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# Q&A With District 2 Supervisor Candidates

By Amanda Rink  
Mid-America Publishing

There's a primary election on in the race for the District 2 Supervisor's seat. The seat is currently held by long-serving incumbent Karl Helgevold, who was also elected President of the Wright County Board of Supervisors this year. Helgevold faces a challenge from former Rowan City Council member Ashley Bosch.

I posed a series of questions to each candidate. These were their responses:

**Karl Helgevold (incumbent)**

Why are you running for Wright County Board of Supervisors? What is the one change you hope to bring about in Wright County?

My first goal would be to

foster additional business growth for the continued improvement of our economy. The supporting business and service industry development expected in Wright County should be ushered in with an organized plan for development. Through preparation, we can work to avoid some of the chaos that growth can bring – making it an ongoing positive occurrence.

Second, our county services must be supported and improved where necessary. As our county grows, so must our capabilities. It is important that we maintain fiscal responsibilities while improving our capabilities through technological advancement and intelligent management of all available resources.

Finally, Wright County

is a great place to live and raise a family. I believe it is incumbent on our leaders to not only maintain our quality of life but to diligently work to improve it. That is what I have been doing and what will be a primary goal in all of my decisions moving forward

**How do you plan to approach budgetary decisions as a county supervisor, balancing fiscal responsibility while meeting the needs of various county departments and programs?**

Sound fact-based budgeting is key to the financial success and stability of a county. Being able to discern from needs and wants is key. The job of a supervisor is to develop and manage a budget so the day-to-day needs

of the county citizens are met, as well as maintaining our current buildings, infrastructure, and planning for the future. Maintaining our current equipment and putting those items on a rotation for replacement also keeps consistency in budgeting. Meeting with each department head and reviewing their individual budget is critical to the process of formulating a county budget. Large swings in levy rates year to year are not good budgeting, consistency is the key. I am proud to say we have kept our levy rates the same for the past 3 years.

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District 2 Supervisor hopeful Ashley Bosch shared this quote from fellow politician Ronald Reagan, "There are no easy answers, but there are simple answers. We must have the courage to do what we know is morally right." Bosch can be contacted through phone at 712-541-8195, and email at [dabosch103@gmail.com](mailto:dabosch103@gmail.com). (Photo: Elinia Bosch)



Supervisor Karl Helgevold shares his favorite quote from politician John Quincy Adams, "Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish." You can reach Helgevold at; 515-851-1344, [khelgevold@wrightco.iowa.gov](mailto:khelgevold@wrightco.iowa.gov), Facebook and online at [karlhelgevold.com](http://karlhelgevold.com). (Photo: Karl Helgevold)

# Eagle Grove Goes Nuts for Scout Donuts!

by Edward Lynn  
Editor

Eagle Grove has a strong tradition of scouting which continues today, stronger than ever, as our scout troops (for boys, and for girls) carry-on a record of achievement that is, quite frankly, pretty much unheard of everywhere else. And, while Scoutmaster Rick Dawson of the boys troop is quick to give all the credit to his fellow Scoutmaster of the girls troop, Craig Voss, there's another factor that plays into their success, and it's the same factor that plays into anyone's success, at anything: money.

For years now the Eagle Grove troops have been funding their educational, character building adventures that have turned several local teens into Eagle Scouts – an achievement that tends to lead to more opportunities in life – primarily with recycling used beverage containers. But now the city has new recycle carts that hold a lot, and deposit recyclables are allowed.

And that's driven donations of empty aluminum cans and glass bottles, "way down," according to Dawson, "way, way down." Sure, Dawson noted, anyone throwing their deposit recycling into the recycle bin are basically throwing that money away, "but sometimes people are lazy," or just in a hurry, he said. "Those bins are going to hurt us," he concluded, that is, unless the city were to ban putting deposit recyclables in them.

It comes at a bad time for the scouts. A generation of the older scouts who've been with the troops for years are growing up, which has led to a stunning series of Eagle Scouts coming out of the Eagle Grove troops over the past few years. And that had begun to hollow out the ranks of the local scouts, until several newer, younger scouts came aboard just recently.

For these new scouts the goal remains the same, so far as Dawson and Voss are concerned: to

shepherd them through the experiences and ranks of scouting and towards a better future with more opportunity and more personal skills, just as they've done with so many scouts so far. And the question was, how to pay for it. Especially with their recycling drive drying up.

Enter the Eagle Grove Sports Boosters, who came to the rescue by selling the scout troop their under-used donut fryer, which makes mini-donuts fresh, while you wait. When it came to a solution to the scouts' fundraising problem, Dawson explained, this was a delicious one! Just the thing to help the new scouts fund their scouting journeys, while learning new skills and learning to be responsible.

New scouts like twelve year old Emily Hovland and her sister, eleven year old Annamae Hovland, who were staffing the donut stand on Saturday, as it was set up in the parking lot of Johnson Law Firm, which gave them use of the space and donated the utility hookups for the event, and even gave 10% off coupons to their

other family business, The Boone River Coffee Company, just down the street. Creating what Dawson joked was, "the world's longest drive-through" between picking up your donuts, and then getting your coffee – with drive-through service available for both.

The young sisters were working right beside Wright County's first female Eagle Scout, Renee Withers, who is the second Eagle Scout in her family after her older brother Dwayne, and whose younger sister Anna, who was also staffing the stand, and younger brother Eli are both closing in on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout too. Undoubtedly, their parents have the same high hopes for the Hovland sisters, as Dawson and Voss certainly do.

For themselves, the sisters said they're looking forward to camping, and horseback riding, among the many experiences that scouting will afford them. But

Dawson knows how hard it is to achieve some of those goals. "You're killing me," he laughed at the mention of horseback riding, "do you know how hard it is to find a Merit Badge counselor for that?" To Renee he asked, "what did it take, five years, to find you a counselor for that badge?" Withers agreed, but pointed out that now she can be the merit badge counselor for the younger scouts.

That's how it is with scouting, time marches on. And challenges march along with it. And as the past gives way to the future, the kids whose futures they're building grow up, and seize their futures. And then they pass the torch, and in Eagle Grove, they tend to pay it forward. Helping the next generation achieve what they've achieved. Which means, it's looking pretty good for the Hovland sisters, and the rest of the new scouts that are joining the Eagle Grove troops.

As for the present, the Hovland sisters aren't alone in enthusiastically liking the scouts' new donuts. The whole town seemed to turn out,

and order big. Running the fryer, Dawson could barely keep up, as the scouts bagged the donuts as fast as he could fry them.

"I guess it's super cool that everybody wants to help," an exhausted Dawson said of the high demand. "You know, I could have picked something (else) to support here in town, of course. But Still everybody came out to help." For which he was gratified. "After the long hours of work and preparations and attention to detail," it was great that they, "saw a lot of great people today. That came out to support the troop."

In the end the scouts raised \$1,049.28, with a little over 2,600 donuts made, of which thirty were donated to a care center. "What an amazing day," Dawson concluded.

The scouts will continue to cook donuts once a month, and are hoping the community will continue to show such strong support for the scouts – and their own sweet teeth. Next time, will be the boys' troop's turn.



The crew working the Scouts donut stand on Saturday (from left to right, back to front): Scoutmaster Rick Dawson, Renee Withers, Rosie Thul, Anna Withers, Adult Leader Deb Withers, and Emily and Annamae Hovland.



Sisters Emily Hovland, age 12, and Annamae Hovland, age 11, are two of the newest scouts in the Eagle Grove troops, and were busy staffing the donut trailer on Saturday.



Demand was strong, coming in surges. Such as when the Youth Mission group at Eagle Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church showed up, and bought fifteen dozen donuts!



Freshly made mini-donuts rolling down the assembly line, before and after being automatically flipped in the middle of the frying cycle. (Photos by Edward Lynn)

# Wright County Charitable Foundation Awards 49 Grants to 2024 Wright County Projects Totaling \$113,429.60

Wright County, IA – The Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) hosted its 2024 Granting Ceremony on Wednesday, April 10th at the Belmont-Klemme High School auditorium. A reception was held in their honor starting at 5 p.m., followed by the awards ceremony at 5:30 p.m. During the event, the foundation

awarded \$113,429.60 to 49 Wright County projects. Since the first granting period in Spring 2006, the Wright County Charitable Foundation has granted \$1,812,226.35 to 767 projects and causes across Wright County.

Prior to the awards ceremony, the WCCF Grant Committee reviews each

grant application. After their deliberations, the grant committee makes their recommendations, with all grants receiving final approval by the full WCCF Board of Directors.

Wright County Economic Development (WCED) administers grants for WCCF, and grant applications can be obtained online during

the active granting cycle at the county's web site: [https://www.wrightcounty.iowa.gov/departments/economic\\_development/charitable\\_foundation.php](https://www.wrightcounty.iowa.gov/departments/economic_development/charitable_foundation.php) or by contacting [wced@wrightco.iowa.gov](mailto:wced@wrightco.iowa.gov).

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Morris, Kevin Cahalan, Adam Vorrie, and Candi Jones

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**Wright County Economic Development:** Darrel Steven Carlyle

See WCCF AWARDS: Pages A10 and A11





Registration Open for 2024 Iowa Farm Bureau Economic Summit

National experts to share insights to manage farm volatility

WEST DES MOINES, Iowa — Registration is open for the 2024 Iowa Farm Bureau Economic Summit: Pressures and Opportunities slated for June 14 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. The summit is designed to provide farmers with information into the key factors impacting today's volatile farm economy, what that means for Iowa agriculture moving forward and how to mitigate economic pressures and leverage opportunities.

Dr. Austan Goolsbee, president and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, headlines the 2024 IFBF Economic Summit with a 'fireside chat' with IFBF President Brent Johnson, providing members valuable insight into the U.S. macro-economy. The summit will



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be Dr. Goolsbee's first public appearance directly following the June Federal Open Market Committee meeting.

"Extreme weather, volatile market swings, geopolitics and international trade all contribute to an uncertain fu-

ture for many Iowa farmers," said Dr. Christopher Pudenz, IFBF economics and research manager. "That's why we're bringing together a wide variety of experts in risk management, banking, trade and emerging markets to shed some light on what market challenges farmers can expect this year and options to help overcome those challenges and continue to thrive."

Participants will also gain insights from Frank Kelly, founder and managing partner of Fulcrum Macro, about world macroeconomics and geopolitics impacting agriculture. Additional sessions include a meat panel featuring a retailer, meat packer and cattle feeder; a panel providing updates on the U.S./Mexico trade situation; and discussion on crafting pre-harvest marketing plans to help navigate challenging grain market conditions. More information about the

agenda and speakers can be found here.

IFBF's Economic Summit: Pressures and Opportunities kicks off with a networking reception for attendees on Thursday, June 13 at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny and continues with presentations and panels on Friday, June 14.

Summit registration, which includes access to the reception on June 13, all presentations and lunch on June 14, is \$40 for Farm Bureau members and \$200 for non-members before May 31. Registration is limited for the Economic Summit, so interested parties are encouraged to secure a spot today. Visit [www.iowafarm-bureau.com](http://www.iowafarm-bureau.com) or contact Stacy Stevens (515-225-5633; [ssstevens@ifbf.org](mailto:ssstevens@ifbf.org)) for more information.

Migrating Finches Provide

Backyard Color

**By Lowell Washburn**

The Iowa outdoors is full of surprises. One of the latest occurred during early April when the state's northern counties were inundated with colorful legions of northbound purple finches.

Purple finches are robust, chunky birds which are most often identified by

the male's rich, wine and raspberry colored plumage. Females, also beautiful, are adorned in a rich combination of tawny and chocolate striping. Like most finches, purple finches are an extremely weather hardy species. Upon leaving their Canadian breeding grounds, most spend the winter

months in the central and southern U.S. In Iowa, purple finches are sporadic visitors to backyard sunflower feeders.

With the approach of spring, finches began to return north. Anxious to claim summer breeding territories, the males are first to migrate. Although it is not unusual to see migrating finches visit Iowa feeders during late March and early April, this year was somewhat unique in that "much larger than usual" numbers were reported. Where I live at Clear Lake, peak migration occurred during the first ten days of April with numbers far exceeding any of those seen during the forty-plus years I've lived at that same location. Others also noted unusually high numbers. Purple finches are aggressive and competitive feeders. Individual feeders rarely held more than six or eight birds while dozens of others waited their turn on the ground or in nearby shrubbery.



Purple finches flock to a backyard feeder



Bright wine and raspberry plumage make the purple finch a welcome visitor to backyard feeders. (Photos courtesy of Lowell Washburn)

Only an occasional straggler or two are still spotted at my backyard feeders. Most purple finches have left the state and are currently winging their way to where they'll nest and raise their young in the cool and shady pine forests of northern Canada.

Enjoy more wildlife tales at Washburn's Outdoor Journal at [iawildlife.org/blog](http://iawildlife.org/blog).

Updated 2024-25 School

Calendar Announced

Following the re-scheduling of a county wide Full PD day by the School Board of the Eagle Grove Community School District, the district has released an updated calendar for the 2024-25 school year. The Full PD day was scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th, which will now have an hour and a half early release for PD. The new Full PD day, on which there will be no school, is now set for October 4th. Since the 4th falls on a Friday, this creates a 3-day weekend for students.

EAGLE GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT									
2024-2025 School Calendar – Board Approved 4/8/24									
Summary of Calendar:				Student Days			180 Days Calendar		
Days in classroom:									
First Semester				89			Aug 5		
Second Semester				91			Aug 13-16		
TOTAL DAYS				180			Aug 19-22		
CALENDAR LEGEND							Aug 23		
Start/End							Aug 28		
Full Day Prof. Dev.							Sept 2		
Quarter Ends (HS)							Sept 4, 11, 18 & 25		
Trimester Ends (EMS)							Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30		
1.5 Hr Early Out PD							Oct 4		
1.5 Hr Early Out							Oct 25		
Holidays							Oct 28		
Vacation							Nov 6, 13 & 20		
P/T Conf.							Nov 15		
HOLIDAYS:							Nov 18		
Labor Day				(9/2)			Nov 25 & 26		
Thanksgiving Day				(11/28)			Nov 27		
Christmas Day				(12/25)			Nov 28		
New Year's Day				(1/1)			Dec 4, 11, & 18		
Martin Luther King Jr. Day				(1/20)			Dec 20		
President's Day				(2/17)			Dec 21		
Easter				(4/20)			Dec 23 & 24		
Memorial Day				(5/26)			Dec 25		
Note: No snow days are built in. All snow days will be added to the end of the school year.							Dec 26-27, 30-31		
In-service days may be classified as Career Development and/or Professional Development, depending on the content of the activities being performed.							Jan 1		
Calendar to include 1 Flex PD Day for Certified Staff							Jan 2		
							Jan 6, 22 & 29		
							Jan 10		
							Jan 13		
							Jan 15		
							Feb 5, 12, 19 & 26		
							Feb 17		
							Feb 25		
							Mar 5, 19 & 26		
							Mar 10 & 11		
							Mar 12		
							Mar 13 & 14		
							Mar 19		
							Mar 20		
							Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30		
							Apr 17		
							Apr 18		
							May 7, 14, 21 & 28		
							May 18		
							May 26		
							May 27		
							May 28		

(Screenshot, Eagle Grove Community Schools/Facebook)

Lions Recognized for 10 Years of Service

At the last Lions Club meeting in March Lions Club District Governor, Tasha Finch (of Applington) visited the Eagle Grove club and provided 3 of the local members with their 10 years of Service to Eagle Grove Lions Club.



From right to left: Tasha Finch (district governor), Becky Wachowiak Fritz, Maureen Thielen and Donna Madson. (Photo provided).

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Coffee with Chris



# School District Audit Shows Four Key Areas for Improvement

## More administrative staff needed to meet federal and state requirements

by Edward Lynn  
Editor

Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates, P.L.C., a certified public accounting firm, has recently conducted an audit of the Eagle Grove Community School District. The audit report has been filed with the Auditor of the State of Iowa, and copies have been submitted to the secretary of the Eagle Grove

Community School District. Financial details revealed by the audit indicate that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, the District's revenues amounted to \$17,059,197, marking a 1.3% decrease from the previous year. Conversely, expenses for District operations during the same period totaled \$14,646,970, reflecting a 7.0% increase com-

pared to the prior year. This rise in expenses, while significant, is due to negotiated salary and benefits increases, according to the report. The auditing firm identified four key findings concerning "the receipt and expenditure of taxpayer funds", as detailed in pages 88 through 96 of the audit report. These "deficiencies" can be thought of as areas

for improvement. The recurring theme in these four key findings is a lack of sufficient administrative staffing to both keep duties segregated, to provide for checks and balances to prevent errors, and to allow for continuing training to keep staff up to date on changing requirements. The auditing firm offered recommendations to address these areas

for improvement, and determined the districts responses, detailing their plans to address each issue, to be acceptable. Notably, three out of the four findings reported in the current audit are recurrent from the preceding year's report. The Eagle Grove Community School District's Board of Education is tasked with a fiduciary

responsibility to oversee the District's operations and financial transactions, a duty defined as the "watchful and responsible care" exercised by a governing body in its fiduciary capacity. Those interested in more information can access a copy of the audit report on the Auditor of State's website at <https://auditor.iowa.gov/audit-reports>.

# County Supervisors Hear Water Pollution Concerns, Discuss Landfill Fire, Appoint Naturalist

by Lee van der Linden

The Wright County Landfill is closed to the public after a recent fire. Board President Karl Helgevold said April 15 that a "hot fire" destroyed an old trailer that was loaded for delivery to Mason City. The new grinder is also shut down until a representative from the company is able to inspect it for damage.

Helgevold also reported that there is no power inside the dumping area. The supervisors approved

sharing a naturalist with Franklin County. There is no one currently in the job in either county. It is hoped that interviews will take place later this month and a new person will be hired by mid-May. Wright County will pay \$50,000 toward the position.

Bob Ritter asked what a naturalist does. It was explained that the naturalist provides educational science programming for school students. Among the programs that have been

offered in the past are cross country skiing, fishing, and maple syruping. When not in the classroom, the naturalist will help conservation staff with jobs such as prairie burning.

In the past, Bruce Voigts, Jan Libbey and Charlie Bray have worked as naturalists in the county.

In another matter, Dennis Mraz talked about field tiling that is going on along 250th Street. Mraz said the owner of the land "knives in" liquid fertiliz-

er on fields that are near a drainage ditch. The field is now being tiled, and Mraz is concerned that excess nitrogen and phosphorus will find its way into rivers and streams, impacting water quality and water recreation.

Supervisor Dean Kluss suggested contacting the Iowa Farm Bureau about his concerns.

Chris Oliver of the Veterans Affairs office reported that the Iowa legislature is allocating extra money to

attend training sessions. Oliver also said she is helping veterans with applying for compensation in the Camp LeJeune toxic water lawsuit. The next veterans coffee is slated for April 26. In other business, the board:

— heard the Planning and Zoning Commission met April 15. The agenda items included updating the comprehensive plan, reviewing the floodplain ordinance recommended by the DNR, and talking about the next

steps for a hazardous pipeline ordinance;

— tabled action on additional for the federal funds from the American Recovery Plan Act. Supervisor Rick Rasmussen said the supervisors will have a work session at the Resource Building on April 29 to discuss remodeling;

— and approved a cigarette permit for Casey's near Dows.

