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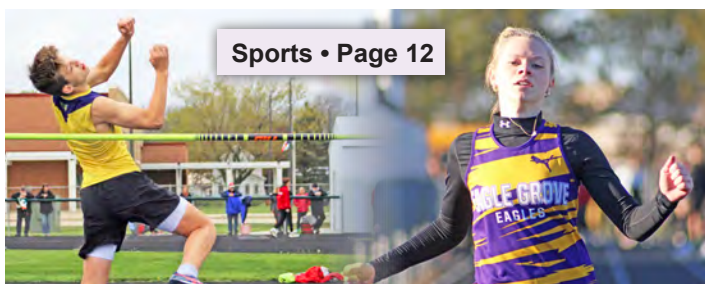
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Ellis Discusses Candidacy for Supervisor

by Edward Lynn
Editor

After 23 years as Wright County Auditor, Betty Ellis is now running for the new District #5 seat on the Wright County Board of Supervisors.

According to a press release, Ellis grew up on a livestock and row crop farm south of Waterloo, and now farms with her husband Brian west of Dows. The couple has two adult children. Ellis earned her degree, a bachelor's degree in Ag Business, from Iowa State University with an emphasis on finance. She first took office in 2001 as the Wright County Auditor, served as the Secretary and Treasurer of the District II Auditor's Association for 13 years, and is presently serving as the Legislative Liaison for the Iowa State Auditor's Association.

"I have been an integral part of Wright County as your County Auditor and I feel well positioned to utilize my knowledge in the finances of the county and the relationships that I have built for the betterment of our county," Ellis said in her press release. "I have been a strong voice for the farmers concerning the drainage districts and am looking forward to continuing in that roll. With a seat at the table, I will ensure that Wright County remains a great place to LIVE, WORK, and PLAY for everyone!"(SIC)

As for why she wants to make the jump from Auditor to Supervisor, Ellis said, "As Auditor I am to follow the Iowa Code and policies as set by our other elected officials to make sure dollars were spent accordingly. As a County Supervisor, I can have a voice in setting the policies and procedures necessary to continue to move the county forward in a positive direction. I believe that with experienced, compassionate local leadership we can address any issue and



County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections Betty Ellis is running for the District 5 seat on the Wright county Board of Supervisors. (Photo courtesy of Betty Ellis)

make improvements."

In an email interview with the Eagle, Ellis was asked about the carbon dioxide pipeline Summit Carbon Solutions is planning to build through Wright County, and several other topics. With respect to drainage issues caused by the pipeline, Ellis responded, "It is the duty of the Board to protect the investments made by landowners in drainage districts, levee districts, and lands that would benefit from being drained. When work is done in a drainage district the landowners within that watershed are the ones that will be paying for the repair or improvement as per the classification. As this relates to Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline, most of the drainage district tiles and open ditches were installed in the early 1900's. Over the course of the years, these tiles have become brittle and will continue to work if the dirt around them is not disturbed. With the pipeline crossing the county we must be sure to protect the assets of the Drainage Districts so that in years to come the landowners will not be the ones paying for the repairs if such damage is done with

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Ladies Night Out Shines

by Edward Lynn
Editor

"It was really successful," said Chamber of Commerce Director Brooke Hathaway following her first major Chamber event since taking the reins of the organization, "attendance exceeded our expectations." And the shoppers were definitely evident on Broadway. This despite it being one of the first really nice days of the year, when people are tempted to tour on their motorcycles or walk in the park, or otherwise bask in the warm sunny weather.

At Studio Sol ladies young and young at heart were out trying their hand at crafts like making bejeweled dragonfly sculptures from steel whisks. At Blossom Street Honey, shoppers were nearly shoulder to shoulder picking up their sweet treats. At Boone River Coffee not only was the rich aroma of fresh roasted coffee hanging heavy in the air as they kept up with demand, but they

also were hosting a couple of home based businesses, including Trades of Hope, featuring fair trade products from 18 countries all over the world. "I love this company," said franchise owner Nicole Shelton, emphasizing how important it is for citizens of economically well off countries like the USA to support artisans from less well off countries ethically.

A popular stop that set up shop just outside the Chamber office was Lucky Wife Wine Slushies, which gave a refreshing grade school treat an adult beverage upgrade. "We've had really great results from joining the Eagle Grove chamber," said owner Teri Boland, noting that she has also joined several other area chambers, and not always been as satisfied with the results. "They're really great to work with. I like their marketing strategies."

More Ladies Night Out fun was to be had off Broadway at the Rails Depot, where businesses located outside downtown could participate. Mini Pancakes were available, and charcuterie cups from Nine & Dine, along with baked goods from the Special Olympics teams, and merchandise from Lazy J Rescue Ranch. Simultaneously, Rails had live music from Evan Pratt, a senior at Fort Dodge High School, whose set mixed folk tunes from the likes of John Prine, with classic rock standards from his look-alike Tom Petty, and grunge hits from the

Foo-Fighters, along with his original tunes.

Several local businesses participated in the event, including Arden Scott Collectibles, Berry Nice Sweet Treats, Blossom St. Honey, Boone River Coffee Co., Lazy J Rescue Ranch, Lucky Wife Wine Slushies, Christ Furniture & Mattress, Nine & Dine Restaurant, Rails Bar & Grill, Red Head Tribe Logos, and Studio Sol. And additionally several other area businesses, organizations and individuals lent

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(Photos by Edward Lynn)



Bird flu virus is abundant in the milk of sick cows

by Jared Strong

Dairy cattle infected by avian influenza in recent months have surprisingly large amounts of the virus in their milk but little in other bodily fluids, according to tests by the Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory.

That makes it easy to confirm whether a lactating cow is infected but makes testing more difficult for other cattle as federal agriculture officials attempt to learn the extent of bovine infections across the nation.

In nasal secretions, blood, feces and urine, "we can find an occasional positive, but those positives are at levels that are almost undetectable," said Dr. Drew Magstadt, a cattle disease researcher at the Ames lab.

His comments were part of an online ISU Extension and Outreach discussion about the virus on Wednesday.

Magstadt discovered about six weeks ago that highly pathogenic avian influenza was the source of a mystery illness among dairy cattle in Texas. It had never been known to infect cattle in the United States before.

Since then, the virus has been detected in herds in eight other states, most recently in Colorado. That spread has been caused by the movement of dairy cows from infected herds to previously unaffected herds.

Genetic testing revealed that wild birds initially infected cattle with the virus, but the USDA has found evidence that it has since



The ISU Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory tests samples from animals for viruses such as avian influenza. (Photo courtesy of Iowa State University Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory)

spread from cow to cow and from cattle to poultry. At least one infected dairy cow had no symptoms of illness.

FDA: Virus fragments in milk supply

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced last week that fragments of the virus have been detected in the nation's commercial milk supply even though milk from sick cows is barred from distribution. On

Wednesday, it said testing has confirmed that pasteurization — a process of heating milk to kill pathogens — inactivates the virus.

Tests of milk, cottage cheese and sour cream "did not detect any live, infectious virus," the FDA said.

FDA strongly warned against drinking raw milk. Some states, including Iowa, have sought in recent years to expand the unpas-

teurized milk's availability for purchase.

Also on Wednesday, the USDA said tests of ground beef in states where the virus has been detected showed no evidence of the virus. Dairy cattle are often slaughtered for their meat when their milk production drops.

Iowa is not imposing quarantine on sick cows

Starting this week, the department requires most lactating dairy cattle to test negative for the virus before they can be transported to different states.

Iowa will require labs to report all confirmations of the virus regardless of the animal species, said Dr. Jeff Kaisand, the state veterinarian and a bureau chief for the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.

For now, IDALS will not quarantine dairy farms if their cattle are infected, Kaisand said. Most states have taken a similar approach, he said.

Dr. Yuko Sato, an ISU professor who has researched the virus in poultry, said dairy farmers should take more precautions than what might be required by government officials. She said a bird flu outbreak in 2015 was largely driven by farm-to-farm spread that was the result of insufficient biosecurity measures. About 33 million poultry were culled in Iowa that year.

"We waited for the federal government to give us guidance, so we kind of sat on our hands a little bit," she said. "I encourage the dairy industry to take a proactive stance and try to look at creative solutions, because we're learning as we speak."

Highly pathogenic avian influenza is often lethal to poultry — especially chickens — but infected cows usually recover in 10 to 14 days.

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Happenings

Chapter EJ held their social meeting April 9, 2024 at Pushing up Daisies in Clarion. A fun craft making spring flower pot gnomes, was led by

Christine Moore, owner. Afterwards a business meeting was held, led by president, Bev Wilde. Lunch was served by hostess Hillari Klaver and Rachel Wagner. 12 members attended.

Our next meeting is May 14th at Muriel Gearhart.

Wright County K-3 Day Camp Registration is OPEN!

Paige Dagel, Wright County Extension K-12 Program Coordinator

Wright County Extension and Outreach Office is hosting two summer day camps for youth in Wright County who completed grades K-3 in the 2023-2024 school year. All K-3 grade summer day camps are from 9:00 am to 12:30 noon at the Wright County Extension Office in Clarion. Participants should bring a water bottle and wear tennis shoes for playing games. A snack is provided.

Space is limited. \$10 for enrolled Clover Kid members and \$15 for non-4-H participants to attend each day camp. Fee issued to offset direct expenses of camp and to support youth programs. Thank you to the Wright County 4-H Endowment for paying for half of the registration cost for each youth attending all summer camps!

Ready, Set, Fair! June 4 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm in Clarion

Come get a head start on your fair projects! This day camp will be filled with

games and hands-on activities, and participants will leave with three fair-ready projects! We will be making sun catchers, custom tote bags, and a painting project. Kids will learn about all the pre-4-H opportunities at the Wright County Fair that they can take part in.

All About Weather June 18 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm in Clarion

Become a meteorologist expert for the day with hands-on activities and games about weather! Kids can learn about weather safety tips, sun safety, about rainstorms, and clouds.

Registrations for both camps can be found by scanning the QR code or the links are on the Wright County Extension and Outreach Facebook page and the Wright County Extension and Outreach Website at <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/wright/clover-kids>



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Supervisors Talk Budget at Brief Meeting

by **Lee van der Linden**

The Wright County Board of Supervisors met briefly May 6. The only significant item of business involved amending the current fiscal year budget for Secondary Roads.

