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'Do It for Your Future Self':

EGHS Alum Has Some Advice for This Year's Graduating Seniors

bv Edward Lvnn Editor

Adam Herrington wanted to be a policeman when he grew up. And that drive to help others as his life's work never left him. But somewhere special along the way, he found the profession that was really right for him to do so. And now he's on his way to becoming a doctor.

In school Herrington was part brain, part jock. Intelligence and physical fitness both played a role in his sense of self. In sports he participated in cross-country, track and basketball in both middle school and high school. And he was in 4H until his senior year. "I've always enjoyed being outside and the outdoors," he said, explaining the prevalence of outdoor activities. And he graduated from EGHS with a 3.7 GPA.

But even with so much achievement, the thing that Herrington really credits with putting him on the right track for his future was attending the North Central Community College Career Academy (now called the North Central Regional Center). Because the academy is

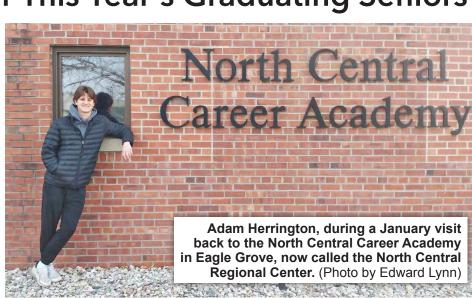
right here in Eagle Grove, Herrington was able to attend in person in his junior year, though he had to attend online during his senior year due to the COVID pandem-

And not only did the Academy get him going on his way into the medical profession, it also helped him be better prepared for college.

When he got to college, Herrington revealed, he felt overwhelmed and

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Standing Room Only at Pop's BINGO for Cheerleaders

by Edward Lynn **Editor**

Saturday night's BINGO fundraiser to benefit the Cheer Squad was a rousing success, with the place so packed that people were standing, or sitting on the floor. The event was Pop's Pizza and Pub's second BINGO Night, following up on their also successful first BINGO fundraiser, for Eagle Grove Special Olympics.

The kitchen was open and rocking out the orders quickly, in spite of the massive demand. And BINGO cards were selling for \$1.00 for a single card, or \$5.00 for a big card that lasted six





Parker Poppen posing with several members of the cheerleading squad. (Screenshot, Eagle Grove High School Cheer/Facebook).



The BINGO event was so well attended that the cheerleaders ended up sitting on the floor, as all the other seats filled up. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

Local Animal Rescue Ranch to be Featured on 'Wizard of Paws' TV Show

by Edward Lynn **Editor**

Loretta is a miniature zebu cow who was surrendered to the care of the Lazy J Rescue Ranch, nestled in the Goldfield countryside just north of Eagle Grove, due to an injury to her right front leg which went unrepaired at birth, causing the leg to fuse in a bent position.

Consultations with the Humboldt Veterinary Clinic came to the conclusion that "multiple surgeries would be a lot for Loretta to undergo especially when there was a low probability for them to work."

So, the dynamic duo behind Lazy J began searching for a prosthetic leg for the little cow. Because while Loretta "gets around fairly well on three legs" the pair believed "her quality of life would be better with increased mobility which would in turn make her healthier in general."

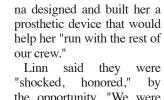
Their search led them to Derrick Campana, a prosthetics and orthotics expert who brings "human level care to animals like they deserve," the Lazy J team asserted on Facebook. Campana, the founder of BionicPets.org is also the host of a TV show called The Wizard of Paws. Produced by Brigham Young University and broadcast on



Derrick Campana, animal prosthetics expert and host of the Emmy nominated TV show "Wizard of Paws" with Lazy J Rescue Ranch founders Tyler Linn and Haley Fitzpatrick, and Loretta, the lucky little cow. (Screenshot, Lazy J Rescue Ranch/Facebook)

BYU TV at BYUtv.org, the show is internationally syndicated and has also been picked up by Nat Geo and Disney+. And Campana and his team at Nomadica Films just got two daytime Emmy nominations, for Best Host

Back at the end of September and the beginning of October, the Lazy J team secretly hosted Campana and his production crew from Nomadica films at the ranch. And over four days they told the Lazy J story, and Loretta's, while Campa-



the opportunity. "We were honored that they thought we were worthy," Linn explained. As for Loretta, her new

prosthetic "has been literally life changing for her," Fitzpatrick said. "She's very happy! She goes everywhere now.'

In fact, she broke the bottom of the prosthetic food, "because she was playing so much," Fitzpatrick said. And so Campana is sending another.

"She got the 'zoomies' for the first time," Linn said, happily. "Every young animal should get the 'zoomies' when they're little. And she never had, because she couldn't."

Lazy J will be hosting a watch party at Rails on Mother's Day (May 12th) to show the episode three days before it airs. "Everyone is invited," said Fitzpatrick, who also noted on Facebook that "it will be our first time seeing it too." The episode will air on BYU TV on May 15th, and be available on Disney + and Nat Geo shortly thereafter as well.





On Saturday families came out to enjoy the nice weather at Lazy J's "May Day with Butter" (the goat) event. Where kids got to meet the animals, make their own miniature picnic baskets with Sara Middleton of Studio Sol, to fill with custom topped movie theater popcorn fresh from the Humota Theater in Humboldt. Capturing Keepsakes photography was also on hand to shoot photos of the kiddos with the critters. (Photos by Edward Lynn)

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Body of Trucker Whose Disappearance Baffled the Nation Found After Five Months

by Edward Lynn **Editor**

The body of a man who disappeared after picking up a load of pigs in Eagle Grove five months ago has been found. David Schultz. a 53 year old husband and father, was hauling a load of hogs northbound on Hwy

71 when he disappeared, leaving his abandoned semi truck behind with his wallet, his phone, and a full load; with only Schultz himself missing.

"Day 155 and my husband has been found," Schultz's bereaved wife Sarah wrote in a post to Facebook. "We

can now have some sort of closure.'

According to the Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS) Shultz was found in a farm field in the 1900 block of Union Avenue in Sac County, after the Sac County Sheriff's Office received a call from a person reporting

having "discovered a body in his field", shortly after 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April

Dental records confirmed the body was that of the

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David Schultz (Photo courtesy of the Lake City Police Department)

City Warns of Nuisance Bills, Urges Property Owners to Take Advantage of Clean Up Days

by Edward Lynn Editor

The City of Eagle Grove will hold its annual Spring Clean Up Days Wednesday, May first through Saturday, May fourth. This newspaper has published several notices of this, and as this issue hits newsstands this week, the clock is ticking to get rid of your unwanted junk and clean up your properties.

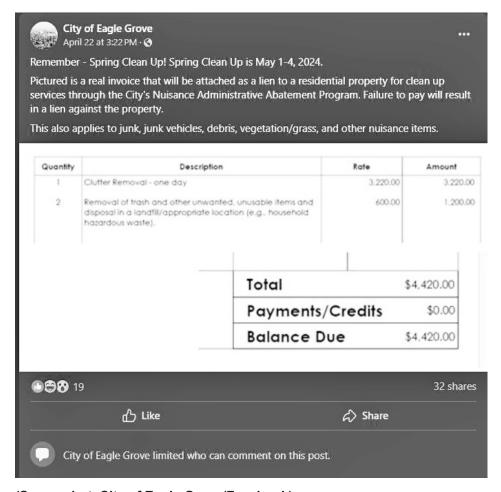
And last week the City also posted a none-too-subtle warning to property owners with messes to clean up, which amounted to 'do it, or else', which comes just in time for property owners to take advantage of the Clean Up Days. The post, which featured portions of "a real invoice that will be attached as a lien to a residential property for clean up services through the City's Nuisance Administrative Abatement Program," shows just how expensive a little cleanup can be when you don't do it yourself, and while it's cheaper, as the invoice shown totals \$4,420.00! Failure to pay such an invoice, the City's post also warns, would "result in a lien against the property."

The post also gives examples of just some of the types of nuisances that the City is warning property owners to deal with, including "junk, junk vehicles, debris, vegetation/grass, and other nuisance items."

While comments on the post itself were blocked on the City's Facebook page, many locals shared the post to share their opinions, which were mixed. Many

commented to voice complaints about the policy, while still others stated that it is about time the city took such an action. One salient comment wondered how many homes the city will end up owning due to 'nuisance' processes, while several others noted what they considered the intolerably high number of properties in the community with cluttered yards.

One thing is for certain: property owners have been warned, and in time to take advantage of the Clean Up Days. Anyone needing assistance to take care of nuisances on their property are encouraged to take advantage of the Clean Up Days, and if they need extra time or assistance, to contact the city to request it.



(Screenshot, City of Eagle Grove/Facebook)

BIRTHS TO

Baby Girl Thompson

Serena Lee and James Thompson of Northwood, IA are pleased to welcome the birth of a baby girl.

Dahlia Rae Thompson was born on April 22, 2024, weighing 5 pounds, 15.2 ounces. She joins siblings

Davina (7) and Niklaus (2). Her grandparents are Ray Thompson and Becky Meyer of Wells, MN, Lavonne Thompson of Clarks Grove, MN and Dawn Ingvaldson of Albert Lea,

Spring Luncheon Held at Sacred Heart

by Edward lynn Editor

At Sacred Heart Catholic Church's annual Spring Luncheon a plethora of goodies were to be had. According to organizer Phyllis Larson, roughly 100 people treated themselves to the lunch, where about 35 different salad varieties were served, and over 150 sandwiches and desserts were served with them.

We've had a lot of delicious food from talented cooks," Larson noted.

And, Larson said, "this is so much better than just

soliciting money." Larson noted that "we've had so much support from the community. We've seen lots of people from the other churches."

The fundraiser supports the Church's general budget and youth activities, but Larson said it was good work, literally. "I feel that it's a good way for us to get together and work together. And we get to know each other better when we work together," Larson explained.

Larson also offered a "shout out to the kids! They've been so helpful."





(Photos by Edward Lynn)

Editorial: Congratulations to EGPD Officer Alejo

Officer Francisco Alejo of the Eagle Grove Police Department graduated from the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and is ready to patrol the streets and serve the citizens of Eagle Grove. At the Academy Officer Alejo underwent rigorous training five days a week for 16 weeks, to earn his graduation.

Alejo graduated as part of the 313th class of officers to be trained by the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy since its formation in 1967. Officers in this class kept an intensive schedule that covered a variety of professional tactics including physical training, criminal law, narcotics law, performing interviews (including trauma informed interviews) and interrogations, search and seizure law, juvenile law, practical scenario training, human trafficking education, responding to domestic violence incidents, firearms training, traffic radar operations, collision investigations, traffic stops, terrorism awareness, sex abuse, death investigations, crisis interventions, and many other serious and challenging subjects.

Local News

At a time when communities are struggling to find and retain qualified police officers, the community of Eagle Grove is blessed to have found someone willing to undergo the difficult training process and join our local team of officers in taking the often challenging and selfless job of police officer. If you see him around town, consider congratulating him and thanking him for joining our police force, and make him feel welcome.

And remember, even when they have the unpleasant duty of ruining your day with a ticket, etcetera, our local officers also stand ready day after day to come to the rescue of everyone and anyone who needs them, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. We are very lucky to have them.



Captain Mark Hennigar, Officer Francisco Alejo, and Chief Ray Beltran, at Officer Alejo's graduation from the lowa Law Enforcement Academy. (Screenshot, Eagle Grove Police Department/Facebook)

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"It's all about the community," said co-owner Kay Poppen, "and it's proving really successful." Poppen said the pub will continue to have the BINGO fund-

raisers for worthy causes on a monthly basis as long as they continue to succeed.

"Huge huge thank you to everyone who came and supported the Cheerleaders tonight at Bingo," The Cheerleaders posted to their Facebook page. "Your support does not go unnoticed. EG Nation is one of the best!"

Keep an eye on the Pop's Facebook page and the Community Events Calendar in the Eagle Grove Eagle for upcoming fundraiser information.

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missing man whose baffling disappearance has made headlines around the country. "Preliminary autopsy results show no signs of trauma or serious injury," the DPS reported, noting that "further autopsy test results are pending."

And while the DPS says authorities do not suspect foul play in Schultz' death, his wife and a prominent volunteer involved in the search don't seem so sure. "There's a very good chance that the body wasn't there even when they searched, and that the body was placed there after," said Jake Rowley of the United Cajun Navy in an interview

with the Mason City Globe Gazette. According to the Sac County Sheriff's Office, the volunteer search and rescue group searched more than 100,000 acres looking for Schultz in the first three weeks after his

disappearance.

In an interview with KCAU television news, Rowley said that the UCN had not searched the area where Schultz' body was discovered "because we were told that these fields had already been searched." So Rowley's group searched outside of those fields, "so that's kind of where our search area came in. But it really does

surprise me that it was that close."

Sarah Schultz had adamantly insisted that her husband's disappearance took place under "suspicious" circumstances, as she said in a Nov. 27th, 2023 Facebook post. She had reported her husband missing when she found out that he hadn't dropped off his load of pigs in Sac City as planned, the Sac County Sheriff's Office told the Kansas City Star. Schultz had left home at 7:00 p.m. on the 20th of November on his way to Eagle Grove to pick up a load of pigs to be delivered to Sac City. Schultz was late in picking up his load, but did so, and was last seen in surveillance video captured a little before midnight the same evening.

"I found out he missed a load, and I just got sick to my stomach," Mrs. Schultz told WOI last December. "He would never miss a load, he's their guy. From then on, I knew something was bad wrong."

A Gofundme campaign to benefit Schultz family has been set up (https://www.gofundme.com/f/family-of-david-schultz). As of press time, the fundraiser was still falling well short of its goal, despite the nationwide attention the case garnered.



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Q + A with County Supervisor Candidates: District 4

Amanda Rink, Editor Rick McDaniel, former Police Chief in Belmond and Republican, is running to represent the same area he once policed over. With over 33 years of public service working at the county and local levels in three Wright County Cities, Rick McDaniel feels he has an excellent understanding of how government works. McDaniel, who has been serving the public most of his adult life, considers he still has a lot to offer in making his community a better place. Rick shared with The Wright County Monitor that his main goal if elected is to keep Wright County working

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

together "to benefit all of us".

This is one of the primary responsibilities of the Supervisors. With over 33 years of public service in this county, I have a good working knowledge of government budgeting. For the last 10 years, it was my responsibility to set the budget for the police department. There is no simple answer, but you use the money you have to help the most people you can.

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

This is not a simple question. It could be interpreted in several ways. One way



You can reach Rick McDaniel, District 4 Supervisor candidate, through email at bpd.mcdaniel@gmail.com, or by phone at 515-293-1614. Mc-Daniel shared his favorite quote from fellow politician John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." (Photo: BKCSD)

and to invest in economic

How would you engage level?

If elected, it would be my duty to fight for the needs stituents that elected me. To understand their needs and self available for them to talk with. As Chief of Police in Belmond, I had an open-door policy. I would continue this as Supervisor.