# Iowa PBS Offers High School Mentorship Program

High school students in Iowa can get a unique glimpse into the world of television production and public media while gaining practical and valuable experience in the industry. In order to broaden opportunities for high school students, Iowa PBS is offering a television production mentorship program for summer 2024.

This unpaid mentorship program will give two students the opportunity to learn about and observe all aspects of media journalism including videography, lighting, editing, graphic design, web production and storytelling. Each student will interact directly with Iowa PBS personnel during the process of creating broadcast and online con-

tent and will be challenged to create their own content.

Iowa PBS's 2024 High School Mentorship Program begins June 7 and runs through August 6. Selected students will work with network staff during the production of any number of the following television programs:

- Market to Market
- Iowa Press

- Iowa Life
- Road Trip Iowa
- Iowa High School Musical Theater Awards

Interested applicants must complete an Iowa PBS Voluntary Mentorship Application found at [iowapbs.org/mentorship](http://iowapbs.org/mentorship). They should also provide a letter of support from a school advisor or community leader, and a one-page

essay about themselves, their interest in television production and why they are a good candidate for the program.

More information, including applicant eligibility and submission information, is available at [iowapbs.org/mentorship](http://iowapbs.org/mentorship). Applications and supporting materials should be submitted no later than May 3, 2024.

## DISTRICT 2 SUPERVISOR Q&A from page A1

**How do you plan to ensure equitable access to public services across different communities within the county?**

Wright County has always been a leader in equitable access for our citizens. All of our meetings are open to the public with agendas posted at the courthouse and on our website. We strongly encourage participation from our citizens. Our Supervisors meetings are streamed live every Monday morning at 9 with a public comment period around 9:15. You do not need to be in person to make a public comment in our open form.

**What initiatives would you prioritize to promote economic growth and job creation in our county?**

Tax increment financing (TIF) is one of the most popular incentives used in rural Iowa but it is one of many. TIF allows the city or county to borrow against the future tax revenue from a particular project for a specific number of years, these dollars can be used to improve infrastructure such as roads, water, and sewer. This takes the burden off the local taxpayers for those improvements. When the taxes of the new business come in those taxes will be used to pay off the improvement debt obligation.

When those obligations are paid off the property goes on the tax roll which increases our tax base.

Initiatives can be the lifeblood of a county's economic success if used in a responsible proactive way. Used correctly it can stimulate new and existing businesses to grow creating better employment opportunities which leads to a larger tax base, an increased student enrolment, and the building of more housing. All of this builds a strong vibrant county. The state gives every county the same incentive tools in the toolbox but it is up to the county to select the best tool to use in each circumstance and weigh the benefit of providing the incentive.

**How would you engage with citizens to understand their needs and concerns, and how would you advocate for them at the county level?**

Supervisors are on the front line. I am always receptive to comments and concerns of local citizens although we may not always agree on every topic; your thoughts are not less relevant.

**What is your strategy to build relationships with state and federal officials to advance the interests of our county?**

The State and Federal government plays a large role in regulating what county supervisors can do. It is imperative we stay on top of pending and future legislation with our legislators where it limits local control. It is so important to stay in contact with our state and federal politicians.

As your supervisor, I have been very active with our state and federal legislators. I have been elected by my peers in 2019, 2021, and again in 2023 as their District 2 president and legislative liaison to the Iowa State Association of County Supervisors District 2. This district represents 18 northern Iowa counties. I was also fortunate to have been personally invited to the White House on two separate occasions the first was in 2017 to a forum to discuss rural county and the role of federal involvement at the local level. The second time was in 2020 to attend the China trade agreement signing. On both visits, I also scheduled meetings with our Congressman and Senators to discuss local issues that our county was facing.

**Ashley Bosch (challenger)**

**Why are you running for Wright County Board of Supervisors? What is the one change you hope to bring about in Wright County?**

I'm campaigning for the Wright County Board of Supervisors to not only make a difference in our county but also to make Wright County an exciting and inviting place to live, work, and raise a family. The change I hope to bring about in Wright County is paying attention to how the tax dollars are spent, seeing how to get home healthcare reestablished, and also be more present in the community.

**How do you plan to approach budgetary decisions as a county supervisor, balancing fiscal responsibility while meeting the needs of various county departments and programs?**

By allowing adequate time to look over the budgets of each department or program and making sure we put first the necessities of the county.

**How do you plan to ensure equitable access to public services across different communities within the county?**

By making sure information is readily available for

those who need or request it.

**What initiatives would you prioritize to promote economic growth and job creation in our county?**

Being open-minded about potential business opportunities that come to us as well as seeking out and getting feedback from the community about potential businesses that would be a great fit for our county.

**How would you engage with citizens to understand their needs and concerns, and how would you advocate for them at the county level?**

I would like to attend City council meetings on a quarterly basis to build relationships and be available if questions or concerns arise. I would advocate by taking those questions or concerns to the proper department or back to the board for discussion.

**What is your strategy to build relationships with state and federal officials to advance the interests of our county?**

By being a voice, for our county, with those officials. Communicating with them to let them know what our county would benefit from and what could potentially hurt our county. Being present, at the Capitol, for conversation and education opportunities.



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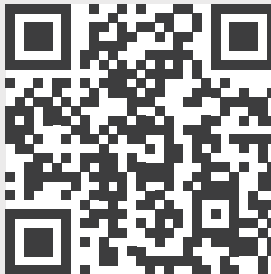
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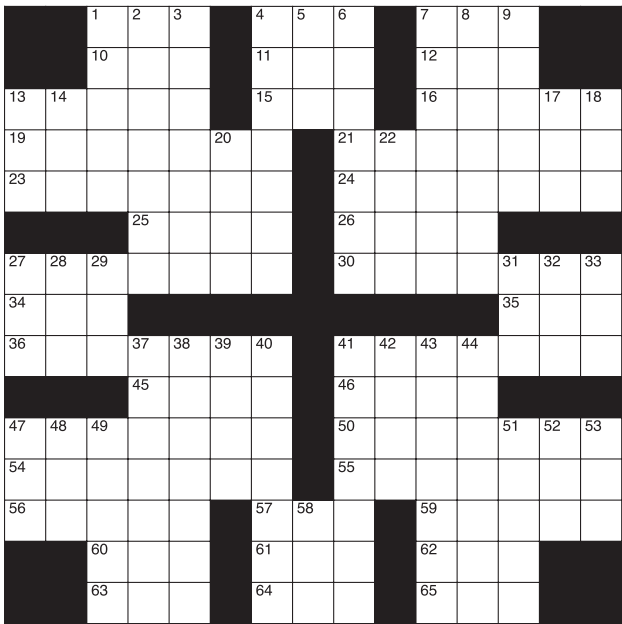
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Midway between south and southeast

4. For each

7. Airborne (abbr.)

10. Photographs

11. They \_\_\_\_

12. It's important in respiration (abbr.)

13. Monetary unit

15. Cool!

16. A son of Jacob

19. Cut off

21. Devour

23. Agent of one's downfall

24. Best

25. Network of nerves

26. Partner to "oohs"

27. Origins

30. Sewing utensil
34. Alias

35. Swiss river

36. Greek mythological figure

41. Type of whiskey

45. Lay to rest

46. "Rule, Britannia" composer

47. Select jury

50. Feeling

54. Action regarded as morally wrong

55. Makes angry

56. Act incorrectly

57. Defensive nuclear weapon

59. Class of escort aircraft carrier

60. To what degree

61. Buzzing insect

62. The human foot

63. "The Leftovers" actress Dowd

64. A place to stay

65. Sun up in New York

CLUES DOWN

1. An involuntary muscular contraction

2. Earnest

3. Cuts out surgically

4. Can't move

5. Baseball stat

6. British soldier

7. Traditional medicine plants

8. Political party controlled by managers

9. Hebrew prophet

13. Supporter

14. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)

17. Liberty Mutual mascot

18. Georgia rockers

20. A place where building is done

22. Large, deep-bodied fish

27. Clothing retailer

28. Supplement with difficulty
29. Annoy constantly

31. Founder of Babism

32. Indigenous person in parts of Asia

33. Sea eagle

37. Leave behind

38. Time of day

39. Colorless crystalline compound

40. They lay out course requirements

41. A diamond has three

42. Algerian coastal city

43. Remove cover

44. Rechristened

47. Distinctive practice

48. Defunct phone company

49. Turkish officer of high rank

51. Eliminate from the body

52. Witness

53. Soviet Socialist Republic

58. Founding Father Franklin

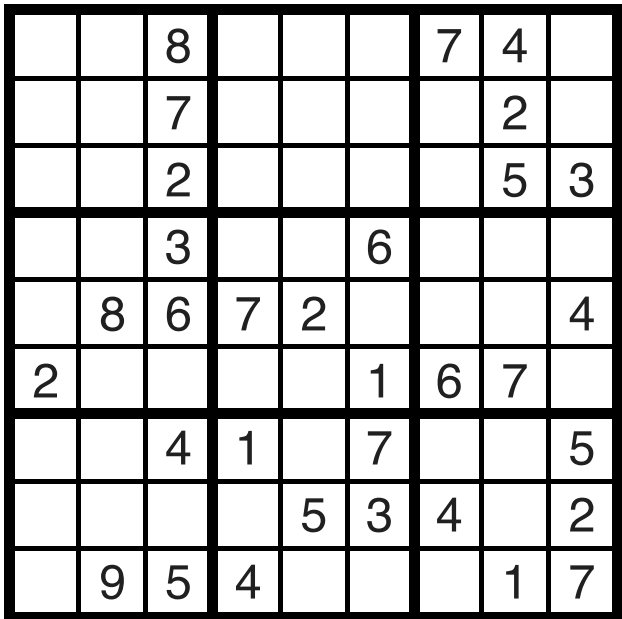
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BRAY

BRIGHT

CACKLE

CHEEKS

CHUCKLE

COMEDIAN
- COMEDY

CONTAGIOUS

CRYING

FUNNY

GIGGLES

HAHA

HICCUP

JOKING
- LAUGH

LOL

MOOD

POSITIVE

RELIEF

SMILE

SNICKER

SNORT

Immigrants are not the problem. Don't believe the propaganda.

By Art Cullen

Editor's note: This op-ed first appeared in the Storm Lake Times Pilot, the local newspaper in a town not that far from here, and not that different from here, which has at least one of the same major controversies as here: immigration. Like your local paper's editor, their local paper's editor is descended at least partly from Irish immigrants. In my case, on my Mother's side, my earliest ancestor that can fairly be called an immigrant came here on the Mayflower. But the native American ancestry in my family tree goes back way before then. In his case, well, he has a Pulitzer prize. I'm still working on that. When you read "Storm Lake" in this article, I recommend you think Eagle Grove, when you read "Tyson", think Prestage and Daybreak, and when you read "Clinton, Keokuk and Newell" think Thor, Otho, Renwick, Dows, etc. With all this in common between our two cities, and ourselves, I thought Mr. Cullen's op-ed is worth giving some space to in our own local paper, with his kind permission.

My folks floated over the pond with the cattle down below in steerage. One was an indentured servant, another a prison guard, others were among an army of Irish who helped drive the Native people off the Mississippi River near Dubuque to claim the lead mines. Still another branch settled the sloughs around Emmetsburg about the time the last Dakota were being driven out.

Immigrants. Good and not so good. The Mulroney brothers were not a welcome sight to the existing indigenous people when Fort Dodge was still a fort.

It cannot be avoided. It's who we are, a nation of

immigrants determined to write a new story for ourselves: That we came by it all fair and square; we did not. That we earned it; we stole it. And now that we are in control, we would rather keep others out. Until we need the cheap labor.

Repetition is the key to advertising or propaganda. Immigrants are bad. Poison. Criminals. Diseased. Depraved. You forget your own story in the flood of lies about who we are. They take on a veneer of truth when the cable news reminds you 24/7 that aliens are overwhelming us.

So the facts bear repeating.

This is Storm Lake, rich with immigrants from around the world. The town builds new schools with strong voter support. St. Mary's Catholic Church is revitalized by Latinos. Mexican artists are putting up another mosaic mural, this time at Buena Vista University. They work hard at Tyson, producing pork and turkey zipping past on a line that goes faster for your meat budget.

Lake Avenue is full with food fare that can sate any palate. Immigrants have built carpentry, electrical and plumbing businesses. Their children perform in the school plays, excel on the soccer and football fields, and hope to attend Buena Vista University. Immigrants are firefighters and nurses, school board and city council members, community volunteers.

A few get in bar fights, as if the Irish did not. Immigrants commit crimes at no greater rate than whites do.

Most of us in Storm Lake have grown used to the polyglot. Many of us revel in it. The City Beautiful is a more interesting place than it was when it was all-white. When I was a kid, the town was relative-

ly more prosperous with union meat cutters and independent farmers. It is a richer place in that we now have a Buddhist temple. It was the system, not the immigrants, that cut the working man's wages in half through the decades. Mexicans did not snuff out the independent pork producer. Storm Lake is growing with immigrants while two-thirds of rural Iowa is shrinking and decaying. They say there is no room for more while vacant school buildings are razed and homes rot out. Look around. There is room in Clinton, Keokuk and Newell.

Nearly everyone around here knows that livestock production and processing simply would not happen without immigrants in the poultry barn and on the kill floor. They could not have built the transcontinental railroad that plundered the Native people without the Irish and Chinese. The railroad laid Storm Lake with the help of Abe Lincoln's law firm. The packinghouses were laid by the tracks. The Irish and Chinese were relieved by Latinos and Lao and Africans. Poor whites were and are told, over and over, that the person who talks funny or has darker skin stole your franchise, in order for you to keep fighting them and not the money that has a gun to your head.

Donald Trump cannot claim that the economy is a wreck when wages are rising and interest rates are falling. He wants immigration to be the issue that stokes fear.

Storm Lake is a reality check. We have our problems, but imagine what they might be without our new neighbors. Perry is about to find out when Tyson closes. How much would you miss their mon-

ey? They pay taxes and contribute to Social Security. Their cousins are not sneaking through — they present themselves as cast-offs at the border and beg mercy from Lady Liberty.

Our governor keeps sending National Guard soldiers and state troopers to Texas ostensibly to keep refugees out. Yet we need them. We need their resolute determination to work — anyone who would walk from Ecuador to El Paso to find freedom is the sort of neighbor you want. The most patriotic people I know are immigrants. You love freedom when you have witnessed Communist or religious oppression first-hand.

Immigrants have been good for Storm Lake, for sure as it stands today. The Browns are Irish, the Dvergstens Norwegian and the Schallers originally hail from Alsace-Lorraine. Now they own three Storm Lake banks and help newcomers start a new life like their ancestors did. Someday, one of those people might end up owning a bank themselves. It really happens. That's America. That's Storm Lake. Amid the propaganda that you must fear the "other," it bears repeating as much as the lies: The "other" is us.

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There's No Such Thing as 'Canceling' Student-loan Debt

By Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Hull)

Personal responsibility and accountability are virtues fundamental to any functioning society. Everyone makes decisions based on different goals and aspirations, and we are all ultimately responsible for the choices that we make. Yet, contrary to common sense, President Biden has decided that people who signed paperwork to take out student loans and have a legal and financial obligation to repay them are entitled to debt forgiveness at the expense of American taxpayers. As a result, the Biden administration has, to date, forgiven roughly \$146 billion in student-loan debt. This is not only an insult to Americans nationwide who responsibly pay their own bills and work hard to make an honest living, but also disastrous for our worsening fiscal health.

Last summer, in a ruling that protected taxpayers, the U.S. Supreme Court found that President Biden's first attempt to "cancel" around \$400 billion in student loans was unconstitutional. However, this decision hasn't stopped the Biden administration from moving forward with its brazen student-loan forgiveness schemes. In fact, it seems to have emboldened the President.



Randy Feenstra (R-Hull)

Just a few months after the Supreme Court's clear ruling, President Biden rolled out his so-called SAVE plan — another taxpayer-funded effort that would cost approximately \$559 billion. Iowans who never attended college, entered the workforce early, or helped put their kids through school should not be forced to pick up the tab for President Biden's costly and unfair student-loan bailout. That's why I voted to overturn this radical initiative to saddle American families with additional expenses as inflation and sky-high interest rates crush their budgets and purchasing power. People still have to pay off their car loans and credit card bills. Student loans are no different now.

Now, President Biden is doubling down on his failed proposals and calling for an-

other round of student-loan bailouts without any accountability or oversight. Instead of helping students understand the cost of college and make responsible financial decisions, President Biden is perfectly comfortable with extracting taxpayer dollars from the 87% of Americans without student-loan debt to subsidize the 13% who chose to attend college. If student loans and their accompanying interest payments can simply be erased, people who have already paid off their debts are punished for their frugality and responsibility. That's just wrong.

While President Biden fails to offer real solutions to the affordability crisis that his reckless spending policies created, I have introduced legislation to help our kids pursue an education. Current law does not require the disclosure of the total interest amount that a student loan applicant would pay based on the applicable repayment plan. As a result, many students are not aware of the actual amount they will end up paying over the life of a loan. To rectify this lack of transparency, my STUDENT Act — which I'm leading alongside Senator Ernst — would provide student-loan applicants with an estimate of the total amount of interest they would pay

based on a standard 10-year repayment plan during or prior to accepting a loan. When students consider the total cost of a college degree, interest payments on student loans should be a transparent component of their financial calculations. By equipping students and their families with the information that they need to make sound financial decisions, we can ensure that young people receive a quality education and avoid mountains of debt when they enter the workforce.

Our nation is nearly \$35 trillion in debt. We can't afford to add hundreds of billions of dollars to our credit card when our families are already struggling from record inflation and government waste. As a strong, fiscal conservative, I will continue to oppose President Biden's unconstitutional student-loan forgiveness plans, stand up for hardworking Iowa taxpayers, and help our kids get a degree if they so choose.

We are government together, and your thoughts and opinions matter to me. Please contact my office at Feenstra.House.Gov or by phone at 202-225-4426 if I can ever be of assistance. I am proud to represent our families, farmers, main street businesses, and rural communities in Congress.

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# The View From Here

by Senator  
Dennis Guth

We are less than a week from the last scheduled day of session, so the fourteenth week included a lot of floor debate as we work with bills going through both the House and the Senate. Most of those bills were unanimous.

The governor signed several bills into law this week, including a few important ones focused on national security, protecting Iowans, and guarding our citizens against the numerous threats currently facing us. On Tuesday the governor signed SF 2204, strengthening Iowa's foreign land ownership laws to further protect our state's greatest resource, tightening those rules, and providing us with more information about foreign entities owning Iowa land and the reason they own it. The governor also signed SF 2340, making being an illegal alien in Iowa a crime and giving law enforcement additional tools as we look at how to protect our state amid the ongoing crisis at the southern border.

Earlier in the session the Senate passed a bill that says food products made from cell-cultivated, insect, or plant protein, cannot be sold as meat products without proper labeling. The House added egg products to that list and we passed it again this week.

