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The Wright County government marked Earth Day on Monday, April 22nd, by planting a tree on the grounds of the iconic Wright County Courthouse. The tree was donated by Supervisor Rick Rasmussen, who enlisted the help of the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Middle Tag program students to plant it.



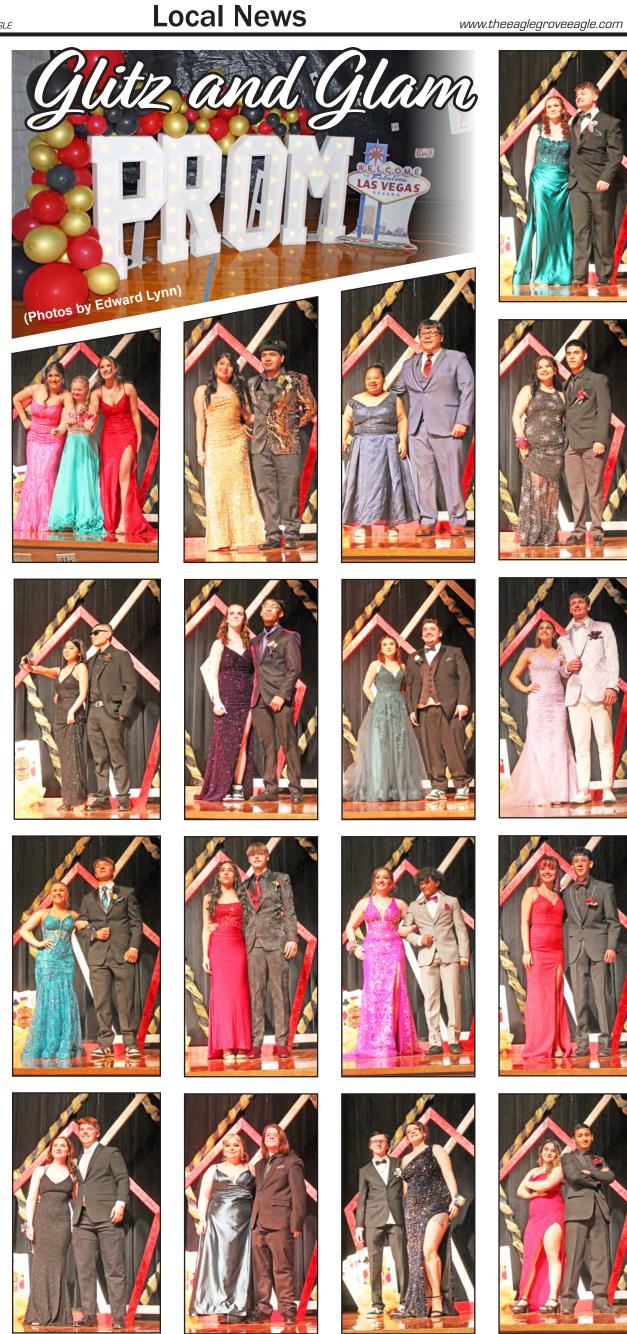


5th & 6th Graders Play in River City Honor Band

On Saturday, April 20, Lincoln Intermediate in Mason City hosted the River City Honor Band. Eagle Grove 5th and 6th graders participated in this event, spending the day preparing music with students from over 30 other schools. They ended the day with a concert showcasing all their hard work.



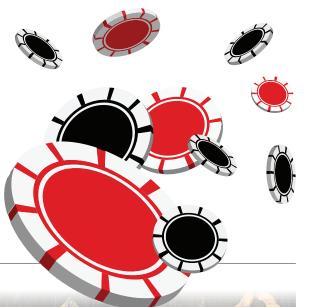
Pictured left to right are: Eunice Otzin Sam, Katelynn Madson, Nick Willard, Edward Orozco-Onate, Morgan Whipple, and Wyntr Crotts. (Photo courtesy of Elizabeth Schwake)

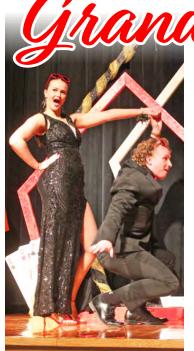




















Supervisors Hear About Recent CO2 Pipeline Eruption

County property taxes staying put, COVID, Flu boosters available

by Lee van der Linden

Wright County property owners will see no change in the tax levy rate in the coming fiscal year. The \$7.24 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation was approved by the county supervisors after a second hearing held April

There will be an increase of 9.24 percent in taxable growth in the general basic fund, and 11.84 percent growth in the rural basic fund. However, the Iowa legislature capped the growth at 3 percent in both funds.

The supervisors were told Monday of a leak in an ExxonMobil pipeline that released over 2.500 barrels of carbon dioxide in the air April 3 in Louisiana. It took more than two hours to seal the leak. According to The Guardian, a British daily

newspaper that publishes an online U.S. edition, there was no operator on site at the pump station where the leak occurred, and a camera monitoring system at the facility did not work. Exxon staff learned of the leak after it was reported to emergency services. Exxon is required to submit an incident report to the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration within 30 days.

Supervisor Dean Kluss said the pipeline leak was discussed at last week's Planning and Zoning meet-

A new booster shot for the latest Covid vaccine is available, according to Sandy McGrath, director of the public health office. Mc-Grath said the shot is available for senior citizens and anyone without insurance coverage for the vaccines. McGrath added that the

flu shot is also available. She said flu shot rates were down across the nation and in Iowa, leading to an increase in hospitalizations of people suffering from the

In other business, the supervisors:

-agreed to ask Summit Carbon Solutions to reimburse the county for \$920 in pipeline research;

-and heard that public hearings will need to be held concerning proposed changes to the floodplain ordinance. FEMA and the Iowa DNR are requiring updated definitions to the county ordinance that was passed in 2013. The hearing dates will be announced soon.

Supervisor Karl Helgevold was absent.

2024 Spring Clean-Up

annual city-wide Spring Clean Up Days will be held from Wednesday, May 1, 2024 through Saturday, May 4, 2024. Operating hours are as follows:

Wednesday - Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Saturday:**

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Public Works Department can be found at 209 SE 1st Street (behind the Eagle Grove Fire Station). Take this opportunity to get rid of some of your old junk stored in your garage or basement, such as tires, appliances, furniture, hazardous waste materials, etc.

We are working to secure volunteers and equipment to perform curbside pickup for qualifying residents. Curbside pickup will be made by appointment. Please call City Hall at (515) 448-4343 or by email at cityhall@ eaglegrove.gov to schedule curbside pickup before Monday, April 22, 2024. Curbside pickup is not guaranteed. City Hall will confirm the appointment by Friday, April 26, 2024.

Please see the following list of items that can be accepted. Stickers can be purchased at City Hall, 121 N. Commercial Ave, Eagle Grove, Iowa, or at the Clean Up Days site during operating hours. The price for a sticker ranges from \$10.00 to \$50.00 pending the type of item being dropped off. Hazardous Waste Materials will be charged \$0.50 per item dropped off.

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Eagle Grove Police Report

April 11

6:36 AM: Assisted an unoccupied vehicle in the 2500 block of HWY 17.

8:18 AM: Controlled burn in the 100 block of SE 10th ST.

9:25 AM: Civil Service Performed.

9:30 AM: Accident reported near 2nd ST and Garfield - no injuries.

11:51 AM: Report requested. 11:55 AM: Complaint re-

ceived in the 1500 block of N. Iowa Ave.

12:43 PM: Citizen providing information. 1:33 PM: Met com-

plainant. 6:04 PM: Lost iPhone re-

ported at Hewitt Park. 6:28 PM: Harassment reported in the 800 block of N. Wright.

April 12

2:25 AM: Return call requested.

3:00 AM: Traffic stop in the 1700 block of N. Iowa

3:40 AM: Traffic stop at the intersection of HWY 17 & HWY 3.

8:53 AM: Return call reauested.

9:01 AM: Return call requested.

1:51 PM: Information provided. 3:30 PM: Report request-

3:50 PM: Nuisance reported in the 200 block of

E. Chestnut ST, Goldfield. 6:03 PM: Suspicious person reported in the 300 block of HWY 3, Goldfield. 6:48 PM: Assistance

needed in the 400 block of N. Cadwell. 7:35 PM: Complaint re-

ceived 8:26 PM: Traffic stop

near N Wright Ave. 8:37 PM: Traffic stop in the 800 block fo N. Wright

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April 13

12:43 AM: Officer originated case.

1:43 AM: Traffic stop in the 800 block of NW 1st. 7:56 AM: Met complainant.

8:21 AM: Traffic stop in the 1100 block of S. Commercial Ave.

10:00 AM: Civil Service Performed.

10:26 AM: Nuisance reported in the 500 block of W. Broadway.

12:42 PM: Return call requested. 1:07 PM: Civil Service

Performed. 7:05 PM: Noise com-

plaint received in the 400 block of W. Webster ST, Goldfield.

8:05 PM: Return call requested.

8:35 PM: Traffic stop in alleyway behind restaurant. 8:57 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of NW 6th & N Cadwell.

9:16 PM: Traffic stop in 200 block of N. Commercial.

11:13 PM: Noise complaint received.

April 14 12:08 AM: Information

provided. 2:06 AM: Traffic stop in the 200 block of W. Broad-

2:46 AM: OWI reported near HWY 3 & Dillan. 10:30 AM: Assisted an-

other agency. 12:30 PM: Alarm reported in the 500 block of N.

Locust, Goldfield. 12:44 PM: Nuisance reported in the 500 block of W. Broadway.

2:57 PM: Concerned citizen providing information. 6:07 PM: Traffic stop in the 2800 block of HWY 17. 6:57 PM: Harassment re-

port received. 8:55 PM: Traffic stop in the 400 block of SW 1st ST.

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9:21 PM: Noise complaint received in the 500 block of NW 2nd ST.

April 15

6:56 AM: Animal complaint in the 600 block of N. Wright.

7:56 AM: Nuisance reported in the 1000 block of N. Arthur.

10:06 AM: Report requested.

2:29 PM: Stolen vehicle reported in the 1200 block

of SW 3rd ST. 5:36 PM: Hit & Run reported in the 800 block of

NE 2nd ST. 5:48 PM: Information regarding semi-hitting RR Crossing arms in the near

April 16

7:13 AM: Open door reported in the 900 block of N. Arthur.

9:46 AM: Return call re-10:15 AM: Complaint received regarding RR Cross-

ing arms malfunctioning. 10:27 AM: Firearm turned into EGPD

11:16 AM: Return call requested.

4:03 PM: Stolen Vehicle reported in the 1500 block of N Iowa Ave.

5:25 PM: Unknown problem reported in the 700 block of Water ST, Goldfield.

quested.

6:32 PM: Loose dog reported in the 300 block of S. Kirkwood Ave.

April 17 7:58 PM: Loose dog re-

ported at the intersection of NE 2nd ST & Jackson Ave. 8:21 PM: Loose dog reported in the 1700 block of N. Iowa Ave.

8:22 PM: Information provided.

11:51 PM: Noise complaint received in the 200 block of N. Jackson Ave.

It's a girl! Doris Ermelinda Funez

Lagos and Edgar Cabrera of Eagle Grove are pleased to announce the birth of a girl! Anyeli Abigail Cabrera Funez was born on April 19, 2024, weighing 7 pounds, 1

ounce. Her grandparents are Ana Lagos and Santos Funez and Edas Cabrera and Araceli Ordonec.



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CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Excessively theatrical actors
- Footwear
- 10. A way to disfigure 14. Exchange rate
- 15. Hawaiian wreaths
- 16. North-central Indian city 17. Bungle
- 18. Extremely angry
- 19. A short note of what's owed 20. Criminal organization
- 22 Mimic 23. Try to grab
- 24. U.S.-born individuals 27. Some are covert
- 30. Order of the British Empire 31. Don't know when yet
- 32. Payment (abbr.)
- 35. Winged angelic being 37. Variety of Chinese
- 38. A way to be anxious
- 39. Famed wrestler Hulk
- 40. Partner to cheese
- **CLUES DOWN**
- 1. "Mad Men" leading man 2. Water (Spanish)
- 3. Annoy 4. Bulgarian capital
- 5. Japanese title 6. Capital of Zimbabwe
- 7. Giraffe 8. A mixture of substances
- 9. Midway between south and southeast
- 1.0 Staffs
- 11. Turkish title 12. Type of acid
- 13. Thin, flat strip of wood 21. Russian river
- 23. Ribonucleic acid 25. Partner to flow
- 26. Airborne (abbr.)
- 27. Earthy pigment

- 28. Genus of earless seals 29. "Key to the Highway" bluesman
- 33. Hot fluid below the earth's surface 34. Partner to trick 36. British Air Aces
- 37. Ammunition 38. Supervises flying

41. Slang for sergeant

44. Highly unpleasant vapor

52. Upper bract of a floret of grass

42. Canadian flyers 43. Actress Ryan

45. Body part

46. Halfway

48. Consum

55. Housepet

61. Frocks

66 Ireland

56. Cavalry-sword

60. Symbol of a nation

63. Used to carry food

64. Portuguese folk song

65. Sharp mountain ridge

67. Where golfers begin

69. Fluid suspensions

68. Greek mythological sorceress

49. Salts

- 40. Health care for the aged 41. Flanks 43. Millimeters
- 44. Where wrestlers perform
- 47. Flightless bird
- 49. Bell-shaped flowers of the lily family 50. Expressed concern for
- 51. Satisfies 52. Flew off!
- 53. Wings
- 54. Load a ship 57. Vigor
- 58. British title
- 59. Whiskeys
- 61. __Adams: founding father 62. Body of water

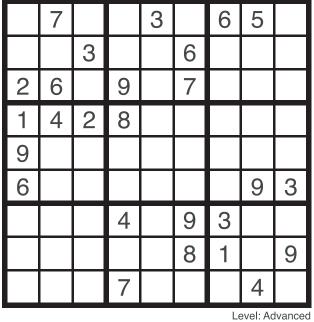
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Fun By The Numbers

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

AMEND **BLOOMING BORDER** COMPOST CUT **DRAINAGE** DROUGHT **EDGE**

FERTILIZE **GARDEN GREEN HEALTHY** INSECTS **LANDSCAPING** LAWN MOSSY

MULCH **POLLINATOR PRUNE** SCENT **SHRUBS SUNLIGHT** TRIMMING **WEEDS**

The Historic Part of Trump's Trial **ISN'T What Everyone Says**

by Edward Lynn **Editor**

This week the historic first ever criminal trial of a former United States President is taking place. It's not local news and there's wall to wall coverage of it, so it falls into the category of things that I, as Editor of this newspaper, think the rest of the media is covering well enough that I should save my column inches for other subjects.