The budget amendment, which will be sent to the Iowa Department of Transportation, includ-

ed increases in consultant fees, bridges and culverts, and equipment operations. There were decreases reported in several areas, including snow and ice removal, traffic controls and construction.

In other business, the board:

—heard that the sheriff's department collected over

\$2,000 in mileage, weapons permits and copier fees last month;

—approved a liquor permit for the Belmond Area Arts Council during the Antique Power Show in August;

—heard that Auditor Betty Ellis applied for a grant for up to \$800 to help pay the registration fee and

mileage for Katie Schlichting to attend medical examiner investigation training in Ankeny;

—approved the second reading of the amended floodplain ordinance;

—and tabled action until May 13 on additional uses for American Rescue Plan Act funds at the Resource Center.

Watch Where You Put Political Signs

The wrong placement could get them taken down, or charged a fee.

by **Dirk Van der Linden**

State law governs where political signs may be placed, and many of the current primary election signs being displayed are not legal. Many are too close to the street.

According to the Iowa Dept. of Transportation, political signs may not be located on public property. This includes utility poles, road ditches, traffic signs, and the "parking" or "tree berm" along a city street. The public land along a city

street starts at the curb and goes back to the inside of the sidewalk. Signs currently in this public area should be moved back onto private property. If there is no sidewalk, the private property line should be determined, and signs should be placed on private land.

In Wright County, if you are unsure about a property line, you can look up your property on the Beacon website: <https://beacon.schneidercorp.com>. Select Iowa and Wright Coun-

ty. Select Property Search. Type in your name or address. Select Map at the top of the page to get an aerial view showing property lines.

Political signs are not allowed on private property along highways if the landowner has been compensated for the placement. If a fee has been paid, a sign permit must be obtained.

Signs are also not allowed within 300 feet of a voting place at any time that ballots are being cast.

According to the DOT Traffic and Safety Manual, improper signs that are causing a hazard can be removed immediately by city, county or state authorities. Signs that are not hazardous must be removed within 48 hours of notice being given. A removal fee may be charged to the owner of the sign.

Political candidates and their supporters should take note of these rules and be sure that their signs are being displayed correctly.

Primary Election 2024 Things you need to know!

by **Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor & Commissioner of Elections**

Wednesday, May 15, 2024— First day absentee ballots may be voted in the county auditor's office and auditor will mail ballots for those that requested one by mail. (Voted ballots must be returned to the auditor's office by June 4th in order to be valid and counted)

Monday, May 20, 2024— Deadline to pre-register to vote for the primary election. If a voter is not registered by this date, the voter will have to do an election day registration, which means the voter will have to show a form of a current, valid, photo ID, that contains an expiration date and proof of residency. This is

also the last day to request an absentee ballot by mail.

Monday, May 27, 2024— Memorial Day Holiday. Auditor's office closed.

Saturday, June 1, 2024— Auditors' office will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Monday, June 3, 2024— Last day to vote an absentee ballot in person at the county auditor's office. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4, 2024— *Primary Election Day* polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Absentee ballots may be delivered to the county auditor's office until 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11, 2024— Canvass of Votes

Sample Ballots can be viewed on the www.wright-county.org website

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their support as contributors, including ADS, Eagle Grove Pharmacy, Family Table, Fareway, First Bank, Bomgaars, GoodWealth Financial Partners, Hair's To You, Broadway Vision Source, Brooke & Tyler Hathaway, Luki Co. Freshies, Comm I Network, Community Health Center, Pop's Pizza & Pub, Day-break Foods, Inc., Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce, Eagle Grove Chiropractic, Ryerson Realty, Eagle Grove Community Schools, Slay & Riveter Nutrition, Eagle Grove Golf Course, Eagle Grove Greenhouses, Inc., The Grove Inn & Suites, Eagle Grove Parks & Rec., and Tom & Missie Niederhauser.

"Ladies Night Out wouldn't be possible without all of our contributors," read a sign thanking all of the contributors. "Whether

you donated in any way, are participating in our "Experience Eagle Grove" bingo cards, are helping pass out beads, or added to our coupon book... your generosity does not go unnoticed!"

Many of those contributions made up or paid for the prizes which were on offer for the raffle. One ticket was included with the goodie bag, and shoppers could purchase more to sweeten the odds in their favor. Shoppers also collected beads along the way to make a garden stake project, and checked off shopping experiences on "Experience Eagle Grove Gems" cards, which later became contest entries.

Barbara Boyd was later declared the winner of the Eagle Grove Gems promotion, winning \$100 in Chamber Bucks. Other raffle winners were notified directly.

Congregate Meal Menu:

Monday, May 13

Salisbury Steak w/ gravy, Egg Noodles, Green Beans

Tuesday, May 14

Tuna Melt Sandwich, Potato Salad, Peas, Pudding

Wednesday, May 15

Swedish Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Cucumber/Tomato Salad, Frozen Fruit Cup

Thursday, May 16

Chicken Pot Pie, Cottage Cheese, Breadstick

Friday, May 17

Pork Roast, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Berry Fluff Jell-O Salad

Eagle Grove CSD MENU

Monday, May 13

BREAKFAST: Donut, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice; **LUNCH:** BBQ Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Cinnamon Apples

Tuesday, May 14

BREAKFAST: Breakfast Bagel, Hashbrown, Fruit, Juice; **LUNCH:** Teriyaki Chicken, Fried Rice, Stir-fry Vegetables, Pineapple

Wednesday, May 15
1.5 Hr Early Dismissal at EGHS

BREAKFAST: Biscuits & Gravy, Fruit, Juice; **LUNCH:** Tenderloin, Fries, Cheesy Cauliflower, Peaches

Thursday, May 16

BREAKFAST: Cereal, Crescent, Fruit, Juice; **LUNCH:** Pizza Crunchers, Garden Salad, Corn, Fruit

Friday, May 17

BREAKFAST: Cook's Choice; **LUNCH:** Cook's Choice

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the construction of the pipeline. Iowa Code is 331.301 which is county home rule talks about protecting and preserving the rights, privileges, and property of the county or of its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents."

Asked how her experience as Auditor will serve her if elected as a Supervisor, Ellis answered, "As Auditor, I know the finances of the county. I know what allowable expenses can come out of which funds according to the Iowa Code. The board may certify four categories of property tax levies:

1. Taxes for general county services shall be levied on all

taxable property within the county.

2. Taxes for rural county services shall be levied on all taxable property not within incorporated areas of the county. 3. Taxes in the amount necessary for debt services on all taxable property within the county.

4. Other taxes shall be levied as provided by state law.

The budget process is the responsibility of the Board of Supervisors and I will be able to help explain the finances of the county to members of the board in helping with setting the levy rate. The county levy rate has remained the same for the past 3 years."

Ellis' press release mentioned "unfunded mandates"

handed down by the legislature, suggesting she would watchdog the spending on such legislation, and that they create tighter budgets. Asked to elaborate on this, Ellis replied, "Recently, legislation has mandated that if a school, city, or county wishes to take out a bond for financing a project, the county Auditors must provide a mailing to each registered voter of the applicable jurisdiction a notice of the election that includes the full text of the public measure to be voted upon at the election. There are already many steps to go through for bonding and publications to inform the public. It is not necessary to do the mailing also. Also, the county just went through

the Taxation Mailing. This too was costly for the entire state and with the 60 county auditor's that responded to a survey that I conducted, this cost over \$600,000 to do the mailing. The information on the mailing was confusing to the citizens and they did not understand why they were getting the letter. I am currently working with Shannon Latham, State Representative, to gather information to change legislation to make it clearer and hopefully be able to post the same information on the county website and save on mailing costs."

Ellis also said she had volunteered and served in several civic organizations throughout her career. Asked for examples she provided, "Legislative liaison for the Auditor's Association, Secretary/Treasurer of District II Auditor's, Executive Board and within that board

help with developing training programs for Auditor's, volunteer to mentor other newly elected county Auditors. Wright County Republican Central Committee, volunteer to pull the republican float, working with the Wright County Fair Board to manage the beer tent at the county fair to raise money for the new grandstand, volunteer to help with the county fair horse show, volunteer to help with barrel races.

Volunteering for events is what makes a community strong and you get to meet so many great people."

Asked about her opponents in the primary race, Mr. Echelberger and Mr. Foss, Ellis said, "I am the most qualified candidate to run for Supervisor District #5 with the most financial background and knowledge in county government."

The primary election will be on June fourth.

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

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SATURDAY, MAY 18TH ONLY from 8 AM – 5 PM

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Q + A with County Supervisor Candidates: District 5

Amanda Rink, Editor

Betty Ellis (R), who served as Wright County Auditor since 2001 and Treasurer of the District II Auditor's Association for 13 years, is running to represent Wright County's District 5. Ellis grew up surrounded by animal and crop farming. Ellis holds a bachelor's degree in Agriculture Business with an emphasis in finance. Ellis continues her family's work in agriculture by farming land west of Dows with her husband, Brian. Ellis feels she is positioned to leverage her expertise in county finances and relationships to better the community.

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

As an Auditor, I am to follow the Iowa Code and policies set by our elected officials to ensure dollars are spent accordingly. As a County Supervisor, I can have a voice in setting the policies and procedures necessary to continue to move the county forward in a positive direction. I believe that with an experienced and compassionate local leadership, we can address any issue and make improvements.

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?

All departments will have to tighten their budgets and may have to do without just like we do with our personal budgets. Decisions will need to be made for the continuity and longevity of services provided. A priority will be to maintain a high quality of life through well-planned economic growth within our agriculture community. As well as watching the spending in various departments as the state legislators continue handing down unfunded mandates creating tighter budgets.

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

I plan to work with the County department heads that manage public services to the citizens to ensure that they effectively and efficiently are providing the service with little waste. Keep open communication with the citizens about what their needs are and work on matching that need with a county department or a partner provider in the county.

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

Working with local lead-



You can contact Betty Ellis through email at betty.ellis777@gmail.com or phone at 515-689-5128. (Photo: Betty Ellis)

ers in the community to understand their needs and what, as a county, we can do to help entice businesses to come to Wright County. Understanding that expanded valuations create a tax base, which creates tax revenue, which helps fund the county, city, and school services. I would also utilize the financial tools available by the Iowa Code in creating Urban Renewal Areas & using Tax Increment Financing if it made sense.