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

to have a small voice heard

Lynn Loux, District 4 Supervisors candidate, shared his favorite quote from fellow politician Theodore Roosevelt, "Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care." You can reach Lynn Loux through email at lloux@frontiernet. net. (Photo: Amanda Rink)

> in a large room. By working and standing together, all five Supervisors, Mayors, City Council members, Township Trustees, and citizens, we can turn that small voice into a bigger voice that cannot be ignored.

Belmond resident, is a candidate for District 4 of Wright County on the Wright County Board of Supervisors. Loux, who identifies with the Republican party, has a skill set and extra time he feels would provide him with a certain type of insight into

his professional background, shared that he worked as a mechanic for 40 years at John Deer and has managed his own family farm for 10 years. Along with experience in agriculture, Loux has served on the Belmond school board for seven years, three as president. As a volunteer for the ambulance service, a member of their board, chairperson of the administrative console for Belmond Methodist church, and experience in running various types of meetings, he has a unique experience with the public. Loux is running to repre-

sent District 4 on the Wright County Board of Supervisors because he feels the Belmond area needs representation. He shared when asked why he is campaigning. Loux shared further that in September, his wife passed away. The loss left him with a need to stay busy. He felt putting his experience to bring about positive change in Wright County was the best use of his time. One issue Loux feels needs to be addressed is the quality of property taxes. "I don't have all the answers," Loux stated of his experience within politics, sharing his ability to learn what Wright County's citizens need and want with an open line of communication.

A project he would like to see enacted in Wright County is providing incentives to bring new businesses to our area. While a budget hearing has already been held and a budget decided on, Supervisors need to consider the information provided by each Wright County Department manager while constructing the budget Loux shared with the Wright County Monitor. "I would trust the judgment

of those department heads, review the input, and compare information," he stated.

According to Loux, working relationships with other Supervisors are necessary to ensure the success of the board as a whole. If elected, Loux feels he would be open to input from citizens. "It [final decisions] isn't up to me. I'm just a representative for the people," he stated. Loux feels that ensuring an open line of communication with state representatives is important, too. He brings up the much-debated issue of the carbon pipeline in Wright County and states issues like that make it necessary to stay in touch with state representatives such as Mark Thompson and Dennis Guth.

Voters can cast their ballot for one candidate from each district. Primary elections are on June 4, 2024. For more information, please contact the Wright County Auditor at (515) 532-2771. This article is part four of a five-part series highlighting Wright County Supervisor Candidates and does not reflect the views of The Wright County Monitor or sister publications.



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would be to look at this and think you mean all the cities and rural areas. If that is the case, then we have to work together and not separately for example this count was the first to have all the EMS departments in this county to work together to help get the emergency medical care to everyone in this county that needs it. I have been a part of this from the beginning and am very proud of what we have accomplished.

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

We need to look at economic growth for the county, as a whole, and not just in one part of the county. We need all the communities working together. More than that, we need citizens of the county to promote the county growth.

with citizens to understand their needs and concerns, and how would you advocate for them at the county

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We are a small rural county in Iowa and it is very difficult Lynn Loux, a long-time

representing Wright County.

Loux when asked about

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Supervisors Amend Budget, Set Fireworks Dates plain ordinance. The changes mainly involve definitions, and are required by the fed-

> —and heard that Sandy McGrath, head of the environmental health services department, may be helping Humboldt County with some services and testing. Humboldt County is without

eral government;

by Lee van der Linden mits for 4G Pyrotechnics on The board heard that five The Wright County Board 145-foot beams could be of Supervisors approved installed on the new C-70 bridge this week. The in-

amending the current budget after a public hearing April 29. The amendment was needed due to an increase in both revenues and expenses. Revenues increased by more than \$583,000, while expenses were up over \$146,000.

stallation is tentatively set for Thursday if the weather cooperates. The installation can not take place if there is lightning in the area.

In other business, the

-approved fireworks per-

the following dates: May 17 (1446 Reed Avenue in Belmond), June 21 (2787 130th Drive in Belmond), June 29 (1582 Ida Avenue in Clarion), July 6 (Lake Cornelia), July 20 (1636 160th Avenue in Clarion), and Aug. 16 (1179 Taylor Avenue);

-approved updates to the ownership names on the

—approved the first reading of the amended flood-

in Ankeny. The county will split the cost with Hamilton a sanitarian.

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unprepared. "It's like you're starting school all over again. You meet people from other schools. It was my first interaction with a college profes-

But it could have been worse, he explained, if he hadn't been to the Academy. "You're still around your high school friends," at the Academy, he said, "but it finally gives you that first taste of University." And that makes it less intimidating when you do go to university, he acknowledged. "It's a safe space to get a taste of the college experience."

Herrington earned 48 college credits while still in high school. Then he went straight to Iowa State, without needing to go to Iowa Central in Fort Dodge. "I might be further behind if I hadn't come to the Career Academy," he

recognized. Attendance at the North Central Regional Center (formerly the Career Academy) is free for all Eagle Grove High School students. But that's not the only big advantage EGHS students have: because there's being prepared for college, getting accepted into college, and then there's paying for it – and for that there's the Elizabeth Hill

Scholarship. Open exclusively to EGHS graduates who've maintained better than a C average in High School and who plan to take at least 12 credits per semester in college, the Elizabeth Hill Scholarship is open to traditional and non-traditional students as well. So recipients can be an adult looking to further their education, or a recent high school graduate; as long as they're EGHS graduates. And they can keep getting it for up to four years (as long as they are undergrads) whether they're going for a four year degree, a two year degree, or even just a Certificate. They just need to show they're enrolled in college, with enough credits, and getting passing grades.

"It's a really easy application," Herrington pointed out. "There's no essay, nothing you'd have to write. And it offers you that extra financial cushion."

And when it comes to proving he's still taking enough credits, and getting good enough grades, Herrington says, "It's really easy. Basically what I do every semester is I take a screenshot of my grades from the last semester, and another screenshot of my schedule for the

next semester." But Herrington almost didn't even apply for the scholarship. But he happened to go along with his sister when she went to apply for the scholarship, and Colleen Bartlett, an administrative Specialist at the Center, hand-

ed him an application too. Bartlett knew from experience that many eligible people don't apply when they should. "They think there's some catch," she explained, "but there isn't one. Usually nothing in life is free - this is an exception." And she was determined to see both Herrington kids get an application.

Bartlett is a big believer in the scholarship for another reason: she has personal experience in it. "I used it," Bartlett revealed. "When I decided (at 50) that I was getting any younger and went back to school." And both as a former recipient, and a Specialist at the Center, she

knows for sure that, "it's better than a student loan."

"Everybody gets something," Bartlett explained. "Every EGHS graduate who applied gets something. Traditional or not," Bartlett pointed out, adding, "I used it. When I went back (at 50) and decided I wasn't getting any younger."

Herrington agreed, "I'm extremely grateful for the help I've received."

If not for it, Herrington candidly admitted, he wouldn't be where he is right now. Which is majoring in kinesiology on the human medicine track, in preparation for medical school. After starting as a physical therapy student, Herrington now works in the Emergency Room in Fort Dodge, where he started in May of 2023. "I really enjoy it, but I would be guessing to say I want to stay in ER practice because there's so much I haven't seen yet. There are a lot of options." Which is why he's going on to med school to pursue his MD (Medical Doctorate) after he graduates from Iowa State in Sept.

"The awesome thing that I

get to see there, that makes me feel like I've chosen the right profession, is staff meeting people when they aren't at their best, they're sick," Herrington said. "And then they have a great interaction with the doctor, who has a great bedside manner, and they get the help they need."

And he urges local students to get the help they need, too, when it comes to paying for college. "Right now it's not something you think about, but when you graduate and you start getting those bills you'll think about it. Do it for your future self," Herrington advised. "If you're gonna further your education this scholarship is a must have," Herrington said. "It's a great way to eliminate some of what might have been student loans you'd have to pay."

And while he acknowledged that college isn't for everyone, he pointed out that even a little college "opens up a lot of career opportunities." he said, urging those thinking about furthering their education to go for it. "Knowledge isn't going anywhere," he concluded.

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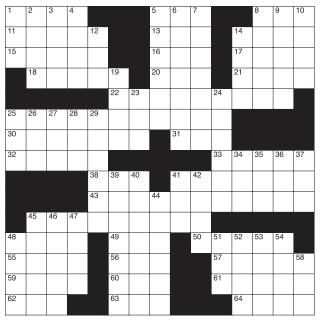
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- 5. In favor of 8. Rest here please (abbr.)
- 11. Pulpits
- 13. Leisure activity
- 14. Fertility god 15. Financial obligations
- 16. When you anticipate getting
- somewhere 17. Spanish river
- 18. Sporting events
- 20. Type of tree
- 21. Ceased to be
- 22. Persons
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- reactions
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- 2. Hebrew unit of measure
- 3. Swedish rock group 4. College army
- 5. Favor over another 6. Called it a career
- 7. Egg-shaped wind instrument
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- 10. Slog
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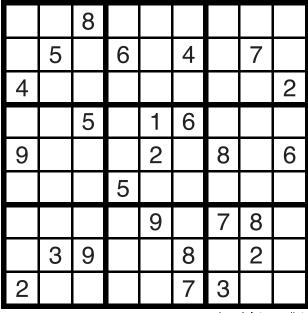
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Farmers Fear Higher Prices, Consolidation

FTC Chair Lina Khan holds listening session in central lowa, 100 attend

from Koch Fertilizer Plant Purchase

by Douglas Burns

NEVADA, Iowa — Harold Beach, a northeast Missouri farmer who runs a row-crop operation and raises hogs and cattle, traveled to central Iowa last weekend to urge one of the nation's top regulators to stop a multibillion-dollar takeover of a Lee County fertilizer plant he and other rural advocates say will further erode competition in agriculture and increase costs for one of modern farming's essential inputs, nitrogen.

"I would like you to be fearless and courageous and be a Teddy Roosevelt," Beach told Federal Trade Commission chair Lina Khan.

Khan spoke to an audience of about 100 people that featured farmers, rural leaders and some state legislators. But her main mission for the 90-minute session in downtown Nevada, the county seat of Story County and a 15-minute drive from the center of agricultural research in the state, Iowa State University, was to gather facts from the brewing storm over Koch Industries' planned purchase of OCI Global's nitrogen fertilizer plant in Wever, a small town in southeastern Iowa.

Over a decade ago, during the administration of Gov. Terry Branstad, the state provided \$240 million in tax incentives for the development of the plant — one of the largest economic-development efforts in the history of the state, and one designed to bring jobs and access to more affordable fertilizer for a wide swath

plant for \$3.6 billion.

"I am concerned about the greed-flation that permeates everything," said Susie Petra, an Ames educator who spoke at the

Here is how Koch Industries sees it in a news release:

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 18, 2023 /PRNewswire/ Koch Ag & Energy Solutions (KAES), a global provider of solutions for the agriculture, energy and chemical markets, today announced an agreement to acquire OCI Global's fertilizer plant in Wever, Iowa, for \$3.6 billion.

The transaction, once finalized, will give KAES 100% ownership of the state-of-the-art facility, which was opened in 2017 and has the capacity to produce 3.5 million metric tons of nitrogen fertilizers and diesel exhaust fluid an-

"Today's announcement is an important step forward for KAES as we continue to invest in our fertilizer business," said Mark Luetters, president of Koch Ag & Energy Solutions. "This investment complements our existing business and we look forward to advancing this transaction with OCI to completion."

A parade of farmers and legislators urged Khan, one of the more highly visible FTC chairs in history, and a regulator not afraid to drop lawsuits on major American companies, to halt the purchase. The detractors say the Koch takeover is bad for farmers, and is a toss-away of hundreds of Koch plans to buy the millions of dollars in subsi-

dies from the state.

"We are losing it," David Weaver, who farms in Boone and Greene counties, said of capitalism and democracy itself.

Aaron Lehman, president of the Iowa Farmers Union, said the concern is easily understood: Farmers fear getting gouged on fertilizer costs by a consolidated industry with increasingly less competition.

Added Iowa Falls farmer John Gilbert, "Iowa agriculture is addicted to nitrogen."

Khan said the direct public input gives her a better understanding of challenges facing farmers. She said the FTC can investigate whether the Koch deal is restricting markets. If so, the government agency can go to court to block it, she said.

"The anti-trust laws prohibit mergers if they may substantially lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly," Khan said. "So when deals are proposed we can investigate them and try to understand: is this going to eliminate competition in a way that's going to harm farmers, harm communities, harm customers?"

Bottom line, she said, the Biden administration wants markets to work for regular people.

"If we see monopolistic practices in the marketplace we're going after them," Khan said. Koch Industries is aware

of the listening session in Nevada, a Koch Fertilizer spokesperson, Greg Lemon, said in a statement.

'We have received support from many customers and are confident the Federal Trade Commission

will allow our transaction to proceed after they have concluded their analysis and customer outreach," Lemon said. "This acquisition builds on the \$2 billion in investments we have made in our North American facilities to increase production, enhance safety and reliability, and improve our customers' access to the products and service they need to feed and fuel the world."

Editor's note: Douglas Burns is a fourth-generation Iowa journalist whose family operated the Carroll Times Herald for 93 years. He is the founder and director of development for the non-profit Western Iowa Journalism Foundation. Additionally, Burns founded a marketing and advertising firm, Mercury Boost, which is based in Council Bluffs. He is the business development director for Latino IQ, an Iowa-based organization. Burns, who resides in Carroll, writes for a number of Iowa newspapers with his work also having appeared in The Minneapolis Star-Tribune and Kansas City Star. You can subscribe to his blog, The Iowa Mercury, on Substack.

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Lowering the cost of childcare for our families

By Rep. Randy Hull (R-Hull)

On my 36 County Tour, I have met with families, small business owners, and childcare providers who are rightfully concerned about the skyrocketing cost of childcare. As a father of four, I agree that we need real solutions to lower costs for our families, especially as inflation eats away at paychecks and gas prices are on

the rise. While my children have grown up, I remember the days when my wife and I had to balance our jobs with raising our four kids, and ultimately, sending them to daycare. To be blunt, it wasn't easy, and to this day, too many parents are still struggling to find affordable childcare options that fit into their schedules and allow them to pursue full-time ca-

Like I do after all my stops on my 36 County Tour, I took my candid conversations with families, businesses, and childcare professionals back to Congress and led legislation to address the childcare affordability crisis. My two-pronged approach

focuses on helping businesses supplement the cost of childcare for their workers and ensuring that families can keep more money in their pockets to dedicate to the care of their kids.

Alongside my colleague from Nebraska, Rep. Adrian Smith, who serves on the House Ways and Means Committee with me, I introduced the Small Business Dependent Care FSA Opportunity Act. This legislation would create a new tax credit for small businesses with up to 100 employees for the start-up costs of offering Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts (DCFSA) as an employee benefit. A DCFSA is a pre-tax savings account that can be used to pay for summer camps, before- and after-school programs, and other forms of daycare. In this case, employees would be able to park up to \$5,000 per year in an employer-offered account to dilute the increasing cost of childcare.