However, the rest of the media is largely fractured, split down the middle, taking sides. And the truth can only be on one side. That's just common sense: if two people or groups of people are each asserting a "truth" which are opposite of each other, one side is lying, and the other is probably telling the truth.

Which means that you, the readers I am responsible for informing, are getting either truth or lies depending on which side you're listening to. So there is one thing I need to say about this, in good conscience. There's only one way to find out if you're being lied to or not: you have to figure it out for yourself.

Listen, with an open mind, to both arguments. Think of yourself as the judge in the courtroom. Listen to both sides make their arguments, value facts, evidence, and proof over bluster, conjecture, and gaslighting. Compare and contrast their arguments. Analyze them.

Whatever you do, don't go looking for confirmation of your prejudices – that the side you want to be right is right. That's the express lane right down a rabbit hole which is the equivalent of an intellectual black hole.

This is only the first CRIMINAL trial of a **President**

The former President is on trial, in what will likely be the first of several such proceedings, because he allegedly lied in his business records (committed fraud) to cover up a lie he was telling the voters.

This alleged criminal conspiracy to gain the Presidency by lying to the voters, buying the silence of those who could have told the truth, and covering up the financial records of the payoffs with yet more lies... Well, whether it is true or not, it feels familiar, doesn't it? There's a good reason for that.

Trump's argument, summed up, amounts to: I did not pay off that porn star to cover up an affair with her. And that sounds an awful lot like, "I did not have sexual relations with that woman," which former President Clinton once said as he was running for re-election.

Clinton didn't falsify business records in the commission of that statement, which proved to be a lie,

to which he ultimately admitted. And that means that his lie didn't rise to the level of financial fraud the way Trump's alleged lie may. But Clinton did face serious consequences. Like Trump, he was impeached, and acquitted (because impeachment is a political process that really determines how much support a politician has from other politicians, and is partisan in nature not a court proceeding meant to result in justice being done). And he was disbarred from arguing cases before the same Supreme Court he had made appointments to. He lost his law license for five years. And he was found guilty of perjury in a civil court, and fined \$90.000 dollars (or about \$184,000 in today's value).

So what's NOT historic or new here is the idea of a President lying about his extra-marital affairs to help them get elected, or re-elected, as well as that of the lying President facing accountability for their actions. And at the time, Clinton and his people said that it was all a political witchhunt. Which is what Trump is saying now.

But in 1995 the "right wing noise machine" as then First Lady Hillary Clinton had dubbed it was only a seedling of what it has grown into now. The fairness doctrine, had only been ended for eight years, and that cancer hadn't vet fully metastasized. As defined by the Presidential library of the President whose administration ended it in 1987, Ronald Reagan, the doctrine "mandated broadcast networks devote time to contrasting views on issues of public importance."

So, in the late 1990's one could be reasonably sure of getting good information from most reputable sources of news. But today, that cancer which is the lack of the fairness doctrine has spread throughout our body politic. And as a result, what counts as "reputable" depends on your point of view. And most of the national media caters to that.

But in spite of that, true remains true and false remains false, however it gets dressed up by each side.

Which is why, dear readers, I am urging YOU to observe the fairness doctrine for yourself. Listen to arguments from both sides. Home in on evidence, facts, proof, not confirmation bias. Because the TRULY historic "first" of all this isn't that a President or former President is on trial – it is that this is happening at a time when not just politicians, but certain national news reporters, are liars motivated by politics, and partisanship. And you need to listen to both sides to find out which side the liars are on.

A rushed farm bill is a bad one

This Congress already has failed. Let the next Congress take it up.

By Art Cullen

A five-year farm bill was supposed to have been approved last year, but was held up in the House over disagreements on food stamps, conservation, crop insurance and funding. House Agriculture Committee Chair Glenn Thompson, R-Pa., announced last week that he will find a way to push a farm bill out before Memorial Day in order to get President Biden to sign a new farm bill by the end of the year.

Don't bet the farm on it. Sen. Chuck Grassley said he is pessimistic, and so is Sen. Joni Ernst, both Republican Ag Committee members.

Rep. Randy Feenstra, R-Hull, is optimistic. "So there's going to be a lot of talk, especially when it comes to SNAP and stuff like that. But I fully believe that we will get it out of the House, and then it's just a matter of what (Sen. Chuck) Schumer and (Sen. Debbie) Stabenow is going to do in the Senate when it comes their way," Feenstra told Brownfield News.

If a new farm bill can't pass this year, it is expected that another one-year extension will be passed. Grassley said farmers would receive protection but not adequate protection. Getting beyond an extension of the same-old would be up to a new Congress, and as of now it is anybody's guess who will be in charge.

It's not as if the existing hang-ups are going anywhere. Fights over food stamps in the House stalled the last farm bill by two years. House Speaker Mike Johnson walks on egg shells in his caucus room as he is accused of caving in to Democrats on spending. The same sticking points will be as sticky in 2025. It's a huge piece of leg-

islation with terribly complicated politics. You have regional interests from the South and Midwest battling over commodity payments. You have disagreements between commodity and livestock interests. Then you throw in cultural wedge issues like food stamps (SNAP benefits), and it all becomes a mishmash.

What used to be a fairly bipartisan process in the past decade has devolved into a food fight like everything else in Washington. Because so few know or care about the work of the agriculture committees, their work is controlled by the interest groups that fund our politics. If food is important, the

farm bill should be.

Our food security and agricultural resiliency are imperiled by a warming climate. A farm bill with conservation at its core could serve farmers and the environment better. The farm bill as it is and

has been over the past 40

years has resulted in more consolidation, accelerated rural depopulation, more surface water pollution in Iowa, and fewer farmers. It also has stunted funding

for research into livestock disease as pandemics build and bird flu jumps to hu-Putting a new label on a

defective product does not make it better. But it might make some

politicians look better if they can say they actually got some lipstick applied to the pig. Crop insurance remains

intact, as does a safety net for commodity markets. Food stamps too. As Grassley said, the protections are in place. So instead of jamming through an even worse farm bill than we already have, which is likely in this election year, we may all be better off if we take our time and do it right. Ernst should be the No. 3 Republican in the Sen-

ate following the election, and the top woman in the caucus. She could establish herself as a national leader by stating unequivocally that nutrition programs are the most efficient way to fight poverty, which makes all of America stronger. Democrats and Republicans used to join hands over it — Hubert Humphrey and Bob Dole, Tom Harkin and Chuck Grassley. Someone needs to be a

voice of reason. The etha-

nol industry, for example, is openly acknowledging that the future for corn growers depends on capturing tax credits for carbon dioxide pipeline. That's not a great position for Iowa farmers to be in. But that is where the current farm bill puts us.

We could write a new piece of legislation that enhances soil and water health while directly paying farmers for stewardship. We can make conservation programs a lot more flexible. We can help farmers diversify their revenue streams while cleaning up the Raccoon River, which did not have a nitrate problem before farm programs encouraged planting fencerow to fencerow. And it could cost less if we cut corporations off the teat, which would have a lot of appeal in Iowa. That is not likely to happen by Memorial Day. More of the same is.

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I've been on this planet for 48 years, and in that time I have collected a list of moments of which I am humbled, proud, and grateful. At the top of that list, without comparison, is the time eight cents changed my life.

In 2016, at the age of 41, I decided to take up the ukulele. I have always loved the vibe of this instrument. It's a happy sound. It's also uncomplicated, unpretentious, most chords are easy to learn, and you can buy one for less than \$100. This was perfect for me, because I've only ever wanted to play an instrument well enough to accompany myself singing. I bought a decent beginner concert sized uke, a couple of instruction books, and found a simple song or two that I could learn via chord boxes (diagrams of the fretboard that show where your fingers go to make a chord) because I

cannot read music. Armed with a goal to sing and play, I began practicing all the time. I lived in an apartment in Sacramento with neighbors below me and on both sides, so I was always self conscious of playing the same song over, and over, and overthen over some more. Luckily, the ukulele is very portable, so on the weekends I would grab my gig bag and music, and head to a local park. Leaned up against a tree, I'd practice my chord shapes, strumming techniques, and, once I felt comfortable enough, vocals. I felt free to mess up, to repeat songs in perpetuity, and belt out the vocals because in the park nobody could hear me. Or so I thought.

One Sunday, I noticed some kids playing soccer about 30 yards away when I arrived at my tree, but I assumed they were out of earshot and quickly forgot about their presence. I thought for sure my own presence had never really registered with them, but began to notice one little boy, probably around 7 years old, taking his time, methodically and gently doing his footwork, moving closer and closer to me. When he was within 10 feet, I smiled and he smiled back, now barely kicking the ball and mostly just wandering around my perimeter. I kept playing, though a bit more reserved-I don't care if you're a kid or the President, when I sing in front of you I am nervous.

This kid must have sensed it, because he walked tentatively up to me, held out his hand, and said, "I like your playing. I don't have much, but here." I then reached out my hand, more curious than anything, and into it, he placed a nickel and three pennies. Eight cents. My first tip. It may as well have been a million bucks.

Don't underestimate how much a small gesture can impact someone's day, or even their entire life. Eight years since I got that handful of change. I will never forget that little boy or his gesture. That change changed me, forever.

changed me, forever.

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It was an intense week finishing up the budget and voting on many other bills. It was like having a race to stuff 30 bushels of corn in a 1-bushel bag. All members of both chambers (House and Senate) saw the capitol in the dark as they left their respective chambers. Suspending the rules to be able to go past midnight became the norm for the week. Finishing on Friday (3 days past the 100-day session limit) was the goal. It was 4:23 am Saturday when the House gaveled out Sine Die...Final with no forwarding work. I hope to continue to represent District 56 and draft further legislation to protect those in

our state. I have received recent emails with AEA concerns. It has been a legislative year filled with AEA proposals scraped and discarded, started over, accepted by superintendents to then have changes to it by the Senate. I plan to monitor the promises made by the bill passed and now law, are followed and implemented as we were told. If the legislation does not allow our special education students to continue to thrive, I will be working with those within the State House to fix, change or enforce the law as written and promised. Just to clarify, the AEA bill

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we passed this year takes the responsibility of oversight from the AEAs and places it under the Department of Education's Special Education division. The \$10 million transferred to the DE represents the amount the DE says it needs to handle the responsibility of oversight.

This means, with this \$10 million transfer, the AEAs will have a minimum of \$2.4 million up to \$37.2 million in additional money to now spend on special education and other services.

Grooming Law passes both House and Senate House File 2602

The House judiciary committee staff and I wrote this bill. Grooming is often the precursor for trafficking of minors. Grooming will now be a class D felony. Awaits Governor's signature.

Bills from the Week

House File 2683: Transportation Budget

The first budget we passed through the Iowa House for Fiscal Year 2025 was the Transportation budget. This budget operates a little differently than any of the other budgets. That's because the Transportation budget doesn't come from the general fund. Instead, this budget funds the Department of Transportation using money generated by the gas tax and

\$12,176,458 GOES TO DEPT. OF ED \$10 million - SPED Division other driver fees. Money left over after funding the Department of Transportation's operations goes toward building roads and bridges. This fiscal year's budget is about \$2 million less than last year. This is made possible by reaching the completion of implementing RealID and extending the driver's license renewal cycle from five years to eight years. This leaves additional mon-

House File 255 – Alternative Teacher Licensure

frastructure projects.

ey available for essential in-

Last year, the Iowa House passed a bill to create additional pathways to license teachers in Iowa to address the teacher shortage. Unfortunately, the House's version of the bill died in the Senate last session. This session they have revisited the idea of creating an alternative teacher licensure and sent the House the bill with an amendment. This alternative teacher licensure program will allow more folks to change career paths and help fill the teacher shortages we face.

House File 2689: Rural Attorney Recruitment Assistance Program

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The limited number of attorneys in rural Iowa is astounding. Looking toward the future, it is only predicted to get worse as many of the attorneys currently serving rural Iowa are approaching retirement age. House File 2689 aims to aid that prob-

lem by establishing a Rural

Attorney Recruitment Assistance Program within the Department of Education.

House File 2688: Rural Veterinarian Innovation and Revitalization Program

There is a great need to support veterinarians serving Iowa livestock farmers in rural Iowa.

In many rural areas, there aren't enough large animal veterinarians, leaving livestock without timely access to preventative care and vulnerable to dangerous diseases. In many cases, individuals have continued working long past their preferred retirement year because without them their communities and clients would be vastly underserved. The creation of the Rural Veterinary Practice Innovation and Revitalization Program will provide grants up to \$25,000 to veterinary practices in rural counties to: improve or expand existing facilities; acquire existing equipment and tools; incorporate new methods and technologies. This bill came out of a roundtable with rural veterinarians.