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

This would not change for me, as I have always used the open-door concept. I will continue to attend public functions and listen to citizens' concerns and compliments regarding Wright County. With my years of experience in county government, I am well versed as to the reasons why some decisions were made in the past and can explain the financial aspect of decisions. If I don't know the answer, I will research it and get back to them.

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

I am currently the Legislative Liaison for the Auditor's Association. I plan to continue to be a strong voice within the Supervisor Association and with the relationships in Des Moines that I have built. The knowledge that I have being the Auditor for the past 23 years gives me a vast knowledge of how county government works and is funded.

Todd Foss, a lifelong resident of Wright County, attended Northwest Iowa Tech College focusing on the power line installer program after graduating high school in 1981. Foss started as an Apprentice Linemen and advanced to Manager of Business & Community Development at Prairie Energy. He has served on various boards through the years, the longest being on the Wright County Economic Development Board. Foss, a Republican, feels his great appreciation and understanding of the Demo-



Foss shared his favorite quote from fellow politician John F. Kennedy: "Let us not seek the Republican answer or the Democratic answer, but the right answer. Let us not seek to fix the blame for the past. Let us accept our own responsibility for the future." You can reach Todd Foss by phone at 515-364-2474. (Photo: S.A.M Photography)

graphics of Wright County will aid him if he were to be elected to the Wright County Board of Supervisors.

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

When I announced my retirement in October, I was encouraged by several residents of Wright County to run for Supervisor. After talking with my wife, Denise, and continued calls from others encouraging me to run, I decided it was the right decision. Anyone who runs for any kind of board, committee, or council seat and has hidden agendas thinking they can change things overnight is not right. I'm running because I want to get a better understanding of policies that affect all the people of Wright County and hopefully help fellow Supervisors make the right decisions for the best interests of all Wright County residents.

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?

Wright County is and always has been very well run! I give credit to every department and all the employees who work in those departments, from the guys taking care of our roads and bridges to everyone in the courthouse. As Supervisors of Wright County, it is our fiduciary responsibility to be good stewards for the taxpayers of Wright County.

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

I've been on the Wright County Economic Development Board for 25 years. One priority is to take care of existing businesses and industries in our area. Over the last 40 years, we have



Ronald Reagan said, "Trust but verify." Richard feels he can relate to this quote from the fellow politician. You can contact him through email at richard.echelberger@gmail.com and by phone at 641-373-2788. (Photo: Richard Echelberger)

been very successful in promoting and recruiting in the ag industry. Now it is time to look for businesses that complement what we have in the county while supporting our downtown businesses by shopping locally.

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

I would always be accessible to answer questions and concerns.

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

It is tremendously important to be in contact with our State and Federal officials. While with Prairie Energy, I met with our Legislators during Town Halls, at the State Capitol, and even as far as Washington D.C. As a Supervisor, I would continue to keep in contact with our State and Federal Officials on concerns that have an impact on Wright County citizens and businesses.

Richard Echelberger, a Conservative Republican currently employed at Hagie Manufacturing, is hoping to represent District 5. Echelberger has a robust professional and political background, from serving in the military to Dows City Council, American Legion 3rd District Vice Commander, Wright County Commander, Dows Post 523 Adjutant, Treasurer, Chaplain Dows Lions Club and Lay Servant/Speaker Dows UMC Echelberger's commitment to service is obvious. Echelberger also holds a master's degree in business administration and a bachelor's in science education. Along with being employed, Echelberger is a Project Manager at Booz-Allen-Hamilton, ARINC, Wright Brother Institute, Center for Rapid Product Development, USAF Air Force Research Laboratories for 14 years and a retired United States Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officer (MSgt) of 20 years. Echelberger feels he is uniquely equipped because his approach to work-

ing within Wright County's diverse community is built on three pillars: empathy, collaboration, and adaptability.

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

To serve all the people of Wright County, Iowa. Every day in the Air Force I was reminded of our core values; integrity, excellence in all we do, and service before self. Those core values have shaped my life even after leaving military service. As you look at my service, qualifications, and education you can see how I would continue to serve the citizens of Wright County. As with many areas experiencing growth, Wright County faces a shortage of affordable housing options. This can make it difficult for young families, low-income residents, and essential workers to find suitable housing, potentially hindering our economic development and community well-being.

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?

I understand that many of the budgetary items are mandatory; however, where the Supervisors do have discretion and control it is imperative that proper oversight and sound rationale must be used to ensure funds are not improperly used or wasted.

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

By working with all the county Supervisors and agencies and with all the county community leaders. Making sure we involve as many in the community as possible to make an informed decision that serves the county and not just a few.

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

Investing in programs that equip residents with the skills and training needed for in-demand jobs can bolster the local workforce and attract new businesses. This might involve collaborating with educational institutions and businesses to create relevant training programs. English as a Second Language for Adults, the need for the local communities either through the Churches or Libraries or other Federal or State programs is a great need with few resources. ESL can also provide a great way to strengthen our communities in Wright County.

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

I am already very active in my community (Lions Club, American Legion, City Council, and Church). I am a good listener and able to empathize with other's issues.

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

I have worked with State and Federal officials in the past. I am currently working with State officials on a variety of Veterans' issues.

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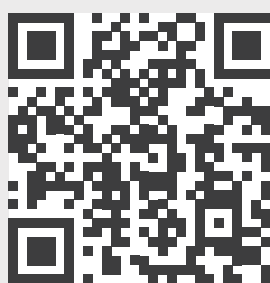
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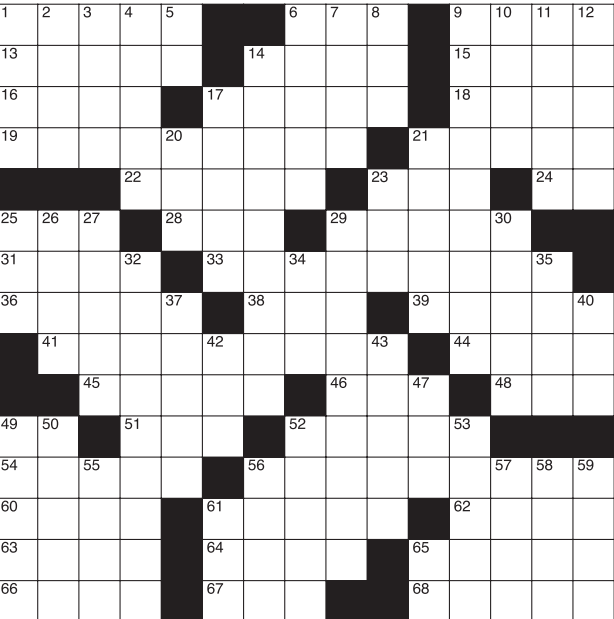
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1. It wakes you up

6. A place to sleep

9. Czech village

13. Appetizer

14. African country

15. Dark brown or black

16. Parent-teacher groups

17. Saturates

18. ESPN personality Kimes

19. Songs to a lover

21. Cavalry-sword

22. Begat

23. Patriotic women

24. Famed Princess

25. One who does not conform

28. Neither

29. Nigerian monetary unit

31. Body parts

33. Hit Dave Matthews Band song

36. Depicts with pencil
38. Make into leather without tannin

39. Plants grow from them

41. Alias

44. Fingers do it

45. More dried-up

46. Clod

48. Senior officer

49. A way to listen to music

51. The bill in a restaurant

52. Historic center of Artois region

54. Cyprinid fishes

56. Poisonous perennial plant

60. Scottish Loch

61. Heads

62. Extra seed-covering

63. Wings

64. Britpop band

65. Forearm bones

66. Small immature herring

67. Female sibling

68. Hymn

CLUES DOWN

1. Vipers

2. Not on time

3. Resembling a wing or wings

4. Tears down

5. Professional designation

6. Noise a sheep made

7. Type of lodge

8. Speak poorly of

9. Ties the knot again

10. Apron

11. Studied intensively

12. City in Finland

14. One who monitors

17. 18-year astronomical period

20. Trent Reznor's band

21. Takes to the sea

23. Split pulses

25. Valentine's Day color

26. Wyatt ____

27. Type of rail

29. One from the Big Apple
30. Asteroids

32. Made more sugary

34. Change in skin pigment

35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese

37. Koran chapters

40. A place to relax

42. Young woman ready for society life

43. Female horses

47. Half of Milli Vanilli

49. Icelandic poems

50. Indiana town

52. Golden peas

53. Closes tightly

55. It's mined in mountains

56. Cliff (Hawaii)

57. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid

58. Monetary unit

59. Primordial matter

61. TV station

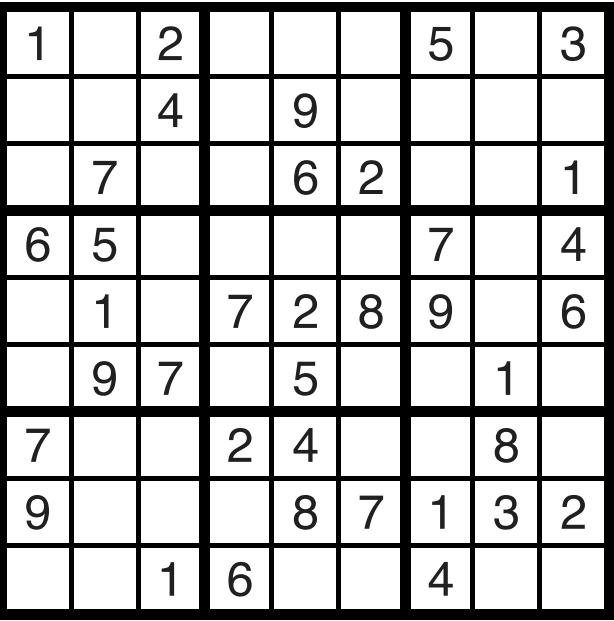
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Portfolio Review Time for Iowa Central Photographers

Bubble Cow owner among graduating students

Students in Iowa Central's Photography Program had the opportunity to connect with local professionals recently for their annual portfolio review day.