On Wednesday the Senate passed HJR 2006, a proposal for a constitutional amendment requiring a two thirds majority to raise income tax rates in Iowa. This resolution is the second constitutional amendment Senate Republicans have proposed and passed in the last two weeks to protect taxpayers from the growth of government, reckless spending, and to further guard their pocketbooks.

Last week Senate Republicans passed a proposal for a constitutional amendment to put a flat tax into the Iowa Constitution. Both of these proposals have proven popular with voters with nearly 68 percent of Iowans saying they would support a two-thirds majority requirement to raise taxes in our state. Furthermore, the debate on this bill perfectly illustrates why this requirement is important. It was obvious that Democrats would rather raise taxes than consider limiting spending. This resolution must be passed again after this fall's election and then can be placed on the ballot for public approval in the 2026 General Election.

The Senate also passed HF 2586 this week allowing a school to have the option of having some of its staff on campus armed. Staff carrying concealed weapons to protect their students is completely voluntary both for the school district and any staff member interested in participating. No school or school employee will be required to have armed staff or carry a weapon.

Iowans are rightly concerned about school security. In a recent Des Moines Register poll, 65 percent of Iowans supported the bill. In the event of a school shooting, every second matters. Having trained, prepared personnel on location to protect the vulnerable must be a priority in any society.

The session will soon be over and my focus will be on planting for a few weeks. I do hope to get out in the district to see many of you this summer.

*Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little.*  
- Edmund Burke



# Budget Work Picks Up Pace as House, Senate Appropriations Bills Unveiled



As the calendar edges closer to the 100th day of the 2024 Legislative Session, work on the Fiscal Year 2025 budget is picking up steam this week. Both the House and Senate have released most of the proposed budget bills.

Both chambers are continuing to work on their budget proposals, with conversations on closing the gaps and passing the FY 2025 budget are ongoing. This will likely put us past the deadline of April 16th.

## Health and Human Services Budget

The House and Senate are furthest apart in their budget totals in the Health and Human Services. Below is the breakdown of where the House would like to appropriate the budget.

- The House Health and Human Services budget appropriates \$2.217 billion from the general fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Health and Human Services for Fiscal Year 2025. This is a \$92.5 million increase compared to FY2024.

- In total with federal matching funds, this budget appropriates over \$6 billion towards Medicaid, child-care, child welfare, public health, aging, and veteran services in Iowa.

- Increases from the House HHS budget include:

- Mental Health Care: The Iowa House has made increasing access to mental health care for Iowans a priority. This budget provides increased state funding towards mental health Medicaid rates.

- Care for older Iowans: This budget provides a \$3 million increase to home health rates to help keep Iowans in their homes for longer and to ensure access to care in rural Iowa.

- Protecting local pharmacies: This budget builds on the bills passed this session by increasing the Medicaid pharmacy dispensing fee by \$2 million which will help protect rural Iowans' access to local pharmacies.

- Quality care for disabled Iowans: This budget increases home and community-based services rates to care for disabled Iowans in their communities. It also provides more funding for access to enhanced case management for Iowans using long-term services and supports and increases the eligibility for the Medicaid for Employed people with disabilities program.

- Taking Care of Our Veterans:

- The veterans budget

funds a \$1.03 million increase to the Iowa Veterans Home (IVH).

- This budget also includes increased funding to the Department and to the Iowa Veterans Cemetery.

- Child Welfare Budget:

- Increases the stipend for those in the child welfare system utilizing the preparation for adult living program.

- Increases foster care rates and adoption subsidy rates.

## Governor Reynolds signed into law Illegal Re-entry by Criminals

SF2340 recently signed into law, allows Iowa law enforcement to arrest criminals who were deported due to crimes previously committed in the United States and have illegally re-entered our country and are in Iowa. The bill creates a new crime of illegal reentry to the state of Iowa.

This bill gives law enforcement additional tools to keep Iowans safe from "imported" gang members, drug dealers and terrorists now penetrating our border.

## Regulation of Traffic Cameras

We have heard from many Iowans who are frustrated by the amount of speed cameras as we have seen pop-up all-around Iowa in the past few years. Some cities and counties argue that these speed cameras are used to increase public safety. However, it's clear that some municipalities are abusing these systems and using them to raise revenue for themselves.

Here's what the bill stipulates:

- Cities or counties must prove a legitimate safety concern and receive a permit from the Department of Transportation to install a traffic camera.

- Traffic cameras could only be used to issue tickets to someone driving more than 10 miles over the speed limit.

- Images taken by the traffic camera must be deleted within 30 days unless they are a part of an ongoing criminal investigation.

- Signs must be placed between 500 and 1,000 feet in advance of any traffic camera.

- Local governments can only use the money generated by traffic cameras for transportation infrastructure improvement or for their police and fire departments.

The Senate has placed this bill on their calendar for a vote this week. House File 2681

## Governor Signs Bill on Foreign Ownership of Land into Law

This week Governor Reynolds signed into law legislation to strengthen Iowa's laws on ownership of Iowa's agricultural land by nonresident aliens. Senate File 2204 easily passed with bipartisan support. The new law increases reporting requirements, increases enforcement of current laws, and authorizes the Attorney General's office to investigate reports of potential violations of Iowa's laws concerning foreign ownership.

- It expands the registration requirements for nonresident ownership to include intermediaries and parent corporations. The reports shall now also include the legal name, birthplace, nationality of the owner, and the supervisor of the daily operations on the land. Additionally, the reports require a statement of the purpose for conducting business in the state. The bill gives the Attorney General the author-

ity to conduct investigations regarding violations of land ownership, including subpoena powers.

## False Reports to Law Enforcement Signed into Law

It is now a class "D" felony if a person makes a false report or call to public safety officials and claims there is a: forcible felony occurring (felonious child endangerment, assault, murder, sexual abuse, kidnapping, robbery, human trafficking, arson in the first degree, or burglary in the first degree), intimidation with a dangerous weapon, an act of terrorism, unlawful possession of biological agents or diseases, any arson crime. If one of the false claims above is made, and the information results in serious bodily injury or death of another, the person who made the false report is guilty of a class "C" felony.

## Connecting Public Dollars to Charitable Services

This week Governor Reynolds also signed into law House File 2264 to help connect public dollars to charitable services that benefit local communities provided by religious groups. Currently, under Iowa law counties and townships are not allowed to directly appropriate public funds to institutions, schools, or associations under ecclesiastical or sectarian management. HF 2264 would allow public funds to be given to these groups to be utilized for projects and programs to benefit the public. These programs would be meal services, homeless shelters, etc. The new law specifies that the group receiving the funds cannot require participation in religious services, educational programs, or other participation to receive the benefit of the program. This bill would be another tool for local governments to further utilize public dollars to help those in their communities who need assistance. It was passed on a bipartisan vote. Such bipartisanship is the norm not the exception.



## THE IDYLIC LIFE

By Sara Middleton

# Mission: Maker

In August 2022, I opened Studio Sol Gallery & Creative Space thinking it would be a place to facilitate paint and sip events and a marketplace for local artists and crafters, including me, to showcase and sell their art. My plan was to keep things simple and stick to what I knew.

Then, one day in late summer, sitting around a table with other female business owner friends, I got a suggestion that changed everything—"you should offer stuff for kids." I felt wholly unqualified for this job, considering I hadn't, at that point, been around many children at great length, and didn't consider myself someone who could teach. But, I decided to start offering Saturday morning walk-in kids art and crafts, and, in doing so, changed the entire trajectory of my business.

In opening myself up to this challenge, I learned that kids are consummate artists and fearless creators. I learned that spending one on one time honoring the ideas of a child could really make a difference in their confidence, critical thinking, and healthy risk-taking. Also, after seeing the results with kids, I began applying the same principles to older people, those with special needs, and adults who thought they could never be creative because someone told them once what art should be. It turns out, we all need the same thing. We need to create.

Because of one conversation, the entire mission of Studio Sol, and of my life, has now evolved into art and creative play as healing and enrichment. What started as an LLC business is now about to become a nonprofit

organization, with a slightly different name and some big goals. People of all ages have forgotten the importance of healthy play and creativity and of just being. Sol's here to fix that.

From early ages, we are moving through busy lives of achieving, spending our downtime with unhealthy and addictive coping mechanisms, and losing sight of joy and play and creativity, as well as simply feeling and giving love. We push hard, and play hard, and even our vacations are, a lot of times, exhausting. We weren't put on this earth to slog and achieve. Life was never meant to be about having the most stuff and making the most money and planning the joy and serendipity out of every detail. I've always known it, and somewhere, maybe way deep down, you have, too.

My mission, Studio Sol's mission, is to help you, no matter your age or ability, if even for a moment, remember that it's okay to play. It's okay to put aside the achiever in you and make something, and not because it might look good—because creativity feels good.

As a species, we need to create. We weren't given opposable thumbs and abstract thought just to make ourselves, or someone else, rich. Creativity is in our DNA. And if you think this particular column is nonsense and my "mission of making" isn't for you, that means it's especially for you.

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Obituary  
Gary Dene Morgan  
1933-2024

Gary Dene Morgan, 90, of Denver, Colorado, passed away on April 12, 2024.

Gary was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He was a devout Christian with a deep faith in the Lord.

Gary was born in Benton County, Lincoln, Missouri on May 1, 1933. His family moved to Iowa when he was still a baby, eventually settling in Eagle Grove. He graduated from Eagle Grove High School and served in the Army after graduation, stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado. After the service, Gary continued his education at Eagle Grove Junior College. Gary loved Colorado and eventually made his home in Denver where he was a realtor (Morgan Realty) for over 50 years. He met the love of his life, Rebecca (Becky) King, when he listed her house and eight months later they were married.

Gary worshiped at the First Baptist Church of Englewood and enjoyed spending time with his family. He loved going to church, reading his Bible and taking long walks in the neighborhood. He had a love for reading and collecting books, especially about US and Colorado history. He always had a positive, cheerful outlook and his sense of humor and his camera were a mainstay at every family gathering.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Becky Morgan, children Kent, Holly (Patrick), Harlan (Lana), six grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren, brother Roger (Norma) and sisters Maribeth Martin and Shari Albright as well as many nieces and nephews. Gary was preceded in death by his parents Edward and Floral, brothers Arlen and Bill, sister-in-law Helen Morgan, and brother-in-laws Robert Martin and Keith Albright.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 19, 2024, at Praise Community Church in Eads, Colorado, at 2:00 pm, with lunch at noon. There will be a viewing at the church on Thursday, April 18, 2024, between 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Contributions can be made to the Denver Rescue Mission in Gary's memory.

Brown Funeral Home in Eads, Colorado, is assisting with the funeral arrangements.

**Services:** 2 p.m., Friday, April 19  
Praise Community Church, Eads, Colorado  
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Crop Planting is Underway Amid Lingering Concerns About Deep Soil Moisture

By Jared Strong

Warm soil temperatures and favorable weather have allowed farmers across Iowa to start planting corn and soybeans this week, according to several field agronomists.

Wednesday was the earliest planting date for corn to be eligible for federal crop insurance replanting payments, which cover farmers if their young crops are damaged and need to be replaced. The earliest planting date for soybeans was also Wednesday for the southern three tiers of Iowa counties, and it's April 15 for the rest of the state.

"Kickoff has occurred,

and we're just getting going on the first quarter here," said Aaron Saeugling, an Iowa State Extension field agronomist who monitors southwest Iowa.

Most of the state's topsoil has a temperature of at least 50 degrees, according to Iowa State University data. That temperature is a key threshold for seed germination. Soil temps are predicted to rise into the 60s in the coming days before retreating into the 40s by the end of next week.

Air temperatures are expected to peak in the 80s in most of Iowa this weekend, according to the National Weather Service.

"Given the incredibly warm forecast, across entire fields it should be excellent conditions for that crop to be germinating and getting off to an even start," said Meghan Anderson, an Extension field agronomist in central Iowa.

Heavy rainfall in wide areas of the state in March helped alleviate drought conditions that have persisted for more than three years. Still, available soil moisture is far behind what it has been in recent years.

About 51% of the state's topsoil and 36% of its subsoil have adequate or surplus moisture, according to a U.S. Department of Agri-

culture report on Monday. At this time last year, those figures were 78% and 66%.

The depleted subsoil is most worrisome for the field agronomists.

"We've got adequate topsoil," Saeugling said. "The rainfall that we got in March and the snow that melted was enough to give us some close-to-normal topsoil. But you just drive around and look at some of these tile lines and look at some of these low river levels and it's concerning, long term."

About two-thirds of the state is suffering from some measure of drought, according to a Thursday

report by the U.S. Drought Monitor. That affected area has declined for weeks and was aided again last week by heavy rainfall in southeast Iowa, which delayed planting in that area.

"Things are just a bit on the dampish side yet," said Virgil Schmitt, an Extension field agronomist who monitors far southeast Iowa. "We're kind of the wet spot of Iowa. Over the last week I've seen more water runoff, more ponding, than I've seen in over a year. The soils are holding everything they can hold."

Those rains have alleviated some of the concerns

about available water for livestock along the state's southern border, field agronomist Clarabell Probasco said.

"Ponds were in a rough state when we came into spring," she said. "A lot of livestock producers were worried about relying on ponds for watering their livestock: 'Is it even gonna make it through summer?' But there have been a lot of farms that have made drastic improvements."

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Human beings are a selfish, possessive, and territorial species, something we share with many other animals. Consider the squirrel, who gathers her acorns and hides them for the winter, or the way in which many animals guard their territories and their food. But we should consider that the source of everything we have is ultimately God and thus should not act as if our "possessions" are really ours. This is reminiscent of the contrast between the early European settlers of the Americas and the indigenous peoples they encountered. The European settlers believed that if they settled on the land and mixed their labors with it, it would become their possession. Most indigenous peoples considered that the land belonged to no one and that you couldn't own the land. For them, it was more as if you belonged to the land than that the land belonged to you. In a similar way, we should consider that we belong to God, as does everything in heaven and earth. This simple change in perspective is radical, and if you really start thinking in this new way, your giving will be transformed. I remember once complimenting my father on how generous he and my mother were about giving to others, and also to charity. And he said rather matter of factly that they didn't consider it "their money," but rather God's money. Be a good steward of God's bounty.  
— Christopher Simon  
Sunday, Apr. 21, 2024  
First Reading  
"Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm  
Psalm 23  
Epistle  
1 John 3:16-24  
Gospel  
John 10:11-18

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# Wright County Courthouse

**Births**

Willa James Shumski was born on April 01, 2024 to Taylor Beeken of Clarion.

Karlie Lindie Phipps was born on April 05, 2024 to Whitney and Blake Phipps of Boone.

Maverick Knarfzini-Thaddeus Bettazza was born on April 01, 2024 to Mikayla Griffin of Webster City.

Jaxson Allyn Hlavacek was born on April 04, 2024 to Brianna and Jacob Hlavacek of Mason City.

Harvey Tyler Stevens was born on April 02, 2024 to Emily and Tyler Stevens of Clear Lake.

Haddie Mae Flugum was born on April 03, 2024 to Natalie and Tyler Flugum of Forest City.

Rosalind Phyllis Mashaney was born on April 02, 2024 to Star Pralle and Cole Bubitz of Mason City.

Charlotte Raye Holden was born on April 03, 2024 to Darlene and Brady Holden of Mason City.

Charli Jae King was born on April 07, 2024 to Kaitlynn and Denton King of Humboldt.

Kanyon Jrue Finer was born on April 04, 2024 to Kyla Banuart of Lake Mills.

**Deaths**

Dallas Roger Coon of Clarion was born on August 18, 1939 and died on April 07, 2024 at the age of 84.

Lyle Kenneth Kapka of Clarion was born on January 19, 1962 and died on April 08, 2024 at the age of 62.

**Marriages**

Jacob Arlan Ratzke, 27, of Dows was wed to Ryley Elizabeth Heffron, 26, of Clarion on April 6, 2024.

**Property Transfers**

Quit Claim Deed - Land Deed: Nielsen Rodger to Anderson Mary Ann - 9-90-23 NW NE 1/4 Except N 495', 9-90-23 NW S 1/2; 24-455.

Quit Claim Deed - Land Deed: Nielsen Richard, Nielsen Lois to Anderson Mary Ann - 9-90-23 NW NE 1/4 Except 495', 9-90-23 NW S 1/2; 24-456.

Contracts - Land Deeds: Agaa Rentals LLC to Alvarado Macias, Macias Alvarado Libier, Alvarado Macias Libier - 19-93-23 SW Tract In Outlot 5 of SW1/4; 24-462.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Arne Terry Gene, Arne Vicky Jane to Andrade Flores Lina, Flores Andrade Lina - EG Cox's Addition Block 6 Lot 5, EG Cox's Addition Block 6 Lot 6, Floreslina 000008138004240370; 24-464.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Kleppe Conrad A, Kleppe Marlene F, Kleppe Conrad A Life Estate to Tinker Debra Lynn, Trausch Kristi Kay, Kleppe Marlene F Life Estate - EG Hewett's Second Addition Block 5 Lot 5, EG Hewett's Second Addition Block 5 Lot 6 W 60', Kleepe Le 000012305004240858; 24-467.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Watne Knute F, Watne Etter M to Watne Knute F Trustee, Watne Knute F Revocable Trust, Knute F Watne Revocable Trust - 6-91-25 SW, Watne, Knute and Etter 000014534004242021; 24-471.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Watne Knute F, Watne Etter M to Watne Knute F Trustee, Watne Knute F Revocable Trust, Knute F Watne Revocable Trust - 19-91-23 SW Parcel A, Watne, Knute and Etter 000014534004242022; 24-472.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Muzzey David P, Muzzey Sandra K to Martinez Velasquez Sophia, Velasquez Martinez Sophia - 28-91-26 SE Part of Outlot 8 NE 1/4; 24-474.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Montenegro Carlos E, Montenegro Digna L to Gomez Gomez Jose F, Ramirez Teran Marina - Belm Kirkendall Addition Block 1 Lot 16; 24-478.

Contracts - Town Lot: CDLM Farm Corp to Muhlenbruch Dallas, Muhlenbruch Kimberly - 36-92-23 NE; 24-487.

Others - Land Deeds: Kalkwarf Dwayne K Trust, Scott Diane J Trustee, Dwayne K Kalkwarf Trust to Teran Ramirez Marina, Kalkwarf Family Trust, Kalkwarf Family Trust - 4-93-23 N 1/2 of S 1/2, 4-93-23 SW S 1/2, Court Officer Deed; 24-488.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Christian Davis Linda K, Davis Christian Linda K to Ballew Katherine Trustee, Duncan Greg Trust-

ee, Davis LKC Revocable Living Trust, LKC Davis Revocable Living Trust - 17-93-23 NE Part of S 1/2, 17-93-23 NE Part of SW 1/4, 17-93-23 NE SE 1/4; 24-492.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Halverson Donald E, Halverson Doryce D to Cohen Barbara Jo, Partridge Suzanne Jo - 18-91-26 NE NE 1/4 N & W of Highway, Halverson, Donald E 000013261004243506; 24-493.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Iverson Stewart E Jr, Iverson Victoria L to Muhlenbruch Shannon, Muhlenbruch Carla - 13-90-23 NE Parcel F In S 1/2, Iverson to Muhlenbruch 000014534004242172, Related Documents: Gwh494 56-001 Groundwater Hazard; 24-494.

Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot: Stor It Wright Storage LLC to Clarion City of - Clar Original Addition Block 10 Lot 5 E 10' of N 22' of S 88', Clar Original Addition Block 10 Lot 6 E 10' of N 22' of S 88', Stor It 000026350004244729; 24-496.

Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot: Bradford Group INC to Clarion City of - Clar Original Addition Block 10 Lot 3 E 10 of S 66', Clar Original Addition Block 10 Lot 6 E 10 of N 22', Bradford Corrective 000026350004244737, Related Documents: 24-278 02-002 Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot; 24-497.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Jakama Holdings LLC to Burns Tyler J, Burns Shyanna J - EG Cox's 2nd Addition Block 13 Lot 11, EG Cox's 2nd Addition Block 13 S 1/2 Vac Alley Adj on N, Jakama to Burns 000014534004245622; 24-499.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Amonson Kirby D to Sadler David R, Sadler Paula - 16-92-24 SE Tract In NW 1/4, 16-92-24 SW Tracts In NE 1/4, Amonson, Kirby D 000013261004245795; 24-500.

Affidavit transfer: Eivins Misty Lynn to Eivins Rollin Ira - 17-93-25 NW Tract, Affidavit of Surviving Spouse For Change of Title; 24-476.

Affidavit transfer: Eivins Misty Lynn to Eivins Rollin Ira, Niles Ambere, Happel Kate - 17-93-25 NW Tract,

Iowa Land Title Standard 9.8 Affidavit of Surviving Spouse; 24-477.

Affidavit transfer: Fankhauser James R to Fankhauser Janice I, Fankhauser Janice Irene - 32-93-26 SW Tract In NW 1/4, 6-92-26 NW Lying S&W of RR Row Exc, Fankhauser - Affidavit of SS Wright 000017564004242781; 24-485.

Affidavit transfer: Unger Christopher Greg to Unger James R, Unger James R Life Estate, Unger Christopher Greg - 13-91-23 SE Tract In SW 1/4, 13-91-23 SE SE 1/4, Affidavit of Death Terminating Life Estate; 24-498.

**Traffic**

Merhawi Tesfagabe Gebremedhin, of Falling Waters, WV, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11 Thru 15 Over).

Jose Luis Munoz, of Des Moines, IA, Hours of Service Violation.

Treasa Marie Bremmer, of Clarion, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Tricia Jo Schaffer, of Kenyon, Mn, Speeding Over 55 Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Jamie Lee Wesley, of Fort Dodge, IA, No Valid Drivers License.

Jamie Lee Wesley, of Fort Dodge, IA, Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult.

Angel Espinal Merlo, of Eagle Grove, IA, Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.

Ernesto Obdullio Merlo Morlaes, of Eagle Grove, IA, Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.

Jill Rae Avery, of Goodell, IA, Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult.

Kolbie Ray Pavon, of Valiant, OK, No Valid Drivers License.

Enmer Osbeli Montufar Marroquin, of Eagle Grove, IA, No Valid Drivers License.

Ernesto Duran, of Mason City, IA, Fail to Obey Stop Sign and Yield Right of Wa.

Steven D Roe, of Clarion, IA, Fail to Obey Stop Sign and Yield Right of Wa.

Amanda Michelle Viers, of Birmingham, MO, Speeding Over 55 Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Aidan Harrington, of Clarion, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11 Thru 15 Over).

Atman Oberholzer, of Rake, IA, Maximum Gross Weight Violation - 2001 to 3000.

Atman Oberholzer, of Rake, IA, Maximum Group Axle Weight Violation - 6001 To.

Atman Oberholzer, of Rake, IA, Maximum Group Axle Weight Violation - 4001 To.

Elmer Adonay Diaz Cruz, of Mason City, IA, Speeding Over 55 Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

James William Dubert, of Ames, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Jeremy David Toomsen, of Renwick, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Chad Wallace Arends, of Lamberton, MN, Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult.

Timothy Neal Peters, of Des Moines, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1 Thru 5 Over).

Joseph Abram Jorgensen, of Hampton, IA, Operation Without Registration Card or Plate.

Shadrach Antinio Banks, of Waterloo, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11 Thru 15 Over).

Rachael Marie Sorrento, of Palmetto, FL, Speeding Over 55 Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Bradley David Allen, of Eagle Grove, IA, Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult.

German Cabreradiatz, of Hayward, CA, Fail to Obey Stop Sign and Yield Right of Wa.

Shayla Kaye Sturm, of Belmond, IA, Leave Scene of Accident - Property Damage Only.

Shayla Kaye Sturm, of Belmond, IA, Striking Unattended Vehicle.

Almat Agadilov, of Forest Hills, NY, No Valid Commercial Drivers License.

Almat Agadilov, of Forest Hills, NY, No Iowa Fuel Permit.

Almat Agadilov, of Forest Hills, NY, Failure to Comply With Safety Regulations Rul.

Larry Ariel Centeno Perez, of Humboldt, IA, No Valid Drivers License.

Larry Ariel Centeno Perez, of Humboldt, IA, Fail to Yield Upon Left Turn.

Jeffrey Lynn Reese, of Des Moines, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Terry Scott Mork, of West Union, IA, Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult.

Paul Mark Boekelman, of Britt, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Braydon X Warren, of Belmond, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Lionel Thomas Johnston, of Eagle Grove, IA, Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult.

Gisselle Guadalupe Ramos Bahena, of Clarion, IA, Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device.

Gisselle Guadalupe Ramos Bahena, of Clarion, IA, Failure to Have Valid License or Permit While.

Safara Escebio, of Clarion, IA, Failure to Have Valid License or Permit While.

Safara Escebio, of Clarion, IA, Excessive Speed 11 Thru 15.

Rolman Humberto Gonzalez, of Fort Dodge, IA, Excessive Speed 6 Thru 10.

Rolman Humberto Gonzalez, of Fort Dodge, IA, Failure to Have Valid License or Permit While.

Josue Maldonado Gonzalez, of Clarion, IA, Failure to Secure Child<18 Yoa.

Josue Maldonado Gonzalez, of Clarion, IA, Failure to Have Valid License or Permit While.

Alvaro Cate Chiriz, of Eagle Grove, IA, No Drivers License.

Alvaro Cate Chiriz, of Eagle Grove, IA, Speeding 6 Thru 10 Over.

Henry Ariel Almendares Funez, of Eagle Grove, IA, No Drivers License.

Henry Ariel Almendares Funez, of Eagle Grove, IA, Failure to Provide Financial Liability.

**Criminal**

State of Iowa Vs Reyes Vasquez, Jesus Alan, Aggravated Misdemeanor, Domestic Abuse Assault Impeding Flow of Air/Blood. Defendant pleaded guilty and Was Sentenced to 60 Days In Jail With A \$855 Fine, A \$218.25 Surcharge, and \$321 In Court Costs.

# Eagle Grove Police Report

**April 4**

7:47 AM: Loose dog reported near EG School.

8:45 AM: Return call requested.

10:34 AM: Return call requested.

10:36 AM: Caller providing information.

11:41 AM: Concerned citizen providing information.

11:52 AM: Met complainant.

12:21 PM: Deceased animal reported in the roadway of the 500 block of W Broadway.

6:16 PM: Accident report needed.

6:27 PM: Assistance needed in the 100 block of N. Lucas Ave.

8:12 PM: Accident reported in the 200 block of W. Broadway.

**April 5**

12:27 AM: Suspicious person reported near SW 3rd & Lucas.

1:30 AM: Traffic stop in the 2800 block of HWY 17.

8:35 AM: Met complainant.

9:21 AM: Dog complaint

in the 200 block of S. Park Ave.

10:15 AM: Met complainant.

12:09 PM: Civil service performed.

12:16 PM: Civil service performed.

12:52 PM: Civil service performed.

12:59 PM: Civil service performed.

1:24 PM: Return call requested.

2:19 PM: Return call requested.

2:33 PM: Animal complaint received in the 600 block of N. Wright.

2:58 PM: Reposition performed in the 300 block of S. Kirkwood Ave.

4:06 PM: Assistance needed in the 1200 block of W. Broadway ST.

4:57 PM: Information provided.

5:03 PM: Return call requested.

8:22 PM: Traffic stop near HWY 3 and Main ST, Goldfield.

8:52 PM: Traffic stop in the 100 block of N. Lincoln.

9:14 PM: Traffic stop in the 400 block of N. Commercial.

9:55 PM: Theft reported in the 600 block of NE 5th ST.

**April 6**

12:30 AM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of S. Commercial.

1:53 AM: Public intoxication reported in the 200 block of NW 1st ST.

9:16 AM: Assisted an unoccupied vehicle near S. 17 & 280th.

10:46 AM: Met complainant.

2:07 PM: Theft reported in the 500 block of N. Cadwell Ave.

5:13 PM: Assisted another agency.

7:53 PM: Traffic stop in the 300 block of S. Commercial.

9:26 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of W. Broadway & Lincoln.

10:01 PM: Loose dogs taken to Goldfield Vet Clinic.

11:18 PM: Accident reported near NE 3rd ST & Washinton.

11:21 PM: Domestic call received.

**April 7**

12:24 AM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of SW 1st ST.

2:29 AM: Traffic stop in the 100 block of S. Lucas.

5:48 AM: Alarm reported in the 1700 block of N. Iowa Ave.

6:13 AM: Accidental dial near Spruce Drive.

1:15 PM: Domestic call received.

2:08 PM: Return call requested.

**April 8**

8:50 AM: Met complainant.

9:59 AM: Return call requested.

3:37 PM: Return call requested.

3:45 PM: Civil service performed.

3:52 PM: Assault reported near the 400 block of N. Blaine Ave.

5:16 PM: Met complainant.

5:22 PM: Return call requested.

**April 9**

7:19 AM: Animal complaint in the 1400 block of SW 2nd ST.

9:51 AM: Nuisance reported in the 1004 block of N. Arthur.

11:28 AM: Nuisance reported in the 900 block of N. Arthur.

12:21 PM: Suspicious activity reported near Iowa Ave.

1:53 PM: Return call requested.

2:16 PM: Animal complaint in the 500 block of N. Wright.

2:36 PM: Return call requested.

quested.

8:11 PM: Traffic stop in the 400 block of N. Commercial.

10:14 PM: Accident reported in the 500 block of N. Iowa

**April 10**

8:15 AM: Controlled burn reported in the 1300 block of S. Middleton.

10:32 AM: Information provided.

1:37 PM: Nuisance reported in the 900 block of W. Broadway.

1:55 PM: Return call requested.

3:49 PM: Domestic call received.

4:32 PM: Return call requested.

6:02 PM: Return call requested.

**April 11**

4:42 AM: Alarm reported in the 100 block of W. Broadway ST.

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# COVID-19 Spread is ‘Very Low’ in Iowa

**By Jared Strong**  
The number of new weekly hospital admissions of people infected with COVID-19 in Iowa has been dropping steadily since the start of the year and is now among the lowest rates of the pandemic, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.  
The CDC reported 41 of those admissions in a recent

week, down from a peak of 411 in December, which was the highest rate in more than a year.  
A Friday report by the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services classified the spread of COVID-19 in Iowa as “very low.” That report also listed no new deaths associated with the disease for the first time this year.

Up to 44 infected people died per week in the latest surge of cases, according to CDC data. The uptick in hospitalizations began in late summer 2023, accelerated in December to its peak, quickly retreated in January and has since been steadily declining.  
A total of about 11,650 people with the disease have died in Iowa during the pan-

demic, which began in early 2020.  
State health officials estimate that about 15% of Iowans have up-to-date immunizations to protect them against COVID-19.  
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# Iowa Senate Approves Bill on Arming School Staff, Providing Immunity to Districts

**By Robin Opsahl**  
The Iowa Senate approved a bill Wednesday that would create a permitting system for Iowa school employees wanting to carry firearms on school grounds.  
House File 2586, approved on a 30-14 vote, would allow school employees who meet training requirements to receive a permit through the Iowa Department of Public Safety for carrying a firearm on school grounds.  
Qualified immunity from criminal and civil liability for damages “pursuant to the application of reasonable force” would be provided to school districts and employees in cases involving firearm usage by school personnel. The measure was added as a provision to address concerns raised by Spirit Lake Community School District and other districts that have tried to implement policies allowing school staff to carry firearms under current law but were denied liability insurance coverage.  
The Senate removed a provision creating a School Security Personnel Grant through the Department of Education that would have

provided schools with up to \$50,000 in matching funds to put toward hiring police or security officers for schools.  
The bill’s floor manager, Sen. Lynn Evans, R-Aurelia, said the legislation would give Iowa school districts the ability to consider armed school staff as a measure to ensure students’ safety.  
“I get a pit my stomach just thinking about, talking about this issue,” Evans said. “But as a former school administrator, if I didn’t have every option available to me on the table to protect those kids, I would be remiss in not exploring each and every one of those options. And I think that’s what parents in this state would want, that we are exploring each and every option at the school board table to protect our most valuable resource: our children.”  
The legislation comes in the wake of the Jan. 4 shooting at Perry High School, where a 17-year-old student killed one student and injured three staff members and four students. The Perry High School principal, Dan Marburger, died of injuries sustained in the shooting.  
Republicans speaking in

favor of the bill said it’s necessary — especially in rural school districts — to ensure that shooters can be eliminated as quickly as possible to save lives. Sen. Jason Schultz, R-Schleswig, said arming school staff is the best way to ensure the safety of students in these incidents.  
“It just simply comes down to seconds are the most valuable thing on the planet in that situation,” Schultz said. “And anything you can do to remove the number of seconds before somebody with a weapon faces a murderer with a weapon, you’re going to have a lower body count. ... A good guy with a gun is going to stop a bad guy with a gun. Not every single time, but you don’t have a chance if the good guy doesn’t have a gun.”  
But Democrats argued that the measure will make school less safe for Iowa students and staff. Sen. Molly Donahue, D-Cedar Rapids, said there are multiple steps the state can take to ensure school safety by being “proactive instead of reactive,” such as funding mental health support for students, emergency situ-

ation training for teachers and creating threat assessment teams — in addition to passing gun safety measures on issues like firearm storage and universal background checks.  
Donahue said the legislation will not help teachers or students in realistically handling a school shooting incident.  
“As a teacher, I know what this training is for us, working with students: we have 30 seconds — approximately, if you’re lucky — to figure out if you’re going to run, hide or fight, and you’ve got a room full of kids,” Donahue said. “That leaves very little time for somebody who might be carrying a gun to help protect the school to run out and do that. But while they do that, I also need to remind you that they’re leaving children in the classroom, who are traumatized who are scared and they now have no supervision and nobody to help them through what they’re doing.”  
The bill returns to the House for consideration before heading to Gov. Kim Reynolds for final approval.

# House Passes Bill Adding Regulations, Limits on Traffic Cameras

**By Robin Opsahl**  
The Iowa House approved a bill Tuesday to regulate traffic cameras, despite criticisms from some lawmakers who said the bill unfairly limits local control, and others who said the automated traffic enforcement systems should be entirely banned.  
Iowa lawmakers passed House File 2681 on a 85-12 vote after approving an amendment brought forward by Rep. Phil Thompson, R-Boone. The amendment added some restrictions included in a similar Senate bill, including a prohibition on small communities’ use of cameras and requirements for use of revenues from fines.  
Thompson said he would like to see more restrictions on traffic cameras, but the legislation is needed now to control traffic camera use in Iowa.  
“While I certainly would prefer to ban these outright, the longer we sit around and do nothing on this, the more we’re seeing these systems being abused across our state,” Thompson said.  
The legislation would require local governments to receive permits from the Iowa Department of Transportation before they are able to implement automatic traffic enforcement (ATE) systems. It also sets standards for fines collected on speeding violations recorded by traffic cameras — the maximum set at \$500 for drivers reaching more than 30 miles per hour above the speed limit.  
To get a traffic camera permit from the DOT, Iowa cities and counties would have to provide the department with an explanation for why the cameras are needed at the location, including records on the number and severity of accidents, speed

of drivers, and related safety concerns at the spot. The bill also would not allow tickets to be issued for speeding violations under 10 miles per hour above the speed limit. Warning signs would have to be placed between 500 and 1,000 feet before any cameras.  
Local governments with populations at or below 20,000 would not be allowed to use mobile traffic camera technologies to issue tickets, but could still use them to issue warnings. Cities and counties would also be required to use the funds collected from cameras for transportation infrastructure improvement, or for operational costs for local police and fire departments.  
Some lawmakers hoped the legislation would go further. An amendment was introduced by Rep. John Wills, R-Spirit Lake, to entirely ban traffic cameras in the state. Wills said traffic cameras are unconstitutional because they do not provide due process or give person ticketed the right to be confronted by their ac-

cuser.  
“These cameras are not fair,” Wills said. “They’re not something that we should be doling out justice in a way that is not fair to all of our citizens in this state.”  
Democratic Rep. Sami Scheetz was among those who said traffic cameras play an important role in making Iowa roads safer. In his own community of Cedar Rapids, he said, traffic cameras have resulted in a decrease in accidents, and give law enforcement an avenue to address speeding in areas where traffic stops may be dangerous.  
“I understand the concerns by many about the traffic camera systems,” Scheetz said. “Many cities are unfortunately abusing ATE systems to supplement their budgets. ... However, it is important to note that the evidence clearly supports the continued use of ATE as part of our commitment to safe roads.”  
Wills’ amendment failed in a 47-50 vote.  
During subcommittee meetings on the bill, representatives of local law

enforcement departments praised the bill for adding regulatory oversight to traffic camera usage in the state. But some lawmakers said on the floor that certain provisions, such as preventing smaller communities from using mobile traffic enforcement systems, could negatively impact rural police departments’ ability to enforce traffic laws.  
The bill moves to the Senate and was referred to the Senate Ways and Means Committee for further consideration.  
The Senate considered another bill, Senate File 2337, earlier this session that would have combined restrictions on traffic cameras with “hands-free” driving legislation. The bill was put on the “unfinished business” calendars in both chambers, but no action has been taken by lawmakers since February.  
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## WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week’s trivia questions:  
What is the birthstone of April? Answer: diamond.  
What “holiday” has been observed on April 22 every year since 1970? Answer: Earth Day.  
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This week’s trivia questions:  
Which two pro golfers are tied for the most PGA tournament victories of all time?  
Which country did golf originate in?  
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April 17 is National Banana Day, and World Circus Day; April 18 is National Exercise Day, and National Animal Crackers Day; April 19 is National Poker Day, and Sylvester the Cat the Day; April 20 is Record Store Day, and Volunteer Recognition Day; April 21 is National Kindergarten Day, and World Creativity and Innovation Day; April 22 is Earth Day, National Jellybean Day, Girl Scout Leader Appreciation Day, and Passover Begins; April 23 is Movie Theatre Day, National Picnic Day, and World Book Day.  
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This week is National Public Safety and Telecommunications Week.  
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“Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”  
— John 15:13  
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“Everything comes to him who hustles while he waits.”  
— Thomas Edison  
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“When it’s tough, will you give up, or will you be relentless?”  
— Jeff Bezos  
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“If you want to live a happy life, tie it to a goal, not to people or things.”  
— Albert Einstein  
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“Any crusade requires optimism and the ambition to aim high.”  
— Paul Allen  
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Dennis Miller jokes  
“If Bill Gates is worth \$30 billion, then a good haircut must cost \$31 billion.”  
“America may be the best country in the world, but that’s kind of like being the valedictorian of summer school.”  
“I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman where the Self Help section was. She said if she told me it would defeat the purpose.”  
“If Clinton had only attacked terrorism as much as he attacks George Bush, we wouldn’t be in this problem.”  
“How do we know for sure that no two snowflakes are the same — we haven’t got anybody watching.”  
“How many of those dead animals you see on the highway are suicides?”  
“The only way the French are going to help is if we tell them we found truffles in Iraq.”  
“I think some people bash Catholics because they know Catholics won’t kill them. Quite frankly, there’s some religions out there, you bash and they’re going to kill you.”  
“Hey, what if those crop circles are just ads for Target?”  
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Pro golfer Tiger Woods got his first hole-in-one when he was eight years old.  
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Pro golfer Phil Mickelson is right-handed, but plays golf left-handed because he copied his father’s golf swing as a child.  
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# 'Are Nursing Homes Our Only Option?' These Centers Offer Older Adults an Alternative.