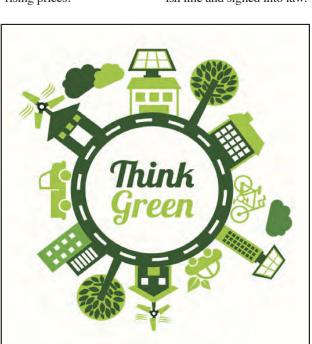
The need for this reform is profound. According to the 2023 Bureau of Labor Statistics Employee Benefits Survey, only 27% of people employed by a small business with fewer than 100 employees have access to a DCFSA, while 61% of employees at larger businesses have access. This imbalance unfairly punishes small businesses – which employ the vast majority of Americans – and prevents them from retaining workers. By making it easier for small businesses to help their employees cover the cost of childcare, we can keep our main streets strong, lower costs for families, and help parents balance their careers with raising their families. In conjunction with this

bill, I also introduced the Combatting High Inflation Limiting Daycare (CHILD) Act to double the amount of money that families are allowed to save tax-free in DCFSAs to pay for childcare. This approach lets parents - not federal bureaucrats - decide how best to spend their hard-earned money when it comes to caring for their children. In light of recent economic indicators, the contribution limit would also be adjusted for inflation to keep up with rising prices.

Since 1986, the maximum contribution limit of \$5,000 per household has not changed. It doesn't make any sense. That's why my bill would double the limit from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for joint filers and from \$2,500 to \$5,000 for independent filers. When we let families keep more of their hardearned money and allow parents to make the best decisions for their children, we achieve better outcomes. This legislation puts parents in the driver's seat and incentivizes smart investments in childcare.

A strong workforce and a resilient economy depend on affordable and accessible childcare options. By allowing our businesses to help their employees cover childcare expenses and giving parents more financial flexibility when it comes to putting their kids in daycare, we can keep our families rooted in rural Iowa and support economic growth up and down our main streets. I will continue to advocate for policies that help our families thrive, and work to get these two bills across the finish line and signed into law.





Go With The Flow

For all intents and purposes, it is accurate to say that I woke up on a random day at the age of 42 and just started doing art. I had no particular training or interest in drawing or painting, and I thought of myself as a "can't draw a stick figure" kind of person. I truly don't know what I'm doing, really, when it comes to creativity. What I do have, and what I believe we all have, is a connection to something bigger and higher that, when we open up to it, guides our hands and hearts to make astoundingly beautiful things. I've heard it called by lots of names. I call it creative flow (the flow).

To many, it probably sounds super strange when I am asked how I make my most successful pieces, and I respond almost without fail, "oh, it wasn't me doing it. It was done through me." But, if you've been in the flow before, you know exactly what I mean. You decide to create. You pick the surface, the mediums, and maybe an initial color palette to explore. Then, sometime after the first marks or moves are made, you just start letting go. Moves become expressive and bold without you doing anything to change them, your choices become sure and strong without you consciously weighing them, and you lose all sense of time, technical correctness, and original inspiration. All of a sudden, the work is done, it is stunning. and you're just as surprised by it as anyone else. This is the result of flow.

In anticipation of you reading this column and thinking I'm bonkers, I've gathered three gorgeous and fun to read books that talk about the magic that happens when you tap into the creative flow and ride that wave as a way of making, and of living. Pick one, or devour them all.

1. Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear (Elizabeth Gilbert, 2015)

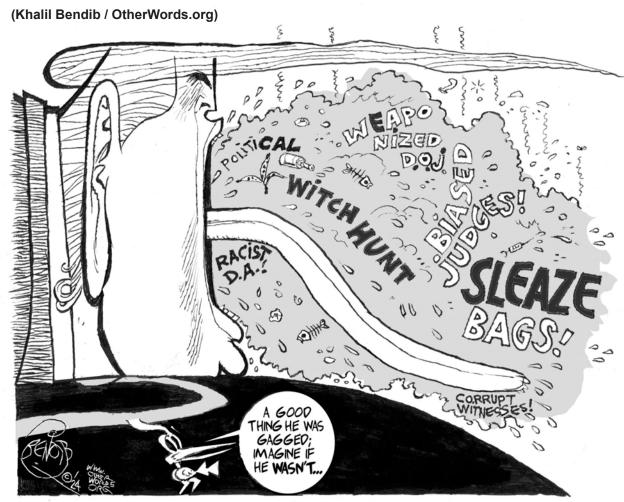
2. The Creative Act: A Way of Being (Rick Rubin, 2023)

3. Greenlights (Matthew McConaughey, 2020)

These folks get it. Flow is what happens when we just let go. It's a connection to the divine. It is spiritual, guided, and organic. Flow takes the pressure off us for thinking we either have "it" or we don't. We all have "it" available. We all have an ability to open up and let inspiration guide us to make beautiful things. We all also have off days, unsuccessful starts, and, in my case, paintings that end up brown. We can practice, develop skills, and get technically advanced at any creative endeavor, but ultimately, the thing that adds soul and magic to what we make isn't us. It comes through us when we let go and create from a place of love and ease. We just go with the flow.

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Don't Let Privatizers Kill Our Postal Service

It's not just a piece of our government they're trying to eliminate — it's the idea of America itself.

by Jim Hightower

Before there was a United States of America — before our Constitution was adopted, and even before our 1776 Declaration of Independence — one of America's best democratic institutions was already delivering for the people: the Postal Service.

For 250 years, this invaluable public service has delivered more than mail. It was — and is — a core element of our national unity. Its network of local employees go door-to-door, coastto-coast, six days a week in every zip code, physically linking America's widely dispersed, wildly diverse people into one country. It is a universally popular and essential government service that works.

Yet as we've seen with such other valued public assets as our schools and parks, no flower is so beneficial to the common good that selfish corporate opportunists won't try to pluck it for their private gain. So for years, corporate profiteers and laissez-faire ideologues have been plucking apart the budget, staff, branches, and historic mission of the Post Office.

Their scheme is to shrivel service, foment public dissatisfaction with the agency, demand evermore cuts in staff and branches — then push for a corporate takeover and downsizing of this universal, nationwide delivery network.



Jim Hightower

It's not just a piece of government they're trying to eliminate. It's the core idea of America itself, namely our people's can-do democratic spirit and commitment to the common good. Rather than meekly accepting this corporate retreat from our egalitarian ideals, let's reassert our rebellious spirit.

For starters, we can help the feisty American Postal Workers Union push a "People's Postal Agenda." [Editor's note: Google that.] It outlines ways to reinvent and expand the public services that this grassroots network of employees and local branches is uniquely able to provide. For info and action, go to www.apwu.org.

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I Cured My Superbug Infection. Others Shouldn't Have To.

By Bradley Burnam I woke one morning with

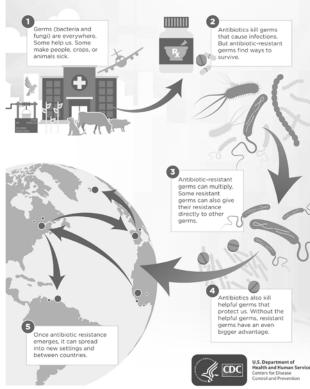
I woke one morning with the side of my face purple and my ear swollen to twice its normal size. I'll never forget the look on the physician's face when he told me I needed emergency surgery. That surgery consisted of cutting out and cauterizing the infected tissue behind my ear and a sizable portion of my scalp, along with 50 stitches across four layers to piece the remains back together.

When the culture came back, it confirmed I was suffering from a bacterial "superbug," a pathogen that evolved to resist antibiotics due to a phenomenon called antimicrobial resistance. The infection was relentless. That first day was just the beginning of the nightmarish process of being an AMR patient. The infection continually returned. I needed more than a dozen surgeries with long courses of antibiotics that eradicated my gut flora -- all with no resolution in sight.

I was a pacemaker manufacturer sales rep at the time, making rounds to help patients get lifesaving devices. The superbug I contracted, Klebsiella aerogenes, is often found in hospitalized patients but uncommon in skin. I almost certainly picked this superbug up while working, likely doing something as innocuous as touching the wrong table in the wrong room, followed by my scalp.

So could you. Hospitals are prime breeding grounds for superbugs. In fact, superbugs were associated

How Antibiotic Resistance Spreads



(CDC/Public Domain)

with nearly 173,000 American deaths in 2019, making AMR the third leading U.S. cause of death from disease.

In the end, I solved my own problem. After years of research on chemistry equipment and second-hand machinery I installed in my garage, I devised a first-of-its-kind antimicrobial ointment that can eliminate superbugs in wounds and shows no known resistance. Thanks to my one-man team, a credit line, and the FDA help desk, it's now FDA-cleared and working for others.

But as a society, we can't count on home-grown solutions to what could be a

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superbugs. Nearly 5 million people died globally in 2019 in connection with antibiotic resistance. AMR could kill 10 million people annually worldwide by 2050.

The problem is that, under sound protocols, doc-

have any hope of beating

The problem is that, under sound protocols, doctors should prescribe new antibiotics only when older ones won't work, lest the bugs develop resistance to the new medicines. That means sales will be low. Under these circumstances, manufacturers can't recoup their research and development costs.

Fortunately, we know how to solve this problem: change the incentives. The PASTEUR Act, which was recently reintroduced in Congress, would establish an alternative payment model whereby the government enters into contracts with antimicrobial developers to pay upfront for access to however much, or little, of the new treatment federal programs need. Patients will access critically-needed medications while antimicrobial innovators are assured a return on their investment.

Superbugs are a feature of evolution. More are coming. It'd be a shame if we're not wise enough to keep them in check.

Bradley Burnam is a superbug survivor and the founder and CEO of Turn Therapeutics. His story is featured in the new documentary HOLOBIOME. This piece first appeared in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

species-ending problem.

Since the introduction of antibiotics, bacteria have evolved to resist them. We want to kill them, and they want to live. Every use of an antimicrobial gives the pathogens a chance to come

back stronger, rendering

treatments less effective.

Bacteria evolve quickly. It can take about twenty minutes for a new generation to emerge. We are one bad-luck mutation away from a problem we're powerless to stop.

Stewardship programs
-- which inform clinicians
about appropriate antimicrobial use -- are critical.
But we need a steady supply of antimicrobials to

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WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:

What country music band had a hit song in 1979 with "The Devil Went Down to Georgia"? Answer: The Charlie Daniels Band.

What female country singer had a hit song in 1991 with her version of "The Night the Lights Went Out in Georgia"? Answer: Reba McEntire (The original version was sung by Vicki Lawrence, a regular performer on the comedy television show "The Carol Burnett Show." Lawrence's version reached number one on the charts in 1973.)

This week's trivia questions:

How many horses race each year in the Kentucky Derby? What age are the horses that race in the Kentucky Derby?

May 1 is May Day, and Learn to Ride a Bike Day; May 2 is National Day of Prayer, and National Brothers and Sisters Day; May 3 is World Press Freedom Day, and National Public Radio Day; May 4 is International Firefighters' Day, and National Scrapbook Day; May 5 is Cinco de Mayo, National Cartoonists Day, and National Lemonade Day; May 6 is National Nurses' Day; May 7 is National Teacher Appreciation Day.

This week is National Small Business Week and Soil & Water Conservation Week.

May is National Barbecue Month, Brain Cancer Awareness Month, National Blood Pressure Month, Arthritis Awareness Month, National Egg Month, National Hamburger Month, Healthy Vision Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, Military Appreciation Month, National Pet Month, National Strawberry Month, National Dental Care Month, National Stroke Awareness Month, National Photography Month, National Bike Month, and National Beef Month.

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me." -John 14:27

"Success does not consist in never making mistakes but in never making the same one a second time."

- George Bernard Shaw

"Rarely have I seen a situation where doing less than the other guy is a good strategy." - Jimmy Spithill

"If you think nobody cares about you, try missing a couple of payments." – Steven Wright

"Twenty years ago we had Johnny Cash, Bob Hope and Steve Jobs. Now we have no Cash, no Hope and no Jobs. Please don't let Kevin Bacon die." - Bill Murray

"Last night, it was so cold, the flashers in New York were only describing themselves.' – Johnny Carson

"In my lifetime, we've gone from Eisenhower to George W. Bush. We've gone from John F. Kennedy to Al Gore. If this is evolution, I believe that in twelve years, we'll be voting for plants."

"I told my psychiatrist that everyone hates me. He said I was being ridiculous – everyone hasn't met me yet."

- Rodney Dangerfield

This year is the 150th running of the Kentucky Derby, on Saturday, May 4. Winners of the Kentucky Derby who also win the Preakness Stakes and Belmont Stakes are called Triple Crown winners. There have been 13 Triple Crown winners, the most recent being "Justify" in 2018.

Both male and female horses can run in the Kentucky Derby, but only three fillies (female horses) have won the race. They are "Regret" in 1915, "Genuine Risk" in 1980, and "Winning Colors" in 1988.

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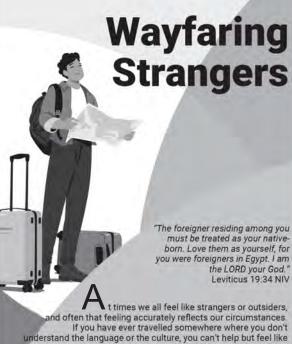
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a stranger and an outsider. And sometimes even when we understand the language, we still feel like outsiders. These experiences cause us to observe carefully for signs of danger or hostility, and outsiders are often the most acute observers of culture. Those who have grown up in the culture frequently don't see the culture; it is home to them. The fish out of water knows and feels it is out of water, in the same way that we feel out of our element in strange circumstances. But people are all the same in some very important ways. We all need food, water, clothing and shelter to survive, and a modicum of love to thrive. This is why when some poor wayfaring strange into our home or our community we should feed and clothe them, and not treat them as if they are invaders. Blessed are you when you feed the hungry, clothe the naked and give some poor wayfaring stranger a roof over their head.

Epistle 1 John 5:1-6

-Christopher Simon Gospel John 15.9-17







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Obituaries

Dianne Spangler

1948-2024

Dianne Marie (Anderson) Spangler, daughter of Orville Anderson and Betty (Peterson) Bosch, was born on July 3, 1948, in Iowa City, Iowa. She was raised and educated in the Eagle Grove area, graduating from Eagle Grove High School "Class of 1966." After graduating, she attended the State College of Iowa (University of Northern Iowa) in Cedar Falls.



On June 8, 1968, Dianne married Kent Spangler at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Eagle Grove. From this union four children were born, Traci Marie, Corey Gene, Mandy Jane, and Matthew Kent. The couple were married for thirty-two years.