House File 626 – Nonmedical Switching

This bill prohibits health insurers from switching someone's prescription drugs to a less costly alternative when the individual is stable on the drug and their doctor continues to prescribe the same drug. It prioritizes quality care for the patient over the insurance industry's profits. It was sent to the Governor's desk.

Due to the volume of legislation that was voted on this week, I will be submitting another article next week listing several more bills and those that have been signed into law by the Governor.



ited the Capitol while in the United States. Andrew Young of Clarion hosted Arton's visit and brought him to the Capitol. Junik is the sister city to Clarion. The time to visit was short due to this week's intense schedule be glad we were able to connect for a few minutes.

Year-Round Access to E-15 Nationwide is a No-Brainer

By Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Hull)

Every month, when Iowa families look over their finances and put together a budget, the price of gas is always an unpredictable factor in spending decisions. While people in urban centers have access to other transportation options, in rural Iowa, we drive - everywhere. Going to work, driving to church, seeing friends in other communities, and taking our kids to school and practice all require a car – and in the wintertime, an electric vehicle just won't cut it.

With inflation on the rise and the average price of gas projected to top \$4 this summer, we need to find ways to lower gas prices for our families. Fortunately, we have a low-cost fuel option that is grown and produced right here in Iowa. In fact, during the summertime, we're literally surrounded by it while driving on local roads and on the highway.

Thanks to our hardworking farmers, Iowa's 4th Congressional District leads the nation in corn production and, therefore, ethanol production, too. Our ethanol is then blended with oil to make E-15, which is cheaper and cleaner than standard gasoline.

In 2023, 178 million gallons of E-15 were sold in Iowa, which represents a 47% increase from 2022 and a state record in E-15 consumption. In addition to gains at the state level, American drivers nationwide have registered 100 billion miles on the road using E-15. By cutting red tape



Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Hull)

where appropriate, passing commonsense legislation, and sharing the benefits of E-15 across the country, we can lower fuel costs for families not only in the Midwest, but in all fifty states.

Regrettably, a major barrier facing our farmers, ethanol producers, and families is the lack of year-round access to E-15. Currently, E-15 cannot be sold in the summer due to outdated government regulations. But, following years of persistent advocacy and action, the Biden administration finally approved the year-round sale of E-15 in Iowa and seven other states across the Midwest. However, this approval will not occur until 2025 – more than a year from today - keeping gas prices unnecessarily high while Iowa families still encounter sticker shock at the gas pump and the grocery store largely due to President Biden's wasteful

spending policies.

That's why I've joined my colleagues in urging the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to approve year-round sales of E-15 beginning this year. Year-

\$475,370,946
STAYS WITH AEAS

According to previous budget reports from the AEAs, the AEAs collectively spend somewhere between \$12.4 million and \$47.2 million to perform the oversight and compliance services. (They don't have a more accurate number for us than that range.) Photos provided.

round access to E-15 is a win for Iowa. Our families benefit from lower prices at the pump, our farmers receive more demand for their corn, and our ethanol producers experience significant financial gains. There is no reason for the EPA to delay approval for another year. The longer we delay full implementation of year-round E-15, the longer our families, farmers, and ethanol producers will be prevented from experi-

encing the benefits.

I'm also working hard to pass the Consumer and Fuel Retailer Choice Act. This is must-pass legislation for our economy and an important platform from which to make E-15 available at gas stations nationwide 365 days a year – permanently. Americans everywhere deserve the choice to use E-15 year-round, and federal regulation should not hinder access to cheaper, homegrown

biofuels.

Serving on both the House Agriculture Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, I am the strongest voice for Iowa agriculture and biofuels in Congress. I am not afraid to stand up for our rural values and advocate for our state's economic engine. I will continue to work towards the full approval of year-round access to E-15 nationwide so that we can use homegrown

fuel to fill up our cars and make America energy dominant.

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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ediction at St. Francis

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Obituary

Netha Pool

1935-2024

Clarion, Iowa – Netha (Kitts) Pool, 88, of Eagle Grove, passed away on Friday, April 19, 2024 at the Clarion Wellness and Rehabilitation Center in Clarion, Iowa.

Funeral Services for Netha (Kitts) Pool were held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 at the Nazarene Church, 1010 2nd Street South West in Clarion

with Pastor Dana Wendell officiating. Burial took place at

Evergreen Cemetery in Clarion. Visitation was held from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April

23, 2024 at Ewing Funeral Home, 1801 Central Avenue in Clarion. The visitation continued one hour prior to services at the church on Wednesday. Netha Lynn (Kitts) Pool, the youngest daughter of Louis

and Maggie (Humphrey) Kitts, was born on July 13, 1935 in Portales, New Mexico. She graduated from Portales High School with the class of 1953. She was united in marriage to Rex Pool on February of

1955. To this union, four children were born Lynn, Diana, Terry and Kelly. The family lived in various areas of the United States before settling in Vincent, Iowa. The couple raised their family in the Fort Dodge area before finally settling in Eagle Grove.

Netha started her career with the United States Post Office working as a Clerk for Vincent office. She then worked at the Woolstock office as the Post Master. She was there a number of years before retiring when she was 75.

When she wasn't working Netha enjoyed bowling and being around her family. She was a faithful member of the Clarion Nazarene Church. She will be missed for her good sense of humor, her teasing and cute jokes.

She is survived by her son Lynn Pool of Eagle Grove, daughter Diana Allen of Fort Dodge, and son Kelly (Deb Callies-Pool) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; her grandchildren Courtney Pool, Spencer Pool, Tansy Callies-Flannery, Michelle (Zeb) Stoebick, Naomi (Andrew) Starr, Lisa Hanson, Kayla Allen and Rachel Allen; 19 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren along with many nieces, nephews and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1982, her son Terry and four siblings.

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Sing to the Lord

e is an old proverb which says "Who sings well prays twice," to which I would add that even if you don't sing particularly well, it's worth singing if you enjoy it. When we are really driven to sing it is often because we are compelled to do so by our feeling something within us. We are musical beings, driven to tap our feet or clap our hands when the rhythm moves us, and driven to sing when the spirit moves us. Saint Paul advised the Colossians to "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts." (Colossians 3:16 NIV) This advice brings home the point that singing is not only part of praying, but also of teaching and learning. Children learn their ABCs perhaps more from the melody of the song they are singing than from the letters. And who doesn't remember the songs and nursery rhymes of their youth with a touch of nostalgia? I still remember "Frere Jacques" even though the French lyrics are mostly lost on me. Finally, we should remember that it's not just that we ought to sing when we are happy, but that we should sing in order to be happy. Christopher Simon

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Netanyahu Resists U.S. Plan to Cut Off Aid to Israeli Military Unit

by Brett Murphy ProPublica

This story was originally published by ProPublica.org, a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative newsroom.

Israel's leaders are fiercely pushing back against U.S. plans to withhold American assistance from an Israeli unit accused of human rights abuses.

Axios and Israeli news outlets reported over the weekend that Secretary of State Antony Blinken intends to ban U.S. support to Israel's Netzah Yehuda unit, the country's all-male, ultra-Orthodox battalion at the center of several controversies in the West Bank that go back years. Netzah Yehuda has been repeatedly accused of shooting and assaulting civilians, including in a 2022 case in which several commanders handcuffed, gagged and left for dead an elderly Palestinian-American man in Israel's West Bank.

"Sanctions must not be imposed on the Israel Defense Forces!" Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu posted on X, formerly known as Twitter. "The intention to impose a sanction on a unit in the IDF is the height of absurdity and a moral low." Blinken told reporters traveling with him in Europe on Saturday that he'll make an official announcement about his decision in the coming days.

The public dispute between Israel and the United States follows a ProPublica article Wednesday that revealed Blinken has failed to act for months after a special State Department panel recommended that he disqualify multiple Israeli military and police units from receiving U.S. assistance after reviewing allegations that they had



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on May 25, 2021. (State Department photo by Ron Przysucha/ Public Domain)

committed flagrant violations, including extrajudicial killings and rape.

Until now, the State Department has never disqualified an Israeli military unit from receiving aid, which would make Blinken's decision a significant shift in U.S. foreign policy. "This is a very important law," he told reporters over the weekend, "and it's one that we apply across the board."

Neither Blinken nor department spokespersons have addressed the reason for the delay since the forum's first recommendation that he take action, which was sent to Blinken in December, according to someone familiar with the memo. "This process is one that demands a careful and full review," a State Department spokesperson told ProPublica last week.

Israeli opposition leader Yair Lapid and war cabinet member Benny Gantz are pressing the U.S. to reverse course, as well. Gantz reportedly spoke with Blinken personally on Sunday and asked him to reconsider.

On Saturday, the House voted 366-58 to approve an additional \$26 billion in

aid to Israel after months of delay. The Senate will likely review the legislation, a package that includes aid to Ukraine as well, early next week before sending it to President Joe Biden for his signature.

After the disclosure last week that Blinken had been urged by his own agency to impose penalties, human rights and Arab groups pushed for results. On Thursday, Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., told ProPublica he was also seeking answers from the State Department. "This report that the administration is sitting on its hands in the face of known violations is deeply troubling and, if true, would undermine the credibility of America's commitment to applying our human rights laws in a uniform and unbiased manner," Van Hollen said in a statement.

The State Department panel that originally made the recommendations is known as the Israel Leahy Vetting Forum. The panel, made up of Middle East and human rights experts, is named for former Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the chief author of 1997 laws that require the



U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken commented on the release of the 2023 Country Reports on Human Rights Practices on Sunday, at the Department of State in Washington, D.C. (Official State Department photo by Chuck Kennedy)

U.S. to cut off American-financed arms and training to any foreign military or law enforcement units that are credibly accused of flagrant human rights violations. Unlike individual sanctions that are up to the president's discretion, implementing the Leahy Laws is supposed to be a requirement.

be a requirement.

A State Department spokesperson declined to comment on the status of the other cases involving possible wrongdoing by Israeli units or confirm the substance of Blinken's upcoming announcement. The Israeli outlet Haaretz also reported on Saturday that Netzah Yehuda is the unit he intends to ban from assistance.

The Israeli military said it has not yet been informed of Blinken's decision about Netzah Yehuda, which is currently operating in Gaza amid the government's campaign to eradicate Hamas following the terrorist attacks on Oct. 7. "The IDF is not aware of the issue," a military spokesperson said, according to Reuters. "If a decision is made on the matter it will be reviewed." The Israeli government has repeatedly argued that it has

of human rights and should not be receiving US security assistance."

It's not clear if Netzah

committed gross violations

It's not clear if Netzah Yehudah is currently receiving security assistance from the U.S., other Middle East experts noted. Some said Blinken's determination, while important symbolically, should have been made previously and without having to clear so many of the bureaucratic hurdles that do not apply to other countries. Critics have long assailed what they view as a double standard for Israel, which receives billions more in U.S. military financing than any other country.

"We are sending the IDF weapons on a daily basis for what are clear [human rights violations] in Gaza," said Josh Paul, a former director in the State Department's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs and a member of the vetting forum. "It's the impression of action without any actual impact."

In the sky during May

By David Voigts

its own independent justice

system in place to hold ac-

countable those responsible

"This is a welcome first

step, albeit very, very late,"

said Charles Blaha, the for-

mer director of the State De-

partment's Office of Secu-

rity and Human Rights and

a former participant in the

Israeli vetting forum. "There

are dozens more Israeli se-

curity force units that have

for human rights abuses.



May will be a month of transition in the sky. The evening planets will be gone, and it will be late summer before any return. The only planets visible during May will be Saturn and Mars that will be crawling up and out of the predawn glow.

The bright stars of winter also will be leaving the sky, although the more northernly Castor and Pollux in Gemini (the Twins) and Capella in Auriga (the Charioteer) will stay low in the western sky until June.

The constellations of winter have been replaced by the constellations of spring, most notably Leo (the Lion) and Bootes (the Herdsman). In addition, the unmistakable Big Dipper, made up of the brightest stars in Ursa Major (the Great Bear), will be upside down, high in the northern sky. In this lofty position, it can be used to help find the constellations of spring that are not as bright as the winter constellations. Once the Big Dipper has been located, use its two end bowl stars to point from the open part of the bowl down to the moderately bright star Polaris, the North Star. Once Polaris is found, you will know that you are facing north, and this will help you navigate the rest of the sky. Polaris is also the end of the tail of dim Ursa Minor (the Little Bear) that will extend eastward

during May evenings. Once you are oriented, use the Big Dipper's two pointer stars to point in the opposite direction from the North Star to find the bright star Regulus high in the southern sky in Leo (the Lion). Next, extend the curve of the Big Dipper's handle to "arc" to the bright star Arcturus in the kite-shaped Bootes (the Herdsman), which extends generally northward, and then "speed on" to the bright star Spica in the otherwise dim and hard to trace out constellation Virgo (the Maiden). Just beyond Spica are four moderately bright stars that form the unequal sided, box-like figure of Corvus (the Crow).

You also can use the stars of the open, top part of the Big Dipper's bowl to point in the direction away from the handle (or northwestward during May) to find the bright star Capella in the five-sided Auriga (the Charioteer). Finally, use the star at the base of the Big Dipper's handle to point diagonally past the star at the bottom front of the bowl to Castor and Pollux, the bright twin stars of Gemini (the Twins). They will also be southeast of Capella. Look soon after

On May 11 we will celebrate both the first star party

dark before they set.

of the year and the 75th anniversary of President Truman's singing the law that established a rocket proving ground at Cape Canaveral, Florida. The first rocket launch was the next year on June 24, 1950. Thousands of launches have followed, including the Apollo missions to the Moon and 135 space shuttle missions.

