, and a Jeske single made it 4-0. Crystal Flores and Holly Anderson both hit two-run singles to put the game out of reach.

Senior Emilee Snider went 1-for-1 with a single and reached first after absorbing a North Iowa pitch. Addy Jeske hit 2-for-3 with an RBI and a stolen base, and Crystal Flores finished a perfect 3-for-3. Holly Anderson was 2-for-3 with two doubles and four RBIs in the win.

Winning hurler Mya Morgan pitched all five innings, striking out four and allowing just one hit in the shutout.



Crystal Flores. (Photo by Taylor Smith)

Seniors Get Their Flowers



Josh Miller and family. (Photos by Taylor Smith)



Addyson Jeske and family.



Josue Maldonado and family.



Dylan Beck and family.



Emilee Snider and family.



Jaxon Morris and family.



Jesus Baez and family.



Brett Ascherl and family.



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