A majority of Dianne's work life was spent at Spangler's Clothing, Iowa Testing Laboratories, and for Dr. Kellee Shey, DDS in Webster City as a Dental Assistant. Dianne was involved with the Iowa Jayceettes, proudly serving as the State Vice President. She was a member of Evangelical Lutheran Church, where she served on the Sunday School board and as a Luther League leader. Dianne was also an active member of the Eagle's Sports Booster Club during her children's time in school.

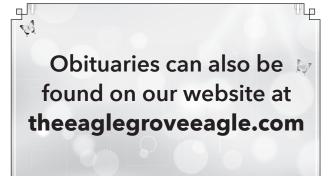
Some of the highlights of Dianne's life were the many adventures with her sisters and cousins; those shenanigans usually ended in boundless laughter. She enjoyed cheering on her children in their many high school activities, spending time with friends and family, playing cards, golfing, reading and enjoying her seven grandchildren.

Dianne passed away peacefully in her sleep while under Hospice care at Karen Acres Nursing Home in Urbandale, Iowa on Thursday, April 18, 2024. She was preceded in death by her parents, Orville and stepmother, Kathryn Anderson, Betty and stepfather, John Bosch; in-laws, Kenneth and Mary Jane Spangler; uncle and aunt, Edward and Dorthy Severson; son, Corey Gene Spangler, and cousin, Carol Jo (Peterson) Martin.

Dianne is survived by her children: Traci (Russel) Terwilliger of Earlham, Mandy (Grant) Manning of Urbandale, and Matthew (Stacey) Spangler of Waukee; grandchildren: Jayne Terwilliger, Maren and Grayson Manning, and Madalyn, Makayla, Macey Jo, and Maddox Spangler; sisters: Kathy (Dan) Rice and family, Merry (Bob) Conaway and family, and her cousin Joan (Peterson) Gillum.

Memorial services will be held on Monday, May 13, 11 a.m. at Foust Funeral Home in Eagle Grove, with visitation from 10 a.m. until service time. Burial in Rose Hill Cemetery, Eagle Grove.

> Services: 11 a.m., Monday, May 13 Foust Funeral Home, Eagle Grove **Foust Funeral Home** 515-448-3674 • www.foustfh.com



Shirley A. Meyer

1952-2024

Shirley A. Meyer, 71, of Humboldt, passed away in her home with her husband by her side on Thursday afternoon, April 25,

Shirley was born December 20, 1952 in Eagle Grove, the daughter of Martin and Doris (Wagner) Solheim. She grew up on a farm south of Eagle Grove and attended Eagle

Grove schools graduating from Eagle Grove High School in 1971. She then went on to attend Iowa Central Community College. Shirley worked for Gold-Eagle Cooperative, Hotsy and later Jet Company in Humboldt. She was also active in the family business dedicating her time to Humota Theatre and Video. She was united in marriage to Jerry W. Meyer on March 29, 1980 and the couple made their home in Humboldt. Shirley enjoyed being at home, traveling Iowa, South Dakota and the Black Hills. She had been a member of the Community Chorus of Humboldt and was a member of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

Shirley is survived by her husband Jerry of Humboldt, her sister Janice (Jim) Danbom of Milford, Iowa and her brothers Ronald Solheim of Missouri and Mark Solheim of Nashville, Tennessee. She was preceded in death by her

Funeral Services were at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 30 and visitation from 9:30 until the start of the service both at the Mason-Lindhart Funeral & Cremation Service in Humboldt. Burial was in Indian Mound Cemetery. The Mason-Lindhart Funeral & Cremation Service of Humboldt is in charge of the arrangements. www.masonlindhart.com

Services: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 30 **Mason-Lindhart Funeral & Cremation Service** 515-332-1321 • www.masonlindhart.com

Marguerite Middleton

1932-2024

Marguerite R. Middleton passed away April 23, 2024 under hospice care at Mill Pond Care Center in Ankeny Iowa. Marguerite was born on Oct. 12, 1932 to Albert and Almira Christopher. Marguerite was married to Jack and they lived in Eagle Grove, Iowa their entire lives up until the last few years. Jack passed away in 2023.



ing. Good luck keeping up with her walking! She was a member of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Marguerite was happy, funny, a quick-wit and a very car-

ing person. She brought joy, laughter and fun into so many people's lives. Marguerite was simply a wonderful person! She made friends wherever she went and she liked every one of them.

Marguerite is survived by her sister Ruby Baumeister, sons Curt (Teresa) Middleton, David (Sherry) Middleton, daughters Jan Middleton, Kathy Middleton, and Lynn (Scott) Kremmel, along with 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

A private ceremony is being planned.

Regulators Deny Late Requests to Delay Carbon **Dioxide Pipeline Decision**

by Jared Strong

In a split vote, the Iowa Utilities Board declined to solicit more evidence before it decides whether to issue a pipeline permit to Summit Carbon Solutions, according to a Thursday, April 25th board order.

In recent months, the company has more than doubled the number of ethanol producers to which its system would connect and 340 miles of pipe — a roughly 50% increase. It indicated in March it would file 14 new permit requests for that expansion with the IUB while its initial permit application was still pending.

The IUB is poised to make a decision for the first permit, and pipeline opponents seized on the expansion to make an 11th-hour bid to delay the decision. The Sierra Club of Iowa argued that the evidentiary record should be reopened and the permit applications consolidated, which would potentially elongate the process for many months.

The Iowa Farm Bureau Federation did not ask for a consolidation but sought to reopen the record to determine how the expansion will affect the initial proposal.

Board member Joshua Byrnes agreed with the Farm Bureau: "The board should demand that the route for a project of this size and magnitude be the product of comprehensive planning to ensure the final route is the most efficient to accomplish the project's objectives and to minimize the impact on Iowa landowners."

Some have suggested that the initial route and expansion plans could be revamped to reduce the total miles of pipeline. Sweeping changes could significantly delay

the project's approval.

"Because the company voluntarily chose to open the door to the expanded ethanol plant partners, I believe it is fair to at least ask about the potential impact the additional trunk and lateral pipelines may have on the proposed pipeline," Byrnes wrote in his dissent Thursday.

Summit objected to the requests, in part, because of the potential delays to its initial permit process that has been ongoing for more than two years. The company said its requests for separate permits for the extensions fit with board procedure despite the fact the board has yet to rule on the initial permit, and that it could seek to amend the conditions of the initial permit if needed to accommodate the extensions.

The two other IUB members - Erik Helland and Sarah Martz overruled Byrnes and agreed with Summit about reopening the record. Their decision about the initial permit request "will be based upon the evidence already presented," Helland and Martz wrote.

All three board members denied the request to consolidate the permit applications.

Summit's initial proposal includes about 690 miles of pipe that would connect to a dozen ethanol plants and transport their captured carbon dioxide to North Dakota for underground storage.

The project has been delayed by setbacks in the Dakotas, where Summit's first proposals were rejected by state regulators.

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Biden administration tells employers to stop shackling workers with 'noncompete agreements'

by Raymond Hogler, Colorado State University

Most American workers are hired "at will": Employers owe their employees nothing in the relationship except earned wages, and employees are at liberty to quit at their option. As the rule is generally stated, either party may terminate the arrangement at any time for a good or bad reason, or none at all.

In keeping with that nostrings-attached spirit, employees may move on as they see fit – unless, that is, they happen to be among the tens of millions of workers bound by a contract that explicitly forbids getting hired by a competitor. These noncompete clauses may make sense for CEOs and other top executives who possess trade secrets, but they can seem nonsensical when they're applied to low-wage workers such as draftsmen in the construction industry.

President Joe Biden expressed concern about the oppressive nature of noncompete contracts in July 2021.



1. Today @FTC issued a final rule banning noncompetes for workers across the country.

The rule will ensure that Americans have the freedom to pursue a new job, start a new business, or bring a new idea to market.

Lina Khan, the Federal Trade Commission's chair, announced the ban. (Screenshot, X.com)

And the Federal Trade Commission – a federal agency responsible for policies that affect competition within the economy - has now decided to ban them. On April 23, 2024, in a 3-2 vote, the majority agreed to curb noncompete contracts.

Previous noncompetes for senior executives will remain in place, but all others, with few exceptions, will no longer be enforceable.

The rule is slated to go into effect in late August. However, legal actions could delay or block these changes. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other

business groups sued the government to stop it soon after the FTC vote.

As a scholar of employment law and policy, I have many concerns about noncompete clauses - such as how they tend to aggravate the power imbalances in relationships between workers and bosses, suppress wages and discourage labor market mobility.

Labor rights and the law

Courts began to enshrine the at-will doctrine in the 19th century, making exceptions only for employees with fixed-term contracts.

With the passage of

the National Labor Relations Act in 1935, all private-sector workers and unions gained the power to collectively bargain with employers. Subsequent labor agreements, such as the one negotiated by the Steel Workers Organizing Committee with Carnegie-Illinois Steel in 1937, made employers prove "just cause" before firing any person covered by the contract.

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The Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1991 added employment protections prohibiting discrimination based on race, gender, re-

ligion and national origin. And the Americans with Disabilities Act, which Congress passed in 1990, ensured that people with disabilities would have access to jobs with or without reasonable accommodation.

Those laws and other measures, including modern exceptions to the at-will rule, offer workers some job security.

But despite some restrictions by individual state governments, until now there has been no federal protection from noncompete clauses.

Noncompetes and low-wage workers

FTC chair Lina Khan has estimated that nearly 1 in 5 workers, some 30 million Americans, are in this boat.

Noncompete clauses are more common among higher-paid Americans, but more than 1 in 10 workers who earn US\$20 or less an hour are covered by noncompete agreements, according to a 2021 study by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Wages for U.S. workers will rise by \$400 billion to \$488 billion over the next decade once there are fewer noncompete clauses, the FTC estimates.

In announcing the ban, the FTC offered advice to employers that might fear losing high-performing workers due to the new rules.

"Instead of using noncompetes to lock in workers, employers that wish to retain employees can compete on the merits for the worker's labor services by improving wages and working conditions."

Put another way, when employers pay workers better, their employees are more satisfied and less likely to quit.

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Raymond Hogler, Professor Emeritus of Management, Colorado State University

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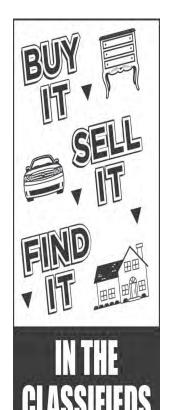
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BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Wright County Board of Supervisors • April 15, 2024

April 15, 2024 Chairman Pro-Tem Kluss called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss and Rasmussen with Helgevold present via telephone. Motion by Rasmussen and sec-

onded by Helgevold to approve the tentative agenda with tabling item 9, review and take action on Resolution 2024-14 for additional uses of ARPA funds, to May 6th and schedule a work session on April 29th at 11:00 a.m. at the Wright County Resource Center. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 8, 2024 were read and approved with two corrections. Approved claims for payment.

In open forum, Dennis Mraz, spoke about the land to the west of Highway 69 on the south side of 250 th Street owned by Galt Real Estate, L.L.C. Last Thursday, they started pattern tiling that land. There is a drainage ditch within a couple hundred yards of this field. In the fall, liquid hog manure is knifed in to the ground for fertilizer. Unfortunately, there is so much liquid that is knifed in, that the ground will float. Mraz is concerned about the excess nitrogen and phosphorus that will be going someplace with the new drainage tile. Kluss also expressed for him to share with the Farm Bu-

reau and their board. Bob Ritter also spoke in open forum about the Naturalist position and what the job entails. Eric Rector, Wright County Conservation Director, explained the Naturalist gives education type programs to the schools and surrounding communities. Conservation has not had a lot of success keeping the younger Naturalist around the area. Franklin County reached out to share the Naturalist Position. It will cost Wright County \$50,000 for our share and the employee of re-cord will be Franklin County. Wright County will reimburse the mileage for the programs that are done in Wright County because Franklin

County is providing the vehicle Rector presented the 28E Agreement with Franklin County for a shared Naturalist position. This position will spend half the time in Wright County and half the time in Franklin County. Wright County can terminate the contract with a 30 day notice and is not forced to keep the employee on staff if Franklin County terminates the position. Franklin County will bill Wright County quarterly. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to approve the 28E Agreement with Franklin County for a shared Naturalist position. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to approve the Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor permit for Casey's General Store by

Dows. Motion carries. Chris Oliver, Wright County Veterans Affair Director, presented the quarterly report. There were no dollars spent for general assistance. There are currently two bills sitting on the Governor's desk to be signed this week. Coffee with Chris will be held on April 26th . Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to accept the Veterans Affairs quarterly report. Motion car-

Jeremy Abbas, Assistant to the Wright County Engineer, gave an update on the Secondary Roads. There were 12 work orders completed last week. Blades are out actively blading their routes. A total of 48 of 57 segments have been hauled for the granular Engineer miles. Crews completed a gradation performance analysis last week. The bridge on C70 is coming along. The west side was poured last week and hope to have the east side poured this week or next week weather permitting.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries. Dean Kluss, Chairman Pro-tem,

Wright County Board of Supervisors Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE City of Goldfield

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING City of Goldfield School Building Demolition Goldfield, IA

The City Council of the city of Goldfield will conduct a public hearing on the proposed contract for the City of Goldfield - School Building Demolition project at the Goldfield City Hall, 423 N Main Street, Goldfield, IA 50542 on Monday, May 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., local time. The public hearing will be held for a single General Contract. At the public hearing, any resident, or taxpayer may appear and express an opinion of the proposed project. Kathy Nelson, City Clerk

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Goldfield City Council Minutes • April 22, 2024

Goldfield City Council Special Meeting **Budget Hearing** April 22, 2024

The Goldfield Council met for a special session on April 22, 2024 at the Goldfield City Hall. Council ers present: Crees, and Petersen, Absent: Duncalf and Schermer. Also present: City Clerk; Kathy Nelson.

Mayor Fiscus opened the Budget Public Hearing at 6:01 pm. There ments. Motion by Meinke, second by Petersen to approve Resolution 778, adopting the annual budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Duncalf and Schermer.