Students graduating from the program met with local business owners and photographers Thursday morning to participate in mock interviews and review their work with experts in the field.

"The first few hours of portfolio day are mock interviews," said Rochelle Green, photography program coordinator at Iowa Central. "Local business owners and professionals are here to ask them questions, test their communication skills, see how they present themselves and hear about their career goals."

Angela Ayala, art educator and assistant director at the Blanden Memorial Art Museum in Fort Dodge, volunteered her time to be an interviewer for the day. She spoke with students about their goals and visions and how to successfully present themselves in interviews and as business owners.

"I'm looking at how confident they are; do they have clear goals, their communication skills and professionalism, can they adequately talk with people about their vision."

Ayala said she enjoyed meeting with the soon-to-be graduates and hearing about their projects and plans.

"It has been really great to see all of their growth," said Ayala. "They're confident in what they have accomplished, and their interviews show just how far they have come with the program."

Carissa Behounek, a photographer who owns a studio in Algona spent the day



Photography Student Nathan Cabrera, who is also the proprietor of Eagle Grove's Bubble Cow ice cream parlor and bakery, during his portfolio review at Iowa Central Community College. (Screenshot, Iowa Central Community College/Facebook)



Eagle Grove's Nathan Cabrera (left), one of the photographers displaying work at the Iowa Central Art Show, checking out some of the art on display. (Screenshots, Iowa Central Community College/Facebook)

reviewing and critiquing the student's portfolios.

"I've been looking at portfolios, their social media and welcome packets," said Behounek. "It has been fun to work with them and see them open up to concepts and suggestions as they go along."

Carter Hansen present-

ed his brand through his portfolio and in how he dressed, wearing a shirt with his logo. He said he had learned through the interviews to share details but also how to get right to the point.

"It's been a great experience," Hansen said. "I've gotten some great feedback

and learned how to phrase my words so I can get to my point easily whether that is through presenting at a conference or to a client. I appreciated the chance to get one on one with people and learn from them."

Photography student Kelly Toler said the portfolio review experience was fun and worthwhile, but also a test of her nerves.

"It's been both fun and nerve-wracking," said Toler. "I'm not used to talking about myself, but I have gotten great feedback and critiques on professionalism and how to best present myself."

"It has been a pleasure and I feel like I have gotten the experience I needed out of this," said student Rachel Gibbs. "The interviewers really have our best interests in mind, and I have enjoyed the process of learning the things I might need to know going into a real interview."

"Pride and Prejudice" Performed by the Iowa River Players

Waylenn J. Harrah, Contributing Writer, Mid-America Publishing

The Iowa River Players have had another successful production with their performance of "Pride and Prejudice" by Kate Hamill, based on the iconic tale by Jane Austen. As a humble observer, I had the opportunity to attend their last performance on Sunday, May 5th at 2:30 pm at the Iowa River Players Theater in Rowan.

The talented cast brought the beloved characters to life on stage, gaining laughter and applause from the audience. The costumes and set transported us back in time, creating a historical experience for all in attendance. The Iowa River Players continue to impress with their dedication to bringing quality entertainment to their community.

The four Bennet daughters are known for their contrasting personalities; Jane (Ruby Coldiron) the eldest and most poised, always carried herself gracefully. Elizabeth (Griffioen), the second eldest, possessed wit and charm. Mary (Deanna Holmes), the 'tall' sister, was forthcoming with her knowledge and Lydia (Ash Rickie), the youngest, was full of energy.

The play follows the turbulent relationship of the high-spirited Elizabeth Bennet and a wealthy young gentleman named Mr. Fitzwilliam Darcy as they both struggle to navigate the expectations of their families and society. Their conflicting emotions are tested when they are repeatedly placed in each other's company.



The Bennet's Home during the Iowa River Players' performance of "Pride and Prejudice". Mr. Bennet (Lance Arnold) listens on as Mrs. Bennet (Deb Coldiron) addresses their four daughters, Jane (Ruby Coldiron), Mary (Deanna Holmes), Elizabeth (Emily Griffioen), and Lydia, (Ash Rickie) on finding wealthy husbands." (Photo: Waylenn J. Harrah)

From their first encounter, Jane and Darcy's relationship is stained with pride and prejudice. Through the progression of the play, I was intrigued as I watched the main characters, played by Emily Griffioen and Daniel Krabbe, confront their faults and biases. I saw the characters ultimately learn how to see past their differences to find true happiness.

Amidst the emotions and unspoken words between Lizzy Bennet and Mr. Darcy, the rest of the Bennet family was causing quite a commotion. Mrs. Bennet's (Deb Coldiron) aspirations to have her daughters marry well are borderline comical, and the uninterested air from Mr. Bennet (Lance Arnold) gains both sympathy and mirth from the audience.

Luanne Krabbe, a native of Belmont, who studied theater at the University of Iowa directed the play. She

made a fabulous appearance as the overbearing and snobbish Lady Catherine de Bourgh alongside Megan Peterson, who played both Miss de Brough and Miss Bingley.

Joshua Holmes played another one of Jane's love interests, Mr. Bingley. Aiden Weaver appeared as Wickham and Sean Luick-Brister portrayed Mr. Collins. Many members of the cast have made their acting debut during this production. An amazing and applaudable feat, to be sure.

This year, the Iowa River Players celebrate their 25th Anniversary of bringing theater to Wright County. The 200-seat theater is hosted in the vintage gymnasium in the small town of Rowan. IRP presents three to four plays a season. What makes this company truly special is that all the actors and crew members are local volun-

teers. From young aspiring actors to experienced retirees with a love for the stage, everyone comes together to bring these productions to life.

Thanks to the sponsorship from the Barkema Trust, the Theater Intern Program has made it possible for interns like co-director and stage manager Iran "Ronnie" Carlos Martinez, a recent graduate from Drake University, to "push her creativity" and to participate in a "local non-profit organization" in a small rural community.

On behalf of the community, I extend my appreciation to the Iowa River Players for their production of "Pride and Prejudice". Congratulations on reaching this impressive milestone of 25 years of providing exceptional entertainment to our community. I look forward to seeing what the next 25 years will bring.

Letter to the Editor

The Common Nurse and the Beauty Within

To see this spectacular display, one must live under a nurse’s care. For those who have never lived under the care of a nurse won’t know that the “common nurse” is so much more than common.

About the Beauty Within

There is much to consider. Let’s take the depth of commitment nurses possess.

Do you wish to be on toilet detail? The nurse probably doesn’t but they do it all in stride. One gets a humble feeling on the receiving end of this event. But is left so thankful that they are there to help. The nurse will make your condition more bearable. Over time, it is

not the beauty you see but rather the beauty within to behold.

Onto Therapy

Therapy is a process of great expertise, one has to learn before it can be taught. It is a strenuous process. It takes devotion to deliver the vest of quality. Credit where credit is due. I think about these people every day. With their help and time, maybe the shackles can be removed and I can return to the life I have been gilded from.

I know because I was there! May God reward the nurses with Inspiration, Pride, and Happiness.

*Gary R. Robb,
November 2023*



THE IDYLIC LIFE

By Sara Middleton

Pest or Pleasure?

It’s fully feeling like springtime now in the Midwest, and we’re thinking more about our outside spaces.

We’re watching our perennial plants grow again after a season of dormancy, and we’re deciding what to plant in our vegetable gardens. We’re arranging our decorative pots of annuals to adorn our porches, patios, and decks. We’re seeing and smelling trees budding and blooming, and grass is becoming greener and longer, seemingly by the hour. It’s the season of growth, now, and we yearn to surround ourselves with vibrant, beautiful, new life.

We get excited for the green things we plant and tend to. But what about the stuff that grows, wild, free, with no care or encouragement, and wherever it pleases, no matter what we had planned? I am talking, now, about weeds. Actually, for the purpose of this column, I am talking about dandelions—or rather what they represent to people.

To a person who prides themselves on a perfectly manicured lawn, with no crabgrass or bald spots, a dandelion is an unwelcome sight. And since dandelions show up in groups, whether on the sides of a garden plot, in the cracks of the concrete, or smack in the middle of a lawn, if you don’t want them there, diligence is required to remove them and keep them gone. Lots of folks really dislike dandelions.

There’s also another take on dandelions. Many people see them as food and refuge for pollinators, as beautiful golden flow-

ers with which to make crowns and bouquets, as symbols of freedom and floating where the breeze goes, or as a completely powerful natural medicine that is edible and useful from root to flower. To these people, a dandelion is a precious natural resource, and the sight of them is welcome and valued.

Perspective is everything, and the dandelion is just one example. A non-venomous spider is a gross home invader to one person, but a welcome roommate with a job to minimize flies to another. To some, jazz music is rambling and boring and to others it is an adventure for the ears and spirit. RV’s can serve as camping vehicles and as dwellings, and are simultaneously symbols of true freedom to some and gas gobbling home bases to others.

My point in this is not to change anyone’s perspective, whether on weeds or bugs or anything else. I’m not so bold as to think this little column can do that. But, maybe reading this can help us remember, before we yuck someone else’s yum or judge their way of life, especially if it has no real effect on our own, that it’s just different ways of seeing the world. A nuisance weed to some is a plant medicine to others. One person’s pest is another person’s pleasure.

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To the Iowans Who Spoke Out

by Cynthia Oppedal Paschen, State Senate Candidate (District 28)

This was not a legislative session that addressed actual problems in Iowa. We did not see bills advance to address our nursing homes, water, and soil quality, or child care/preschool shortages. Our governor turned down federal money that would have put EBT cards into Iowa families’ hands to assist with feeding children over the summer months when kids don’t have access to school lunch.

But Iowans did show up, and advocate for fully funding public schools and AEAs, and other issues that were

important. The legislature ended up cutting funding to AEAs and boosting public school funding by a measly 2 1/2 percent, but several other bills did not move forward because Iowans wrote emails, made phone calls, and raised their questions at town halls.