By Anna Claire Vollers

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — George Raines, a white-haired man in a red track suit and matching University of Alabama ballcap, cracked jokes as physical therapist Brad Ellis led him through a series of exercises designed to strengthen his legs.

Raines, who is 79, pretended to be in pain, but his grin belied his tone of mock suffering. The men were in the therapy room at Ascension Living Alexian PACE in Chattanooga, Tennessee, where older clients spend the day getting medical care and other services.

"We have some spicy patients," said Libba Llewellyn, an occupational therapist at the center. Raines had worn a hat with fake pigtail braids during the center's Crazy Hat Day the week before, prompting everyone to say he looked like country singer Willie Nelson.

PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) centers provide government-funded medical care and social services to people older than 55 whose complex medical needs qualify them for nursing home care, but who can live at home with the right sort of help. Most PACE clients are enrolled in both Medicaid and Medicare, though a small percentage pay for the program through private insurance.

Nationally, PACE centers are owned by a variety of health care organizations, including nonprofits, for-profit companies, large health care systems and religious organizations. Once a state Medicaid program opts — either through legislation or a policy change — to cover PACE care, providers receive fixed monthly payments from Medicare and Medicaid (and in rare cases from private payers) for each enrolled client.

PACE has long flown under the national radar as an elder care option. But it's recently attracted interest from lawmakers in states including Georgia, Illinois and Ohio because it can keep people at home and may cost less than nursing home care.

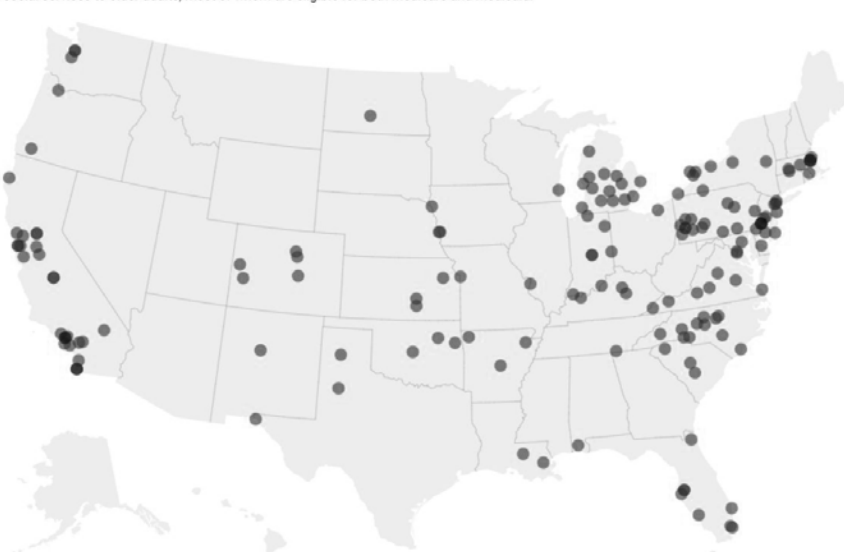
I think a lot of people were asking, 'Are nursing homes our only option?' They started looking around and discovered the PACE program made a lot of sense.

— Robert Greenwood, National PACE Association

More large companies and health care systems, armed with capital and attracted by growing consumer and state interest, are opening PACE centers or buying existing ones from smaller nonprofits. But the explosive growth has come with challenges: Three years ago, California and Colorado investigated and later sanctioned one of

PACE centers in the United States

More than 160 PACE (Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) centers operate in the United States, providing comprehensive medical and social services to older adults, most of whom are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid.



the country's largest for-profit PACE providers after finding it failed to provide services that should have been covered. And some studies have shown mixed results on the centers' effectiveness.

Many families are desperate for alternatives to nursing homes. By 2030, 1 in 5 Americans will be over age 65, and most older adults say they would prefer to remain living in their homes for as long as possible.

"One of the things about COVID is that it really focused attention on long-term care, because of the experience that nursing homes had," said Robert Greenwood, senior vice president for communications and member engagement at the National PACE Association, a professional network of PACE providers.

"I think a lot of people were asking, 'Are nursing homes our only option?' They started looking around and discovered the PACE program made a lot of sense."

### States jump in

Each day, the Alexian PACE center hosts about half of its 300 clients. Beginning at 6 a.m., the center's bright purple buses pick up people like Raines from their homes in the surrounding county and bring them to the center for the day.

As Raines received his physical therapy on a rainy Tuesday in March, dozens of other older adults sat at small tables in the dining room, eating lunch and working on jigsaw puzzles. Down another hall, clients were visiting medical providers, getting fitted for orthotics or picking up prescriptions. The center provides dental and vision care, counseling and laboratory services. Social workers help clients obtain needed items such as walkers and at-home wheelchair ramps.

"I love the model," said Vicki Guertin, the CEO at the Alexian PACE center. "I love that we can put in air conditioners [in clients' homes] if we need to. We can buy people shoes.

There's just so much we can do that most medical insurances could never do."

Late last year, Oregon began soliciting bids for new PACE programs. In January, New Jersey Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy signed a bill designed to make it easier to enroll people in PACE. Illinois is launching seven new PACE centers in June. A Georgia bill awaiting Republican Gov. Brian Kemp's signature created special carve-outs in state law to make it possible for PACE centers to open in the state. And Tennessee lawmakers are considering a bill that would direct the state's Medicaid program, TennCare, to establish PACE statewide.

Ohio Republican Gov. Mike DeWine announced in December his state is opening new PACE programs in nine counties, making Ohio's PACE expansion among the largest currently underway. The Ohio legislature directed \$50 million in federal funds toward the effort.

"It's definitely gaining momentum," said Greenwood, of the PACE association. "In the last couple of years, we've had maybe six or seven new PACE programs open a year. In the last couple of months, we've had about four PACE programs open each month. There are 50 organizations in the pipeline for the next two years."

The enthusiasm tends to be bipartisan: Tennessee state Rep. Caleb Hemmer, a Democrat representing Nashville, and state Sen. Bo Watson, a Republican representing Hamilton County (which includes Chattanooga), are cosponsoring legislation that would expand PACE across the state.

Last fall, Hemmer organized a bipartisan group of lawmakers to tour the Alexian PACE center, the only one in Tennessee. It's owned by Ascension, a nonprofit Catholic health system that's one of the largest systems in the nation.

"Even I was amazed when

I visited," Hemmer told Stateline. "You walk in and it's nice and clean, it smells good, there are activities for people. It's a place I would want to send a loved one."

### How it works

In the early 1970s, community leaders in San Francisco's Chinatown-North Beach neighborhood were looking for a way to care for elders who had mainly emigrated from China, Italy and the Philippines. They determined nursing homes were cost-prohibitive and culturally inappropriate in their community, so they formed a nonprofit to provide long-term elder care. They named it On Lok, a Cantonese term meaning "peaceful, happy abode."

The On Lok adult day center eventually became the first PACE center.

Today, more than 160 PACE centers operate in 32 states and the District of Columbia, a number far smaller than the more than 15,000 nursing homes nationwide. About 72,000 people are enrolled in PACE, compared with more than 1 million nursing home residents.

Medicaid and Medicare don't require states to provide PACE centers. But in those states that have them, about 90% of enrollees qualify for both Medicaid and Medicare, a population that includes some of the most medically complex people in the nation. Medicaid is the federal-state insurance program for people with low incomes, and Medicare is the federal program for those 65 and older. Both programs cover some people with disabilities.

Greenwood said the fixed Medicaid and Medicare payment per client — which varies from state to state — incentivizes PACE providers to focus on preventive medicine and other support services that reduce hospitalization and keep participants as healthy as possible.

In 2022, researchers from the University of Arizona found that the few published



Tennessee resident George Raines works on mobility issues with physical therapist Brad Ellis, standing, at Ascension Living Alexian PACE in Chattanooga, Tenn., in March 2024. PACE (Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly) centers provide government-funded medical care and social services to people older than 55, and they are a growing alternative to nursing home care. (Photo by Anna Claire Vollers/Stateline)

studies comparing PACE outcomes with those of other elder care programs showed mixed results. A 2014 study found that PACE enrollees experienced lower rates of hospitalization than similar populations who weren't in PACE programs, though the study's authors noted "substantial" variation among different PACE plans.

Jasmine Travers, an assistant professor of nursing at New York University, found in her 2020 study of PACE enrollees that the health care disparities she was used to seeing for Black and Hispanic older adults in nursing homes weren't as pronounced in minority PACE clients.

"A lot of things really affect health care access disparities, like transportation or copays or meals. Those kinds of things aren't always accounted for in an external [health care] setting," Travers told Stateline. "PACE accounts for those."

### Audits, sanctions and lawsuits

For decades, PACE was strictly a nonprofit-led model. About 10 years ago, Congress — which oversees Medicare and Medicaid — allowed for-profit companies to open PACE centers.

In 2016, a private equity-backed company called InnovAge became the country's first for-profit PACE organization. It purchased nonprofit PACE programs in multiple states over the next few years, growing its enrollment numbers and its revenue.

But in 2021, the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing suspended all new enrollments at InnovAge's six Colorado PACE centers after a state audit found that InnovAge Colorado "failed substantially" to provide its participants with medically necessary items and services that should have been covered. Meanwhile, the feds at

the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) were conducting their own investigation, and reached similar findings. Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser, a Democrat, launched an investigation too.

Around the same time, CMS suspended enrollment at InnovAge's PACE center in Sacramento, California. InnovAge's shareholders also filed a lawsuit alleging the company violated federal securities laws by lying to investors about its finances and operations.

"On its face, PACE looks like a great thing, with people getting all-inclusive care in one place," said Julie Goldsmith Reiser, an attorney for the plaintiffs and a partner at Washington, D.C.-based firm Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll. "But what's happening in some of these for-profit models is that people are having longer wait times to see physicians, there aren't enough physicians willing to participate, and people slip through the cracks and have worse outcomes than if they had never participated at all."

Last year, CMS lifted its sanctions on InnovAge. The company continues to operate PACE centers and bills itself as the nation's largest PACE provider based on participants served.

"At InnovAge I speak for all our associates when I say that we are at the beginning of an ongoing journey of improvement and operational excellence," InnovAge CEO Patrick Blair said in a public statement last year announcing the lifting of sanctions. "We will continue to focus on these elements as we fulfill our long-term mission of expanding access to community-based care for more seniors."

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## WCCF AWARDS FROM PAGE A1

### 2024 Grant Awards

Belmond Area Arts Council: \$3,000.00, building repairs.

Belmond Community Center: \$1,000.00, emergency generator.

Belmond Community Hospital (DBA Iowa Specialty Hospital - Belmond): \$1,000.00, blanket warmer for MRI.

Belmond Fire Department Foundation: \$2,500.00, critical parts storage cabinets.

Belmond Fourth of July Planning Committee: \$3,400.00, Belmond Fourth of July Celebration.

Belmond Growth Alliance: \$1,500.00, Cinco de Mayo Celebration 2024.

Belmond Historical Society: \$500.00, purchase two computers and five mannequins.

Belmond Promotion Council: \$620.00, Autumn Family Fun Festival.

Belmond Zip Line/Grav-

ity Rail Project Committee: \$3,300.00, Belmond Zip Line/Gravity Rail.

Build a Better Belmond: \$750.00, Upscale the Trail - plantings along the trail.

CGD Community Corral: \$1,300.00, Adopt-A-Classroom 2024-2025.

CGD Strength Project: \$1,500.00, CGD Strength Project.

Chicks Women's Ministry Inc.: \$1,350.00, shelving and storage items for donation room.

City of Dows: \$2,000.00, Elizabeth (Skeeter) Oleson Dog Park.

City of Goldfield: \$3,500.00, Community Center.

Clarion Ambulance Service: \$1,850.00, mass incident/mass casualty preparedness.

Clarion Parks & Recreation: \$3,000.00, Gazebo Park update.

Clarion Theater:

\$2,850.00, carpet replacement.

Clarion Veterans of Foreign Wars: \$973.60, new gas fryer for french fries.

Clarion Volunteer Fire Department, Incorporated: \$2,500.00, digital pagers.

Clarion Wellness Center: \$2,500.00, The REC - Clarion Recreation and Wellness Center.

Colt's Corner Daycare Center: \$2,000.00, building materials for outdoor storage.

Down Memory Lane Park: \$1,000.00, Pathway Improvement Project

Dows American Legion Watson Beach Post 523: \$1,750.00, wiring, equipment and metal signs project.

Dows Community Library: \$2,000.00, digitizing past issues of the Dows Advocate.

Dows Historical Society: \$1,000.00, Historical R.R. Depot Museum/Visitor Cen-

ter maintenance/protection.

Dows Rural Fire Association: \$3,297.00, bunker gear replacement.

Eagle Grove Community Childcare Inc.: \$4,500.00, dishwasher/sanitizer.

Eagle Grove Community School District: \$1,550.00, Aaron Eilerts Day of Service and Giving.

Eagle Grove's Concerned, Inc.: \$3,504.00, EG Congregate Meals and Meals on Wheels kitchen sink repair.

Eagle Grove Fire Department: \$4,000.00, communications.

Eagle Grove Police Department: \$4,775.00, Eagle Grove Police Department K9 Unit.

Eagle Grove Senior Citizens, Inc.: \$2,500.00, Energy Saving LED Lighting Project.

Gift of Giving: \$3,000.00, Wright County Connection.

Heartland Museum Foundation: \$500.00, How Wom-

en Helped Settle Wright County.

Iowa River Players: \$1,750.00, publicity campaign with reusable signage.

Iowa Specialty Hospital - Clarion: \$750.00, infant security system addition.

ISU Extension and Outreach - Wright County: \$2,500.00, Third Grade Safety Day Camp.

Kid's Korner Day Care Center, Inc (DBA First Steps Early Learning Center): \$3,500.00, playground expansion.

Latinas Latinos Al Exito, Inc (Al Exito): \$1,500.00, Al Exito Belmond: Student Success Belmond.

Latinas Latinos Al Exito, Inc (Al Exito): \$600.00, Al Exito Clarion: Student Success Clarion

Lazy J Rescue Ranch: \$3,500.00, building renovations - phase 3.

North Central Iowa Ag in the Classroom, \$3,000.00,

Bringing the Farm to the Classroom, Ag Education in Wright County Schools.

Rotary Senior Living: \$9,750.00, technology upgrade - new central servers.

Rowan Community Foundation: \$1,250.00, Rowan Outdoor Classroom - Phase 1A.

Upper Des Moines Opportunity: \$3,500.00, Wright County Services - assisting children, families and senior citizens.

Wright County Historical Society (DBA Eagle Grove Historical Society): \$1,800.00, Wall Lake No. 5 Schoolhouse Restoration

Wright County Historical Society - Rowan Chapter: \$2,700.00, Rowan Outdoor Classroom - Phase 1B (Shelter House).

Wright County Trails: \$1,060.00, Clarion Greenway Connection: fence.

SEE PHOTOS ON THE NEXT PAGE!



## WCCF AWARDS FROM PAGE A1



Kathy Nelson accepted the check on behalf of the City of Goldfield



Kathy Whitver accepted the check on behalf of ISU Extension and Outreach Wright County



Kelly Kirstein accepted the check on behalf of Chicks Women's Ministry Inc.



Kurt Knudsen accepted the check on behalf of Eagle Grove's Concerned, Inc.



Larry Klatt accepted the check on behalf of the City of Dows



Abby Kirstein accepted the check on behalf of the Clarion Wellness Center



Bradi Arnold Wilkinson accepted the check on behalf of the Colt's Corner Daycare Center



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



Colleen Bartlett accepted the check on behalf of the Wright County Historical Society DBA Eagle Grove Historical Society



Dennis Mraz accepted the check on behalf of the Clarion Veterans of Foreign Wars



Diane Casperson accepted the check on behalf of Rotary Senior Living



Erin Heitland accepted the check on behalf of Belmond Community Hospital DBA Iowa Specialty Hospital - Belmond



Jenn Mewes accepted the check on behalf of Iowa Specialty Hospital - Clarion



Jennifer Littlejohn accepted the check on behalf of the Clarion Ambulance Service



Josh Schild accepted the check on behalf of the Eagle Grove Community School District



Julie Hegge accepted the check on behalf of Belmond Growth Alliance



Julie Hegge accepted the check on behalf of the Belmond Promotion Council



Kathy Deimerly accepted the check on behalf of Gift of Giving



Ruth Johnson accepted the check on behalf of Build a Better Belmond



Loretta Moon accepted the check on behalf of Eagle Grove Senior Citizen's, Inc.



LuAnne Pedersen accepted the check on behalf of Eagle Grove Community Childcare Inc.



Matthew Trainum accepted the check on behalf of the Dows Historical Society (2)



Nancy Nail accepted the check on behalf of the Clarion Theater



Cyndy McNulty accepted the check on behalf of the Belmond Historical Society



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



Haley Fitzpatrick and Tyler Linn accepted the check on behalf of Lazy J Rescue Ranch



Pat McCormick and Gene Rosenbaum accepted the check on behalf of the Clarion Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.