Motion by Petersen, second Meinke to adjourn at 6:04 p.m. All ayes. Motion carried. Gabe Fiscus, Mayor

Kathy Nelson, City Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE City of Goldfield • Amendment of Current Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET City of GOLDFIELD Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

The City of GOLDFIELD will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 Meeting Date/Time: 5/13/2024 07:00 PM Contact: Katherine Nelson Phone: (515) 825-3613 Meeting Location: City Hall, 423 N Main St, Goldfield, IA

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult https://dom.iowa.gov/local-gov-appeals

REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended	Current Amendment	Total Budget After Current Amendment
Taxes Levied on Property	1	311,832	0	311,832
Less: Uncollected Delinquent Taxes - Levy Year	2	0	0	(
Net Current Property Tax	3	311,832	0	311,832
Delinquent Property Tax Revenue	- 4	0	0	
TIF Revenues	5	0	0	(
Other City Taxes	6	91,475	0	91,475
Licenses & Permits	7	1,040	.0	1,040
Use of Money & Property	8	0	0	
Intergovernmental	9	139,124	0	139,124
Charges for Service	10	339,112	0	339,112
Special Assessments	11	0	0	(
Miscellaneous	12	3,350	0	3,350
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0	(
Transfers In	14	0	217,709	217,709
Total Revenues & Other Sources	15	885,933	217,709	1,103,642
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES				
Public Safety	16	114,724	0	114,724
Public Works	17	116,371	0	116,37
Health and Social Services	18	1,000	0	1,000
Culture and Recreation	19	72,329	0	72,329
Community and Economic Development	20	6,000	0	6,000
General Government	21	186,276	23,900	210,176
Debt Service	22	40.729	0	40,729
Capital Projects	23	0	101,000	101,000
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	537,429	124,900	662,329
Business Type/Enterprise	25	340,281	400,350	740,631
Total Gov Activities & Business Expenditures	26	877,710	525,250	1,402,960
Transfers Out	27	0	217,709	217,708
Total Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	877,710	742,959	1,620,669
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	8,223	-525,250	-517,027
Beginning Fund Balance July 1, 2023	30	979,884	0	979,884
Ending Fund Balance June 30, 2024	31	988,107	-525,250	462,857

Soil Management and Land Valuation Conference Is May 15

Join farmland and agricultural experts to gain insight into current issues affecting land markets

by Rabail Chandio

AMES, Iowa - Farm managers, rural appraisers, real estate brokers and others interested in the Iowa land market can receive timely updates at this year's Soil Management and Land Valuation Conference May 15 in Ames.

Experts from across Iowa and the nation will examine current issues in rural property management, appraisal, the selling and buying of land as well as agricultural

Open Iowa farmland with lane. The annual conference - now in its 96th year - is

the longest running at Iowa State University in research and extension.

This year's conference will be held in person at the Scheman Building from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Rabail Chandio, confer-

ence chairperson, will review the attendees' land values forecasts to start the day, followed by a discussion on the U.S. and Global Ag Economy in relation to the land markets by Jason Henderson, Iowa State's vice president for extension and outreach.

Alejandro Plastina, associate professor and extension economist at Iowa State, will join Hingli Feng, an assistant professor of economics at Iowa State, and Ruth McCabe, an agronomist with Heartland Cooperative, for a panel discussion on conservation and easement programs and their influence on land values and soil quality.

Neil Hamilton, former director of the Drake Agricultural Law Center, will follow the panel with a presentation called "Soil Health and Water Quality Concerns: Implications for Land Values and Market-

After lunch, Eric Snodgrass, the principal atmospheric scientist with Nutrien Ag Solutions, will present his weather outlook for the 2024 growing season; and Erin Hodgson, professor and extension entomologist at Iowa State, will discuss the implication of recent warm winters and climate change for soil health, yields and land valuation.

The final two sessions will include a look at the legal developments that affect land purchases and sales. with Kristine Tidgren, director of the Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation

at Iowa State; and a look at how the crop and livestock market futures can influence farmland land markets, by Brian Grete, commodity analysis expert and editor of Pro Farmer.

Chandio, who is also an

assistant professor and extension economist with ISU Extension and Outreach, said the conference continues to be an excellent educational venue for Iowans and beyond.

"The economic situation in agriculture and globally is not exactly clear right now," said Chandio. "On top of that, the warm Iowa winters

leave many to wonder about what to expect this year. With our agenda and the experts we have lined up, this is a great opportunity for attendees to gain a clearer understanding about several concerns, quite unique to this year, as we head into another crop season."

Registration for the Soil Management and Land Valuation Conference is \$150.

For more information, visit the conference website at https://www.regcytes.extension.iastate.edu/smlv/.

Or reach out to Rabail Chandio at 515-294-6181 or rchandio@iastate.edu.

Roadway Safety Tips for Motorists and Farmers during Planting Season

As temperatures rise, rural roadways will soon see an increase in farm equipment

by Steven A. Freeman

AMES, Iowa - Planting season has begun with vigor, and it is crucial for motorists to be aware of safety precautions while sharing the roadways with farm machinery.

Steven Freeman, a professor in agricultural and biosystems engineering at Iowa State University, shares his top advice for motorists, along with farm equipment operators.

'We all rely on farmers who are in the fields planting and doing their job. It is important for them to get to those fields safely to do what they need to do," said Steven Freeman. "Both farmers and motorists need to be reminded that they need to share the roads."

As a motorist, you are almost always traveling at a higher speed than those driving farm equipment. When traveling at these speeds, the gap between farm equipment and motorists closes very quickly. Therefore, it is extremely important to remember to slow down early on, when approaching farm machinery.

Motorists are also advised to be patient. Pass with care and avoid inappropriate honking. The reason the farmer may not be pulling



Tractor and planter entering the roadway. (Photo courtesy of ISU)

over could be due to unforeseen safety concerns. For example, the edges of roadways along county highways cannot always support the weight of the machine to allow the farmer to pull

Safety tips for farmers Along with motorists, farm machinery operators also have safety precautions to be aware of. While driving a piece of equipment onto the roadways, it is important to check that all lights and reflective markers on the machine are working, visible and clear. During this time of the year, the Iowa sun is low in the sky, making it extremely difficult to see what is in front of you, especially at dusk. If possible, try not to travel during these busy times.

Freeman also wants to remind farmers to take care of themselves. Even when the rush is on to get crops in the ground, farmers should still be getting enough sleep and eating healthy to minimize unfortunate events.

By remembering to share the road safely, the risk for disaster can be minimized.

Tips for the rural driver

• Be prepared for farm vehicles. Farm vehicles travel significantly slower than automobiles. You may only have a few seconds to react and slow down before overtaking a farm vehicle. Be prepared to slow down and follow; you may not have room to pass.

• Slow down and keep your distance. Don't assume that the farmer can pull over and let you pass. Shoulder conditions may make it unsafe for the farmer to pull heavy equipment to the side of the road.

• Be sure of the farmer's intentions before passing. Don't assume that a farm vehicle is turning right or pulling over to let you pass if it pulls to the right side of the road. A farmer may have to swing right in order to make a left turn. Wait until you know what the farmer is planning to do.

• Be patient and enjoy the scenery if you find yourself following a farm vehicle. Even if you have to follow a farm vehicle for a couple of miles, it will only take a few minutes of your time.

• Be especially alert in the evenings; farmers are returning from the fields and dusk makes farm vehicles

more difficult to see. Tips for the farmer

· Only allow licensed, or appropriately trained, operators to take farm machinery onto the road. Youth who are able to operate machinery in the field may not be able to deal safely with traffic and other road hazards.

• Make sure farm machinery is equipped with the

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lighting and marking safety devices recommended by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological ards. Engineers and required by state and local laws. Be sure to remind all operators to use the appropriate hazard lights and turn signals when

traveling on roads. • Minimize total vehicle width and secure equipment in the transport position before entering roadways.

 Watch for approaching traffic and vehicles trying to pass. If possible, pull over and let traffic pass safely, but be alert for roadside haz-

· Obey all traffic laws and

• Signal intentions to motorists and avoid sudden or

unexpected maneuvers. • Exercise additional care when entering roadways, approaching unsigned or "blind" intersections, crossing narrow bridges, going around sharp corners or going over hills.

A Sight to Behold

by Lowell Washburn

Fast, nervous, and colorful, the tiny green-winged teal is one of my favorite spring migrants. Greenwings, more so than most waterfowl, utilize a wide variety of nesting habitats from small prairie potholes to remote arctic tundras and just about every wet spot in between. But if you had to pick a breeding stronghold, some of the teal's greatest nesting densities occur along the muskeg lakes and ponds of Canada's coniferous parklands.

On the flip side, greenwings also have one of the largest wintering ranges of any duck, spending the cold weather months scattered from Alaska to Mexico, Central and even Northern South America. Some of the most impressive wintering concentrations assemble on the flooded rice fields of Texas and Louisiana where individual flocks my reach 40,000 to 50,000 birds.

In Iowa, the first greenwing flocks appear soon after spring breakup as northbound migrants pause to rest and refuel on shallow potholes and cattail marshlands. Always on edge and ready to take wing at the drop of a hat, these nervous little fowl are a challenge to photograph. One of my favorite method of observation is to select

a small marsh were I toss out a bag of teal decoys and construct a blind from natural vegetation a few yards away. Green-wings are sociable creatures and it usually doesn't take long before birds are buzzing the decoys or splashing down nearby.

When viewed at close range, the green-winged teal is a sight to behold. The drakes' flanks are arrayed in an intricately detailed pattern of light gray herringbone. The head is colored deep cinnamon accented by a bold green eye stripe that extends down the neck. Spring green-wings are extremely vocal. The hens have a distinctively cheery series of quacks, while the drakes emit a high pitched, belllike whistle that cannot be mistaken for any other sound.

While some waterfowl struggle to maintain or increase their populations, green-winged teal have shown a near steady increase in numbers since the early 1960s. Speedy in flight and somewhere beyond delicious when prepared for the table, greenwings remain one of our most abundant and popular gamebirds.

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



Speedy in flight, the green-winged teal is one of America's most abundant and popular gamebirds

Tickets on Sale for BBQ & Brew at the Ballpark Event to benefit Iowa food pantries

CLIVE, Iowa — Tickets are on sale for the second annual BBQ & Brew at the Ballpark. The event takes place on Saturday, June 22 at Principal Park in Des Moines from 2-7 p.m. Organized by the Iowa Pork Producers Association and the Iowa Cubs, this fun afternoon for the whole family includes a Backyard **BBQ** Competition featuring contestants from all over the state, contending for more than \$10,000 in prize

For attendees, you get to sample the competitors' delicious pork, plus Smokey D's BBQ & Berkwood Farms will provide grilled pork loin sandwiches, and you receive 15 samples of beer from Iowa's top craft breweries. All of that is included with the purchase of a ticket. Attendees will be able to cast a vote for their favorite Backyard BBQer in the Peoples' Choice competition, and they'll also be helping a good cause.

"BBQ & Brew at the Ballpark is a terrific celebration of pork and a great way to give back to people in our



(Screenshot, Iowa Pork Producers/Instagram)

communities who are in need," said Iowa Pork Producers Association President Matt Gent, a pig farmer from Wellman. "Proceeds help fight food insecurity in Iowa. Last year's inaugural event raised more than \$20,000 for Iowa food pantries and we hope to do even better this year."

Netflix Barbecue Showdown Champion Thryon

Mathews, an Iowa resident, will be offering grilling tips. Live music from local musicians will also be pro-

Tickets cost just \$20 if purchased ahead of the event, available now at this link. They will cost \$30 at the door. If you just want the BBQ experience, without the brew, tickets cost

just \$15. Kids 5 and under

Principal Park even better!" A few slots are still open for the Backyard BBQ Competition. More information is available at this

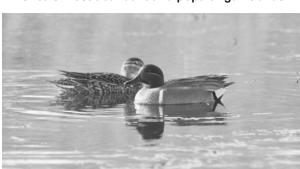
Fareway Stores is also serving as a sponsor of BBQ & Brew at the Ballpark and will provide resources and support for the donations to local food pantries.

 Iowa Pork Producers Association



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Green-wing pair (Photos courtesy of Lowell Washburn)

How Bird Flu Virus Fragments Get Into Milk Sold In Stores

And what the spread of H5N1 in cows means for the dairy industry and milk drinkers

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The discovery of fragments of avian flu virus in milk sold in U.S. stores, including in about 20% of samples in initial testing across the country, suggests that the H5N1 virus may be more widespread in dairy cattle than previously realized.

The Food and Drug Administration, which announced the early results from its nationally representative sampling on April 25, 2024, was quick to stress that it believes the commercial milk supply is safe. The FDA said initial tests did not detect any live, infectious virus. However, highly pathogenic avian influenza virus can make cows sick, and the flu virus's presence in herds in several states and new federal restrictions on the movement of dairy cows between states are putting economic pressure on farmers.

Five experts in infectious diseases in cattle from the University of California, Davis - Noelia Silva del Rio, Terry Lehenbauer, Richard Pereira, Robert Moeller and Todd Cornish – explain what the test results mean, how bird flu can spread to cattle and the impact on the indus-

What are viral fragments of avian flu, and can they pose risks to people?

It's crucial to understand that the presence of viral fragments of H5N1 doesn't indicate the presence of intact virus particles that could cause disease.



two critical measures:

• First, milk sourced from sick animals is promptly diverted or disposed of, ensuring it does not enter the food chain.

· Second, all milk at grocery stores is heat treated to reduce pathogen load to safe levels, mainly by pasteurization. Pasteurization has been shown to effectively inactivate H5N1 in eggs, and that process occurs at a lower temperature than is used for

The viral fragments were detected using quantitative polymerase chain reaction testing, which is known for its exceptional sensitivity in detecting even trace amounts of viral genetic material. These fragments are only evidence that the virus was present in the milk. They aren't evidence that the virus is biologically active.

To evaluate whether the presence of the viral fragments corresponds to a virus with the capacity to replicate and cause disease, a different testing approach is necessary. Tests such as embryonated egg viability studies ply maintains safety through virus's ability to replicate by influenza in commercial healthfulness of milk and recover within 10 to 20 days.

injecting a sample into an embryonated chicken egg. That type of testing is under-

On April 24, 2024, the FDA said it had found no reason to change its assessment that the U.S. milk supply is safe. The agency does strongly advise against consuming raw milk and products derived from it because of its inherent risks of contamination with harmful pathogens, including avian flu viruses.

How does an avian flu

virus get into cow's milk? Currently, cows confirmed to have H5N1 have different symptoms than the typical flu-like symptoms observed

Abnormal milk and mastitis, an inflammatory response to infection, are common. While there is speculation that other bodily secretions, such as saliva, respiratory fluids, urine or feces, may also harbor the virus, that has

yet to be confirmed. How waterfowl or other birds transmitted H5N1 to cattle is still under investigation. In 2015, an outbreak poultry farms reached its peak in April and May, the same time birds migrated north. Birds can shed the virus through their oral, nasal, urine and fecal secretions. So the virus could potentially be transmitted through direct contact, ingesting contami-

ing the virus. Infected dairy cows can shed the virus in milk, and they likely can transmit it to other cows, but that still needs to be proven.

nated feed or water, or inhal-

pathogens Contagious that cause mastitis can be transmitted through milking equipment or contaminated milker's gloves. Ongoing research will help determine whether this is also a potential transmission route for H5N1, and if so, what makes the virus thrive on mammary

If H5N1 is found to be widespread in milk, what risks can that pose for the dairy industry?

For the dairy industry, infection of cattle with H5N1 avian influenza virus creates challenges at two levels.

The overriding concern allow scientists to assess the of highly pathogenic avian is always for the safety and Affected animals typically

dairy products.

Existing state and federal regulations and industry practices require sick cows or cows with abnormal milk to be segregated so that their milk does not enter the food supply. Proper pasteurization should kill the virus so that it cannot cause infection.