The following bills failed to advance this year thanks to Iowans who spoke out:

- Personhood bill that threatens in vitro fertilization (IVF) (HF 2575)
- Union busting bill targeting police, firefighters, teachers, and other public servants (SF 2374)
- Ban gay marriage (SF 2129, HF 508)
- Removing gender identity from the Iowa Civil Rights Code (HF 2082)
- Lawsuit immunity for pesticide companies giving people cancer (SF 2412)
- Allows government agencies to bypass a state audit (SF 2311)
- Erase LGBTQ+ Iowans from Iowa code (HF 2389)
- National Anthem required to be sung in schools (HSB 587)
- Not allowing localities to ban conversion therapy (SF 2037)
- Policing our restrooms in public places (SF 2055)
- City Council takeover of libraries (SSB 3166) (HSB

678)

- Voucher expansion to private preschools (HF 2353)
- Schools to employ chaplains services to students (SSB 3092/HF 2073)
- Making it harder to get the abortion pill (HF 2122)
- Changes in nutrient management plans allowing for producers to avoid requirements and pollute waterways (SF 2371, HSB 607)
- U.S. citizenship voting verification (SF 2078)
- State to sell license plates with money going to NRA (HF 2639)

Anti-abortion indoctrination of students known as “Baby Olivia” (HF 2617)

Improving weather radar and communications

by Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Hull)

The powerful tornadoes that struck parts of Southwest Iowa were devastating, especially for communities in Pottawattamie County and Shelby County that bore the brunt of the destruction. According to some reports, there were roughly 24 tornadoes that touched down in Iowa with winds reaching as high as 165 mph. Our prayers remain with those impacted as we work to rebuild.

The day after the tornadoes, I traveled to Minden – a community of about 600 people – with Governor Reynolds and Senator Ernst to meet with local officials and law enforcement, thank volunteers on the ground, speak with community members, and assess the damage. Minden faced the worst of the storms. Mayor Kevin Zimmerman – a man who cares deeply about his community – told us that about 180 homes and businesses were either damaged or destroyed. Tragically, we later learned that a man who was injured during the storms passed away.

I also had the chance to meet a wonderful family whose home suffered significant damage. But, even in

the face of devastation, they found reasons to smile as the community came together to help, clean up, and reassure one another. Iowans are resilient, and as I made clear in my conversations with local residents, we would use every tool available to help our communities recover and rebuild.

Iowans are no strangers to severe weather, which is why I’ve been working on legislation to help keep our families out of harm’s way when storms and tornadoes strike. Fortunately, just the other week, two bills that I introduced to improve weather radar and communications recently passed the U.S. House of Representatives as part of a larger weather package. In Iowa, we know that



Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Hull)

when it comes to dangerous storms, every second matters and can be the difference between life and death. This fact further underscores the urgent need for modern and reliable emergency notifications and communications during tornadoes and other storms.

My bills – the National Weather Service Communications Improvement Act and the Weather Innovation for the Next Generation (WING) Act – help ensure that our weather radar can better detect inclement weather, especially low-hanging tornadoes, and modernize the National Weather Service’s outdated communications network to disseminate time-sensitive information more quickly. These reforms will save lives, keep Iowans informed, and deliver accurate and timely updates during storms.

More specifically, the National Weather Service Communications Improvement Act would direct the NWS Director to review and select an off-the-shelf commercial alternative to NWS Chat – like Microsoft Teams or Slack – that prioritizes reliability and security, and delivers critical, time-sensitive

information to broadcasters, emergency managers, and the general public in a timely manner. At the same time, the WING Act would require the National Weather Service to coordinate with the Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research and establish an R&D program to improve weather radar detection and prediction capabilities when physical structures obstruct radar line of sight.

These two pieces of legislation will help modernize our weather radar and communications to keep our families and communities safe. As a father of four and former storm watcher during my time as City Administrator of Hull, I will continue to support policies that help our rural communities detect and respond to severe weather. I look forward to seeing these two vital bills signed into law.

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



by Senator Dennis Guth

The end of the session came on April 19, or really on April 20 at 3:30 AM. After a day of recovery, I was busy with farming.

I’ll list a few of this year’s accomplishments briefly.

We increased flexibility of how school districts provide special education services and we increased pay for teachers and staff. Because of this, Iowa will now rank 5th in the nation in teacher pay.

We required a review of school curriculum to ensure that students are taught about America’s greatness and raise student achievement in

reading.

We also added more flexibility to schools to improve school security.

We worked to secure our state by strengthening our foreign land ownership laws and made being an illegal alien in Iowa a state crime. This allows the state to enforce laws that the federal government is ignoring.

We increased benefits for sheriffs and deputies and made mass looting a crime, as well as raised the penalties for fake reports to law enforcement.

We protected Iowa’s agriculture industry by requiring more transparency in meat

and egg labeling. If it isn’t real meat, it can’t be labeled as meat.

We began the process of putting a flat income tax rate into the Iowa Constitution and requiring a supermajority to raise tax rates.

We expanded the length of time a pregnant woman can be on Medicaid and ensured it is used for those that truly need it.

We established a new behavioral health system for mental health and addictive disorders.

Finally, the issue that I worked on for over seven years, we ensured common-sense religious protections for all Iowans.

During the last few days of a session we do a lot of waiting for bills to come through the system so we can act on them. This is when senators really get to know each other as we visit about families and our personal goals. The photo below shows that we sometimes do unusual fun

things to pass the time.

All-in-all it was a good year for protecting Iowans. The big issue that I wanted to act on was the protection of landowner property rights. This is a fundamental right of Iowans and we should have acted to protect the rights of the individual from the wealthy attempting to use the power of government to infringe on those rights.

My job is not done when the session ends. On April 30, I visited the Humboldt High School with Representative Mark Thompson to learn about iJAG and share our thoughts about what it takes to be a leader. What a pleasure to interact with students that are engaged with the world around them.

During the summer months you can reach me by email at dennis.guth@legis.iowa.gov or text me at 641-430-0424. Have a great summer enjoying God’s nature as you drive through the countryside and enjoy seeing fields of green!

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Eagle Grove Area Ministerial Association:
The Baccalaureate service for the Eagle Grove High School graduating class will be held at the Robert Blue Middle School Auditorium on Wednesday, May 15 at 6 PM. There is a meal for students and their families before the service at 5:15 PM in the cafeteria.

WORDS OF WISDOM



Last week's trivia questions:
How many horses race each year in the Kentucky Derby?
Answer: 20.
What age are the horses that race in the Kentucky Derby?
Answer: 3 years old.

This week's trivia questions:
In 1914, which U.S. President officially made Mother's Day a national holiday, to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in May?
This Sunday, May 12 is Mother's Day, which is always held on the second Sunday of May. What day is Father's Day always held on?

May 8 is National Student Nurses Day, and National Bike to School Day; May 9 is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, and National Home Front Heroes Day; May 10 is National Golf Day, and National Small Business Day; May 11 is National Windmill Day, and National Technology Day; May 12 is Mother's Day, and National Hospital Day; May 13 is National Apple Pie Day, and Tulip Day; May 14 is The Stars and Stripes Forever day.

This week is National Nurses Week, National Wildflower Week, and National Teacher Appreciation Week.

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."
— Isaiah 41:10

"You win some, you lose some, and some get rained out, but you gotta suit up for them all."
— J. Askenberg

"I've learned that something constructive comes from every defeat."
— Tom Landry

"One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than 50 preaching it."
— Knute Rockne

"There may be people that have more talent than you, but there's no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do."
— Derek Jeter

"The only way to prove that you're a good sport is to lose."
— Ernie Banks

"Cats are smarter than dogs. You can't get eight cats to pull a sled through snow."
— Jeff Valdez

"It seems I have spent a lifetime of mouthing mechanically, 'Say thank you. Sit up straight. Use your napkin. Close your mouth when you chew. Don't lean back in your chair.' Just when I finally got my husband squared away, the kids came along."
— Erma Bombeck

"When I was a kid my parents moved a lot, but I always found them."
— Rodney Dangerfield

"Kids are expensive. I didn't even realize how broke I was until last year, when someone stole my identity and it ruined her life."
— Kate Davis

"Just be good and kind to your children. Not only are they the future of the world, they're the ones who can sign you into a home."
— Dennis Miller

"Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight."
— Phyllis Diller

Three major league baseball teams are tied for the most consecutive wins to start a season. The 1982 Atlanta Braves, 1987 Milwaukee Brewers, and 2023 Tampa Bay Rays all started off 13-0 before finally losing.

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What's the Fear?

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2 NIV

I had a therapist years ago who would often ask the question, "What's the fear?" This question usually came up when I was stuck in some situation and paralyzed with doubt about what to do next. We all have things that we know we should do, such as file our taxes or change jobs, or perhaps ask someone for a date. So why do we hesitate to act? When it's not sheer laziness that keeps us from acting, it's usually some fear that holds us back. I discovered years ago that the fear of asking someone out on a date was not usually a fear of rejection but rather a fear that she might say yes, and then a whole series of other decisions would have to be made (where and when to go, etc.). It's understandable why we might fear changing jobs or doing something we've never done before; it takes us out of our comfort zone and most of us fear the unknown. On a spiritual level we should consider that life is an adventure and that getting out of our comfort zone is essential to growth. If we truly believe the part of the Lord's prayer which says "Thy will be done" then we have to be open to new and unexpected experiences. Life at its best is a spiritual adventure and if we can experience the adventure of life with a sense of fearlessness it opens us up for continued growth and development.

—Christopher Simon

Sunday, May 12, 2024
First Reading
"Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm
Psalm 1
Epistle
1 John 5:9-13
Gospel
John 17:6-19

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Births

Dahlia Rae Thompson was born on April 22, 2022, to Serena Lee of Northwood.

Archie Louis Neuberger was born on April 23, 2024, to Holly and Spencer Neuberger of Clear Lake.

Ramsie Elliot Hinderaker was born on April 25, 2024, to Halle and Avery Hinderaker of Lake Mills.

Gabriel Nhoha Hernandez Valle was born on April 24, 2024, to Kenia Valle Gonzalez and Noe Hernandez-Espino of Eagle Grove.

Joshua Ernesto Vasquez Lopez was born on April 25, 2024, to Maria Lopez-Matul of Clarion.

Kaleigh Raeann Ely was born on April 27, 2024, to Emily and Jesse Ely of Webster City.

Jorge Alexander Lopez-Ramires was born on April 26, 2024, to Alexis Ramires of Mason City.

Maverick James Roth was born on April 27, 2024, to Mikayla and Mark Roth of Garner.