Observing Highlights
May 3 Early risers will

see the Moon to the right of Saturn. By the morning of the 4th, it will be between Saturn and Mars to the lower left. The Moon will be to the lower left of Mars on the 5th. Look in the eastern sky about 45 minutes before sunrise.

May 11 Star Party sponsored by Grout Museum & Black Hawk Astronomy Club, Prairie Grove Park, Waterloo, 9-10:30.

May 12 The Moon will line up to the left of the bright twin stars of Gemini (the Twins). Slightly brighter Pollux will be close to the Moon with Castor farther to the right.

May 13 The Moon will be to the upper right of the Beehive open star cluster in the dim constellation Cancer (the Crab). Binoculars will be needed to find the Beehive

May 15 The Moon will be to the upper right of Regulus, the brightest star in Leo (the Lion). The body of the lion will extend to the left of the Moon and the head and mane will be above the Moon.

May 19 The Moon will be close to the upper right of Spica, the only bright star in Virgo (the Maiden). The Moon will move in its orbit and be to the lower left of Spica on the 20th.

May 31 After they rise at about 4:00 a.m., the Moon will be close to the lower left of Saturn. Mars will be far to their lower left. Mars has moved eastward faster in its orbit and is much farther from Saturn then it was in early May.

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

Last quarter, May 1, Midnight, Sunrise, Noon, A.M.

New Moon, May 8, Sunrise, Noon, Sunset, Not visible
First quarter, May 15,

Noon, Sunset, Midnight, P.M. Full moon, May 23, Sun-

set, Midnight, Sunrise, All night *Dates and times are ap-

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Senate Veterans' Affairs Chair Calls for More Mental Health Care Providers in Rural Areas

by ProPublica

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What happens when veterans can't access the psychiatric care they need?

Citing ProPublica's reporting on barriers to mental health care access for veterans, the chairman of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, Jon Tester, called on VA Secretary Denis McDonough to increase the number of providers in

rural parts of the country. Tester sent a letter to Mc-Donough this month raising concerns about mental health staffing shortages nationwide. In it, he referenced ProPublica's investigation into a VA clinic in Chico, California, that went five years without a full-time, onsite psychiatrist and failed to have same-day appointments for patients in crisis. Two veterans who struggled to get treatment there killed their mothers during acute mental health episodes in January 2022.

"While I understand the Chico (clinic) now has several full-time mental health care providers and offers same-day appointments, I am concerned this was not an isolated issue considering VA's shortage of mental health care providers," Tester wrote.

Tester asked McDonough how many VA clinics currently lack in-person mental health providers and how many are equipped to facilitate telehealth appointments. He also inquired about how the VA ensures same-day mental health visits are available at all facilities.

"I commend the Department for all of its efforts to decrease veterans' barriers to mental health care and bolster suicide prevention efforts," he wrote. "Nevertheless, VA must continue to lead the effort to increase the number of mental health pro-



Jon Tester, a Montana Democrat, chairs the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee. His letter to VA Secretary Denis McDonough cited a ProPublica investigation into a VA clinic in Chico, California. (DOD Photo by Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Carlos M. Vazquez II, CC-BY-2.0)

viders and ensure those providers are in locations where veterans need them most."

In a statement to ProPublic

In a statement to ProPublica, VA Press Secretary Terrence Hayes said the agency appreciated Tester's letter and would respond directly.

Hayes noted the agency has several initiatives to increase capacity for mental health care, including an expansion of virtual services and a new team focused on growing the staffing pipeline. "One of our top priorities is to provide the world-class mental health care that Veterans deserve, whenever and wherever they need it," he said.

ProPublica's reporting grew out of an inquiry by the VA's inspector general into one of the two Chico cases. The inspector general concluded the clinic had mismanaged that patient's medications and failed to give her an appointment with a prescribing provider when she showed up at the clinic in crisis.

The patient, ProPublica learned, was a 27-year-old Navy veteran named Julia Larsen who had been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder and was experiencing symptoms of psychosis. When Larsen couldn't get an appointment

that day, she went home with her parents and fired a handgun inside their home. One of the bullets she discharged struck her mother in the thigh, killing her.

ProPublica's reporting revealed that a second veteran who had been receiving mental health treatment at the clinic also shot his mother that same week. Andrew Iles had been diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder and believed his relatives were conspiring against him. The day after Larsen's shooting, he called the Chico clinic to speak with a mental health doctor. Instead, he was put through to a pharmacist. He killed his mother the next afternoon. Both Larsen and Iles have been found not guilty by reason of insanity and committed to a state-run psychiatric hospital.

ProPublica found evidence of systemic staffing issues in the clinic's mental health department. The VA had tried to plug the holes with telehealth providers, but several had quit or stopped seeing Chico patients. Employees begged regional leaders for more personnel and resources, they told ProPublica. One said she warned her colleagues, "We are going to kill someone."

ProPublica also found

failures in mental health care at VA clinics across the country. At least 16 veterans who received substandard care since 2019 killed either themselves or other people, a review of records revealed.

After ProPublica's investigation was published in early January, McDonough traveled to Chico and promised to increase staffing in the clinic's mental health unit. "We have a very fast-growing veteran population here in Chico," he told a local reporter. "We have to make sure that we are growing commensurate with that population so that they can get the timely access to care and the timely access to benefits that they have earned."

Tester's letter raised continued concerns. He pointed to a December 2023 report from the VA that found the number of outpatient mental health encounters or treatment visits ballooned from 11.4 million in 2008 to 21.8 million in 2019 and that staffing shortages have persisted. Tester also noted in-person mental health services tend to be clustered at large VA medical centers in urban areas, while nearly a third of veterans enrolled in VA health care live in rural areas.

In rural regions, Tester wrote, "losing just one or two providers can have a massive impact on essential access to mental health care and once those providers are gone, it can take years to fill their vacancies and even longer to encourage those patients to return to care."

Tester acknowledged the VA's recent progress in improving access to mental health services. But he urged McDonough to press forward.

"More needs to be done," he wrote, "specifically in rural areas, to keep pace with increased demand and prevent gaps in care that can have dire impacts on veterans and their families."

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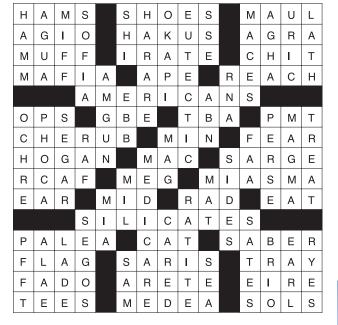
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The Fishing at Clear Lake is the Best in My Lifetime

But no matter how good things are today, there is still something I miss.

By Lowell Washburn

Walleye fishing at Clear Lake is currently the best of my lifetime. My first childhood outings to the lake took place with my parents in 1957. Since those early years I've been able to witness a spectacular mix of good, bad, and excellent fishing. But even the best of yesteryear's banner seasons pale in comparison to the abundance and quality of fish anglers enjoy today.

Having said that, I'll add that no matter how good things may currently be at Clear Lake, there is one thing from the past that I will always miss. That thing is the annual opener of the walleye season. Although contemporary lakers enjoy the luxury of pursuing walleyes year-round, it wasn't always that way.

During the years when the Clear Lake Fish Hatchcollected, incubated, and hatched walleye eggs, the fishing season [for walleyes] was annually closed from mid-February until the first Saturday in May. The Conservation Commission began putting up eggs soon after ice out, and nighttime net crews were comprised of a hardy and colorful cadre of volunteer outdoorsman. Fish netting enjoyed high public interest, and the results of the late-night operations were well attended by curious throngs of rubber necking spectators who audibly oohed awed whenever a ginormous, egg laden walleye was offloaded into the hatchery. The annual campaign concluded when



Washburn displays a 25 1/2-inch walleye caught at Clear Lake in May 2023. During recent years, large walleyes have become an increasingly common sight at the lake. (Photo courtesy of Matt Washburn)

the hatchery was filled. The Clear Lake facility eventually became obsolete, and the incubation and hatching of eggs ended in 1977. Anglers have enjoyed a continuous, year-round open season on walleyes ever since.

Clear Lake's spring walleye opener was nothing short of a regional phenomenon. Following more than 21/2 months of a closed season, Opening Day marked the literal kickoff of the open water fishing season. Every angler worth their salt was expected to make a showing, and the level of enthusiasm would be hard to exaggerate. Participation was through the roof. Only the Fourth of July annually drew a greater number of people to the lake.

Most anglers didn't own their own boats during the 1950s and '60s. For most folks, getting on the water meant obtaining a rental usually a wooden strip rowboat - procured at one of the lake's many full- service resorts. Demand exceeded supply, and it was wise to reserve boats weeks in ad-

When the big weekend finally arrived, business got off to a brisk and early start as anglers began showing up at resort bait tanks during the morning's wee hours. Hooded yard lights illuminated the minnow tank's immediate vicinity, while the end of the bait line disappeared somewhere in the darkness. For those who couldn't stand the wait, most resorts also supported a café where anglers could enjoy a hardy, home cooked meal. Although we visited them all, my dad and I had two favorites – Kaster's Cove (present site of the Muskie Lounge) and the Elm Bend resort (present location of Waldon Condominiums). Both resorts provided excellent meals, serving the kind of fresh, stick-to-your-ribs down home cooking the



Hopeful anglers crowd the dock along Clear Lake's north shore. Fish abundance and species diversity makes Clear Lake a regional, as well as a mid-western, resource destination. (Photo courtesy of Lowell Washburn)

likes of which can be rarely found today.

After being adequately fortified with a hot breakfast and armed with the latest tackle, the Opening Day flotillas would begin leaving the docks at the crack of dawn. Many of the boats were propelled by oars, while the more affluent enjoyed the luxury of five horsepower outboards. Everyone you knew would be on the water. At select walleye hotspots such as Tinker's Reef, Billy's Reef, the Outing Club shoreline, Woodford Island, and Dodge's Point; the water would be so packed with anglers that, at times, you could have jumped from boat to boat without ever getting your feet wet. No one seemed to mind the congestion. After all, it was Opening Day and at long last, we were all fishing for walleyes! Who could complain?

Some Opening Dayers were serious anglers; many were not. For the causal enthusiast - and there were plenty of them - walleye fishing was pretty much a one or two day, opening weekend social event. A guy living down the street was a good example. As Opening Day drew near, he would begin to exhibit the same sort of excitement that you'd expect from an eight-year-old about to open birthday presents. But once the excitement of the big weekend had come and gone, he was back to earning a living and fishing became a more or less back burner pastime until the next spring.

Then, as now, angler success was largely dependent on the current weather conditions as well as the abundance, or lack of abundance, of existing walleye year classes. On some years, the weather was ideal, and grinning anglers returned to the docks with daily limits of five walleyes. On other years, the weekend would deliver some of the nastiest

weather imaginable, complete with driving rain, gale force winds and plummeting temperatures - conditions that did little to provoke walleyes into waging an all-out feeding frenzy. Nevertheless, most parties managed to hook a fish or two and it always seemed as if some fortunate angler would tie into a trophy seven or eight pounder. Upon being landed, such fish would promptly go on tour to be proudly displayed and photographed at local bait shops. As the day ended, envious onlookers would head for home, happy in the fact that at least one trophy walleye had been caught in spite of the weather.

As the season progressed, warming water temps and more settled weather patterns brought on the year's best angling. In addition to walleyes, daily catches might include slab-sided crappies, largemouth bass, northern pike, yellow and silver bass, bullheads, and an occasional channel catfish. But although angling catch rates continued to improve significantly during May and June, the outings failed to deliver the all-out excitement exhibited during the Opening Day of the walleye season.

Today, there is simply no denying that fishing at Clear Lake is the best in my lifetime. But as good as the current walleye fishing may be, I still miss the thrill and excitement of Opening Day.

Enjoy more outdoor tales online at Washburn's Outdoor Journal at iawildlife.

Yard and Garden: Spring Houseplant Care

Suggestions for getting your houseplants off to a good start in the spring

By Aaron J. Steil

AMES, Iowa -- Housegreen indoors throughout the year. As spring weather approaches and the days get warmer and longer, indoor plants can start thriving. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulturists discuss what you can do with your houseplants now that spring has arrived.

How do you know it's time to repot a houseplant?

Frequent repotting is not always needed because most houseplants prefer to be slightly root-bound. It's time to repot when plants become top-heavy, growth slows and/ or potting soil quickly dries out. Over time, potting soil will break down and become more compacted and poorly drained. This is another indication that it is time to repot.

Repotting houseplants. Potting or repotting can be done any time of the year. However, most gardeners have the best success doing it in late winter or early spring, as houseplants start growing more vigorously with the warmer temperatures and longer days of spring.

How do you repot a



When your houseplants don't drain well when watering, that's a sign it may be time to repot them.

Start by finding the best container. When repotting, only move up one (maybe two) container sizes. Houseplants do not benefit from moving from super cramped quarters to overly large pots. Pick broad, wide-based containers for taller plants so they will be stable and less likely to tip.

To repot houseplants, remove the plant from the old container. Run a knife around the inside perimeter of the pot to make it easier to pull the root mass from the old container. Lightly break up the soil and remove limp, brown or dead roots.

Place a small amount of potting soil in the bottom of

the new container. If needed, a small screen or broken pottery shard can be placed over a large drainage hole to prevent soil from falling out. In most cases, they are unnecessary and may clog or greatly slow the pot's drainage. Do not put gravel or rocks in the bottom of the container. This creates a wetter zone of soil closer to developing and growing roots, promoting root rot.