The American Association of Bovine Practitioners has also developed biosecurity guidelines for H5N1, focusing on key practices. These include minimizing wild birds' contact with cattle and their environment, managing the movement of cattle between farms, isolating affected animals, avoiding feeding unpasteurized (raw) colostrum or milk to calves and other mammals, and ensuring the use of protective personal equipment for animal caretakers.

The other major concern is for the health of the dairy herd and the people who take care of the dairy cattle. A farm worker who handled dairy cows contracted H5N1 in Texas in March 2024, but such cases are rare.

No vaccines or specific therapies are available for avian influenza infections in dairy cattle. But following good sanitation and biosecurity practices for both people and cows will help to reduce risk of exposure and spread of the avian influenza virus among dairy cattle.

For cows that get the virus, providing supportive care, including fluids and fever reducers as needed, can help them get through the illness, which can also cause loss of appetite and affect their milk production.

Dairy farms facing an outbreak will have economic losses from caring for sick animals and the temporary reduction in milk sales. Approximately 5% to 20% of the animals in the affected herds have become ill, according to early estimates.

At least 22 states have restricted importing dairy cattle to prevent the virus's spread, and the federal government announced it will require that lactating dairy cattle be tested before they can be moved between states starting April 29, 2024. While the overall impact on U.S. milk production is projected to be minor on an annual basis, it could lead to short-lived supply disrup-

How worried should people be about avian flu?

The federal government's monitoring and food safety measures, along with pasteurization, provide important safeguards to protect the public from potential exposure to avian influenza virus through the food chain.

Drinking raw milk, however, does represent a risk for exposure to multiple diseases, including H5N1. This is why the FDA and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend drinking only pasteurized milk and dairy products.

This article, first published April 25, 2024, has been updated with new FDA test

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Minnesota's Actions Foreshadow Potential Farm Regulations for Iowa

by Jared Strong

Environmental groups recently asked the federal government to intervene in northeast Iowa, where ag pollution is believed to have contaminated scads of private wells with unhealthy concentrations of nitrate.

Their petition mirrors one that sought the same help last year for southeast Minnesota, which has the same porous topography that makes its groundwater more prone to contamination from the

That request prompted the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to direct Minnesota to analyze the scope of the problem, provide clean drinking water to affected residents and develop longer-term plans to prevent the contamination.

It's likely the EPA will give the same direction to Iowa, said Alicia Vasto, water program director for the Iowa Environmental Council, one of the groups that petitioned.

"It is the same geologic formation — a lot of the



Anhydrous ammonia is a common farm fertilizer used to boost corn yields. (Photo by Jared Strong/ Iowa Capital Dispatch)

issues are the same," Vasto said. "High concentrations of industrial agriculture, intensive cropping systems and livestock facilities. The same risks to drinking wa-

Iowa funds a program that tests private wells at their owners' request for nitrate and bacteria, and those tests have shown widespread contamination in the area. Notably, nearly a quarter of those tests in Delaware County from 2015 to 2020 had nitrate concentrations that exceeded 10 milligrams per liter, which is a safety threshold to which public water supplies must adhere.

High concentrations in water can acutely affect infants, and studies have linked them to cancers in adults.

State officials in Iowa have been reticent about the petition and what they might do in response. A spokesperson for Gov. Kim Reynolds did not respond to a request to comment for this article.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources, which oversees livestock operations and manure management, declined to comment about the petition.

A spokesperson for the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship did not directly address the petition but said the department's efforts to spur farmers to voluntarily implement conservation practices has accelerated in recent years.

What's happened in Minnesota

The EPA directed Minnesota to take action in November, about six months after it received the petition regarding that state.

Minnesota has said it will - among other actions - adapt its voluntary suggestions and regulatory requirements for livestock operations and the spreading of manure and commercial fertilizers on fields.

That includes potential changes to its feedlot rules that govern manure handling and how much of and where the manure can be spread. It also might include new oversight of smaller feedlot operations.

"They're taking this seriously," said Dani Replogle, an attorney for Food & Water Watch, which joined the EPA petitions concerning Iowa, Minnesota and other states. "They are gearing up to do a regulatory overhaul for the feedlot regulations, and that's what we would like to see happen in Iowa."

Minnesota had already, in recent years, sought to protect groundwater in sensitive areas that range beyond its southeast region. Minnesota forbids the fall application of nitrogen fertilizer where

there are coarse textured soils, shallow bedrock or karst geology, which is a feature of northeast Iowa.

Those fall applications increase the potential for groundwater pollution because the fertilizer is in soil for longer periods of time

when crops aren't growing. Minnesota also can require farmers to take steps to curb groundwater contamination in certain areas.

Iowa's approach to agricultural regulations has tended toward loosening them while encouraging farmers to voluntarily reduce their pollution.

A bill that received subcommittee support in the Iowa Senate this year would have allowed feedlots to dispose of manure prior to state approval, even if state regulators rejected their disposal plans, pending an appeal of the rejections.

Another bill would have curtailed anonymous complaints to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources about manure violations. It also failed to advance.

And the DNR recently reversed course on a proposed rule change that would have required better barriers between manure basins and bedrock in karst landscapes. Last week the DNR's Environmental Protection Commission approved feedlot rules that did not include the provision, and the Iowa Environmental Council announced the EPA petition shortly thereafter.

What the petition seeks

The petition concerning northeast Iowa asks the EPA to use its emergency authority granted by the Safe Drinking Water Act "to urgently address the imminent and substantial endangerment to public health within the karst

region of Iowa caused by ongoing and increasing nitrate contamination."

It alleges that Iowa's attempts in recent decades to reduce farm pollution have failed.

The state has used its Nutrient Reduction Strategy to encourage voluntary actions by farmers to prevent their fertilizers from leeching into the state's waterways. Stream monitoring has yet to show significant progress in reducing nitrate and phosphorus contamination since the strategy's inception in 2014.

"It has been an abysmal failure," said Michael Schmidt, an attorney for the Iowa Environmental Council. "The fact that Minnesota is having to do more — even though it already has more regulation, more oversight of these sources — means that Iowa will have to take even bigger steps to address the pollution problems here."

The answer: state-mandated restrictions on the amount of fertilizer than can be applied to crop fields, with special rules for karst landscape, said David Cwiertny, director of the Center for Health Effects of Environmental Contamination at the University of Iowa.

"It can't be voluntary. It can't be suggested," he said. "What will get us improvement — and I know people don't like to talk about it but it's regulations. And regulations work."

It's unclear when the EPA might direct Iowa to address the drinking water contami-

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Midwest tornadoes: What a decaying El Niño has to do with violent storms in the central US

by Jana Lesak Houser, **Associate Professor** of Meteorology and Atmospheric Sciences, The Ohio **State University**

Dozens of tornadoes hit the central U.S. April 26-28, 2024, tearing through suburbs and small towns and damaging hundreds of homes from Oklahoma to Nebraska and Iowa.

Spring is tornado season in the U.S., but the tornadoes in Nebraska and Iowa were quite a bit farther north and east of what would be typical for tornadoes in late April, when tornado activity is more common in Oklahoma and Texas.

The outbreak did fit another pattern for severe weather events, however, that occur as the atmosphere transitions out of El Niño. And this is exactly what was happening in late April.

I study tornadoes and the conditions under which they form. Here's how these storm systems develop and what El Niño has to do with it.

The right conditions for a tornado

Two basic conditions are required to produce the rotating supercell thunderstorms that are capable of generating tornadoes:

1. Warm moist surface conditions and cold air above.

2. Winds that change in both speed and direction as you move up in the atmosphere, known as vertical wind shear.

Picture a kid who has a helium balloon at a party and releases it – the balloon floats upward. Like that helium balloon, the warm moist air is less dense than the surrounding colder air, so it rises, accelerating upward. This upward motion releases heat, moisture and energy, and causes thunderstorms to develop.

As with many severe weather outbreaks that occur in the U.S., the atmosphere became primed for storms as warm moist air at the surface was being transported northward from the Gulf of Mexico by a series of surface low-pressure systems.

Higher up, about halfway between the ground and where airplanes fly, atmospheric waves within and below the jet stream were transporting cold air through the middle part of the atmo-



Damage to neighborhoods in Elkhorn Nebraska in the aftermath of the April 26th tornado outbreak. (Photo courtesy of State Farm Insurance/Flickr.com - CC BY 2.0)



A home in Bennington Nebraska after tornado outbreak on Friday, April 26 saw twisters touch down in western lowa and eastern Nebraska. The worst hit communities were Elkhorn and Bennington NE (in the Omaha metropolitan area) and Minden, IA. (Photo courtesy of State Farm Insurance/Flickr.com - CC BY 2.0)

sphere. These waves, formally called Rossby waves and commonly referred to as troughs and ridges, also enhanced vertical wind shear.

A small atmospheric wave that moved through the Central Plains and Midwest on April 26, helped trigger the tornadoes in Nebraska and Iowa, including a large, destructive tornado in the suburbs of Omaha, Nebraska, and in the town of Minden, Iowa, about 30 miles away.

The following day, a bigger wave moved through Oklahoma, where tornadoes damaged several small towns that evening.

What was especially important was how close these parameters were to the center of the surface low-pressure system and a warm front that extended just to the east of it. The tornado-producing storms were able to tap into that instability and draw on the strong vertical wind shear generated in the vicinity of the warm front.

In addition to the tornadoes, the warm moist storms brought heavy rain, flash flooding and large hail across parts of the central U.S.

What El Niño has to do with tornado weather

In late 2023 and early 2024, much of the world experienced above-average temperatures, likely linked to global climate change and exacerbated by El Niño. El Niño is a naturally occurring cyclical climate phenomenon that affects both the

oceans and the atmosphere. When El Niño decays, the atmospheric waves change and can become wavier, so

they have a greater amplitude. That tends to enhance conditions needed for torna-

The U.S. often sees more frequent tornadoes when the climate is transitioning out of El Niño. The strong El Niño of 2023-24 was decaying in April 2024, and forecasters expect it to be gone by sum-

Forecasts can save lives

The tornadoes caused severe damage in several communities as they tore apart homes and buildings. At least five people died in the storms. But early communications that warned the public of the threat for severe weather days before the storms likely saved more

Weather experts are getting better at predicting tornado conditions. It is not uncommon now to know days in advance of the actual event that an elevated threat exists. Forecasters have high-resolution weather models that can anticipate storms at an appropriate spatial scale to provide a sense of the likely organization of the storms and come close to the loca-

The better we understand these storms' attributes, the better those forecasts and warnings can become.

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Special Olympics: North Central Track And Field Meet Results

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 middle schoolers and elementary students from Eagle Grove brought home gold, silver, and bronze medals from the track and field showcase.

Middle School Results:

Avery Lawson – 100m Dash (2nd), Softball Throw

Emerson Mendez Hernandez – 100m Dash (1st), Softball Throw (1st)

Jhordan Alonzo Figueroa – 100m Dash (6th), Softball

Throw (1st) Norma Clabaugh - 100m Dash (2nd), Softball Throw

Ana Mendez Hernandez - 100m Dash (3rd), Softball Throw (1st)

Elementary School Results:

Colten Craven - 100m Dash (4th), Mini Javelin

Augustus Egemo – 100m Dash (6th), Softball Throw

Sebastian Estrada-Kreitlow - 50m Dash (1st), Softball Throw (4th)

Maxtyn Fonken – 50m Dash (2nd), Softball Throw Maxtyn Hill - 50m Dash

(1st), Softball Throw (2nd) Donovan Hillman – 100m Dash (3rd), Mini Javelin (2nd)

Cecelia Houser - 50m Dash (1st), Softball Throw

Raylan Olson - 100m Dash (5th)

Jolany Rodas – 50m Dash (2nd), Softball Throw (2nd) Jackson Toliver - 400m Run (1st), Softball Throw

Barry Washington - 50m Dash (1st), Softball Throw

Golfers Brave Winds In Belmond

By Taylor Smith **Sports Editor**

Eagle Grove, Belmond-Klemme, and North Iowa boys golfers battled on April 22nd at Belmond Country Club. Belmond-Klemme won their home triangular with a team score of 181. The Eagles finished second with

Zach Hogrefe continued his solid junior campaign with a team low score of 47, and Connor Christopher was close behind with a score of 49. Brett Ascherl (51), Brody Allen (53), Evan Thul (55), and Andrew Robinson (58) also competed for EGHS.



Connor Christopher aligns a putt in Belmond (photo by Taylor Smith)

Nursing Home Administrator Surrenders Her License Facility has been cited for 114 violations in 19 months

by Clark Kauffman

The former administrator at one of Iowa's most troubled nursing homes has agreed to surrender her license.

In a rare disciplinary action, the Iowa Board of Nursing Home Administrators earlier this month charged Tara Behrendsen of Eagle Grove, who ran the Aspire of Gowrie care facility in Webster County in 2022, with violating the standards of her profession. At the same time the charges were publicly filed, the board agreed to accept Behrendsen's decision to resolve the case by voluntarily surrendering her license.

The board action has no immediate practical effect as Behrendsen's license expired in December 2023. However, in order to have her license reinstated, Behrendsen will now have to show that such action would be in the public interest.

The board's charges were based in part on an October 2022 state inspection at the 46-bed Aspire of Gowrie. That inspection resulted in citations for failing to provide residents with a safe environment; failure to prevent inappropriate sexual activity between residents; failure to ensure the staff was trained spotting and reporting dependent adult abuse; and failing to ensure all workers



violations in 19 months. (Photo via Google Earth)

were subjected to a background check; failure to ensure the staff was skilled and competent; and failure to ensure a nurse was on duty at least eight hours per day.

Two months later, the facility was cited for additional violations, including failure to correct the previously cited deficiencies and failure to provide the staff with personal protective equipment as they cared for residents

diagnosed with COVID-19. Between January 2017 and March 2023, the Iowa Board of Nursing Home Administrators publicly sanctioned only three administrators, despite state inspectors citing care facilities for numerous violations tied directly to the administrators' actions. The violations were tied to physical abuse, unwarranted evictions, falsification of records and patient dumping.

Facility cited for death, fined \$197,230

Since Behrendsen's departure from Aspire of Gowrie in January 2023, the home has continued to be cited for violations. Currently, it is one of two Iowa nursing homes on the federal government's list of "special-focus facilities," which are some of the worst care facilities in the nation. Aspire of Gowrie has been on the list for seven

months.

The most recent incident at the Gowrie home involves a resident who choked to death on his dinner in early January. The staff at the home was aware the man was at risk of choking and had given him the Heimlich maneu-

ver on three prior occasions. In addition to being cited for the resident's death, Aspire of Gowrie was cited for numerous other violations, including a "strong, offensive urine odor" in one area of the building. A maintenance worker told inspectors he was aware of the smell but "the facility did not have the budget to buy the cleansers

to get the smell out."