Rachelle Freybler and Brenda Mormann accepted the check on behalf of North Central Iowa Ag in the Classroom



Matthew Trainum accepted the check on behalf of the Dows Historical Society



Elizabeth McOllough and Cristian Tamayo Calles accepted the check on behalf of Clarion Parks & Recreation



Shallon Weis and Pam Trausch accepted the check on behalf of Belmond Area Arts Council



Connie Mattison and Dawn Barkema accepted the check on behalf of the Belmond Zip Line Gravity Rail Project Committee



Nicholas Sisson and Caden Hankins accepted the check on behalf of the CGD Strength Project



Michael Knapp accepted the check on behalf of the Eagle Grove Police Department



Lennea Groom, Nancy Beyer, and Rhonda M. Benton accepted the check on behalf of the Wright County Historical Society Rowan Chapter



Tom Peterson and Mack Sisson accepted the check on behalf of the Eagle Grove Fire Department



Ryan Caquelin and Melinda Caquelin accepted the check on behalf of the Dows Rural Fire Association



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



Melody Lager accepted the check on behalf of the Heartland Museum Foundation



Nancy Beyer, Lennea Groom, and Rhonda M. Benton accepted the check on behalf of the Rowan Community Foundation



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



Dawn Martinez Oropeza, Reyna Tapia, and Lizeth Zenon accepted the check on behalf of Latinas Latinas Al Exito, Inc. (Al Exito) Belmond and Clarion



Cheryl Gardner and Julie Hegge accepted the check on behalf of the Belmond Fourth of July Committee



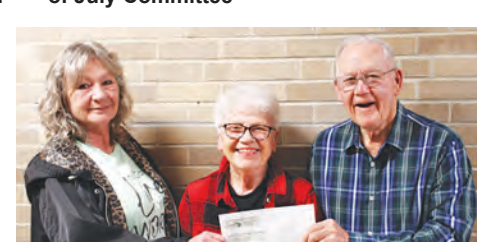
Ivan Carlos Martinez, Emily Griffioen, Ash Ricke, Megan Peterson, Deanna Holmes, Lance Arnold, Luanne Krabbe, Sean Luick-Brister, and Aiden Weaver accepted the check on behalf of the Iowa River Players



Renee Holmes and Collette Wiarda accepted the check on behalf of the Dows Community Library



Gary Meldrem, Brett Osterman, and Raejean Chapman accepted the check on behalf of Wright County Trails



Chris Roelofsen, Karen Stadlander and Tom Stadlander accepted the check on behalf of the Belmond Community Center



# SPORTS

## UPCOMING SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Monday, April 22**
- Boys/Girls Varsity Golf @ Belmond, 4:15 p.m.
  - Girls Varsity Track @ Lake Mills, 4:30 p.m.
  - Boys 7th/8th Grade Track @ Hampton-Dumont, 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 23**
- Boys Varsity Track @ Manson NW Webster, 4:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 26**
- Boys/Girls Varsity Golf @ EG Country Club, 4:15 p.m.
  - Girls Varsity Track @ Hampton-Dumont, 4:30 p.m.
  - Boys Varsity Track @ South Hardin
- Saturday, April 27**
- Boys Varsity Golf @ Britt Golf Course, 9:00 a.m.
  - Girls Varsity Golf @ Clarmond Golf Course, 9:00 a.m.

## Canavan Signs With Cornell College

**By Taylor Smith Sports Editor**

Family members, friends, and coaches of Drake Canavan shared an emotional and proud moment with the Eagle Grove senior last Friday at Eagle Grove Elementary. Drake, who is an Eagle Grove native and the son of Joe Canavan and Anna Morgan, officially signed his letter of intent to play college basketball at Cornell College in Mount Vernon.

In his senior campaign with EGHS, Canavan led the team in scoring, averaging 17.5 points per game. Drake also grabbed 6.2 rebounds per game and dished out 3.4 assists per game for the 11-

11 Eagles. He was named 1st Team All-Conference in the Top of Iowa Conference for the second straight year and surpassed 1,000 career points in January.

Congratulations to Drake for all he's accomplished here in Eagle Grove and best of luck in all of his future endeavors!



Drake Canavan was surrounded by family and friends at Friday's signing (photo by Taylor Smith)



Canavan reached heights rarely seen in Eagle Grove (photo by Mitch Jones Photography)

## Girls Track Team Impresses in Clarion

- By Taylor Smith Sports Editor**
- The Eagle Grove girls track and field team brought home several medals from their Tuesday night meet at Clarion-Goldfield Dows. Ayden Feske earned gold in the open 100 and 4x100. Celeste Figueroa had an impressive night with a 1st place finish in the 200 and 4x100, and Addy Jeske won the long jump and 4x100. Mya Morgan ran the third leg of the winning sprint relay, while Jaymie Anderson held her own in both hurdling events with a silver in the 400 hurdles and a bronze in the 100 hurdles.
- 100m Dash –**  
Ayden Feske – 1st (13.23)  
Keylyee Collins – 9th (16.04)
- 200m Dash –**  
Celeste Figueroa – 1st (28.88)  
Ayden Feske – 3rd (29.31)
- 800m Run –**  
Kendra Schild – 10th (3:14.07)
- 1500m Run –**  
Darci Anderson – 7th (7:00.00)
- 100m Hurdles –**  
Jaymie Anderson – 3rd (19.24)
- 400m Hurdles –**  
Jaymie Anderson – 2nd (1:18.27)
- 4x100m Relay –**  
A. Jeske, C. Figueroa, M. Morgan, A. Feske – 1st (53.85)
- 4x200m Relay –**  
A. Feske, C. Figueroa, M. Morgan, A. Jeske – 2nd (1:57.44)
- 4x400m Relay –**  
J. Nunez, R. Ettinger, L. Locke, J. Anderson – 5th (5:09.04)
- Sprint Medley –**  
M. Morgan, H. Anderson, B. Grandgeorge, J. Nunez – 6th (2:14.31)
- Distance Medley –**  
K. Hoop, B. Grandgeorge, J. Nunez, R. Ettinger – 6th (5:48.63)
- Long Jump –**  
Addy Jeske – 1st (15-08.50)
- Shot Put –**  
Reese Ettinger – 6th (28-02.50)  
Lily Locke – 9th (24-10.50)
- Discus –**  
Rynn Ettinger – 2nd (88-11)



Reese Ettinger anchors the Distance Medley for EGHS



Celeste Figueroa hands off to Mya Morgan in the 4x200 (photos by Taylor Smith)

## Track and Field Boys Finish 3rd in Forest City

**By Taylor Smith Sports Editor**

Last Thursday, the EGHS boys track and field team travelled to Forest City to take part in the Indian Relays. Iowa Falls-Alden, West Fork, and Clarion-Goldfield-Dows all took part in the meet. The Eagles placed in several events and finished with a team score of 81 points.

Landon Mrla earned gold in the long jump with a leap just over 20 feet. Syrus



## Girls Golfers Improve As Season Progresses

**By Taylor Smith Sports Editor**

The Eagle Grove girls golf team defeated Forest City and North Iowa at Eagle Grove Golf Course on April 8th. Kennedy Thacker and Julia Gardner both shot a 53 to tie for 1st place overall. Piper Willard earned 3rd place at the triangular with a score of 58, and Caitlin Christopher came in 7th with a 62.

A day later, the team travelled to Jewell Golf Course in Hamilton County to face off against South Hamilton and Clar-

ion-Goldfield-Dows. The girls would place 3rd as a group with a team total of 245.

Gardner led the squad with a team low score of 53. She had the 3rd best score of the triangular. Juniors Thacker and Willard were right behind Gardner with scores of 57 and 63, respectively. Christopher shot a 72 as the final scorer for the purple and gold.



## 3 things to know about childhood vaccines

- Vaccines work.**  
Most childhood vaccines are 90% to 99% effective in preventing diseases and have saved millions of children's lives.\*
- Vaccines are safe.**  
Vaccines are thoroughly reviewed and tested before being recommended.
- Vaccines protect.**  
Vaccines help protect against serious diseases by strengthening your child's immune system.



**Protect your kids.**  
Talk to their healthcare provider about getting your child vaccinated.



\*Source: American Academy of Pediatrics



Duck, Duck, Goose!

Third graders in Mrs. Fuller's class had a heartwarming exercise in the original emerging technology, hatching eggs. In this case, ducks and geese. Which came first, a duck or a goose? Ask a third grader, they'll know.



(Screenshot, Eagle Grove Community Schools/Facebook)

No Parking Signs Go Up

Across town new "no parking" street signs (as well as related signs) are going up. The signs limit parking on streets in areas where the roadway isn't wide enough to support parking on both sides, Such as on S. Western Ave., as shown here. The move makes room for emergency vehicles, as well as private vehicles, to pass down the streets as needed.



(Photo by Edward Lynn)

Fun is Elementary for Preschoolers

Preschool and TK students "had a blast" paying a visit to their future school last Monday, according to a post on the Elementary school's Facebook page.



(Screenshots, Eagle Grove Elementary 2023-2024/Facebook)

Eagle Grove Classic Hits Opens in Newspaper Office

– Advertising, podcast production space now open!  
– For a limited time, buy a newspaper ad, get a radio ad FREE!

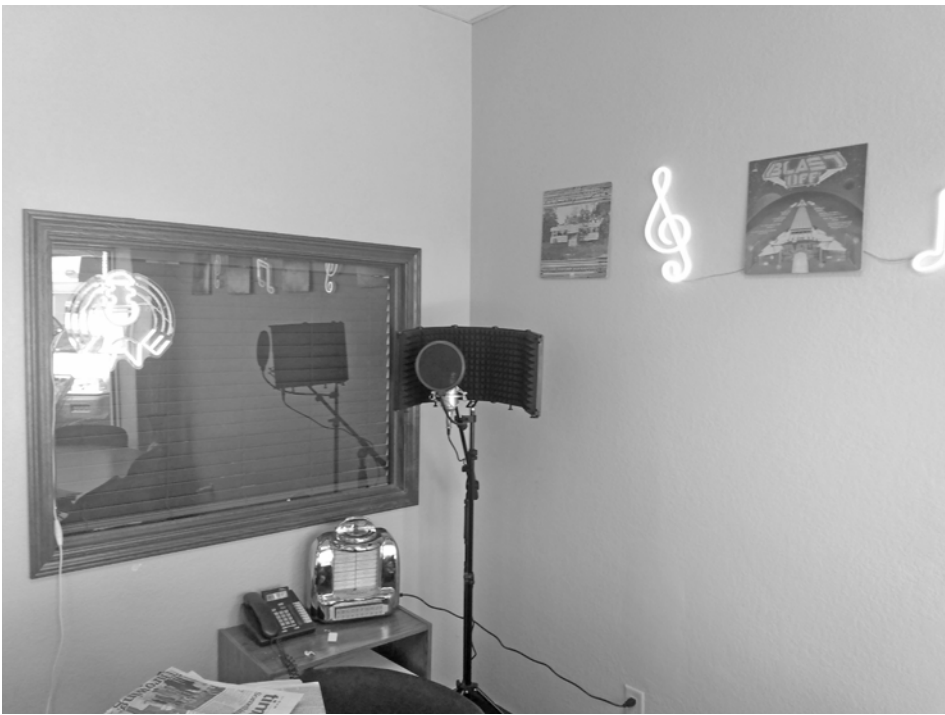
Eagle Grove's local radio station, Eagle Grove Classic Hits, was set to open an office and broadcasting space on S. Lucas Street, when the owner of the building was made an offer to purchase the building. "That sent me scrambling for a new location," said station owner Edward Lynn.

But a conversation with Lynn's boss at his "day job" as Editor of the Eagle Grove Eagle, Mid-America Publishing and Printing CEO Matt Grohe, put an end to the search. "He said, 'just put it in the newspaper office,' and I wasn't about to argue with that," Lynn said.

The move has resulted in a new partnership between the streaming radio station and the newspaper. "Since I manage one business and own the other, it just makes total sense to house them in the same location," said Lynn, noting that is just what Grohe had pointed out. And because the location, at 304 W. Broadway St. in downtown Eagle Grove, is already the home office of the Eagle Grove Eagle and Wright County Monitor newspapers, "this sort of cements the office as 'The Wright County News Center', and THE place for advertisers to reach a local audience."

"And ironically," Lynn said, "the same space was once used for local radio broadcasts. So, historically speaking, it's kinda like the space has come full circle. Put it all together and it really just makes it the perfect space."

The station now has a podcasting studio set up, and a vocal recording booth. "The vocal booth is set up with an audio isolation shield, a pop and wind filter, and a high end condenser microphone," which, Lynn explained, "which will allow



The vocal recording booth uses a corner of the office and a professional vocal shield with a high end condenser microphone equipped with pop and wind filters to capture vocals in top quality.

advertisers to record their ads quickly and easily, with the best audio quality." And the podcasting studio "is set up around a comfortable conference table," Lynn said, "using wireless microphones on desk stands, making group interviews possible in a comfortable, conversational way."

Lynn said he envisions local focused podcasts being recorded in the studio, after regular newspaper hours. "I think something like a 'coaches round-table', or a 'chamber chat' kind of podcast would be great for the community," said Lynn, "so I wanted to make the facility to do those sort of things part of the office. And so I invested in the equipment, and set-up the studio. And now we're ready to record them."

"The audio booth will let local business owners and community leaders, or really anyone who wants to record an advertisement or

announcement do so, in the highest possible quality," said Lynn, "and conveniently, they can do it right here in our downtown location."

And, Lynn announced, "for a limited time, anybody who buys a newspaper ad of any kind gets a free radio ad too!" The station is offering the free ads "to give the newspaper a shot in the arm," said Lynn, as a way of repaying Grohe for his generosity.

The radio station has received strong interest from national and statewide advertisers, including big companies, Lynn pointed out. "If you listen, you'll hear ads from businesses all over the state who want to reach our local audience," Lynn said, noting that, "we've had ads from McDonalds, from Home Depot, from Amazon, and from Iowa businesses as far away as Des Moines." And "while that's awesome," Lynn said, "we really want

the station to be a LOCAL, Eagle Grove focused station. And so we want ads for our local advertisers to be very affordable."

"The ads are extra-affordable for locals right now, since they're free," Lynn added, with a chuckle.

Classified advertisers will get a free 15 "or so" second ad, consisting of reading the ad text, which will play on the radio station daily, Lynn Explained, and display ad buyers will get a free 30 or 60 second ad played twice daily. Display ad buyers get 30 seconds of airtime a day with the purchase of any display ad in the Eagle Grove Eagle or the Wright County Monitor, and get an additional 30 seconds per day for every \$30 they spend. Advertisers can submit ready-made ads or the station will produce them.

"Basic audio production, which involves our voice talent recording the ad and can



Wireless dynamic microphones on desk stands, set up at a large conference table, makes podcast recording simple and comfortable, while capturing high quality audio. (Photos courtesy of Eagle Grove Classic Hits)

include basic sound effects, is included," Lynn said, "and advertisers can also use our vocal booth at no cost if they want to speak directly to our listeners themselves." More advanced or time consuming audio production is also available at an additional charge.

To order ads in either The Eagle Grove Eagle, The Wright County Monitor, and/or on Eagle Grove Classic Hits, contact Chase Quintus by email at sales@eaglegroveeagle.com or sales@wrightcountymonitor.com, by text or phone at (515) 832-0604, or call the office line from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, 1 515-448-4745.

To listen to Eagle Grove Classic Hits on any smart speaker, just speak the trig-

ger phrase "play Eagle Grove Classic Hits on Tune In", following the speaker's wake word. So, for example, "Alexa, play Eagle Grove Classic Hits on Tune In" or "OK Google, play..." or "Siri, play...", etcetera, depending on the maker of your smart speaker.

To listen on your smartphone and other iPhone or Android devices you have two choices, using either the Live 365 app, or the Tune In apps, whichever you prefer.

To listen through your web browser go to https://live365.com/station/Eagle-Grove-Classic-Hits-a80785 or https://tunein.com/radio/Eagle-Grove-Classic-Hits-s323143/. Or go eagle.radio.fm and click the "listen now" link.



## Eye See Helping Hands

Dr. Hauck and his crew from local optometrist's office Broadway Vision performed vision screenings for second graders at Eagle Grove Elementary schools on Friday. "Thank you," Jill Link wrote to the good doctor and his staff on Facebook, "We're so grateful for this community partnership! Thanks Broadway Vision!"



(Screenshots, Eagle Grove Elementary 2023-2024/Facebook)



### PUBLIC NOTICE Ordinance No. 67

**ORDINANCE NO. 67  
AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE  
NO. 64 ZONING ORDINANCE  
FOR THE UNINCORPORATED  
PORTION OF WRIGHT COUNTY,  
IOWA**

**TO PROVIDE FOR A CHANGE IN  
ZONING OF REAL PROPERTY  
FROM AGRICULTURE TO COM-  
MERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL**

Be it enacted by the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa:

**SECTION 1: Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Ordinance Number 64, the zoning ordinance for the unincorporated portion of Wright County, Iowa, to provide for a change in the zoning of real property from agriculture to commercial/industrial and is intended and designed to meet the specific objectives of Chapter 335.5, Code of Iowa, as amended, to preserve the availability of agricultural land; to consider the protection of soil from wind and water erosion; to encourage efficient urban development patterns; to lessen congestion on the street or highway; to secure safety from fire, flood, panic, and other hazards; to protect health and the general welfare; to provide adequate light and air; to prevent the overcrowding of land; to avoid undue concentration of population; and to facilitate the adequate provision of transportation, water, sewerage, schools, parks and other public improvements.

**SECTION 2: Amendment.** The zoning classification of the following real property

**PARCEL "C" OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 90 NORTH, RANGE 26 WEST OF THE 5TH P.M., WRIGHT COUNTY, IOWA, AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**BEGINNING AT THE SOUTH QUARTER CORNER OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE S89°48'01"W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION**

**21 ALSO BEING THE CENTER-LINE OF 320TH STREET OR COUNTY HIGHWAY C56, A DISTANCE OF 225.00 FEET; THENCE N00°34'25"W, A DISTANCE OF 1321.80 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE N89°39'30"E ALONG SAID NORTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 225.00 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21; THENCE S00°34'25"E ALONG SAID EAST LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1322.35 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.**

**PARCEL "C" CONTAINS 6.60 ACRES, 0.23 ACRES OF WHICH IS ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND IS SUBJECT TO ALL EASEMENTS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED**

**SECTION 3: Severability Clause.** If any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole. Only the language in the Ordinance that was declared to be invalid or unconstitutional shall be severed from the Ordinance

**SECTION 4: Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publications as provided by law. Adopted and passed by the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa on this 8th day of April, 2024.

*Karl Helgevoid, Chairman,  
Wright County Board of Supervisors*  
*Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor*  
First Reading 03/25/2024  
Second Reading 04/01/2024  
Third Reading 04/08/2024

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

#### City of Goldfield • School Building Demolition

**DIVISION 00 – PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS  
SECTION 00 1000 – ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
CITY OF GOLDFIELD  
SCHOOL BUILDING DEMOLITION  
GOLDFIELD, IA  
PROJECT NO. 2024-053**

Sealed Bids for a single General Contract for the City of Goldfield – School Building Demolition, Goldfield, IA, will be received at the Goldfield City Hall, 423 N Main Street, Goldfield, IA 50542, up to the hour of 2:00 p.m., local time, Wednesday, May 8, 2024, and after this time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

On Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., local time, at a city council meeting at the Goldfield City Hall, 423 N Main Street, Goldfield, IA 50542, the council will review the Bids and consider the Award of the Contract.

The work for the project shall be accomplished under a single General Contract.

On-site mobilization and demolition shall begin no sooner than July 15, 2024. The Owner requires substantial completion for the project by October 25, 2024.