Place the root mass in the container and fill around the root ball with fresh potting soil. Lightly firm the soil to hold the plant in place. The top of the soil should be at least 1/4 to 1/2 inch lower than the container's rim. This creates an area for water to

pool and soak in, making ically formulated for house- It is important not to move

Dust has accumulated on the foliage of my houseplants. How can I clean the plants?

Cleaning houseplants improves their appearance, stimulates growth and may help control insects and mites. Large-leaved plants may be cleaned with a mild dishwashing soap solution (add a few drops to lukewarm water) and a soft sponge or cloth. Plants can also be cleaned by placing them in the sink or shower and gently spraying them with lukewarm water. Be sure to adjust the pressure and water temperature before spraying the plants. African violets and other fuzzyleaved plants can be cleaned with a damp, soft cloth or soft-bristled brush.

Pouring water into plant pot.When should I fertilize houseplants?

Spring and summer are the best times to fertilize houseplants. Fertilizers are available in liquid, crystalline, granular, spike and tablet forms. Use fertilizers specifall-purpose fertilizers at half or a quarter of the strength outlined in the instructions because houseplants grow slower than the outdoor plants the instructions on the fertilizer label are written for. When using fertilizers formulated for houseplants, mix at the concentration outlined on the label.

The frequency of application depends upon the product and varies from every two weeks to once every three to four months. Carefully read and follow label directions.

How do I move houseplants outdoors for the summer months?

When moved outside during the warm parts of the growing season, houseplants can flourish in the warm temperatures and high humidity of an Iowa summer. Indoor plants can safely be moved outdoors when nighttime temperatures are consistently and reliably above 50 degrees Fahenreheit (mid to late May).

Not all outdoor locations are suitable for houseplants.

watering easier. Once fin- plants or use a complete houseplants into too much ished, thoroughly water the all-purpose fertilizer. Mix light, Houseplants will do best if they "summer vacation" in full or part-shade outdoor locations.

Moving houseplants outside is a significant change in environmental conditions, so acclimating them is important. Never move houseplants from indoors to full sun. Leaf burn, discoloration and drop can occur. Acclimate houseplants to brighter locations by moving them from an indoor location to a full-shade location outside. Then, introduce more light over 10 to 14 days. Protect plants with some cloth or shade material if a full-shade location cannot be found. Many houseplants can be in full shade the entire summer, and others can be moved to a spot with part shade once acclimated.

Monitor plants closely, especially for the first several weeks. Even with the gentlest of transitions, some indoor plants, like weeping fig and tropical hibiscus, are prone to leaf drop when moved to a new location. New leaves will emerge in a couple of weeks to replace the ones lost.

New Yard and Garden Website Offers Timely Info and Answers Information is now listed by topic and is more accessible on mobile devices

By Aaron J. Steil

AMES, Iowa – Home gardeners and homeowners can find timely information on the Yard and Garden website - launched this spring by the horticulture team with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

The new website replaces Horticulture and Home Pest News, which was the goto site for home gardening news for many years.Plants growing beside house in flower bed.

The biggest improvements are how content is organized and improved accessibility for those using mobile devices.

"The new website now

features content organized by topic area and a fresh new look that works very well on mobile devices," said Aaron Steil, consumer horticulture specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. "This is important, because nearly three-quarters of our website visitors are using mobile devices."

popular website The logged 3.2 million visitors last year and continues to be a destination for those looking for answers to common home gardening questions.

Topics in the menu bar include trees, flowers, edibles, lawn, houseplants, basics and problems. The site also covers timely topics and yard and garden news.

"All of these changes should make it easier for Iowans to find the information they are looking for," said Steil. "This information is also valuable to county extension offices, which depend on the website to answer yard and garden questions within their counties."

Steil encourages visitors to bookmark the new site or update existing bookmarks, for easy access. (Links to the old website will redirect to the new site.)

Gardeners can also sign up for the "Iowa Gardening News" newsletter, which provides timely information and reminders all year.



A screenshot of the new Yard and Garden website. (Photo courtesy of ISU)

Iowa Central Celebrates Opening of Center for Performing Arts

Anticipation was building on the Iowa Central Campus Friday afternoon as a crowd gathered outside the newly renovated Decker Auditorium and Center for Performing Arts as it opened its doors to the community for the first time in nearly two years.

Prior to the Grand Opening Celebration, an official ribbon cutting with the Greater Fort Dodge Growth Alliance commemorated the

"We wish to extend a huge congratulations to Iowa Central, The Iowa Central Board, Dr. Ulrich, the Decker Family, the students and most importantly, our community," said Matt Johnson, speaking on behalf of the Growth Alliance. "This space will not only enhance the lives of students here, but also the families of this community for years to come."

With a countdown, Teresa Jackson, director of theatre at Iowa Central, cut the ribbon with golden scissors to the cheers and applause of Iowa Central faculty, staff and students, community members, donors, and board members.

"All I can say is that it feels like Christmas in April," said Jackson. "We got what we have wanted for our students, for our staff, and for our community. Decker Auditorium has been the anchor of our campus and Iowa Central is part of the



(Screenshots, Iowa Central Community College/Facebook)

heartbeat of our community. Our team is overwhelmed with gratitude. We have given this 'grand old dame' the most beautiful facelift and it is now a stunning gift of a space we want to share with all of you: the community, the businesses, the amateurs and professional performers. We are going to unravel this beautiful space that we will treasure and safeguard for years to come. Thank you beyond measure.'

Iowa Central President Dr. Jesse Ulrich said the \$14.5 million project was the first major renovation to the auditorium since it was constructed nearly 50 years ago. It was funded by both public and private funds. Approximately \$3 million in private donations were raised in the first phase of the "Dream Big, Act Now" Campaign. An additional \$3 million was set aside from a 2018 \$25.5 million bond issue to assist with the project.

"This was truly a private/ public partnership," Ulrich said. "And why did we do it? It would have been easy to do a lot of different things with \$14.5 million, but our community believes in the fine arts, our community believes that our students deserve to come to college and have a college experience with a mini university feel where they can take their passions and be on stage and perform at a higher level."

Ulrich went on to say that the 1,100-seat facility is the largest performance venue in Iowa Central's nine-county region.

"We didn't just build it for our students," he said. "Over 50,000 people go through this building every year. It is the cornerstone of our campus, the most public building we have. It is part of the community."

Don and Dianne Decker of Fort Dodge made the lead gift to the campaign with a \$1 Million donation. The auditorium has bore the Decker Family name since 2006. Decker credited his parents, the late Dale and Donna Decker, for having the vision to invest in Iowa



Central and what it offers to Fort Dodge and the surrounding communities.

"It is truly gratifying to see what was started by my parents 40 years ago carry on today," said Don Decker. "Adding to their vision and seeing it become bigger and better than their original wishes is a dream come true."

Inside the Center for Performing Arts, freshman Elle Clark, who will portray Belle in Iowa Central's upcoming production of "Beauty and the Beast, delivered the first performance on the stage in the newly re-

vamped auditorium. "It is one of the highest honors I have ever had to be able to be the first to set the stage and welcome every-

one who will come through

these doors," said Clark.

The new space includes a state-of-the-art sound system, acoustic paneling, upgraded lighting controls, new seating, expanded dressing rooms, 16 new restroom fixtures, an updated orchestra pit, a new catwalk, a band room, set building shop, classroom and meeting spaces, an elevator and ADA compliant seating and stage access.

"It is an absolute dream come true," said Paul Bloomquist, director of bands at Iowa Central.

"We are so happy to be back home," said Will Lopes, Iowa Central director of choral activities. "We can not wait to express our gratitude to the community through our talents for many years to come."

Learning Farms to Host Conservation on Tap near Ames

Celebrate Soil and Water Conservation Week in Ames

By Ann Staudt, **Elizabeth Ripley**

AMES, Iowa - Local farmers, landowners and urban residents can discuss conservation topics and issues during "Conservation on Tap," Tuesday, April 30, at Alluvial Brewing, 6-7

The event is organized by Iowa Learning Farms and offers a casual setting to discuss practices aimed to improve water quality and soil health, as well as managing

Spring beauty and false

rue anemoe are in full bloom

in George Wyth State Park.

A few Virginia bluebells

are blooming, most still

with buds. Blue and yellow

violets are just starting to

bloom. Dutchman's breech-

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starting to pop out. Wild

ginger, woodland phlox,

toothwort, rue anemone and

bellwort are blooming in

risk from weather variability and climate change. Other partners include Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, as well as the Conservation Learning

There will be an opportunity for networking following the event. Alluvial Brewing is located at 3715 W. 190th St., Ames. To ensure adequate space and food, RSVP by calling 515-294-5429 or email ilf@ iastate.edu.

Jackson County.

Red buds and wild plum

are blooming in Lucas Coun-

ty. Spring beauty, toothwort,

Dutchmen's breeches, rue

anemone, hepatica, violets,

woodland phlox, wild gin-

ger, trout lily, buttercup,

gooseberry, bluebells, and

bellwort are blooming in

Appanoose County. Violets

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Bloodroot is blooming in

Dutchmen's

Oak Grove Park. Ramps,

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is blooming in some plac-

es, emerging in others.

Bloodroot and Dutchman's

breeches are in full bloom

at Prep Canyon State Park.

Woodland phlox and wild

plum are also blooming. Vir-

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"Our intent with this event is to help build community through encouraging farmers, landowners and urban residents to talk about topics important within the community, what keeps them up at night, what challenges they see with conservation practices, and what they want to learn more about," said Liz Ripley, conservation outreach specialist Iowa Learning Farms. "There will be no formal presentations or

agenda, just a chance to talk, ask questions, listen and learn while enjoying a beverage and provided food. We are looking forward to learning alongside everyone else who attends."

Hosts will include Mark Licht, associate professor and extension cropping systems specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach; Matt Helmers, professor and director of the Iowa Nutrient Research Center at Iowa State; and Liz Ripley.

WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:

Which two pro golfers are tied for the most PGA tournament victories of all time? Answer: Sam Snead and Tiger Woods both have 82 tournament victories.

Which country did golf originate in? Answer: Scotland.

This week's trivia questions: What country music band had a hit song in 1979 with "The Devil Went Down to Georgia"?

What female country singer had a hit song in 1991 with her version of "The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia"?

April 24 is World Stationery Day, and Denim Day; April 25 is World Penguin Day, and Hairstylist Appreciation Day; April 26 is National Arbor Day, and World Women's Wellness Day; April 27 is Babe Ruth Day, and World Veterinary Day; April 28 is National Superhero Day, and Occupational Safety & Health Day; April 29 is International Dance Day, and World Wish Day; April 30 is National Bugs Bunny Day, and International Jazz Day.

This week is Administrative Professionals Week, Medical Laboratory Professionals Week, and National Volunteer Week.

"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat – Luke 6:27**-**28 you."

"Never have more children than you have car windows." – Erma Bombeck

"A person's a person, no matter how small." – Dr. Seuss

"You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance." – Franklin P. Jones

"If you want your children to turn out well, spend twice as much time with them and half as much money."

> – Abigail Van Buren ****

"A child can ask questions that a wise man cannot answer." – Unknown ****

"The difference between try and triumph is just a little umph!" – Marvin Phillips

"Last night I dreamt I ate a ten-pound marshmallow. When I woke up the pillow was gone." – Tommy Cooper

"Respect your parents. They passed school without Google.' – Unknown

"If you think your teachers are tough, wait 'til you get a Bill Gates ****

"Time's fun when you're having flies." – Kermit the Frog

"Just what is the handicapped parking situation at the Special Olympics? Is it still just the two spaces?"

– Jerry Seinfeld

"I saw that movie "Stand by Me." Good movie. But I don't remember having friends like that when I was 12 years old. Where they put their hand on your shoulder and say, "You know God has given you a special talent." I remember a kid would put his hand on my shoulder so he could push me off the sidewalk into the bushes. "You know, God has given you a face for the bushes."

- Jerry Seinfeld

The first ever Arbor Day was held on April 10, 1872, when an estimated one million trees were planted in Nebraska.

In Iowa, Arbor Day is celebrated on the last Friday in April, and the State Tree is the Oak.