Xander Zade Buckham was born on April 26, 2024, to Katelin Keochai of Webster City.

Maddox Nathaniel Mitchell was born on April 26, 2024, to Cecelia Fink of Geneva.

Logan Hunter Pettit was born on April 27, 2024, to Allison Dahn of Thompson.

Deaths

Susan Ann Haines (Correia) of Eagle Grove was born on February 29, 1956, and died on April 24, 2024, at the age of 68.

Marilyn Mae Lindemann (Marcellus) of Humboldt was born on June 4 1936 and died on April 24, 2024, at the age of 87.

William Albert Lockett of Belmond was born on April 12, 1939, and died on April 22, 2024, at the age of 85.

Pauline Delores Fjetland (Conley) of Goldfield was born on August 18, 1932, and died on April 20, 2024, at the age of 91.

Frederick Louis Eberling of Sheffield was born on February 21, 1944, and died on April 11, 2024, at the age of 80.

Mavis Arlene Floy (Johnson) of Thornton was born on November 8, 1931, and died on April 24, 2024, at the age of 92.

Property Transfers

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Christensen Randilynn, Little Doug, Christensen Logan Allan, Christensen Logan Allen, Christensen Logan to Christensen Joshua Paul, Christensen Amy Elizabeth - 30-91-25 SW N 1/2 of NW 1/4, Christensen to Christensen, Josh; 24-580.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Schroder Judith A to Karaba Eugene R - Clar Sturgeon's Addition Block 12 Lot 4 E 62', In Satisfaction of Real Estate Contract, Related Documents: 947 02-004 Contracts-Town Lot; 24-582.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Voss Leonard F, Voss Leonard Frank to Sadler Mary J Revocable Trust Agreement, Mary J Sadler Revocable Trust Agree-

ment - 34-91-26 NE Parcel K In NE 1/4, Voss, Leonard 000013261004264763; 24-586.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Pine Grove Investments INC to lat 21 LLC - Dows Orig Addition Block 6 Lot 1 N 58'7" Except Tract, Swd 313 000017419004265037; 24-588.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Christensen Randilynn, Little Doug, Christensen Logan to Christensen Jacob Aaron, Christensen Tia Rae - 30-91-25 SW S 1/2 NW 1/4, Jacob Christensen 000011245004265244; 24-589.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: K & J Investments to Anderson David E, Anderson Cindy - 30-91-25 SE Tracts In E 1/2, Re-Recorded to Correct Legal, Related Documents: 3222 01-001 Warranty Deed - Land Deeds; 24-594.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Beyer Richard W Trustee, Beyer Darlene E Trustee, Beyer Richard W Revocable Living Trust, Beyer Darlene E Revocable Living Trust, Richard W Beyer Revocable Living Trust, Darlene E Beyer Revocable Living Trust, Richard W Beyer and Darlene E Beyer Revocable Living Trust to Denio Joel Robert, Denio Courtney Elizabeth - 30-90-23 SW Parcel C, Denio, Joel 4-25-24 000009600004265731, Related Documents: 24-607 01-001 Warranty Deed - Land Deeds; 24-598.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Beyer Richard W Trustee, Beyer Darlene E Trustee, Beyer Richard W Revocable Living Trust, Beyer Darlene E Revocable Living Trust, Richard W Beyer Revocable Living Trust, Darlene E Beyer Revocable Living Trust, Richard W Beyer and Darlene E Beyer Revocable Living Trust to Denio Gregory A, Denio Linda R - 30-90-23 SW Except Parcel B & C, Denio, Greg 4-25-24 000009600004265752, Related Documents: 24-606 01-001 Warranty Deed - Land Deeds; 24-600.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: B&W Farms LLC to Talus Renewables INC - 21-90-26 SW Parcel C In SE ¼, B&W Farms 000008861004266153; 24-601.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Anderson David E, Anderson Cindy, Anderson Cynthia S to Anderson David E Trustee, Anderson Cynthia S Trustee, Anderson David E Living Trust, David E Anderson Living Trust - 30-91-25 SE Tracts In E 1/2, Anderson, David E 000013261004265570 Re-Recorded, Related Documents: 15-1673 01-001 Warranty Deed - Land Deeds; 24-602.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Cambier Mark Dennis to Brigger Linda Lee - Clar Tyrrell's Addition Block 19 Lot 1, Clar Tyrrell's Addition Block 19 Lot 8 N 38.6', Cambier, Mark 000013261004266347; 24-603.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot:

Brigger Linda Lee, Brigger Linda L, Brigger Teddy D to Brigger Teddy D, Brigger Linda L - Clar Tyrrell's Addition Block 19 Lot 1, Clar Tyrrell's Addition Block 19 Lot 8 N 38.6', Brigger, Linda 000013261004266709; 24-604.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Beyer Raymond H Trustee, Beyer Family Trust, Beyer Family Trust to Denio Gregory A, Denio Linda R - 30-90-23 SW Except Parcel B and C, Denio, Greg #2 4-25-24 000009600004265933 Companion Deed, Related Documents: 24-600 01-001 Warranty Deed - Land Deeds; 24-606.

Warranty Deed - Land Deeds: Beyer Raymond H Trustee, Beyer Family Trust to Denio Joel Robert, Denio Courtney Elizabeth - 30-90-23 SW Parcel C, Denio, Joel #2 4-25-24 000009600004265922 Companion Deed, Related Documents: 24-598 01-001 Warranty Deed - Land Deeds; 24-607.

Warranty Deed - Town Lot: Feucht Will Joseph to Sheats Charles D, Sheats Virginia L - EG Wright's 3rd Addition Block 8 Lot 9 Unit 2 Montgomery Ave Townhouse, Sheats, Charles & Virginia Fhlb Purchase 000015413004269254; 24-618.

Affidavittransfer: Christen Michelle to Beyer Richard W, Beyer Darlene E - 30-90-23 SW Except Parcel B, Affidavit Explanatory of Title; 24-578.

Criminal

State of Iowa VS Jones, Amanda Lee, Serious Misdemeanor, Assault Causing Bodily Injury or Mental Illness. Defendant Pled Guilty And Was Sentenced to Two Days In Jail And Received \$430 Fine With A \$64.50 Surcharge And \$100 In Court Costs.

State of Iowa VS Morris, Justin Michael, Simple Misdemeanor, Theft 5th Degree. Defendant Pled Guilty And Was Fined \$105, \$15.75 In Surcharge And \$395 In Court Costs.

State of Iowa VS Negless, Dale Allen, Simple Misdemeanor, Interference With Official Acts. Defendant Pled Guilty And Was Fined \$250, \$37.50 In Surcharge, And \$60 In Court Costs.

Traffic

Singh, Arshdeep, of Fresno, CA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Jackson, Antawn Marques, of Douglasville, GA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Oxlaj Lopez, Manuel, of Williams, IA, No Valid Drivers License.

Vasquez, Francesca, of Fort Dodge, IA, Open Container - Passenger 21yrs Old or Older.

Bacon, Nikole Suzanne, of White Bear Lake, MN, Speeding Ovr 55 Zone (11 Thru 15 Over).

Montes De Oca, Antonio Romero, of Webster City, IA, Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adu.

Ahrends, Kim Christopher, of Clarion, IA, Speed-

ing 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Kovarik, Keith Richard, of Ankeny, IA, Speeding Ovr 55 Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Sjuts, Keith, of Saint Joseph, IL, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Ramirez Torres, Beatriz, of Worthington, MN, Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adu.

Ramirez Torres, Beatriz, of Worthington, MN, Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adu.

Olson, Kylee Jean, of Boone, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1 Thru 5 Over).

Garcia Saenz, Katheryne Abigail, of Webster City, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11 Thru 15 Over).

Lopez, Roberto C, of Eagle Grove, IA, No Valid Drivers License.

Matul, Edgar Gustavo, of Eagle Grove, IA, Open Container - Driver 21 Yrs Old And Older.

Lopez Chaves, Audelina Floridalma, of Eagle Grove, IA, No Valid Drivers License.

Jonnala, Nikhil, of Ann Arbor, MI, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (21 or Over).

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

Hyland, Kenneth Dale, of Rowan, IA, Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adu.

Zenon - Anastacio, Federico, of Clarion, IA, Failure to Use Child Restraint Device.

Rasaki, Yusuf Babatunde, of Webster City, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11 Thru 15 Over).

Nedved, Ryan Paul, of Garner, IA, Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adu.

Kakacek, Landen Mitchell, of Clarion, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1 Thru 5 Over).

Flink, William Keith, of Breda, IA, Maximum Group Axle Weight Violation - 2001 To.

Burgos, Nicole Leanne, of West Union, IA, Excessive Speed 6 Thru 10.

Reighard, Lindsay Marie, of Coulter, IA, Failure to Secure Child<18 Yoa.

Friedl, Elijah Jere, of Goldfield, IA, Failure to Obey Stop Sign.

Tejeda Murillo, Eddie, of Humboldt, IA, Failure to Provide Financial Liability.

Salazar-Rolon, Jose L, of Clarion, IA, Failure to Provide Financial Liability.

Rodriguez, Martin Omar, of Eagle Grove, IA, No Drivers License.

Small Claims

Lynn Funding V Nicolas Teran, Judgment For The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$1,131.14 Plus Interest At 7.22% Plus \$95 In Court Costs.

Hauge Associates, INC. V. Chelsea Grandgeorge, Judgment For The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$1,697.42 Plus Interest At 7.22% Plus \$95 In Court Costs.

Absolute Resolutions V Misty R Padilla, Judgment For The Plaintiff In The Amount of \$935.72 Plus Interest At 7.22% Plus \$95 In Court Costs.

Eagle Grove Police Report

April 25

11:14 AM: Information requested.

3:25 PM: Loose dogs reported in the 800 block of W. Broadway.

6:37 PM: Nuisance reported near Monroe & NW 10th.

April 26

5:35 AM: Assistance needed at Railroad tracks, Goldfield.

9:51 AM: Loose dog in the 300 block of S. Park.

10:54 AM: Return call requested.

11:19 AM: Return call requested.

12:05 PM: Return call requested.

1:38 PM: Return call requested.

2:16 PM: Met complainant.

3:36 PM: Complaint received.