All bids shall be made on the printed forms attached to and made a part of the proposed Contract Documents. The proposed Contract Documents including the Drawings, and the Project Manual, pursuant to which the work must be done, will be on file and may be viewed after April 10, 2024, at the office of the Architect, Atura Architecture, 912 North 13 th Street, Clear Lake, IA. These Documents may be obtained after the aforementioned date by Contractors upon request to the Architect and on the condition they be returned after the receipt of bids. There will be no Contract Document deposit.

All bids shall be on the basis of cash payment for the work.

Form of Contract to be used will be "The Standard Short Form of Agreement between Owner and Contractor", issued by the American Institute of Architects, AIA Document A105-2017.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by Bid Security, in a separate sealed envelope, in the form of either (1) cash, cashiers check or certified check or certified share draft drawing on a credit union in Iowa or chartered under the laws of the United States, in an amount equal to at least Five (5%) Percent of Project Bid Amount, or (2) a Bid Bond executed by a corporation authorized to contract as a surety in the State of Iowa with the amount or penal sum of not less than Five (5%) Percent of Project Bid Amount. The bid security should be made payable to the City of Goldfield. Such bid security shall be forfeited to the City of Goldfield as liquidated damages in the event the successful bidder fails or refuses to enter into a Contract within ten (10) days after the Award of Contract and post bond satisfactory to said owner insuring the faithful fulfillment of the Contract pursuant to the provisions of this Notice and the other Contract Documents.

No bidder may withdraw their bid for at least forty-five (45) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids.

The City Council of Goldfield Iowa reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive all informality and irregularity in connection therewith if the same is judged to be in their best interests, and to make a selection, including that of any Alternate Bids, that in their judgment is best suited for the purpose intended for the project.

City of Goldfield  
Goldfield, IA

By /s/ Kathy Nelson  
City Clerk

### BOARD PROCEEDINGS

#### Wright County Board of Supervisors • April 1, 2024

**April 1, 2024 Special Meeting for  
Property Tax Levy**

Chairman Helgevoid called the special meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevoid. There were four citizens present in attendance and two citizens present via zoom for the budget hearing. Also, there were seven employees present in attendance and two employees present via zoom. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to open the public hearing for the Wright County Property Tax Levy for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025. Motion carries. Isaiah Larry discussed the levy rate staying the same but the overall amount was increasing. He would

like the Board to try to lower the taxation of the people if they are able. Kluss mentioned he looks at the County budget the same as he does his own. The cost of doing business also affects the County as much as it does the taxpayers. With the House File 718, there will be mandated cuts in the future that may cut some of the services the County offers currently. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to close the public hearing. Motion carries. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.  
*Karl Helgevoid, Chairman,  
Wright County Board of Supervisors*  
*Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor*

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### BOARD PROCEEDINGS Eagle Grove Community School District • April 8, 2024

**EAGLE GROVE COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EAGLE GROVE, IOWA 50533  
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING  
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The Eagle Grove Community School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April, 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the board meeting room at the Emerson Building with President Tracy Crail presiding. Members present were: Directors A. Capsel, A. Parrott (at 6:03 PM) and A. Willard. Others present: Superintendent J. Toliver, Secretary N. Boyer, Ed Lynn with Eagle Grove Eagle (at 6:36 PM). Director D. Robinson was absent.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS:** Josh Schild, McKristie Willard, Karissa Everson, and Kat Alesch gave updates in their buildings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT CARDS:** None.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION:** None noted.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion by Director A. Pattorr, seconded by Director A. Willard, to approve the proposed agenda. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Parrott, A. Willard. Nays: None.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS:** Motion by Director A. Parrott, seconded by Director A. Willard, to approve minutes of meeting on March 11, 2024; the monthly bills, with one correction to the General Bill List and Balance Sheets for all district funds; resignation from Danielle Eisentrager (HS Art); Lincoln Morgan (Asst. Baseball Coach for 2024-25 season); Joe Chamberlin (Assistant HS Boys' Track for 2024-25 season); Samantha Ladd (MS Teacher Associate); Stephanie Carr (MS Teacher Associate); Sherry Leksell (Prom Advisor for 2024-25 school year); Luke Snyder (Talented & Gifted Teacher for 2024-25 school year); Tim McCloud (7/8 Science Teacher, MS Volleyball Coach, & MS Girls' Track for 2024-25 school year); Danielle Lukes (MS Teacher Associate); Meghan Erdman (Drill Team); Brandi Wesselink (Drill Team); Heliodora "Elliott" Sigala (Head Volleyball); Donna Jaacks (HS Teacher Associate); Jenice Hammit (Co-Sponsor Yearbook); Jayme Todd (Assistant Volleyball); Contracts for Hannah

Quintus (3rd Grade); Leo Livingston (9-12 English); Ryan Terwilliger (Head Girls' Cross Country); Katherine Jackson (5-8 Special Education); Victoria Morgan (5-8 EL Teacher) (2); Logan Willard (Assistant Boys' Track); Paige Willey (1st Grade); Lori Olmstead (9-12 Special Education); Sasha Aagesen (Elementary EL Teacher); Haley Loux (Color Guard); and no open enrollment applications. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Parrott, A. Willard. Nays: None.

**PUBLIC HEARING - 2024-2025 BUDGET:** The public is given the opportunity to address the Board of Education and to ask any questions regarding the budget. The public was given the opportunity to make public comments and there were none.

**2024-2025 BUDGET ADOPTION:** Motion by A. Capsel, seconded by A. Willard to approve the Adoption of Budget & Taxes for the 2024-2025 school year as published. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Parrott, A. Willard. Nays: None.

**TLC:** No update given.  
**FY23 AUDIT REPORT:** Motion by A. Parrott, seconded by A. Capsel, to accept the FY23 Audit Report. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Parrott, A. Willard. Nays: None.

**EGESA COSTING CONFIRMATION FOR 2024-2025:** Motion by Director A. Capsel, seconded by Director A. Parrott to approve the costing confirmation for the 2024-2025 school year. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Parrott, A. Willard. Nays: None.

**EGESA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK:** Motion by Director A. Capsel, seconded by A. Parrott to approve the EGESA Employee Handbook for the 2024-2025 school year. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Parrott, A. Willard. Nays: None.

**UPDATE EGEA SALARY SCHEDULE FOR 2024-2025:** Motion by A. Parrott, seconded by A. Willard to update EGEA wages to minimum wage and make possible adjustments. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Parrott, A. Willard. Nays: None.

**PURCHASES OVER \$25,000:** Motion by A. Capsel, seconded by A. Willard to approve the following purchases over \$25,000- visitor

bleachers (previously approved) and quote from ByteSpeed for safety grant for Elementary, Middle School, and High School. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Parrott, A. Willard. Nays: None.

**GRADUATION-MAY 19, 2024:** No action needed.

**TRIP REQUEST:** Motion by A. Capsel, seconded by A. Willard to approve a trip to Europe during Summer 2025 and to use the school media to get word to students & families; no funds will be provided/ deposited through Eagle Grove CSD. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Parrott, A. Willard. Nays: None.

**CALENDAR CHANGE FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR:** Motion by A. Capsel, seconded by A. Willard to approve moving the already scheduled full day Professional Development on October 16, 2025 to October 4, 2025 for "I Love U Guys" Professional Development training. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Parrott, A. Willard. Nays: None.

**EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS:** Motion by Director A. Capsel, seconded by Director A. Parrott to approve two early graduation requests. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Parrott, A. Willard. Nays: None.

**POLICY UPDATES:** Second and final reading for Policy 505.8 (Parent AND Family Engagement DISTRICTWIDE POLICY). Motion by A. Parrott, seconded by A. Capsel. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Parrott, A. Willard. Nays: None.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:** Prom will be held on April 20, 2025. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:** Mr. Toliver provided an update regarding looking at updating equipment for track meets; teacher, coach, and sponsor contracts were due back on April 5, very little applicants for open positions; update on the AEA bill.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Director A. Parrott, seconded by Director A. Willard, to adjourn at 6:38 PM. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Parrott, A. Willard. Nays: None.

Reports and documents considered by the Board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's office, 448-4749, Monday through Friday,

8:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.  
*Board Secretary Nicole Boyer*  
*Board President Tracy Crail*

**GENERAL FUND BILLS FOR  
APPROVAL - APRIL 8, 2024**

Ahlers Cooney P.C., legal services..... 157.00  
Airgas, supplies ..... 213.34  
Alesch, Kat, reimb. for coursework..... 1,998.00  
Allegiant Technology, supplies..... 48.53

Amazon Capital Services, supplies ..... 3,859.56  
Apple, supplies ..... 968.00  
Arnold Motor Supply, repair parts..... 534.24

AWS, web service ..... 24.79  
Bomgaars, supplies ..... 1,294.90  
Boyer, Nicole, meeting expense reimbursement..... 30.42

ByteSpeed, supplies..... 8,672.00  
Central Iowa Dist, supplies ..... 12,968.36

Column Software, legal publications ..... 369.94  
Comm1 Network, monthly telephone service ..... 630.00

Conde Systems, supplies..... 2,760.00  
Cramer Chiropractic, bus driver physical..... 175.00

Crescent Electric, supplies ..... 8.04  
Department of Education, bus inspections ..... 1,100.00  
Eagle Building Supply, supplies..... 856.83

Eagle Grove City of, water ..... 1,575.13  
Eagle Grove Schools, wire transfer fees..... 30.00

Eagle Pharmacy, supplies ..... 22.88  
Fareway, supplies..... 473.21  
First Bank Card, registration, supplies ..... 3,455.52

Hawkeye West Pest Control, monthly service..... 190.00  
Health Education Center, CPR class ..... 28.00

Humboldt County Commissioner of Elections, election expense.... 610.20  
IASB, workshop..... 110.00

ISCC, career academy charges/ book..... 36,000.00  
IFCSE, membership ..... 200.00

Iowa Testing Programs, supplies..... 2,272.00  
Jostens, supplies ..... 1,396.20

JW Pepper, supplies..... 144.30  
Menards, supplies ..... 1,249.09  
MidAmerican Energy, utilities ..... 8,892.36

Oldson Plumbing, supplies ... 115.45  
Paper Corp., supplies ..... 3,205.46

Pok-a-Dot Plumbing & Welding, supplies ..... 256.14

Rankin Communication Systems, supplies ..... 302.01  
Rhyme University, supplies ..... 1,278.56

Rieman Music, supplies..... 390.79  
Roosa, Radney, travel expense reimbursement..... 149.59

School Bus Sales, parts ..... 1,111.54  
School Specialty, supplies ..... 220.20  
Secure Shred, cost of shredding ..... 52.00

Spencer Steel, supplies..... 980.55  
State of Iowa Auditor, filing fee ..... 625.00

T & D, repairs ..... 1,734.11  
Temeyer, Pauline..... 35.75  
Timberline Billing Service, Medicaid..... 1,291.20

Toliver, Jess, meeting expense reimbursement..... 20.85  
Trash Man, monthly service ..... 770.00

Verizon, monthly charge ..... 964.57  
W & H, fuel ..... 4,992.03  
Wilson, Beth, supplies ..... 24.25

Wilson, Beth, supplies ..... 111,835.89

**OFFICIALS - PREPAID IN APRIL  
(WK OF 04/05) - APPROVED APR 8, 2024**

Becker, Jerry, BT Starter on 04/04..... 180.00  
..... 180.00

**MANAGEMENT FUND BILLS  
FOR APPROVAL - APRIL 8, 2024**

EGCSD, retiree insurance..... 962.84  
EMC Insurance, Workers Comp..... 1,056.13

Jeske, Scott, retiree insurance ..... 2,967.60  
..... 4,986.57

**PPEL FUND BILLS FOR  
APPROVAL - APRIL 8, 2024**

Crescent Electric, light fixtures ..... 669.33  
Expert's Edge Athletics & Construction, bleacher materials..... 46,962.00

GF Leasing, copiers ..... 3,054.25  
H2I Group, curtain motor ..... 1,298.00

ICN, internet ..... 418.04  
K.C. Nielsen LTD, lawn mower ..... 23,975.00

McGuiness Co., C.H., repairs..... 791.90  
Mid Country Machinery, supplies..... 713.49

Plumb Supply, supplies ..... 548.25  
Sherwin Williams, paint ..... 258.65

SVPA, Services ..... 4,410.00  
T & D Services, 2005 Blue Bird School Bus ..... 11,250.00

Tjaden Electric, repairs..... 8,136.49  
..... 102,485.40

**ACTIVITY FUND BILLS FOR  
MARCH, APPROVAL APRIL 8, 2024**

ALESCH, TRINITY- LIFEGAURD-

ING ..... 25.00  
ALL-IOWA HONOR DANCE TEAM- FEES ..... 23.00

ALT, ALANA- SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT ..... 64.13  
AMAZON- SUPPLIES ..... 3,151.05

ATLANTIC COCA- COLA BOTTLING - SUPPLIES ..... 403.80  
BEC FOODS- FUNDRAISER SUPPLIES ..... 2,370.75

COUNTRY INN & SUITES - LODGING BOYS STATE WRESTLING..... 2,042.88  
DJ BINGO- FUNDRAISER ..... 200.00

EAGLE GROVE CSD- CASH..... 1,610.30  
FAMILY CAREER AND COMMUNITY- STATE AND NATIONAL DUES ..... 147.00

FAREWAY- SUPPLIES ..... 1,034.39  
FIRST BANK CARD- MUSIC TRIP & GIRLS TRACK CAMP FEES ..... 1,044.68

FROMMELT, JULIE- SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT ..... 607.56  
FULLER HALL- POOL RENTAL..... 86.35

HAUGLAND, ZACH- SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT ..... 50.97  
HILL, KYLIE - SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT ..... 173.99

IOWA HS MUSIC ASSOCIATION- ENTRY FEE SOLO/ ENSEMBLE CONTEST ..... 360.00  
LEKSELL, SHERRY- SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT ..... 705.01

MARTIN BROS. DISTRIBUTING CO INC- SUPPLIES ..... 816.63  
MASON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT- BOYS TRACK ENTRY FEE ..... 125.00

READING BUDDIES OF IOWA INC- SUPPLIES..... 2,496.00  
RIDDELL INC- EQUIPMENT ..... 3,324.31

SCHOOLLIFE- SUPPLIES ..... 135.90  
SCHWAKE, JUSTIN- SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT ..... 101.97

WALMART STORES- SUPPLIES ..... 365.94  
WELSH, CLARISSA- SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT ..... 85.79

WUBBEN, ANTHONY- SUPPLIES REIMBURSEMENT ..... 241.96  
..... 21,794.36

**NUTRITION FUND INVOICES  
FOR MARCH , APPROVAL  
APRIL 8, 2024**

AMAZON- SUPPLIES ..... 26.99  
ANDERSON-ERICKSON DAIRY CO- MILK ..... 7,944.75

BIMBO BAKERIES USA- BREAD ..... 1,549.95  
MARTIN BROTHERS DISTRIBUTING CO INC- SUPPLIES ..... 38,178.47

..... 47,700.16



PUBLIC NOTICE  
Wright County Dust Control Notice

Dust Control Notice  
To Wright County Rural Residents

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

Contractors approved by Wright County are listed below. Payment for the dust control applications will be made directly to the chosen contractor.

- Kist Snow & More Services at 515-293-3055**
- Using Magnesium Chloride

- Deano's Dust Control at 641-421-8622**
- Using Chloride products

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

Wright County Engineer

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BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
Wright County Board of Supervisors • April 1, 2024

April 1, 2024

Chairman Helgevoid called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:30 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevoid. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of March 25, 2024 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment. Held the canvass of votes for the Special Election to fill a vacancy for the City of Eagle Grove in Ward #2 for council position.

The special election was held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. There were 64 votes for the election. Michael Weland had 39 votes and Paul James (PJ) Lawson had 25 votes. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the canvass of votes for the Special Election to fill a vacancy for the City of Eagle Grove in Ward #2 for council position. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to set the Wright County budget hearing for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for April 22, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. Motion carries.

Jeremy Abbas, Planning and Zoning Coordinator presented Ordinance #67, an amendment to Ordinance #64, changing a parcel of land from agriculture to commercial/industrial. This is for a parcel of land located in Section 21 of Troy Township for a company called Talus Renewables which is a green ammonia producer. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the second reading of Ordinance #67 and set the third and final reading for April 8, 2024. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevoid; nays – none. The second reading of Ordinance #67 passes.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2024-13, a resolution to approve disbursement of funds for the American Rescue Plan Act. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevoid; nays – none. Resolution 2024-13 duly passes and reads as follows:

**Resolution 2024 – 13  
ADDITION TO ORIGINAL  
RESOLUTION 2022-14, 2022-35, 2023-19, AND 2023-44 TO  
APPROVE DISBURSEMENT OF  
FUNDS FOR THE AMERICAN  
RESCUE PLAN ACT**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the 1.9 trillion-dollar American Rescue Plan Act and,

**WHEREAS**, Wright County applied for and has been estimated to receive funds for the American Rescue Plan Act totaling \$2,440,021.

**WHEREAS**, based on the distribution guidelines from the US Department of Treasury, the following

projects have been approved for the use of said funds:

Renovation of the Public Health Building to go from \$75,000 to not to exceed \$16,857

- Renovation of the Wright County Resource Center not to exceed \$200,000

- Placing doors on the 1st floor of courthouse from being damaged by COVID-19 sanitization to go from \$30,000 to not to exceed \$36,000

- Replacing windows in the Server Room and Mail Room to enhance proper ventilation not to exceed \$15,000

- Renovation of the Mail Room and Server Room not to exceed \$95,000

- Documentation of Secondary Roads Right of Way Atlas not to exceed \$115,500

- Development of a web based GeoPermits portal, flex support, and portal hosting and maintenance with Schneider Geospatial not to exceed \$25,938

- Equipment to support the Sheriff's Office in preventing and responding to violence to go from \$8,000 to \$10,083

- Purchase of a Infrared Drone for the Sheriff's Office not to exceed \$15,000

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Wright County Board of Supervisors endorses the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the items listed and authorizes the Auditor to make these payments as they are presented. PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of April, 2024.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented the RAISE Grant funding agreement. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the funding agreement of the RAISE Grant for Project No.: HDP-C099(103)–6B-99 the Voss Pit Bridge on C70. Motion carries. This bridge project is estimated to cost \$2.75 million with up to 80% at \$2.2 million coming from the RAISE Grant. The other 20% will come from the Farm to Market (FM) dollars.

Clemons gave an update on the Secondary Roads. There were 2 service work orders completed last week. Blade operators are submitting their spot rock locations through a program using GPS coordinates rather than the flag system. Crews have began working on the granular Engineer miles with 17 of 57 segments completed. Trucks went out to a weather response on March 24th at 9:30 a.m. and were finished around 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

*Karl Helgevoid, Chairman,  
Wright County Board of Supervisors  
Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor*

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Wright County Assessor Job Announcement

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Wright County Assessor's Office has an opening for a full time Clerk / Receptionist.

Essential functions include:

- General office duties including data entry, answering phone calls and clerical work using a computer, copier, scanner, printer and telephone.
- Outstanding customer service and communication skills including listening, writing and speaking with the general public and other courthouse staff.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel and above average math skills.
- Assisting in the property appraisal process both in the field and in the office as required.
- Strong attention to detail and time management.
- Minimum of a High School diploma or equivalent.