The home was also cited for a failure to ensure all residents were seen by a physician once every 60 days; failure to ensure residents were given at least two showers per week; failure to respond appropriately to residents injured in falls; failure to respond appropriately to residents' weight loss; and failure to offer or provide residents with their full meals and their nighttime snacks.

Since October 2022, Aspire of Gowrie has been cited for 114 quality-of-care violations and been the focus of 26 complaints. Federal records indicate that in the past three years, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has fined Aspire of

Gowrie a total of \$197,230. On several occasions in the past two years, Aspire of Gowrie has been cited for the same serious, Class I violation: failing to provide a safe environment for residents. The safety violations were tied to a failure to protect residents from sexual abuse; squirting glue, rather than eye drops, into a resident's eye; inoperable door alarms; and the Jan. 5 choking death.

Last year, Aspire of Gowrie had CMS' lowest possible rating for overall quality, health care inspections and staffing levels. Currently, the home has no CMS ratings at all due to its status as a special-focus facility.

Federal records indicate the home is a for-profit venture owned by Black Hawk Healthcare, a limited liability corporation, and that Bruce Wertheim of Beacon Health Management in Tampa, Florida, owns 100% of the company, and exerts managerial and operational control of the home.

Court records indicate that in 2021, Beacon purchased the 10-facility Pearl Valley chain of Iowa nursing homes for \$24.2 million. The entity that brokered the deal said the homes were generating \$35 million in annual revenue, with cash profits totaling \$3.5 million per year.

At the time, a state nursing home regulator named Todd Frank was recruited by Beacon to head the company's Iowa operations. Court records indicate Frank then left his \$89,000-per-year job as deputy administrator of the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals' Health Facilities Division to join Beacon at an annual salary of

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UPCOMING

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 6

- Girls Golf Conference Meet @ Spring Valley Golf Course, 10:00 a.m.
- Boys Golf Conference Meet @ Eagle Grove, 10:00 a.m.
- Girls/Boys Varsity Track Rain Date @ Belmond, 4:00 p.m. • Girls 7th/8th Grade Track @ Bishop Garrigan, 4:30 p.m. • Boys 7th/8th Grade

Tuesday, May 7

Track @ Iowa Falls-

Alden, 4:30 p.m.

• Girls Golf Rain Date @ Spring Valley Golf Course, 10:00 a.m. • Boys Golf Rain Date @ Eagle Grove, 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, May 8

 Boys Golf Sectionals @ Columbus Catholic (Gates Park), 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, May 9

- Girls Track Districts @ Roland-Story
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- Friday, May 10 Girls Golf Sectionals @ TBA

Saturday, May 11

• Softball Scrimmage vs. GHV @ Greenwood Park, 10:00 a.m.

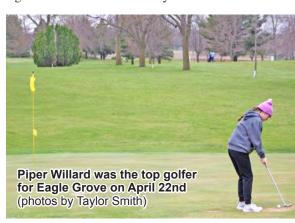
Willard Named Medalist At Belmond Meet

By Taylor Smith **Sports Editor**

On Monday, April 22nd, Eagle Grove girl's varsity golfers journeyed to Belmond Country Club for a meet against their conference rivals. Although temperatures were fair, windy conditions would make for tough sledding for both

Piper Willard, a junior, was the meet medalist with a low score of 48. Her teammate Kennedy Thacker shot a 51 and earned runner up. Julia Gardner and Caitlin Eagles' total score to 218.

Christopher shot 59 and 60, Unfortunately, the Broncos respectively, bringing the were able to eke out a victory with a score of 216.







Boys Fare Well In Field Events At Cougar Relays

By Taylor Smith **Sports Editor**

Last Tuesday, April 23rd, a variety of local boys track and field teams met in Manson for a windy and sunfilled running of the Cougar Relays. Eagle Grove finished 8th with 26 points.

Landon Mrla scored early for the Eagles by placing in the Long Jump. The consistent sophomore jumper took bronze with a leap of 19'2". Josh Miller continued his

success in High Jump with a 4th place finish for EGHS. Freshman Gavin Pedersen managed to place 9th in the Discus with a throw of 104'.

Drake Canavan darted to 2nd place in the 400 with a season best time of 54.27. Felix Reyes completed the 1600 in 5:17 for 9th place, and Zabdi Castro placed 10th in the 800. The relay team of Leelan Spencer, Aaron Alaniz, Canavan, and Mrla earned 4th in the 4x100.



Drake Canavan comes down the home stretch in the Distance Medley



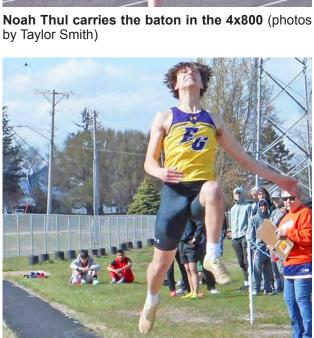


Josh Miller clears the bar in the High Jump





by Taylor Smith)



Landon Mrla outjumps the competition (Photo by Gloria Becker)

Wright County Defeats Bulldogs In Spectacular Fashion

By Taylor Smith **Sports Editor**

Last Thursday, Wright County boys and girls soccer teams hosted the Hampton-Dumont-CAL Bulldogs on a gusty evening in Belmond.

In the boys' match, the Bulldogs jumped to an early 1-0 lead midway into the first half. They were able to maintain that narrow advantage until the closing moments of regulation. With less than two minutes on the clock, a corner kick from Wright County's Angel Cortez deflected off of a Hampton player's head and into the net to send the game to overtime.

After the passionate crowd settled down and the sudden death overtime period began, Cortez found Ty Franklin slashing through the open field for the deciding goal.

The boys have now won



three straight and four of their last five matches.

On the girls side, Jaidynn Knapp scored on an Ella Negrete assist 20 minutes

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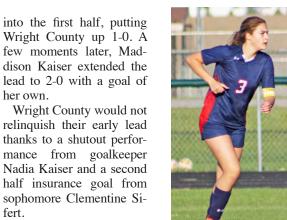
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School Administrative Staff and Bus Drivers Honored

by Edward Lynn **Editor**

Teachers get a lot of credit, and it is well deserved. But everyone who works for the school system plays a crucial part in making the system work.

Tuesday, April 23rd was National School Bus Driver Appreciation Day. And Wednesday, April 24th was Administrative Professionals Day. And the Eagle

Grove Community School District wasn't about to let either occasion pass without giving their hard working staff a well deserved shout-out!

"Today, and everyday," the district wrote in a post honoring their bus drivers, "we thank the people who are many of our students' first hello and last goodbye of the school day." Those honored included

Ascherl, Bob Bartlett, Dan Carrigan, Joe Chamberlin, Bob Dishman, Gary Funnell, Bob Hill, Mike Loux, Dan O'Hern, Rod Middleton, Josh Schild, Carl Steil, Director of Transportation Dwight Tew, Jess Toliver, Keith Traeger, Paul Wilde, Becca Wilson, and Jeanette

And if you notice any familiar names there, that

is because several teachers (in alphabetical order) Amy and administrators, even the Superintendent, have stepped up to drive buses due to need. Which is all the more reason to be thankful for them!

> Honoring their school office staff, the district posted "Thank you for your

dedication and hard work in supporting our schools, staff, and students;" calling out Elementary Secretary Marsha Frommelt, Elementary Office Manager Theresa Kist, Robert Blue Middle School Secretary April Krause, Robert Blue Mid-

Lisa Harvey, High School Secretary Tana Motley, and High School Office Manager Dianne Reiland.

As the saying goes, "teamwork makes the dream work," and clearly the Eagle Grove Community School District has quite a team.





Elementary Students Clean Up for Earth Day

Kids at Eagle Grove Elementary School learned about citizenship in their Character Counts Assembly on Earth Day. And THEN they put their citizenship to the test (and passed with flying colors) when they braved the wind and cold to clean up the city parks, and around their school. They may not have been blown away – but we are!

















Fareway Rounds Up \$821 for UDMO Food Bank

Customers at Fareway who've been rounding up to the nearest whole dollar to support the Upper Des Moines Opportunity Food Bank enabled the local grocery store to make an \$821 donation to the food bank last week. Which just goes to prove that you can spare people in need a painful change, with just a little spare change!



(Screenshot, Fareway Stores Eagle Grove (Eagle Grove, IA)/Facebook)

Rotarians Bid Farewell to Van Gorkoms

Box Fairy secret identity revealed!

"The end of March was bittersweet," wrote Nikki Rick on behalf of the Rotary Club of Eagle Grove on its Facebook page last week, "we said goodby to two of our members Paul and Joanie Gorkom." The Van Gorkoms, have long been members of the Rotary Club, working towards its mission of performing good works locally and around the world, and "we would be amiss if we didn't say we miss them because we do," wrote Rick. But now the Van Gorkoms have made a move to South Carolina where the weather is warm. "Good luck in your new ventures," Rick wished them.

And, playing the superhero by providing all the boxes they could need for their packing was The Box Fairy! Who apparently forgot the comic book rule to wear a mask in costume, and glasses out of costume. Revealing his secret identity as none other than construction magnate Larry Sadler.

Also present to see the pair off was Mark Dohms, the District Director of Rotary.



Paul and Joanie Van Gorkom, with the Box Fairy (Larry Sadler) at their final Rotary Club meeting in Eagle Grove. (Screenshot, Rotary Eagle Grove, Iowa, USA/Facebook)

Going to the Mats at UMC

by Edward Lynn Editor

The headline above is an idiom, or phrase, in use since around the 1900's and drawn from the sport of wrestling that generally means to fight the good fight, to put one's heart into one's work, to refuse to give up until the fight is over, according to dictionary.com.

The Youth Group at Eagle Grove United Methodist Church showed they were putting their hearts into the work, fighting the good fight against human suffering when they learned the art of weaving sleeping mats for the homeless from plastic grocery bags last week.

This form of upcycling not only puts the bags to long

term use in a way that helps people in crisis. And it prevents the bags from further exacerbating the glut of any already overloaded recycling system for these types of bags. These types of mats insulate the sleeper from the ground and also provide some moisture barrier. For this reason, the project isn't just a good one for helping

the homeless, but also for making free camping gear at home.

The group also addressed another kind of human suffering: that which is caused by gossip. Noting that, "in a world where many students are communicating behind screens more than face to face, it has become harder to foresee the impact of their

words," the lesson concluded that people should still know that, "the bottom line is that gossip hurts others." And the lesson reminded believers of the teaching found in the Bible, in Ephesians 4:29, "let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of

edifying, that it may minis-

ter grace unto the hearers."

Their good work done and their lessons learned, the group also took the time to have some fun playing Four Square in the parking lot. Which brings to mind another biblical teaching, "be strong and do not give up, for your work will be rewarded," (2 Chronicles 15:7)



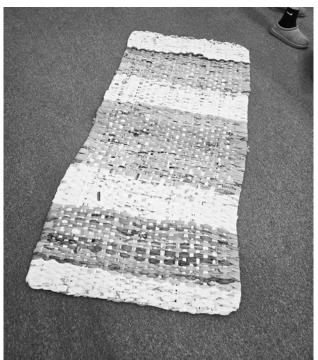












Wright County Courthouse

Births

Amelia Raylee Hofer was born on April 19, 2024, to Hujron and Timothy Hofer of Hampton.

Brittany Catarina Bernal Perez was born on April 19, 2024, to Marta Perez Velasco of Webster

City.

Robert Scot Kitten was born on April 17, 2024, to Courtney and John Kitten of Webster City.

Cael Michael Kraft was born on April 17, 2024, to Paiten Kraft of Klemme.

Wells Bennett Newman was born on April 16, 2024, to Sydney Keith of Mason City.

Rodolfo Tadeo Ricardo Garcia was born on April 16, 2024, to Adriana Gracia of Dows.

Anyeli Abigail Cabrera Funez was born on April 19, 2024, to Doris Funez-Lagos of Eagle Grove.

Giselli Kaylani Tistoj-Paxtor was born on April 21, 2024, to Anyeli Paxton-Gozmez of Rowan.

Aaron David Lenhart was born on April 19, 2024, to Robin and Michael Lenhart of Mason City.

Amelia Sage Ballard was born on April 22, 2024, to Halie and Daniel Ballard of

Amelia Paige Paulson was born on April 22, 2024, to Spencer and Kyle Paulson of Garner.

Deaths

Jeff Alan Leden of Belmond was born on January 10, 1955, and died on April 16, 2024, at the age of 69.

Raelyn Jean Wickerath of Mesvery was born on June 25, 1998, and died on January 25, 2024,

at the age of 25. Joel Lyndon Thompson of Belmond was born on December 31, 1963, and died

on April 12, 2024, at the age of 60.

Netha Lynn Pool (Kitts) of Eagle Grove was born on July 13, 1935, and died on April 19, 2024,

at the age of 88. **Property Transfers**

Quit Claim Deed - Land Deed: ACC 441 LLC to Queck Capital Management LLC - EG Cadwell's Second Addition Block 46 Lot 7 S 1/2, EG Cadwell's Second Addition Block 46 Lot 8 S 1/2, EG Cadwell's Second Addition Block 46 Lot 9 S 1/2, Acc441/ Queck Capital Mangement 000012230004254461; 24-

Contracts - Town Lot: Marilyn Vansickel Revocable Trust, Vansickel Marilyn Revocable Trust, Vansickel Marilyn Trustee to Vrba Aidan - Gold Belknap's Addition Lot 9 N 1/2, Gold Belknap's Addition Lot 10, Vansickel Trust 000013261004254565; 24-

Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot: Dows City of to Samol Salazar Luis Rene, Salazar Samol Luis Rene - Dows Eskridge's 1st Addition Block 3 Lot 1 W 6', Dows Eskridge's 1st Addition Block 3 Lot 2; 24-538.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Warren Sandra L, Warren Sandra to Keller Jonathan Ray - 29-92-25 SE Except Tracts, 33-92-25 NW NW 1/4 Except Tract, Warren - Jonathan Keller 000013997004255793; 24-

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Warren Sandra L, Warren Sandra

To Keller Joseph Dean Jr - 32-92-25 NE N 1/2 Except Parcel A, 33-92-25 NW Nw 1/4 Except Tract, Warren - Joseph Keller 000013997004255786; 24-

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Warren Sandra L Trustee, Berkenes Phyllis Trust, Phyllis Berkenes Trust 92-25 NW NE 1/4, Berkenes Trust - Joseph Keller 000013997004255791; 24-

Quit Claim Deed - Land Deed: Latham Donald E, Latham Marilyn R to Latham Donald E Trust, Donald E Latham Trust -11-92-23 NE Except Parcel B, Donald Latham Trust 000006673004256690; 24-

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Powell Joseph L, Powell Joseph Loran to Powell Michael S - EG Original Addition Block 9 Lot 9 W 8', EG Original Addition Block 9 Lot 10, EG Original Addition Block 9 Lot 11. EG Original Addition Block 9 Lot 12 E 1/2; 24-555.