Going Wild for Wildflowers ginia waterleaf has emerged, riety. Woodland blue phlox

but is not yet in bloom. **Northern Iowa**

White and yellow trout lilies, white and blue phlox, creeping buttercup, Virginia bluebells, false rue anemone, Dutchman's breech-Siberian squill, blue and yellow violets, purple deadnettle, ramps and wild ginger are blooming at the Hartman Reserve in Cedar Falls. Bloodroot and mayapple foliage are emerging. Reported: 4/9/2024

Central Iowa

Hepatica, spring beauty and anemone are blooming. Bluebells are blooming in wet forests. Dutchman's breeches, sweet William, and bloodroot are starting to

Snow trillium, spring beauties, bloodroot, Dutchman breeches ,common blue violet, white trout lilies and ramps are flowering at Hagge Park in Sac County. Find Virginia waterleaf along trails, but no foliage yet. Blue phlox is blooming in Guthrie County. Bloodroot leaves are just starting to pop out. Wild ginger, woodland phlox, toothwort, rue anemone and bellwort are blooming in Jackson County. Reported: 4/15/2024

Southern Iowa

Many of the Spring ephemerals have disappeared at Starr's Cave in Burlington. Spring beauty is still widely found. Jacob's ladder, large-flowered bellwort and violets are easy to find with Downey yellow violet, common blue violet and its almost all white vaare more plentiful. Many field trilliums are blooming, revealing its blood-colored bloom. Virginia bluebells are still in full bloom. Look near the ground for the small, white flowers of spreading chervil mixed in with its fern-like leaves. Find the single red bloom of wild ginger hidden under its large, 6-inch, heart-shaped leaves. Bishop's cap, rare in SE Iowa, is in full bloom. Look for its two opposite leaves and small, lacy, white flowers along the stem. Find small-flowered buttercup and swamp buttercup with its shiny yellow leaves in low, moist ground. Look closely to find Mouse-eared chickweed and Vernal whitlow grass, a member of the mustard family and not a grass. The invasive and aggressive Garlic mustard is blooming everywhere. Yellow rocket, field pennycress and toothed rock cress mustard are in full bloom. Purple dead nettle (called 'dead' because it does not sting when touched because it's not really a nettle either) is blooming. The Star of Bethlehem, an occasional non-native escapee from gardens, is in full bloom. Reported: 4/16/2024 Western Iowa

Dutchmen's breeches and

violets are blooming in Oak Grove Park in Sioux County. Reported: 4/15/2024

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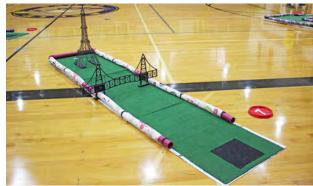
Playing it Safe After Prom

Plenty of FREE pizza from Rails, soda pop and ice water, delicious baked goods, delicious mini-pancakes, casino games, mini-golf, and fat-suit sumo wrestling? The Eagle Grove After Prom Committee pulled out all the stops this year to throw a truly epic after prom! The kids enjoyed a fun time with friends safely, with no shortage of things to do. And with over \$11,000.00 raised to fund it all, the kids stood to win some pretty awesome prizes too! With just one catch: they had to stay until the end to win.

























4x100 Dominates **Field in Webster City**

By Taylor Smith **Sports Editor**

The Eagle Grove girls track and field team brought home a slew of medals in several events after a blustery afternoon meet in Hamilton County. The Lynx Relays were held last Thursday in Webster City and featured schools from across the area.

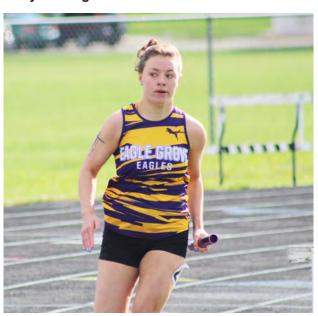
Ayden Feske tore through the sprint events with a win in the 100 and a 2nd place finish in the 200. She also took gold in the 4x100 with teammates Addy Jeske, Celeste Figueroa and Mya Morgan. The quartet also sprinted to a 3rd place finish in the 4x200.

Addy Jeske won the long jump by nearly two feet and also had a 7th place finish in

Mya Morgan, Holly Anderson, Brylee Mrla and Jaymie Anderson finished 4th in the Sprint Medley for Eagle Grove.



Addy Jeske gives it her all in the 4x200



Jaymie Anderson runs the final leg of the Sprint **Medley** (photos by Taylor Smith)

Boys Golfers Face Conference Foes in The Grove

By Taylor Smith Sports Editor

Zach Hogrefe was the top golfer for the Eagle Grove boys golf team on April 15th at Eagle Grove Golf Course. The junior placed 10th overall with a score of 47. Brett Ascherl placed

13th with a 51. Seniors Connor Christopher and Brody Allen tied for 15th with 53's.

Andrew Robinson scored a 61, while Evan Thul shot a 62 in the triangular against Garner-Hayfield-Ventura and Bishop Garrigan.

Soccer Teams Fall To Lions On The Road

By Taylor Smith **Sports Editor**

The Wright County boys and girls soccer clubs clashed with the Clear Lake Lions last Monday in Cerro Gordo County.

The boys squad, fresh off a 3-2 victory over Iowa Falls-Alden, would struggle to convert in the first half against the Lions. Freshman Ruben Guido

scored the lone goal in the 7-1 loss. Ty Franklin assisted Guido's goal. The team now sits at 3-3 midway into the season.

The girls also had difficulty finding the net against Clear Lake. Goalkeeper Nadia Kaiser had 10 saves for Wright County, but the team lost 2-0 at Lions Field after giving up a pair of second half goals.





Humboldt Hosts EG At Special Olympics Track Meet

By Taylor Smith **Sports Editor**

On April 18th, Special Olympians took part in a regional track and field competition at Humboldt Recreation Center. Athletes participated in a variety of running, walking, and throwing events. Many adults and high schoolers from Eagle Grove brought home gold, silver, and bronze medals from the track and field showcase featuring competitors from Buena Vista, Calhoun, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Humboldt, Pocahontas, Sac, Webster, and Wright

Eagle Grove Adults: Jaden Armstead – 400m

Run (1st), 4x100 Relay (1st), Mini Javelin (1st) Michelle Garrett – 400m Race Walk (1st), 4x100

Walk Relay (1st), Mini Jav-

elin (1st)

Randi Halgrim - 4x100 Walk Relay (1st), Softball Throw (1st)

Daisy Kinison – 100m Walk (2nd), 4x100 Walk Relay (1st), Softball Throw

Sara Krahling – 50m Dash (1st), Softball Throw (2nd) Kristina Olson - 100m Walk (1st), 4x100 Walk Relay (1st), Softball Throw

Wayne Schope III – 100m Dash (1st), 4x100 Relay (1st), Softball Throw (1st) Kayce Toliver - 4x100 Relay (1st)

Emily Wilson – 4x100 Walk Relay (1st), Softball Throw (2nd)

> **Eagle Grove High Schoolers:**

Darci Anderson - 100m Dash (1st), Softball Throw

Benjamin Mora-Aviles -

100m Dash (1st), Softball Throw (3rd)

Parker Poppen - 25m Walk (1st) Ethan Rose – 100m Dash

Sarah Schaefer - 100m

Dash (1st), Softball Throw (3rd)

Antonio Tilley – 100m

Walk (1st), Softball Throw (1st)

Kiara Tincher – 50m Dash (3rd), Softball Throw (2nd) Rosa Vasquez-Reyes -100m Dash (1st), Softball

Throw (1st) Dwayne Withers – 100m Dash (1st), Softball Throw (2nd)



Eagle Grove athletes walk the track during the opening ceremony (photos from Facebook)

Kaiser Chooses Trojans

By Taylor Smith **Sports Editor**

Nadia Kaiser, a multisport senior athlete here at Eagle Grove, has made her decision on where she'd like to attend school this fall. The Wright County soccer team

star has chosen to further her education and continue her athletic career as a goalkeeper for NIACC in Mason City.

Last Thursday afternoon, a gathering of Kaiser's loved ones, teammates, and coaches attended her formal signing held at Eagle Grove High School.

Kaiser was all smiles at the signing, but admitted that she's "excited and nervous at the same time" about her transition to college athletics. She added that she'd like to "thank the community for always supporting me."

Congratulations to Nadia! Thank you for representing Eagle Grove well and best of luck to you on the soccer field next season!



sey she'll be donning this fall



Kaiser shows off the NIACC jer- (L to R): NIACC Head Soccer Coach Todd Alberts, Nadia Kaiser, Martha Kaiser, Fred Kaiser (photos by Taylor Smith)

Canavan Storms to Bronze At Hackbarth Relays

By Taylor Smith Sports Editor

Last week, two area boys track meets scheduled to take place in Pocahontas and Webster City were canceled due to weather. Fortunately, Mother Nature allowed the team to compete at Thursday's Hackbarth Relays in Al-

Drake Canavan was Eagle Grove's top performer of the evening. He broke 56 seconds in the open 400 for a 3rd place finish. Junior Josh Miller took 5th in the High Jump and Landon Mrla earned 5th in the Long Jump.

The 4x200 Relay team of Patrick Heaton, Miller, Spencer Leelan and Syrus Willard finished in 4th with a time of 1:42.35.

Eagle Grove placed 7th as a team.



Aaron Alaniz hands off to Hayden Schafer



Camden Sisson strides out in the Sprint Medley (photos by Gloria Becker)



Schools

HS Choir Regales at Rotary

The Eagle Grove High School Choir performed for the residents at the Rotary senior living center last Tuesday. (Screenshot, Eagle Grove Community Schools)

Art Mindset

Students in art at the elementary school had to face their toughest critics - themselves - during art self-assessments. Where they considered the question of their own current skill level, "instilling a growth mindset and goal setting," according to a Facebook post. (Screenshot, Eagle Grove Elementary 2023-2024/Facebook)



Eww, Poo!

Sixth graders in Mrs. Omvig's science class learned the icky truth in their study of the digestive last Monday, and were "so excited" to make "bodily excrements" during the bodies and systems unit, according to Mrs. Omvig on Facebook. "The endless giggles and disgusted looks made it a fun Monday!" (Screenshots, Robert Blue Middle School/Facebook)

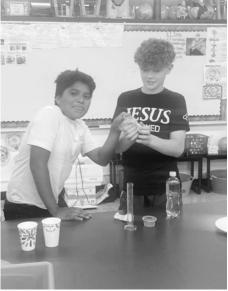
















Internet Safety Takes Center Stage

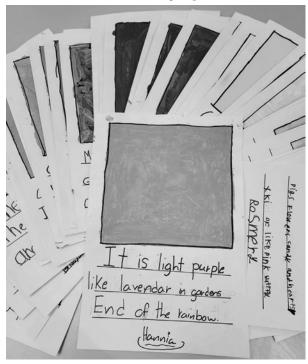
Chief Deputy Jeremy Hogrefe of the Wright County Sheriff's Office made a presentation to students in the auditorium of the Robert Blue Middle School last Thursday about cyberbullying, and the importance of internet safety, (Screenshot, Eagle Grove Community Schools/ Facebook)



4th Graders Mix **Colors With Poetry**

According to the Academy of American Poets, haikus are a traditional Japanese poetry style that began in the thirteenth century. Originally, haikus were just the opening portion of hundred stanza long oral poems called renga. But in the 16th century haikus became their own standalone art form. Traditionally, they are three lines long, have five syllables on the first and third line, and seven syllables in the middle line. Fourth graders in Ms. Erdmann's class mixed their own colors, and then wrote a haiku about each to celebrate National Haiku Day, which was Wednesday, April 17th.

A celebration Boys, girls, coloring Haiku Childhood in spring. Yes!



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

Every Growing Flower Has a STEM

"It's so fulfilling to see kids create, build, and think outside the box," read a post on Facebook about Ms. Northaway's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) project in Mrs. Kellogg's room. (Screenshot, Eagle Grove Elementary 2023-2024/Facebook)



Bears Still Reading - With an Extra Stitch Here and There

Colleen Bartlett of Iowa Central Community College was the guest reader for first and second graders last week, as Deb Townsend (aka "Tutu the Elf") performed some minor surgeries on bears who had some injuries. (Screenshots, Eagle Grove Community Schools/Facebook)







Wright County Courthouse

Births

Dottie Marlene Fors was born on April 09, 2024 to Braydie and Justin Fors of Fort Dodge.

Sadie Ann Winkowitsch was born on April 12, 2024 to Leah and Marty Winkowitsch of Marble Rock.

Theodore Roy Weldon was born on April 12, 2024 to Emily and Austin Weldon of Webster City.

Asher James Starrett was born on April 11, 2024 to Katura Welsh of Clear Lake. Alanah Lorelei Youtzy was born on April 10, 2024 to Amanda and Timothy Youty of Mason City.

Ada Jo Black was born on April 10, 2024 to Cassie and Jonathan Black of Rockwell.

Theo Jacinto Raymunlo Sanchez was born on April 11, 2024 to Cecilia Sanchez-Velasco and Pedro Raymundo-Lopez of Webster City.

Everly Charlotte Schutjer was born on April 10, 2024 to Katie and Derek Schutjer of Wesley.

Ripley William Tegland was born on April 15, 2024 to Courtney Frascht of Forest City.

Havannah Lucille Gonzalez was born on April 14, 2024 to Mallory Jensen of Mason City.

Christian Douglas Smith was born on April 14, 2024 to Shelby and Seth Smith of

Clear Lake. Giovanni Michael Cavanaugh was born on April 13, 2024 to Alicia and Trey Ca-

John Patrick Crail was born on April 11, 2024 was born to Danielle and Michel Crail of Mason City.

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Landen Allan Leerar was born on April 09, 2024 to Rebekah and Cody Leerar of

Kanawha. Laneya Renea Wreh was born on April 12, 2024 to

Megan Wreh of Forest City. Deaths Steven Samuel Meyer of

Belmond was born on February 13, 1987 and died on April 01, 2024 at the age of

Robert Leroy Asche of Eagle Grove was born on April 22, 1944 and died on April 15, 2024 at the age of 79. Jason Lee Fair of Clarion

was born on October 14, 1978 and died on April 12, 2024 at the age of 45.

Ruth Trampel (Haes) of Belmond was born on February 18, 1923 and died on April 11, 2024 at the age of

Robert Mourlam of Belmond was born on February 12, 1952 and died on April 11, 2024 at the age of 72.

Marriages Anthony Mendoza, 32, of Eagle Grove was wed to Shelby Gustafson, 25, of Eagle Grove on April 16, 2024.

Property Transfers

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Coleman Jill Diane to Alvarez Anna Jasmin - EG First Railway Addition Block 44 Lot 7 W 731, EG First Railway Addition Block 44 Lot 8 W 73' of S 3', In Satisfaction of Real Estate Contract, Related Documents: 19-2123 02-004 Contracts-Town Lot; 24-501.