The Wright County Assessor's Office is willing to train the right candidate. A full job description is available at the Wright County Assessor's Office and applications can be found at [www.wrightcounty.org](http://www.wrightcounty.org). Salary range from \$40,000 to \$44,000 with full benefits package.

**Resume, cover letter and application may be mailed to: Wright County Assessor Attn: Clerk Position, PO Box 428, Clarion, IA 50525, emailed to [trnicholas@wrightco.iowa.gov](mailto:trnicholas@wrightco.iowa.gov) or dropped off at the Wright County Assessor's office at 115 N Main, Clarion, IA, by 4:00pm on Friday, May 3rd, 2024.** Candidate must successfully pass a pre-employment criminal background check, physical and DOT drug screening prior to employment. Wright County is an equal opportunity employer.

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PUBLIC INPUT MEETING  
Region V Regional Planning Affiliation

REGION V REGIONAL PLANNING  
AFFILIATION

PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

The Region V Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA) will hold a public input meeting on Amendment Three of the 2024-2027 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

The RTIP is a document produced annually that identifies all transportation projects member governments of the Region V RPA plan to implement using federal funds over the next four years. Region V includes the following counties: Calhoun, Hamilton, Humboldt, Pocahontas, Webster and Wright and the cities within these counties. The amendment is available on the MIDAS Council of Governments Facebook page or by contacting Stacy Lentsch at MIDAS Council of Governments, (515) 576-7183 ext.

212 or email at [slentsch@midascog.net](mailto:slentsch@midascog.net).

Written comments should be received by April 24, 2024, at 9:00 AM. Please submit all written comments to: Region V Regional Planning Affiliation, 602 1st Avenue South, Fort Dodge, IA 50501, or email to [slentsch@midascog.net](mailto:slentsch@midascog.net).

RTIP PUBLIC INPUT MEETING

April 24, 2024

10:00 AM

**MIDAS Building  
602 1st Avenue South  
Fort Dodge, IA 50501**

If you have any special needs pertaining to this meeting requests must be made 48 hours in advance of the meeting. Please contact Stacy Lentsch, MIDAS Council of Governments at (515) 576-7183 ext. 212 or [slentsch@midascog.net](mailto:slentsch@midascog.net) with requests or for more information.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
Wright County • Amendment of Current Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET WRIGHT COUNTY Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024				
The WRIGHT COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024				
Meeting Date/Time: 4/29/2024 09:15 AM		Contact: Betty Ellis		Phone: (515) 532-2771
Meeting Location: Wright County Board of Supervisor 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	9,843,022	0	9,843,022
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes – Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Less: Credits to Taxpayers	3	360,644	0	360,644
Net Current Property Tax	4	9,482,378	0	9,482,378
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	5	570	3,628	4,198
Penalties, Interest & Costs on Taxes	6	19,050	3,151	22,201
Other County Taxes/TIF Tax Revenues:	7	3,702,519	-665	3,701,854
Intergovernmental	8	5,724,469	180,379	5,904,848
Licenses & Permits	9	20,650	0	20,650
Charges for Service	10	596,220	-31,000	565,220
Use of Money & Property	11	299,828	321,935	621,863
Miscellaneous	12	185,419	47,374	232,793
Subtotal Revenue	13	20,031,203	524,802	20,556,005
Other Financing Sources:				
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	14	0	50,800	50,800
Operating Transfers In	15	2,470,720	0	2,470,720
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Sales	16	105,000	7,466	112,466
Total Revenues & Other Sources	17	22,606,923	583,068	23,189,991
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating:				
Public Safety and Legal Services	18	5,680,147	238,600	5,918,747
Physical Health and Social Services	19	1,288,578	-5,125	1,283,453
Mental Health, ID & DD	20	0	0	0
County Environment & Education	21	1,966,685	-324,486	1,642,199
Roads & Transportation	22	6,550,502	184,980	6,735,482
Government Services to Residents	23	831,979	-26,648	805,331
Administration	24	2,884,370	221,131	3,105,501
Nonprogram Current	25	55,862	21,673	77,535
Debt Service	26	3,275,796	-238,494	3,037,302
Capital Projects	27	35,000	74,436	109,436
Subtotal Expenditures	28	22,568,919	146,267	22,715,186
Other Financing Uses:				
Operating Transfers Out	29	2,470,720	0	2,470,720
Refunded Debt/Payments to Escrow	30	0	0	0
Total Expenditures & Other Uses	31	25,039,639	146,267	25,185,906
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources over (under) Expenditures & Other Uses	32	-2,432,716	436,801	-1,995,915
Beginning Fund Balance - July 1, 2023	33	8,585,695	0	8,585,695
Increase (Decrease) in Reserves (GAAP Budgeting)	34	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Nonspendable	35	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Restricted	36	4,269,920	-71,854	4,198,066
Fund Balance - Committed	37	0	0	0
Fund Balance - Assigned	38	434,813	381,388	816,201
Fund Balance - Unassigned	39	1,448,248	127,267	1,575,513
Total Ending Fund Balance - June 30, 2024	40	6,152,979	436,801	6,589,780
Explanation of Changes: Increasing revenue and decreasing expenditures				

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
Wright County • March 2024 Claims

<b>March 2024 Claims General Basic Fund</b>	
Access Systems, Copier contract...	\$750.00
AgSource, Testing .....	\$101.17
AgVantage, Fuel .....	\$14.50
Ahlers & Cooney, Labor relations ..	\$2,802.69
Allen Hospital, Child protection.....	\$1,657.00
Amazon, Door stops .....	\$325.00
Auditor of State, Filing fee.....	\$33.47
Auxiant, Insurance .....	\$625.00
Denise Baker, Mileage/Lodging .....	\$199.50
Basepoint Auto, Repair .....	\$576.07
Independent, Publication .....	\$287.50
Blue Ribbon Pelham, Water .....	\$473.86
Bomgaars, Steel wool .....	\$138.00
Brothers Market, Jail meals .....	\$17.97
Brady Brott, Meal .....	\$3,859.03
BOA, Credit Card .....	\$13.70
Darrel Carlyle, Mileage .....	\$318.02
Caleb Carmichael, Mileage .....	\$427.11
CDW-G, Computers .....	\$1,559.43
Central Iowa Dist., Cust. supp. ....	\$2,065.89
Central Iowa Water, Testing .....	\$1,356.00
Central Lock, Door .....	\$983.17
City of Clarion, Water & sewer .....	\$375.00
Clarion Distributing, Broom .....	\$645.33
Column, Publication .....	\$28.00
Comm1, Phone .....	\$615.83
Sheila Cordero, Mileage .....	\$1,559.43
Culligan, Water .....	\$144.72
DAS, Fees .....	\$88.80
Braden Deal, Mileage .....	\$150.00
Electronic Engineering, Battery .....	\$201.67
Brenda Ellefson, Court reporter .....	\$296.00
Betty Ellis, Mileage/Meals ..	\$52.00
Ewing, Med. Ex .....	\$347.18
Jeremiah Feltz, Meal .....	\$2,168.48
Fellenwarth Beach, Conference .....	\$13.20
Foust Funeral Home, Transport .....	\$472.00

.....	\$20,612.53
T&S, Recycle .....	\$238.00
True Value, Plumbing .....	\$226.52
Urness, Supplies .....	\$476.78
US Cellular, Phone .....	\$152.37
Verizon, Phone .....	\$4,482.99
VISA, Credit Card .....	\$1,683.76
Visual Edge, Copier contract .....	\$340.33
Warnke Constr., Table ....	\$2,483.00
WCRC, Rent .....	\$324.86
Wr. Co. Aud., Postage .....	\$912.18
Wright County Fair, Apport. ....	\$2,500.00
Wright County Eng., Veh. maint. ....	\$689.98
Amazon, Supplies .....	\$5,343.28
Jane Bangs, Mileage .....	\$20.10
Elizabeth Bernal, Mileage .....	\$460.96
Central Iowa Dist., Cust. supp. ....	\$94.00
City of Clarion, Water & sewer .....	\$94.77
CLIA Lab Program, Cert. fee .....	\$248.00
Carrie Covington, Mileage .....	\$151.42
Culligan, Water .....	\$47.40
Hawkeye West, Pest control .....	\$55.00
ABILITY, IT .....	\$1,526.28
ISH-Clarion, Medical .....	\$113.40
IP Pathways, IT .....	\$4,080.12
Sandra McGrath, Mileage .....	\$40.20
Mediacom, Internet .....	\$184.50
Medline, Med.supp. ....	\$347.59
MidAmerican, Utilities .....	\$533.04
NACCHO, Membership .....	\$170.00
NGT, IT .....	\$6,221.38
Pitney Bowes, Lease .....	\$233.34
Naomi Rothman, Mileage .....	\$193.63
Denise Schumacher, Mileage .....	\$381.23
Secure Shred, Recycle .....	\$52.00
T & S, Disposal .....	\$108.00
US Cellular, Service .....	\$124.94
VaxCare, Vaccines .....	\$194.58
VISA, Credit Card .....	\$185.00
Wells Fargo Fin., Copier Contract ..	\$468.49
Angela Wessellink, Mileage .....	\$691.44

Bomgaars, Mail boxes .....	\$495.70
Campbell's, Repair .....	\$379.95
CINTAS, Coveralls .....	\$127.08
City of Belmond, Utilities .....	\$108.57
City of Clarion, Utilities .....	\$616.30
City of Eagle Grove, Utilities .....	\$63.41
Clarion Distributing, Squeezegee, etc.	\$216.40
Comm1, Phone .....	\$312.26
Continental Res., Supplies .....	\$1,106.32
Culligan, Water/rent .....	\$155.00
Cypress Solutions, Subscription .....	\$1,266.00
Gillund, Lube/buffer .....	\$311.70
Hawkeye West, Pest control .....	\$55.00
la. Env. Serv., Survey .....	\$2,250.00
ICEOO District II, Registration .....	\$30.00
Interstate Battery, Batteries .....	\$696.70
Iowa DOT, Brackets, etc. ....	\$986.95
IPI, Sign .....	\$1,464.40
ISH-Clarion, Testing .....	\$185.00
Jack's O.K. Tire, Tires .....	\$9,897.70
Kimball Midwest, Disc/bits .....	\$480.85
Kinzler, Repair .....	\$1,795.00
Lawson Products, Straps etc .....	\$3,544.18
Mason City Glass, Repair .....	\$308.53
Mid-Am Res. Chem., Degreaser .....	\$387.54
MidAmerican, Utilities .....	\$4,335.52
NC IA VAC, Labor .....	\$517.50
Oldson's, Supp/serv .....	\$220.08
Prairie Energy, Utilities .....	\$355.55
Spencer, Steel .....	\$96.14
T & S, Disposal .....	\$323.00
Urness, Breaker/bolts .....	\$151.04
US Cellular, Phone .....	\$2,544.28
Verizon, Phone .....	\$120.03
VISA, Credit Card .....	\$1,043.50
Visual Edge, Copier contract .....	\$111.07
W & H, Fuel .....	\$1,058.60
Wr. Co. Aud., Postage .....	\$13.40
Sanitary Landfill, Landfill .....	\$140.00
Wright Farm Services, Fuel .....	\$1,165.36
Ziegler, Parts .....	\$3,190.98
<b>FmHA Int. Relending Loan</b>	
Eagle Grove CDC, Loan .....	\$10.56

**E911 Surcharge Fund**

Alliant Energy, Utilities ..... \$223.92 |  || AT&T, Phone ..... | \$49.72 |  |
| CenturyLink, Circuit Pay .... | \$211.29 |  |
| Frontier Comm., E911 Circuits ..... | \$70.87 |  |

Goldfield Telephone, Phone ..... \$119.12 |  |

Language Link, Interpreter ..... \$25.48 |  || Colleen Meier, Mileage ..... | \$140.76 |  |
Mid-America, Publications .....	\$139.50	
MidAmerican, Utilities .....	\$173.16	
Prairie Energy, Utilities .....	\$207.51	
Windstream, Phone .....	\$164.66	
Wright County Eng., Labor .....	\$380.00	

**Drainage Administration**

Independent, Publication ..... \$48.00 |  || Column, Publication ..... | \$51.52 |  |
| Courtney Morris, Mouse ..... | \$22.79 |  |

**Capital Projects**

Lampert Lumber, Drywall ..... \$154.14 |  || Urness, Supplies ..... | \$453.74 |  |
| VISA, Credit Card ..... | \$26.86 |  |

**Local Emergency Management**

Comm1, Phone ..... \$55.95 |  || Rod Heiden, Fuel ..... | \$55.20 |  |
| Verizon, Phone ..... | \$121.45 |  |
| VISA, Credit Card ..... | \$136.21 |  |

**Wright Co. Communications**

Hawkeye West, Pest control .. \$55.00 |  || VISA, Credit Card ..... | \$91.98 |  |
| Visual Edge, Copier contract ..... | \$116.80 |  |

**Co. Assessor Agency Fund**

Amazon, Supplies ..... \$68.33 |  || Independent, Publication ..... | \$45.36 |  |
CDW-G, Computers .....	\$1,467.01	
Column, Publication .....	\$133.16	
Culligan, Water .....	\$10.00	
PSI, Envelopes .....	\$704.49	



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

- BINGO - Clarion Senior Citizens Center 1:30 - 3:30 PM (Unless there is bad weather)

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

- Eagle Grove PROM!
- Mommy & Me Support and Connect Group | Kendall Young Libray, Webster City IA | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM. Welcome to all expecting or new moms. Come support each other as we navigate the first year after baby. We will provide postpartum support through community and education. Educational topics include feeding tips, infant development, postpartum healing, and more!

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

- Bingo @ The Bru! Come on out for an evening of bingo and brews! \$2 for 1 single game, \$20 for 3 reusable cards that you can play 10 rounds with! Cash/Check/Venmo available! 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM | 215 6th ST SW, Clarion.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

- EGHS Choir & Band Concert! 7:00 PM - Robert Blue Auditorium, 1015 NW 2nd St, Eagle Grove
- Food Pantry! 5:00 - 6:30 PM | First Lutheran Church, Clarion 420 1st St NW, Clarion, IA 50525

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

- BINGO - Clarion Senior Citizens Center 1:30 - 3:30 PM (Unless there is bad weather)

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

- May Day with Butter (& Friends) @ Lazy J Rescue Ranch! 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Popcorn Bar, May Day Craft, Photo Opportunity, Rescue Goats, Pigs, Mini-Cow, Llama, & More! \$5 per person, all proceeds support Lazy J Rescue Ranch's mission and the current/future rescued animals who call LJRR their forever home! 1078 230th St., Goldfield, IA Follow our Facebook page for more details to come!
- BINGO! Cheerleaders Fundraiser! Pop's Pizza & Pub, 316 W. Broadway, EG | 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- Blood Drive - Eagle Grove High School Gym, 415 NW 2nd ST, EG | 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- Ladies' Night Out: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM | This event aims to bring together women from our community and surrounding areas for an evening of fun, shopping, and networking. Tickets are \$20 including a "Goodie Bag" valued at \$45+. Each bag includes a Garden Fairy Stake with a top gem (you will collect beads at participating businesses) and one free raffle ticket for a chance to win an extravagant gift basket! One Inspiration Garden Stone, Coupon Book featuring deals & discounts from our local chamber community, "Experience Eagle Grove" Bingo card (to be turned in for a chance to win Chamber Bucks), Bottled Water, Candy, & Other Goodies to be added!
- BINGO - Clarion Senior Citizens Center 1:30 - 3:30 PM (Unless there is bad weather)

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- Beauty Surrounds, Favorites of the Ensemble & a commission by composer Jordan Jinosko - Presented by Fort Dodge Choral Society - 3:00 PM - Grace Lutheran Church, 211 S 9th ST, Fort Dodge. Admission: Season Ticket or \$12 at the door, students FREE.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

- 4th & 5th Grade Music Concert! 7:00 PM - Robert Blue Auditorium, 1015 NW 2nd St, Eagle Grove

THURSDAY, MAY 9

- 5th & 6th Grade Vocal & Band Concert 7:00 PM - Robert Blue Auditorium, 1015 NW 2nd St, Eagle Grove 7th & 8th Grade to follow.

FRIDAY, MAY 10

- BINGO - Clarion Senior Citizens Center 1:30 - 3:30 PM (Unless there is bad weather)

FRIDAY, MAY 18

- Karaoke Party at Fuel! 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM | 223 N. Main ST, Clarion IA 50525

SUNDAY, MAY 19

- EGHS Graduation Commencement Ceremony! 2:00 PM - EG Elementary, 425 N. Fort Ave, Eagle Grove

FRIDAY, MAY 24

- BINGO - Clarion Senior Citizens Center 1:30 - 3:30 PM (Unless there is bad weather)

SATURDAY, MAY 25

- Cody Hicks Acoustic LIVE @ The Bru, 215 6th ST SW, Clarion | 8:00 PM

Eagle Grove CSD MENU		
<b>Monday, April 22</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Fruit, Juice; <b>LUNCH:</b> Hot Dog/Cheeddar, Calico Beans, Coleslaw, Pineapple	<b>Wednesday, April 24</b> <b>1.5 Hr Early Dismissal at EGHS</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Cereal, Blueberry Crumble, Fruit, Juice; <b>LUNCH:</b> Cherry Blossom Chicken, Stir-fry Vegetables, Fried Rice, Mandarin Oranges	<b>Thursday, April 25</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit, Juice; <b>LUNCH:</b> Chicken Sandwich, Garden Salad, Corn, Applesauce
<b>Tuesday, April 23</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Breakfast Sandwich, Fruit, Juice; <b>LUNCH:</b> Lasagna, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Pears, Bread Knot	<b>Friday, April 26</b> <b>BREAKFAST:</b> Cereal, Poptart, Fruit, Juice; <b>LUNCH:</b> Turkey Club, Carrots/Celery, Orange	

CIVIC CALENDAR

<div><div>WRIGHT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</div><div>DETAILS: Mondays, 9 a.m., at the Wright County Courthouse</div></div>	<div><div>EAGLE GROVE UTILITY BOARD</div><div>DETAILS: To be announced.</div></div>	<div><div>ROWAN CITY COUNCIL</div><div>DETAILS: 7 p.m., First Mondays of the Month at City Hall</div></div>
<div><div>CLARION CITY COUNCIL</div><div>DETAILS: 5 p.m., first and third Tuesdays of the Month</div></div>	<div><div>EAGLE GROVE LIBRARY BOARD</div><div>DETAILS: Second Wednesdays of the Month at the Library Meeting Room (times to be announced).</div></div>	<div><div>GALT CITY COUNCIL</div><div>DETAILS: Second Mondays of the month, 202 3rd St.</div></div>
<div><div>EAGLE GROVE CITY COUNCIL</div><div>DETAILS: 6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays at the Police building</div></div>	<div><div>EAGLE GROVE SCHOOL BOARD</div><div>DETAILS: Second Mondays of the Month, 6:00 p.m. at the Emerson Building.</div></div>	<div><div>WOOLSTOCK CITY COUNCIL</div><div>DETAILS: 2nd Tuesdays of the month</div></div>