Warranty Deed - Town Schmidt Robert Dean to Schmidt Theresa M - Gold Belknap's Addition Lot 15, Schmidt, 000013261004258093 Rerecorded, Related Documents: 24-440 02-001 Warranty Deed - Town Lot; 24-557.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Watson Toni Annette to Arthur Matthew R - 30-93-23 NE Tract In NW1/4 Apt 1 Prkview N; 24-559.

Contracts - Land Deeds: Muhlenbruch Shannon, Muhlenbruch Carla to Hefti Shane A, Hefti Taunya M - 13-90-23 NE Parcel F In S 1/2, Muhlenbruch-Hefti-Iverson Property 000006219004258277, Related Documents: Gwh561 56-001 Groundwater Hazard; 24-561.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Kuhlers Edward G, Kuhlers Donna to Kuhlers Edward G Trustee, Kuhlers Donna L Trustee, Kuhlers Family Revocable Trust, Kuhlers Family Revocable Trust - Belm Luick's Addition Block 5 W 1/2 of NW 1/4, Kuhlers, Edward 000007544004258349; 24-

Quit Claim Deed - Land Deed: Beyer Raymond H to Beyer Raymond H Trustee, Beyer Family Trust, Beyer Family Trust - 30-90-23 ŠW Except Parcel B, Corrective, Related Documents: 24-63 01-002 Quit Claim Deed -Land Deed; 24-563.

Others - Land Deeds: Dales Leann, Wright County Treasurer, Rowan City of, Midland Funding LLC, Lvnv Funding LLC, Cavalry Spc I, Wright County Auditor, Wright County Attorney, Iowa Attorney General to Linden Grove Investments Inc - 34-92-23 NE Tract In Lot 1 In Sw1/4, Tax Sale Deed: 24-564.

Others - Town Lot Deeds: Munguia Samuel A, Munguia Maria C, Wright County Treasurer, Barrettos Bar, Dows City of, Wright County Treasurer, Wright County Auditor, Wright County Attorney, Iowa Attorney General to Pine Grove Investments Inc - Dows Original Addition Block 6 Lot 1 Tract, Tax Sale Deed; 24-565.

Others - Land Deeds: Beyer Martha Norma, Beyer Martha Norma Estate, Beyer Richard W Executor to Beyer Raymond H, Beyer Richard W - 30-90-23 SW Except Parcel B, Corrective Court Officer Deed, Related Documents: 23-2453 01-005 Others - Land Deeds; 24-566.

Quit Claim Deed - Land Deed: Beyer Richard W, Beyer Darlene E, Beyer Richard W Trustee, Beyer Darlene E Trustee, Beyer Richard W Revocable Living Trust, Beyer Darlene E Revocable Living Trust, Richard W Beyer And Darlene E Beyer Revocable Living Trust, Richard W Beyer Revocable Living Trust, Darlene E Beyer Revocable Living Trust - 30-90-23 SW Except Parcel B, Corrective,

to Keller Joseph Dean Jr - 33- Related Documents: 24-64 02-002 Quit Claim Deed -Town Lot; 24-567.

> Quit Claim Deed - Town Lot: ACC 155 LLC to Queck Capital Management LLC - Clar Wormley's Addition Block 1 Lot 8, Acc155 Queck Capital Management 000012230004261078; 24-

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Kelley Cole R, Kelley Keyra K to Roberts Cameron, Jackson Rebecca - 30-93-23 NE Tract In NW 1/4, Roberts Cameron 000013355004261103; 24-

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Mcvey Lyndi S, Skrovig Lyndi S, Mcvey Nathan J to Kelley Cole R, Kelley Keyra K - 2-92-23 NW Parcel A & B, Kelley Cole 000013355004261109, Related Documents:Gwh572 56-001 Groundwater Hazard; 24-572

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Meade M Virginia to Sanchez Robert B, Cope Yvonne A - Clar Original Addition Block 4 W 115 1/2' S 66' And Adj Tract, In Fulfillment of Contract, Related Documents: 1115 02-004 Contracts - Town Lot; 24-

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Sanchez Robert B, Sanchez Yvonne A, Cope Yvonne A to Sanchez Yvonne A - Clar Original Addition Block 4 W 115 1/2' S 66' And Adj Tract; 24-575.

Affidavittransfer: ka Brenda L to Kapka Lyle K - 6-91-24 SW Tract In NW 1/4, Kapka Affidavit 000012305004256478 Surviving Joint Tenant; 24-542.

Criminal State of Iowa VS Lux Hernandez, Luis Miguel, Simple Misdemeanor, Domestic Abuse Assault- 1st Offense. Dismissed By The Court. Defendant Ordered to Pay \$90 In Court Costs.

State of Iowa VS Como, Wilfred, Simple Misdemeanor, Theft 5th Degree. Defendant Pled Guilty and Was Fined \$105, A Surcharge Of \$15.75 and \$60 In Court Costs.

Traffic

Cristian Romero, of Lexington, NE, Dark Window or Windshield.

Tyler Shaun Grinder, of Lakeville, MN, Operation Without Registration Card or Plate.

Kimberly Clark, of Minneapolis, MN, Speeding Over 55 Zone (11 Thru 15 Over). William H Woolery, of Belmond, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Xavier Adam White, of Des Moines, IA, Speeding Over 55 Zone (21 or Over). Dale Lee Cram, of Ames, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Richard Terry Smith, of Centralia, IL, Speeding Over 55 Zone (1 Thru 5 Over).

Juan Reyes, of Eagle Grove, IA, No Valid Drivers License.

Juan Reyes, of Eagle Grove, IA, Failure To Provide Proof of Financial Li-

Sophia Louise Davis, of Louisburg, Ks, Speeding Over 55 Zone (6 Thru 10

Over). Aloysia Queena Shields, of Cedar Hill, TX, No Valid

Drivers License. Va Meng Lor, of Rolfe, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone

(6 Thru 10 Over). Aloysia Queena Shields,

of Cedar Hill, TX, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Alfonso Castillo Chavez,

of Eagle Grove, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (21 or Over).

of Eagle Grove, IA, No Val-

David Banegas Castro, of Clarion, IA, State of Iowa. Jill Marie Kramer, of Garner, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11 Thru 15 Over). Taylor Michelle Summers, of Belmond, IA, Failure To

Provide Proof of Financial Liability. Samuel Lopez, of Belmond, IA, No Valid Drivers

License. Samuel Lopez, of Belmond, IA, Failure To Provide Proof of Financial Li-

Anna Violette Kaktis, of Northwood, IA, Dark Window or Windshield.

Blake James Johnson, of Plainfield, IA, Failure To Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adu. Zoee Kambria Mcnamara,

55 or Under Zone (1 Thru 5 Over). Brett Duane Ascherl, of Eagle Grove, IA, Speeding

55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10

of Hampton, IA, Speeding

Ryan Michael Roquet, of

Dows, IA, State of Iowa. Virgil Eugene Stahl, of Belmond, IA, Failure To Provide Proof of Financial Liabili.

Kevin J Bernhardt, of Platteville, WI, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10

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

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

Antonio Romero, of Belmond, IA, Animal At Large Prohibited.

Antonio Romero, of Belmond, IA, Keeping of Vicious Animals Prohibited.

Exon Medardo Vasquez Ramirez, of Clarion, IA, Fraudulent Use of Registration.

Exon Medardo Vasquez Ramirez, of Clarion, IA, Dark Windows.

Emilee Marie Casperson, of Sioux Falls, SD, Speeding 6 Thru 10 Over. Heidemann Jeffery Alan,

of Des Moines, IA, Dus -Driving While License Denied, Suspended, Canceled. Gomez Hernandez Everildo Estuardo, of Dows, IA, Dus - Driving While License Denied, Suspended, Can-

celed. Gomez Hernandez Everildo Estuardo, of Dows, IA, Driving While License Under Suspension.

Civil

Greenstate Credit Union V. Patricia Ann Krieger, Judgment In Favor of The Plaintiff. Property To Be Sold For Remaining Amount Due Plus All Costs.

Hauge Associates, Inc. V. Stephanie Stocks, Judgment For The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$34,694.57 Plus Interest At 7.05% And \$195 In Court Costs.

Small Claims

Pring Oaks Capital Spv, LLV V. Timothy Milner, Judgment for The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$1,662.63 Plus Interest At 7.22% And \$95 In Court Costs.

(JTD) JAKAMA HOLD-INGS, LLC V. JON NEL-SON, Judgment for The Plaintiff in The Amount of \$95 in court costs.

Eagle Grove Police Report

April 18 10:19 AM: Telephone scam reported.

12:07 PM: Return call requested.

1:11 PM: Concerned Citizen providing information. 2:01 PM: Traffic stop

near 1st AVE NW 6:13 PM: Loose dog reported in the 1300 block of

W. Broadway. 9:01 PM: Assault reported in the 300 block of S. Park Ave.

9:18 PM: Animal complaint near Oak ST, Goldfield.

April 19 8:20 AM: Harassment re-

ported. 12:12 PM: Nuisance reported in the 300 block of NW 3rd.

12:45 PM: Driving complaint reported near Commercial Ave.

1:16 PM: Vape confiscated at EGHS.

3:28 PM: Loose dogs reported near Country LN Circle.

6:11 PM: Return call requested.

8:11 PM: Complaint received.

9:26 PM: Traffic stop in the 100 block of S. Western.

April 20 7:19 AM: Parking violation reported near Spruce

Drive. 7:56 AM: Garbage dump-

ing reported. 8:27 AM: Civil service performed.

April 21

1:30 AM: Narcotics reported.

2:28 AM: Traffic stop on North Iowa, dealer plate, white truck.

12:48 PM: Loose dog reported in the 200 block of E. Broadway. 4:02 PM: Nuisance re-

ported in the 400 block of NW 4th.

6:31 PM: Missing dog reported in the 700 block of SW 9th ST.

8:35 AM: Civil Service performed.

11:11 AM: Return call requested.

11:20 AM: Civil Service performed.

11:24 AM: Civil Service performed.

11:28 AM: Civil Service performed.

11:34 AM: Civil Service

performed. 12:09 PM: Theft reported in the 100 block of SW 1st

12:25 PM: Complaint received in the 200 block of NW 10th.

1:36 PM: Unknown problem reported in the 1500

block of N. Iowa ave. 5:15 PM: Return call requested.

7:40 PM: Traffic stop near HWY 17 & 230th. 11:41 PM: Traffic stop at

wood and SE 5th.

April 23

the intersection of S. Kirk-

12:43 AM: Traffic stop at the intersection of HWY 3 & Baxter Ave. 6:33 AM: Met com-

plainant.

8:18 AM: Nuisance re-

NW 3rd ST 8:15 AM: Online fraud

ported in the 300 block of

reported. 11:48 AM: Nuisance reported in the 500 block of

NE 4th. 11:54 AM: Nuisance reported in the 700 block of SE 1st.

12:03 PM: Nuisance reported in the 1200 block of S. Braden.

12:11 PM: Nuisance reported in the 100 block of NE 6th ST.

12:20 PM: Nuisance reported in the 400 block of NW 4th ST. 12:27 PM: Nuisance re-

ported in the 600 block of S. Iowa. 12:37 PM: Nuisance re-

ported in the 500 block of S. Iowa. 12:38 PM: Nuisance re-

ported in the 300 block of S. Cadwell. 12:43 PM: Nuisance re-

ported in the 400 block of S. Cadwell. 12:47 PM: Nuisance reported in the 400 block of

S. Iowa. 12:51 PM: Nuisance reported in the 300 block of

N. Cadwell. 1:12 PM: Nuisance reported in the 300 block S.

1:17 PM: Nuisance reported in the 300 block of S. Lucas

1:19 PM: Return call re-1:23 PM: Nuisance reported in the 300 block of

NW 2nd ST.

1:28 PM: Nuisance reported in the 300 block of NW 2nd ST. 3:46 PM: Unknown prob-

lem in the 100 block of SW 1st ST. PM: Assistance 4:27

needed in the 300 block of S. Park Ave. 5:07 PM: Return call re-

quested. 6:15 PM: Traffic stop in he 300 block of NE 5th

6:59 PM: Assistance needed in the 9600 block of NE 2nd ST.

9:29 PM: Traffic stop in the 100 block of N. Commercial. 10:43 PM: Return call re-

quested. 11:36 PM: Traffic stop in

the 2800 block of HWY 17. April 24 7:08 AM: Parking violation reported near HWY 17

& Broadway. 8:10 AM: Return call requested. 8:25 AM: Loose dog re-

W. Broadway. 1:03 PM: Return call requested.

ported in the 1100 block of

1:22 PM: Return call requested. 2:17 PM: Animal cruelty reported in the 500 block of

N. Lincoln. 2:59 PM: Nuisance reported in the 200 block of Jefferson ST, Goldfield.

3:13 PM: Nuisance reported in the 1200 block of N. Arthur. 4:08 PM: Return call re-

quested.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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)
- SPRING BOOK SALE BEGINS! Eagle Grove Memorial Library | 101 S. Cadwell Ave | Open at 10:00 AM

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.

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.

Eagle Grove CSD MENU

Monday, May 6 BREAKFAST: Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit. Juice:

LUNCH: Mr. Rib, Fries, Broccoli, Fruit Cocktail

Tuesday, May 7 BREAKFAST: Cereal, Toast, Fruit, Juice; LUNCH: Crispitos, Refried Beans, Garden Salad, Orange

Wednesday, May 8 1.5 Hr Early Dismissal at EGHS

BREAKFAST: Pancake/Sausage on a stick, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice; LUNCH: Cheeseburger, Baked

Beans, Potato Salad, Fruit

Thursday, May 9 BREAKFAST: Cereal, Frudel, Fruit, Juice; LUNCH: Chicken Breast Sandwich, Corn, Fries, Applesauce

Friday, May 10 BREAKFAST: Cook's Choice; LUNCH: Cook's Choice

SATURDAY, MAY 18

- Karaoke Party at Fuel! 8:00 PM 12:00 AM | 223 N. Main ST, Clarion IA
- Eagle Grove FARMERS MARKET! 9:00 AM 11:00 AM | Downtown EG | Rain Location: 202 W. Broadway.

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)
- Kickoff Summer Street Dance! Current 6th 12th graders of Wright County welcome! 106 S. Main ST. Clarion IA 50525 | 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM | Hosted by Clarion Pizza Ranch & The Main Scoop

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

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SEND YOUR EVENT INFORMATION TO: INFO@EAGLEGROVEEAGLE.COM

Congregate Meal Menu:

Monday, May 6

Tator Tot Casserole, Green Beans, Angel Food Cake w/ Strawberries

Tuesday, May 7

Chicken Alfredo Penne. Breadstick. Lettuce or Spinach Salad

Wednesday, May 8 Cook's Choice

Thursday, May 9

Taco Salad w/ Lettuce and chips, Refried Beans, Rice Krispie Bar

Friday, May 10

Sheet Pan Chicken and Roasted Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Pudding

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