5:33 PM: Constant dog barking reported in the 500 block of N. Cadwell Ave.

6:22 PM: Theft reported in the 400 block of S. Commercial Ave.

April 27

5:05 PM: Constant dog barking reported in the 100 block of S. Western.

April 28

4:54 AM: Alarm reported in the 1700 block of N. Iowa Ave.

5:10 AM: Theft reported in the 900 block of SW 2nd ST.

8:42 AM: Citizen providing information.

10:20 AM: Lost and found in the 200 block of S. Commercial.

3:43 PM: Met complainant.

4:25 PM: Return call requested.

8:14 PM: Traffic stop in the 600 block of S. Commercial.

10:05 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of HWY 3 & 17, Goldfield.

11:26 PM: Traffic stop at the intersection of NW 4th & N Garfield.

April 29

8:07 AM: Traffic stop in

the 300 block of NW 3rd.

11:50 AM: Alarm reported in the 200 block of W. Broadway.

7:15 PM: Traffic stop on HWY 17 N of Airport.

7:20 PM: Traffic stop near N Iowa & NW 11th ST.

April 30

1:44 AM: Traffic stop at the intersection of S. Commercial & SW 4th.

7:15 AM: Accident reported near HWY 3 & Main ST - No injuries.

8:07 AM: Loose dog reported.

9:32 AM: Assisted another Agency.

10:29 AM: Return call requested.

10:36 AM: Civil Service performed.

10:41 AM: Civil Service performed.

10:47 AM: Civil Service performed.

4:17 PM: Loose dog reported in the 700 block of S. Ave.

4:34 PM: Return call requested.

4:41 PM: Harassment reported.

May 1

4:38 AM: Traffic stop on HWY 17 W of Calhoun.

10:29 AM: Return call requested.

10:55 AM: Accident reported in the 400 block of NW 2nd ST.

12:03 PM: Driving complaint received.

1:41 PM: Return call requested.

2:16 PM: Return call requested.

2:29 PM: Assistance needed in the 500 block of NW 1st.

5:43 PM: Complaint received.

6:09 PM: Fight in progress in the 200 block of N. Garfield.

8:22 PM: Met complainant.

10:52 PM: Traffic stop on HWY 3 W of Calhoun Ave.

11:03 PM: Noise complaint received in the 1000 block of N Arthur Ave.

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BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Utility Board • April 22, 2024

**Utility Board Meeting Minutes
Monday April 22nd 2024
at 7:00 AM**
The meeting was called to order with trustees Peterson, Ryerson and Rethman. Absent: Bisson Also present: City Administrator Davis and Waste Water Superintendent Brockman.
A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Jeske to approve claims Roll Call: all ayes
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LYLE'S FORD-MERCURY, SEWER TRUCK REPAIRS.....260.00
MATT SOGARD, MILEAGE REIMB-WASTEWATER 3.....113.36
MISSISSIPPI LIME CO., STANDARD QUICKLINE.....7,880.62
P & P ELECTRIC, GENERATOR MAINT-WTR PLANT.....1,218.50
PACKARD ELECTRIC INC, DIGESTER REPAIR.....1,404.93
PRAIRIE ENERGY COOPERATIVE, ELECTRICITY-PRESTAGE LIFT STA.....2,037.20
SEWER REVENUE BOND SINKING, MONTHLY TSF.....110,000.00
SHUTTLEWORTH & INGERSOL PLC, LEGAL FEES-PRESTAGE.....56,391.74
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY, TESTING SVCS.....3,588.00

STEIN HEATING AND COOLING, BOILER PRESSURE REPAIR.....1,091.45
WOOLSTOCK MUTUAL TELEPHONE, INTERNET,PHONE.....278.42
ZIEGLER INC., GENERATOR CONTROLLER-PRESTAGE.....16,257.60
BRANDON BENNETT, UB Refund.....113.59
DERECK BUECHELE, UB Refund.....4.64
ORDALINA GARCI, UB Refund.....166.18
YESSSENIA LUCIA MORENO, UB Refund.....150.36
BENITEZ REYES, UB Refund.....174.16
Treasure, State of IA, Sales Tax & Wet tax.....15457.35
Postmaster, Postage Utility Bills.....524.75
Fund Totals
GENERAL.....130.00
WATER.....27763.28
METER DEPOSIT FUND.....608.93
SEWER.....183178.52
SEWER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT.....126,791.74
SEWER - CDBG.....2,420.00
SEWER SYSTEM IMPROV PRJ.....6,865.35
No action taken on 6" trash pump quote from Central Service
No action taken on Drying Bed Expansion Project.
A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Jeske to approve Entering Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(c) at 7:07am to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Roll Call: all ayes
A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Rethman to approve Exit Closed Session at 7:21am. Roll Call: all ayes
A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Jeske to approve Resolution UB2024-10: A Resolution Approving a Full and Final Settlement Agreement & Release. Roll Call Vote: all ayes
Department Reports were given.
A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Jeske to adjourn at 7:23 am.
Secretary

BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Wright County Board of Supervisors • April 22, 2024

April 22, 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 Helgevoid absent.
Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.
Minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 15, 2024 were read and approved.
Approved claims for payment.
In open forum, Bob Watts spoke about the CO2 pipeline leak that happened in Louisiana and took two hours for responders from the pipeline to respond. The local emergency responders asked people to shelter in place that were within a quarter mile.
Sandy McGrath, Wright County Public Health Administrator, mentioned that individuals 65 years and older are eligible to get their second boost on the new COVID vaccination. Those are available at Public Health.
Courtney Morris, Drainage Administrator, presented an invoice from McClure Engineering for the Summit Carbon Solution Pipeline expenses. The invoice received from McClure Engineering in November 2023 totaled \$6,752.50 for charges related to the pipeline. The dates of these charges began February 15, 2022 through October 24, 2023. McClure Engineering and Snyder & Associates were appointed by the Supervisors and Drainage District Trustees April 17, 2023. Prior to this date the Board was in discussion with another engineering firm. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen, acting as Drainage District Trustees, to submit the McClure Engineering invoice with the added notations concerning their employment after April 17, 2023. Although the total invoice is for \$6,382.50, Wright County is requesting payment/reimbursement of \$920.00 to cover the services provided by Snyder & Associates through McClure Engineering. Motion carries.
Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to open the public hearing for the Fiscal Year 2025 Wright County Budget at 9:20 a.m. Motion carries.
There were no verbal or written comments made.
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to close the public hearing at 9:22 a.m. Motion carries.
Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve Resolution 2024-15, a resolution for the adoption of budget and certification of taxes for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 per Iowa Code 331.434(5). By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss and

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BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Utility Board • April 17, 2024

**Utility Board Meeting Minutes
Monday April 17nd 2024
at 7:00 AM**
The meeting was called to order with trustees Peterson, Ryerson, Bisson and Rethman. Also present: Waste Water Superintendent Brockman.
A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Bisson to approve March 05, March 13th and March 27 2024 minutes and claims Roll Call: all ayes
Wastewater Superintendent gave an overview on the quote for 6" trash pump quote from Central Service. No Action Taken

Wastewater Superintendent gave an overview on Drying Bed Expansion Project. No Action Taken
A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Rethman to approve Resolution UB2024-09: A Resolution Setting a Date for Public Hearing to Consider Rates, Fees, and Policies for Water and Sewer Users. Roll Call Vote: all ayes
Department Reports were given.
No action taken to move into Closed Session per Iowa code 21.5(c).
A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Bisson to adjourn at 7:45 am.
Secretary

SPECIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
City of Eagle Grove • April 22, 2024

**Special Council Meeting
Monday April 22nd, 2024**
Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Axtell, Pamperin, Vandewater and Limerick. Also present: City Administrator Davis, City Finance Officer Willard and City Attorney Legvold.
Public Forum: Richard Cahalan mentioned that he has not seen any activity around the Rec Center while at Greenwood Park. He also wants to know where the budget may have been cut for the loan provided to the Rec Center, the progress, the terms of the loan, when it was due, etc.
Mayor Boyd called the Public Hear-

ing on Adopting the FY 2024-2025 Annual Budget for the City of Eagle Grove at 6:34pm. No oral or written comments were provided. With no further discussion, Mayor Boyd closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.
A motion was made by Pamperin and seconded by Axtell to approve Resolution 2024-45: A Resolution Adopting the FY2024-2025 Annual Budget for the City of Eagle Grove. Roll Call Vote: all ayes
A motion was made by Limerick and seconded by Lorenzen to adjourn meeting at 6:38pm. Roll Call: all ayes
*Mayor
City Administrator*

SPECIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
City of Eagle Grove • April 22, 2024

**Special Council Meeting
Monday April 22nd, 2024**
Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:37p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Axtell, Pamperin, Vandewater and Limerick. Also present: City Administrator Davis, City Finance Officer Willard and City Attorney Legvold.
Public Forum: None
A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Pamperin to approve the Consent Agenda. Roll Call: All ayes
Beer/Liquor Licenses: Dollar General #2406 (613 South Commercial)
A motion was made by Vandewater and seconded by Pamperin to approve Downtown Awning Re-

imbursement Grant for 209 West Broadway and not 213 West Broadway as the agenda title was incorrect. Roll call: all ayes
A motion was made by Vandewater and seconded by Lorenzen to approve Resolution 2024-46: A Resolution Designating a Nuisance Abatement Contractor. Roll Call Vote: all ayes
Department Reports were given relating to nuisance abatement, Aquatic Center progress, Seasonal Weed Spraying, and Spruce Drive. A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Axtell to adjourn meeting at 6:55pm. Roll Call: all ayes
*Mayor
City Administrator*

Grain Fund Bill Had Support But Ran Out Of Time

by Jared Strong
There is consensus among state lawmakers to update a fund that protects farmers when corn and soybean buyers go bankrupt, but a bill related to that goal failed this year because others took priority, according to a lawmaker who managed it.
“We ran a little bit short of time,” said Rep. Dave Deyoe, R-Nevada, who managed the bill in the Iowa House.
Senate File 2401 gained unanimous approval in the Senate in early April, less than three weeks before the legislative session ad-

journed. The bill would have roughly doubled the typical operating balance of the state’s Grain Indemnity Fund with a minimum of \$8 million and a maximum of \$16 million.
The current minimum and maximum is \$3 million and \$8 million. When the balance falls below the minimum, the state collects a quarter-cent-per-bushel fee on initial grain sales until the fund reaches the maximum.
The fund covers 90% of farmers’ losses — up to \$300,000 per sale — when they aren’t paid by grain buyers, often when the buy-

ers go bankrupt.
It gained the attention of lawmakers last year when a string of bankruptcies threatened to deplete its reserves, which led to a reinstatement of the per-bushel fee for the first time in more than 30 years.
There was disagreement last year among lawmakers about whether to alter the fee collection. Some supported a measure to siphon money from a long-standing assessment on corn sales that is used to promote the industry, but that bill was broadly opposed by agricultural groups.