Warranty Deed - Town Niederhauser Gerald L to Hodge Katherine - EG Hewett's Park Addition Block 14 Lot 17 S 85, EG Hewett's Park Addition Block 14 Lot 18 S 85. EG Hewett's Park Addition Block 14 Lot 19 S 85, EG Hewett's Park Addition Block 14 Lot 20 S, A-2024-2350000016313004246743; 24-502.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Kerch Judy to Jacobson Preston L - 28-91-26 SE Tract In Outlot 8 of NE1/4; 24-505.

Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot: Rethman Shelley Ann to Rethman Richard Douglas - EG Wright's 3rd Addition Block 45 E of State Hwy Exc S 170', EG Wright's 3rd Addition Block 50 E of State Hwy, EG Wright's 3rd Addition Block 51 E of State Hwy Exc N 100'; 24-507.

Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot: Rethman Shelley Ann to Rethman Richard Douglas - 34-91-26 NE Outlot 6 In NE 1/4, EG Scott's Highland Park Addition Block 6 Lot 1 Plus W 8' of Alley Adj on E, EG Scott's Highland Park Addition Block 6 Lot 2 Plus W 8' of Alley Adj on E, EG Scott's Highland Park Addition Block 6 Lot 3 Plus W 8 of Alley Adj on E; 24-508.

Quit Claim Deed - Land Deed: Rethman Shelley Ann to Rethman Richard Douglas - 7-90-26 NE Tract In NW 1/4; 24-509.

Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot: Rethman Shelley Ann to Rethman Richard Douglas - EG Wright's 3rd Addition Block 51 Tract E of State Hwy; 24-510.

Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot: Rethman Shelley Ann to Rethman Richard Douglas - EG Scott's Highland Park Addition Block 6 Lot 9

N 40' & E 1/2 Alley Adj On, EG Scott's Highland Park Addition Block 6 Lot 10 & E 1/2 Alley Adj on W; 24-511.

Quit Claim Deed-Town Lot: Rethman Shelley Ann to Rethman Richard Douglas - 34-91-26 NE Outlot 5 In NE 1/4, EG Scott's Highland Park Addition Block 6 Lot 11 & 1/2 of Alley Adj West, EG Scott's Highland Park Addition Block 6 Lot 12 & 1/2 of Alley Adj West; 24-512.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Sadler Mitchell D Trustee, Vandewater Nancy J Trustee, Sadler Mary J Revocable Trust, Mary J Sadler Revocable Trust to Sadler David R, Amonson Kirby D - 16-92-24 Parcel H In Lot 33 Sandy Beach, Sadler Trust 000013261004247121; 24-

Others - Town Lot Deeds: Wright County Treasurer, Dean David A, Dean Deborah L to Acc 155 LLC - Clar Wormley's Addition Block 1 Lot 8; 24-520.

Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot: Johnson Kenny M, Johnson Donna L to Johnson Kenny M, Johnson Donna L, Olson Jordan E -EG Hewett's First Addition Block 1 Lot 9, EG Hewett's First Addition Block 1 Lot 10; 24-524. Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot: Vaughan Diana R to Vaughan Steven R Jr - Belm Morse Brother's Addition Block 12 Lot 1 N 1/2, Belm Bartholomew's Addition Block 3 Lot 2 E 28', Vaughan 000016248004249171; 24-

Contracts - Town Lot: Asche Robert, Asche Robert L, Asche Judy, Asche Judith to Asche Robert D - EG Wright's Addition Block B Lot 8, EG Wright's Addition Block B Lot 9, Asche, Robert 000013261004250034; 24-525.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Shillinglaw Joan E to Shillinglaw Joan E Life Estate, Lamb Kylee R - Belm Bartholomew's 2nd Addition Block 1 Lot 1; 24-526.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Hoopingarner Katherine M to Stark Timothy J - 34-92-23 NW N 1/2 Lot 3 NW 1/4, Hoopingarner Stark to 000012305004250572; 24-529.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Ra Schneider Farms LLC to Schenck Sandy S -30-93-24 SW Sw 1/4, 2438su 000013792004250757; 24-530.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Salazar Ruiz Mayra L, Ruiz Salazar Mayra L, Diaz Reyna Arturo to Reyna Diaz Arturo, Lopez Wigui Angel F, Wigui Lopez Angel F - Clar Railroad Addition Block 3 Lot 2, Mayra Salazar Ruiz to Angel Lopez 000022861004251359fulfillm, Related Documents: 22-165 02-004 Contracts -Town Lot; 24-532.

Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot: Thomas Debra M to Schwichtenberg Troy J - 30-93-23 NE Tract In SW 1/4, Belm Railroad Addition Block 16 Lot 1 N 75'; 24-

Traffic

Jayden Robert Roussel, of Williams, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (21 or Over). Javden Robert Roussel of Williams, IA, No Valid Drivers License.

Anab Abbi Ali, of Blaine, MN, Speeding Over 55 Zone (11 Thru 15 Over).

Janice Cathryn Benson, of Huxley, IA, Speeding Over 55 Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

David Alejandro Cintron Cruz, of Eagle Grove, IA, Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.

Onelio Rubelsy Lopez Rodriguez, of Clarion, IA, Operate CMV With More Than One Driver License.

Kristin Marie Mosley, of Porter, TX, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11 Thru 15 Over).

Jeramey Ray Findley, of Grimes, IA, Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts -Adu.

Ma Del Refugio Ramirez

Rodriguez, of Brookings, SS, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over). Anabeli Conce Lopez

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

Anabeli Conce Lopez Hernandez, of Clarion, IA, No Valid Drivers License. Ronnie Rod Henderson,

of Fort Dodge, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Ramadan Anur Kodi, of Des Moines, IA, Speeding Over 55 Zone (11 Thru15 Over).

Franklin Brayah Pelico, of Clarion, IA, No Valid Drivers License.

Franklin Brayah Pelico, of Clarion, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (21 or Over). Tara Michelle Bjorklund,

of Goldfield, IA, Dark Window or Windshield. Jeffrey Alan Heeren, of

Alden, IA, Use Electronic

Communication Device -Age 18.

Shamaddin Saban Ogli Imanli, of Kansas City, MO, Speeding Over 55 Zone (16 Thru 20 Over).

Marvin E Fewtters, of Clarion, IA, Permitting Unauthorized Person to Drive.

Alberto Alejandro Garcia Moctezuma, of Humboldt, IA, Failure to Have Valid License or Permit While.

Alberto Alejandro Garcia Moctezuma, of Humboldt, IA, Excessive Speed 6 Thru

Madelyn M Acabal, of Kanawha, IA, Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device.

Madelyn M Acabal, of Kanawha, IA, Failure to Have Valid Licenseor Permit

Lucrecia Martinez Sakinas, of Goldfield, IA, Failure to Provide Financial Liability.

Marshall Amanda Hope, of Eagle Grove, IA, Dus -Driving While License Denied, Suspended, Canceled.

Criminal

State of Iowa VS Hinrichs, William Dean, Aggravated Misdemeanor, Assault on Persons In Certain Occupations - Bodily Injury. Defendant Pled Guilty and Was Sentenced to 30 Days In Jail With 23 Days Suspended. Placed on 2 Year Probation and \$100 In Court Costs.

State of Iowa VS Humphrey, Cayla Jean, Class C Felony, Theft 1st Degree, Dismissed By The Court; Aggravated Misdemeanor, Eluding - Speed Over 25 Over Limit, Placed on Probation For 3 Years; Serious Misdemeanor, Operating While Under The Influence 1st Offense, Placed on Probation For 1 Year, Fined \$1,250 and \$769.05 In Court Costs.

Civil

Hauge Associates, INC. V. Daniel Carolus, Judgment For The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$6,723.44 Plus 7.05% Interest and \$195 In

City of Eagle Grove

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE The City of Eagle Grove, Iowa, is hereby serving as Public Notice that on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., the City Council will hold a public hearing at the Council Chambers in the Public Safety Building. 210 E. Broadway, in Eagle Grove, lowa to consider and take potential action on disposing Lots 2 & North 50 feet of Lot 3, Block 3, Wright's 3rd Addition, Wright County, Iowa Citizens are encouraged to attend and express their preferences about the proposed activities. Any one having questions about this project, or if you require special accommodation to attend the Hearing such as handicapped accessibility or translation services, you may contact City Hall at 515-448-4343. By Order of the City Council, Bryce Davis City Administrator

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Court Costs.

Small Claims

Midland Credit VS Joseph Guillen, Judgment For The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$734.96 Plus Interest at 7.22% Plus \$95 In Court

Midland Credit VS Stacia Grandgeorge, Judgment For The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$1,275.78 Plus Interest at 7.22% Plus \$95 In Court

Nebraska Furniture Mart VS Jonathan Rutledge, Judgment For The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$2,502.43 Plus Interest at 7.22% Plus \$95 In Court Costs.

Discover Bank VS Maya Larue, Judgment For The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$2,913.98 Plus Interest at 7.22% Plus \$95 In Court Costs.

Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC V. Hiltabidle, Judgment For The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$95 In Court Costs.

Midland Credit Management, INC. V. Maria Medina, Judgment For The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$1,427.39 Plus Interest at 7.22% Plus \$95 In Court

Midland Credit Management, INC. V. Maynard Hiveley, Judgment For The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$1,013.28 Plus Interest at 7.22% Plus \$95 In Court Costs.

Cavalry SPV I VS Mark Willard, Judgment For The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$2,598.33 Plus Interest at 7.22% Plus \$95 In Court Costs.

Mort's Water Company VS Dean, David & Deborah, Judgment For The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$805.09 Plus Interest at 7.22% Plus \$95 In Court Costs.

TD Bank USA, N.A. Vs. Karen M Staples, Judgment For The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$4,364.27 Plus Interest at 7.22% Plus \$95 In Court Costs.

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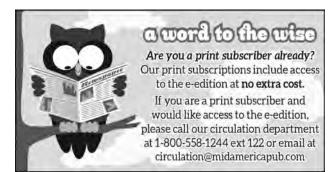
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one having questions about this project, or if you require special accommodation to attend the Hearing such as handicapped accessibility or translation services, you may contact City Hall at 515-448-4343. By Order of the City Council, Bryce Davis City Administrator

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sion shall not affect the validity of

the Ordinance as a whole. Only the

language in the Ordinance that was

declared to be invalid or unconsti-

tutional shall be severed from the

SECTION 4: Effective Date. This

Ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publi-

This ordinance shall be in effect

from and after its final passage, ap-

proval and publications as provided

by law. Adopted and passed by

the Board of Supervisors of Wright

County, Iowa on this 8th day of

Adam Clemons, Wright County En-

gineer, presented the Fiscal Year

2025 Iowa DOT Secondary Roads

Budget. Motion by Rasmussen and

seconded by Kluss to approve the

Fiscal Year 2025 Iowa DOT Sec-

ondary Roads Budget. Motion car-

Clemons presented the Iowa DOT

Secondary Roads Five Year Pro-

gram. Motion by Rasmussen and

seconded by Kluss to approve the

Iowa DOT Secondary Roads Five

Clemons gave an update on the

Secondary Roads. There were 16

work orders completed last week. Blades are running regular miles

while inputting spot rock locations.

Trucks are hauling spot rocks and have completed 29 of 57 segments

Elizabeth Thyer with Gardiner + Company met with the Board to

give an update on the Wright Coun-

ty Audit. Thyer went over the audit

book with the Board and explained

all the different sections of the audit.

She also covered the schedule of

findings and explained the expec-

tation and recommendation on the

Motion by Rasmussen and second-

ed by Kluss to adjourn the meeting.

Wright County Board of Supervisors

Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor

compliance with the findings.

Karl Helgevold, Chairman,

Motion carries

in the granular engineer miles.

Year Program. Motion carries.

cation as provided by law.

Ordinance

April, 2024.

BOARD PROCEEDINGS Wright County Board of Supervisors • April 8, 2024

April 8, 2024

Chairman Helgevold called the reg-ular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevold. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 1, 2024 and special meeting of April 1, 2024 were read and approved with two corrections. Approved claims for payment.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to receive the revenue report from the Wright County Sheriff. Motion carries.

Pay Estimate #4, from Jet Drain & Excavating, in the amount of \$22,804.56 was reviewed for JDD 100-2. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen, acting as Drainage District Trustees, to approve Pay Estimate #4. Motion carried. Franklin County will be taking separate action and sharing their minutes to be placed on record. Motion by Rasmussen and second-

ed by Kluss to receive the quarterly revenue report from the Wright County Recorder, Motion carries, Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to receive the quarter ly revenue report from the Wright

County Auditor. Motion carries. Peggy Schluttenhofer, Wright County Treasurer, presented a par-cel in the City of Clarion to deem the property taxes uncollectable. The last time the taxes were paid on this property was in the 2008/2009 tax year. There was a tax sale offered in 2009 and 2010 with no interest. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to deem property taxes uncollectable for 615 Central Ave

East in Clarion. Motion carries. Schluttenhofer presented the tax sale certificate 2011-11500. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the assignment of the tax sale certificate 2011-11500 to the City of Clarion. Motion car-

Amanda Meyer, Finance Manager, presented the Budget Amendment documents for Fiscal Year

End 2024. There was a increase in revenues of \$583,068 and also a increase in expenses of \$146,267. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to receive the budget amendments for Fiscal Year End 2024. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to set the budget amendment public hearing for April 29, 2024 at 9:15 a.m. Motion car-

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #67, an amendment to Ordinance #64, changing a parcel of land from agricultural to commercial/industrial. Motion carries. 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. By roll call vote: Ayes - Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevold; nays - none. The third and final reading of Ordinance #67 passes and will be effective after

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

COMMERCIAL/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 develop-

ment 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 SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 21 ALSO BEING THE CENTERLINE 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 SOUTH-

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 i s hereby changed from its present classification of A-1-Agriculture to C-1/I-1 Commercial/Industrial

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 deci**Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds**

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact and

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS Date of Publication: April 25, 2024

City of Eagle Grove 121 N. Commercial Avenue Eagle Grove IA 50533 515-448-4343

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Eagle

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF **FUNDS**

On or after May 14, 2024, the City of Eagle Grove will submit a request to the State of Iowa, Iowa Economic Development Authority for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under TITLE 1 of the HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, as amended (P.L. 97-35) to undertake the following project:

Project Title: Upper Story Housing Project for 217 W. Broadway

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

Location: The project activities will take place at 217 W. Broadway Eagle Grove, Iowa.

Estimated Cost: The total proi ect cost is estimated at \$830,800. HUD funding is \$550,000

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Eagle Grove has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at Eagle Grove City Hall, 121 North Commercial Avenue and may be examined or copied weekdays during normal business hours of 7:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M., Monday – Friday. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments or the ERR to the Eagle Grove City Administrator. All comments received by May 13, 2024, will be considered by the City of Eagle Grove prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

RELEASE OF FUNDS

The City of Eagle Grove certifies to Iowa Economic Development Authority that Michael Boyd, in his capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. Iowa Economic Development Authority's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Eagle Grove to use HUD program funds

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS The Iowa Economic Development

Authority will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Eagle Grove's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Eagle Grove; (b) the City of Eagle Grove has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58: (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by the Iowa Economic Development Authority; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Iowa Economic Development Authority at 1963 Bell Avenue, Suite 200, Des Moines, IA 50315. Potential objectors should contact the Iowa Economic Development Authority to verify the actual last day of the objection period. Michael Bovd. Mavor City of Eagle Grove, Iowa

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS City of Goldfield • April 8, 2024

Goldfield City Council Meeting April 8, 2024

The Goldfield Council met in regular session on April 8, 2024 at the Goldfield City Hall. Mayor Fiscus called the council meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. Council Members present Petersen, Schermer, Crees and Meinke. Also present City Clerk, Kathy Nelson; PW Superintendent Jim Sisson; Police Chief, Ray Beltran; WCED Director Darrel Steven Carlyle; City Attorney Lynn Seaba; Scott Curran; Jared & Kelsey Burres. Absent Council Member Duncalf. Motion by Meinke, second Crees to approve insurance renewal with Abens Marty Curran, \$53,846. All ayes. Motion

Motion by Crees, second Schermer to approve the March 11th minutes. Motion by Crees, second Meinke to approve the April claims. All ayes. Motions carried. Absent Duncalf.

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MALLOY LAW FIRM
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MID-AMERICAN RES.CHEMICAL OLDSON PLUMBING, HEATING & AIR PEERLESS WELL & PUMP POUTRE'S CONSTRUCTION QUALITY PUMP & CONTROL SEILER APPLIANCE & SERVICE T & S SANITATION TREASURER STATE OF IOWA W & H COOP WRIGHT COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

Payroll Checks
***** REPORT TOTAL ***** **EXPENSES** 28,344.57 FIRE DEPT. 154.79 ROAD USE TAX EMPLOYEE. BENEFIT 14.22 19,751.00 35,531.55 COMM.CENTER **SEWER** 5.867.75 TOTAL

Motion Carried, Absent Duncalf,

CLAIMS REPORT APRIL REFERENCE **AMOUNT** COPIER LEASE TESTING/SAMPLES 100.25 SWITCH TO FIX PUMPER-FIRE YEARLY SERVICE CALL 7.85 131.50 LANDFILL MEETING
POLICE AGREEMENT QTR 4 46.75 14,938.20 WATER/SEWER COMMUNITY CENTER 64 89 FED/FICA TAXES
POSTAGE CITY HALL 2,371.18 68.00 WATER/SEWER BILLS
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CHEMICALS WATER PLANT 270.80 291.88 PEST CONTROL
AZONE 15-WATERPLANT 99.36 311.12 HY-LINE DATA & SAMPLER SETUP REVIEW SAMPLING DATA-HY-LINE 1.592.50 WATER MEMBERSHIP DUES 726.00 SPRING IMFOA CONFERENCE IOWA MUNICIPAL INSTITUTE 320.00 UNEMPLOYMENT QTR 1 JAN-MAR 24 IPERS - REGULAR 34.75 1,418.68 JOHN DEERE MOWER LEASE PARTS FOR JOHN DEERE MOWER IMFOA MEMBERSHIP DUES 503.58 1,604.16 50.00 78.75 LEGAL EXPENSE 2,762.21 351.67 GAS/ELECTRIC PUBLISHING LEGALS WEED KILLER 280.07 SERVICE FURNACES COMM.CENTER
MAINTENANCE WELL #2 PUMP 149.50 28,417.00 COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT SERVICE PUMPS CEDAR LIFTSTATION 14,500.00 788.44 5,251.00 1,389.42 APPLIANCES COMM. CENTER GARBAGE MARCH 55.00 WATER EXCISE TAX MARCH 2024 904.81 GAS/DIESEL 225.92 5,014.94 8,379.11 DISPATCH QTR 4 FY 23-24

94,835.44 REVENUE 14,380.10 CORN LP 4.167.00 FIRE DEPT. 15,527.68 ROAD USE TAX 5,169.44 1,074.25 165.61 **EMPLOYEE BENEFIT** EMERGENCY LOCAL OPTION TAX DEBT SERVICE COMM.CENTER 5,642.52 977.12 50,000.00 155,480.96 12,248.41 WATER SEWER **TOTAL**Police Chief Ray Beltran discussed the March dispatch report and nuisance properties. 264,833.09

PW Superintendent Jim Sisson gave an update. He let the Council know the tentative date for Spring Clean Up Days is May 18th . Motion by Meinke, second Schermer to approve \$2597.33 to USA Blue Book for a composite sampler. All ayes.

Motion by Petersen, second Meinke to increase Nick Sisson's pay to \$17 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent

Motion by Crees, second Schermer to approve \$4885 to Electric Pump to install a tower antenna adder to the water tower. All ayes. Motion Carried. Absent Duncalf.

Motion by Ćrees, second Meinke to approve the building permit for James Hill to put up a fence and pool. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Duncalf. Motion by Crees, second Schermer to approve Res.#777 Transfer Between Funds. Roll Call Vote: All Ayes. Motion

carried. Absent Duncalf. Increasing the deposit for renters was discussed due to delinquent utility bills. Lynn will be putting together an up-

date to the ordinance for the next meeting. Motion by Meinke, second Crees to change the payroll days to Thursday thru Wednesday. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Duncalf.

Motion by Crees, second Schermer to approve the Atura bid documents for the school building demoliton. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Duncalf.

Motion by Meinke, second Crees to approve Kathy to order 3 large and 1 small file cabinet for city hall. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Duncalf.

Public Hearing to approve FY 24-25 Budget set for April 22nd at 6 p.m. Public Hearing to approve FY 23-24 Budget Amendment set for May 13th at 7 p.m. Motion by Crees, second Meinke to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Kathy Nelson, City Clerk Gabe Fiscus, Mayor

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PUBLIC HEARING Goldfield • April 8, 2024

Goldfield Public Hearing Proposed Tax Levy April 8, 2024

Mayor Fiscus opened the Public Hearing for the Proposed Tax Levy at 6:17 pm. Council members present Schermer, Crees, Meinke and Petersen. Absent Duncalf. Also present City Clerk Kathy Nelson. There were no written or verbal

comments. Motion by Meinke, second Schermer to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. Kathy Nelson, City Clerk Gabe Fiscus, Mayor

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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

• 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. 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 tnicholas@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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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS City of Eagle Grove • April 15, 2024

Regular Council Meeting

Monday April 15th, 2024 Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Axtell, Pamperin, Vandewater and Limerick. Also present: City Administrator Davis, City Attorney Legvold and Police Chief Beltran

A motion was made by Pamperin and seconded by Lorenzen to approve Consent agenda includes April 1st & second April 1st, 2024 minutes and claims. Roll Call: All

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NATIONAL SPORTS PRODUCTS, PICKLEBALL-PARKVIEW ... 1,713.00 PAYROLL FUND, PAYROLL FUND TSF......95,923.17 PEDERSON SANITATION, PACK-ER RENTAL/HAULING..... .. 650.00 PETTY CASH, POSTAGE-NUIS-SVCS,TECH SUPPORT... 2,122.73 SHORT ELLIOT HENDRICKSON ENGINEERING SVCS-PARKVIEW......2,959.38 SYNTEX INDUSTRIES, ALUMINUM . 2,959.38 WATER TANK-FIRE2,396.80 THE TRASH MAN, DUMP-

STERS,REVENUES,ROLL-OFFS... .. 10.381.69 USCELLULAR, POOL TABLET. 102.68 W & H COOPERATIVE OIL CO., FUEL 5,733.50 WINDOW MAN LLC, CLEANING... .. 135.00 WRIGHT COUNTY AUDITOR, ELECTION COSTS WARD 2

.. 1.546.80 WRIGHT COUNTY FIRE ASSOCIA-TION, HAZMAT STICKERS.... 62.60 ... 1382.54 Fund Total GENERAL.67,755.45 ROAD USE TAX 14,373.51

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS ... 6.520.97 SWWC EMS DISTRICT FUNDS. ... 156,893.00 LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX. 2 959 38

GARBAGE..... .. 9,235.68 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESV 3 228 03 2023 STREET IMPROV RESERV

WATER 14.628.99 SEWER 19,166.66 A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Vandewater to approve Resolution 2024-42: A Resolution to set a date for Public Hearing regarding the Conveyance and Disposal of Lots 2 & N 50' Lot 3,

Block 3, Wright's 3rd Addition. Roll Call Vote: all ayes Reviewed and Discussed 2024 CDBG Upper-Story Housing Conversion Application for new Upper Story Downtown Apartment Units

with no action taken. A motion was made by Limerick and seconded by Axtell to approve Resolution 2024-43: A Resolution to set a date for Public Hearing regarding a Workforce Housing Tax Credit Application. Roll Call Vote: all ayes Discussed Insurance Renewal with

no action taken. Provided an update on new Ambulance for Eagle Grove EMS (2023 Ford F350).

Mayor Boyd opened bids for 2015 Ford Explorer. Bids were from Dwight Coleman for \$200.00 and Ringwood Motors for \$2,150.00. Mayor Boyd opened bid for the 2019 Ford Explorer. Bid was from Ringwood Motors for \$4,250.

A motion was made by Pamperin and seconded by Lorenzen to approve Resolution 2024-44: A Resolution to Dispose of Police Vehicles 2015 Ford Explorer for \$2,150.00 and 2019 Ford Explorer for \$4,250.00 to Ringwood Motors. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

Held FY2025 Annual Budget Work Department reports were given.

A motion was made by Pamperin and seconded by Axtell to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm.

City Administrator

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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)

SATURDAY, MAY 4

 Spring vendor CRAFT FAIR! 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM | Heartland Museum, 119 9th ST SW, Clarion IA

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.

Eagle Grove CSD MENU

Monday, April 29 BREAKFAST: Pancakes, Smokies, Fruit, Juice; LUNCH: Corn Dog, Mac-N-Cheese, Broccoli, Pears

Tuesday, April 30 BREAKFAST: Breakfast Bake, Toast, Fruit, Juice; LUNCH: Enchilada Sloppy Joes, Garden Salad, Corn, Fruit Cocktail

Wednesday, May 1 1.5 Hr Early Dismissal at EGHS

BREAKFAST: Omelet, Bagel, Fruit, Juice; LUNCH: Chicken Strips, Cheesy Bake, Green Beans, Peaches,

Bread & Butter

BREAKFAST: Waffles, Sausage, LUNCH: Taco Burger, Refried Beans, Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato, Strawberries

Friday, May 3 BREAKFAST: Cereal, Yogurt, Fruit. Juice: LUNCH: Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap, Garden Salad, Apple

Thursday, May 2

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)

SATURDAY, MAY 11

• Eagle Grove FARMERS MARKET! - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Downtown EG | Rain Location: 202 W. Broadway.

SATURDAY, 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 FARMERS MARKET! - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Downtown
- EG | Rain Location: 202 W. Broadway.

MONDAY, MAY 27

• Memorial Day Golf Tournament - Eagle Grove Golf Course - 8:00 AM

TUESDAY, MAY 28

• 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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

• The Tank Anthony Band @ The Bru, 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM | 215 6th ST, Clarion IA 50525

·· CIVIC CALENDAR ·

WRIGHT COUNTY **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

DETAILS:

Mondays, 9 a.m., at the Wright County Courthouse

CLARION CITY COUNCIL

DETAILS:

5 p.m., first and third Tuesdays of the Month

EAGLE GROVE CITY COUNCIL

DETAILS:

6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays at the Police building

EAGLE GROVE UTILITY BOARD

DETAILS:

To be announced.

EAGLE GROVE LIBRARY BOARD

DETAILS:

Second Wednesdays of the Month at the Library Meeting Room (times to be announced).

EAGLE GROVE SCHOOL BOARD

DETAILS:

Second Mondays of the Month, 6:00 p.m. at the Emerson Building.

ROWAN CITY COUNCIL

DETAILS:

7 p.m., First Mondays of the Month at City Hall

GALT CITY COUNCIL

DETAILS:

Second Mondays of the month, 202 3rd St.

WOOLSTOCK **CITY COUNCIL**

DETAILS:

2nd Tuesdays of the month