Deyoe said the dispute delayed the discussion of a new bill: “There was some reluctance early on to take it up this year because of what had happened last year. And then, we were kind of surprised at the last minute when they basically ran the bill through the Senate and sent it over to us.”
The bill also had a provision to extend the fund’s coverage to credit-sale contracts, when farmers sell their grain but aren’t paid for it soon after. Those transactions are generally viewed as riskier for farmers, and some House lawmakers were con-

cerned about extending coverage to them, Deyoe said.
The Iowa Farm Bureau Federation supported the provision: “Every (other) state that has a grain indemnity fund provides some form of protection for credit-sale contracts,” Matt Gronewald, state policy advisor for the group, said in February.
The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, which helps manage the fund, supported the overall bill.
“We anticipate there will be ongoing discussions with industry stakeholders and

legislators leading up to next session about what, if any, changes should be addressed,” said Don McDowell, a spokesperson for the department.
The legislative delay is not expected to affect the fund’s coverage for farmers. The fund began to replenish last year, and it had a balance of about \$3.5 million in mid April, said James Kennedy, chief of IDALS’s grain warehouse bureau.
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ProPublica Wins Pulitzer Prize for Supreme Court Coverage

by ProPublica
Editor's note: ProPublica is one of many nonprofit news sources which produce content to be republished by newspapers with less news staff, enabling those and other publications to inform their readers with quality news coverage and investigative reporting. The fact that they have now won their seventh Pulitzer Prize, long considered to be journalism's highest honor, shows exactly why we at the Eagle Grove Eagle are proud to publish their content.
ProPublica won the prestigious public service Pulitzer Prize for what the judges described as “groundbreaking and ambitious reporting that pierced the thick wall of secrecy surrounding the Supreme Court to reveal how a small group of politically

influential billionaires wooed justices with lavish gifts and travel, pushing the Court to adopt its first code of conduct.” The prize is given to the staff of a news organization that performed “meritorious public service.” It is the seventh Pulitzer Prize for ProPublica.
The Pulitzer Board also recognized a collaboration between The Texas Tribune, ProPublica and FRONTLINE as a finalist in the explanatory reporting category. The investigation provided a detailed analysis of the deeply flawed law enforcement response to the mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. The designation is ProPublica’s 17th Pulitzer finalist in 16 years.
ProPublica’s “Friends of the Court” series uncovered

the biggest ethics scandal to hit the Supreme Court in the modern era. Reporters Justin Elliott, Joshua Kaplan, Alex Mierjeski, Brett Murphy and Kirsten Berg pierced decades of judicial secrecy and uncovered major gifts to justices from a small set of politically influential donors.
The series began a national conversation about ethics and judicial reform of the Supreme Court. In response to ProPublica’s reporting, the court announced in November that it had unanimously adopted the first ethics code in its 234-year history. Justice Clarence Thomas for the first time acknowledged that he should have reported selling real estate to billionaire Harlan Crow in 2014, writing in his annual financial disclosure form that he “inadvertently failed to real-

ize” that the deal needed to be disclosed. Thomas also disclosed receiving three private jet trips from Crow, two of which ProPublica had already reported. The Senate Judiciary Committee voted to authorize subpoenas of Crow and conservative legal activist Leonard Leo as part of its ongoing effort to investigate ethics lapses by justices.
In the series honored as a Pulitzer finalist in explanatory reporting, the Tribune, ProPublica and FRONTLINE used a trove of unreleased investigative files to produce a startling and exhaustive investigation of the Uvalde shooting, which included a documentary. It revealed what no one else had: States across the country are providing devastatingly insufficient training for law enforcement to confront a

mass shooter, leaving critical and long-overlooked gaps in preparedness between children and the officers expected to protect them. The series involved the work of Lomi Kriel, Lexi Churchill, Perla Trevizo and Jessica Priest for ProPublica and the Tribune; Jinitzail Hernández and Zach Despart for the Tribune; and Juanita Ceballos, Michelle Mizner and Lauren Prestileo for FRONTLINE.
After the news investigation, U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland unveiled the findings of a federal probe into the response. Garland pointed to missteps that led to delays in confronting the shooter. Then he turned to what he said was the biggest failure, one that required the most urgent action to avoid another colossal breakdown such as the one that cost lives

that day: the lack of sufficient active shooter training for law enforcement. Garland’s comments validated the investigation’s finding that there is an astounding dearth of such instruction around the country.
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UpLift to continue despite new law banning local government funding

by Robin Opsahl
Although Iowa has a new law preventing local governments from funding guaranteed income programs, the UpLift program in Iowa plans to continue through outside support.
Gov. Kim Reynolds signed House File 2319 into law Wednesday. The measure prevents cities and counties from implementing programs that support supplemental incomes to residents with no work requirements or restrictions on how the funds are spent. The new law gives the state attorney general’s office the ability to send cease-and-desist letters to local governments that attempt to violate the ban.
The new law will largely affect funding for the UpLift pilot program currently underway in central Iowa. The 24-month study provides 110 people — individuals in Polk, Dallas and Warren counties with household incomes at or below 60% the area median

income and with at least one dependent in their household — with \$500 per month.
The program, led by the Harkin Institute for Public Policy & Citizen Engagement, was launched as a research project evaluating the impact of guaranteed income on participants’ health, quality of life and financial security. The Center for Guaranteed Income Research at the University of Pennsylvania and Des Moines University’s public health team is leading research on the results.
Currently, the cities of Des Moines, Urbandale and Windsor Heights, and Polk County are partially funding the program, in collaboration with private partners including Wells Fargo, Principal and Mid-Iowa Health foundations and groups like the United Way of Central Iowa.
Under the new law, UpLift will no longer be able to receive funding through the cities and counties the program is currently working with

beginning Jan. 1, 2025. The program, launched in May 2023, is set to conclude in May 2025 — meaning there will be at least five months when UpLift planned to receive local government funding that will no longer be available.
However, Ashley Ezzio and Michael Berger, project coordinators with UpLift, said in a statement that the team behind the program plans to continue the project and publish results on the original schedule.
“With an 11-member funder group, the investment in UpLift is diverse,” Ezzio and Berger said in a statement. “Due to multiple funding streams, the pilot will continue under its full design of 24 months of payments and the sharing of final research findings in the summer of 2026. UpLift’s Project Coordination Team and Research Teams will publish and share these findings widely with the Central Iowa

community to inform policy and resource discussions regarding potential solutions to address the growing needs of low-income, working families in our communities.”
While the UpLift program is continuing on its original schedule, supporters of the program have decried the new law for preventing local governments from researching and investing in different ways to address issues like poverty in their own communities. Matthew Reed, executive director of The Harkin Institute, called the new law a mistake.
“We supported UpLift — The Central Basic Income Pilot to find out if a basic income program would work in Iowa,” Reed said in a statement after the law was signed. “To judge the program before seeing results from the research study is a mistake.”
During debate on the bill, Democrats argued the measure overrides local control.

Sen. Janice Weiner, D-Iowa City, said local governments should have the authority to test methods like guaranteed income programs, especially as no state funding is being used by local governments to finance initiatives like UpLift.
“This is the province of local government — to experiment, to see what works, to run pilot programs,” Weiner said. “If it doesn’t work, if people don’t like them, they won’t be elected the next time. It’s the place for these sorts of of experiments.”
However, Republicans argued that guaranteed income programs have been researched and tested elsewhere in both America and abroad — and said results have shown government incomes do not help alleviate poverty. In the House, floor manager Rep. Steven Holt, R-Denison, cited studies that suggest guaranteed income programs effectively subsidize employers paying low

wages and offering inconsistent work, as well as citing research on guaranteed income from the the 1960s and 1970s finding that people who receive such benefits work fewer hours than people who do not.
Holt has also called guaranteed income programs “socialism on steroids” and an “attack on American values.” He said problems with these benefit programs mean state action was necessary.
“In this case, the importance of protecting our work ethic and preventing an increase in government dependence trumps the local control argument,” Holt said. “Just as we do not allow cities and counties to have differing laws on murder, we’re not going to allow cities and counties to murder our work ethic.”
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New Report Details Low Staffing, High Turnover in Iowa Nursing Homes

by Clark Kauffman
More than 43% of all Iowa nursing homes do not meet upcoming federal mandates on staffing levels, a new national report shows.
The report also indicates 21 Iowa care facilities each cycled through three to five nursing home administrators during 2023.
Using newly published data collected by the federal government, a nonprofit advocacy group called the Long-Term Care Community Coalition issued a detailed report this week outlining the staffing levels at every Medicare-certified nursing home in the nation during the fourth quarter of 2023.
The report compares actual staffing levels with the Biden administration’s new rule mandating specific staffing levels in Medicare-certified nursing homes. That rule requires the presence of a registered nurse 24 hours per day, seven days a week in all facilities, as well as 3.48 hours per day, per resident of total nursing-staff time.
The rule will be phased in

over the next five years and includes exemptions and waivers for facilities in rural areas that are making a good-faith effort to meet the new mandates.
The coalition’s report shows that 6 in 10 of all U.S. nursing homes would have met the new nurse-staffing standard of 3.48 hours in the fourth quarter of 2023. Iowa homes fell below the national average, with 56.5% of them meeting the new standard.
The fact that a majority of facilities already meet the new minimum standard while still facing quality-of-care issues has been an issue with many advocates who say the standards don’t go far enough. They point to a federal study that shows each resident needs at least 4.1 hours of nursing care each day — which is a standard met by only 26% of all nursing homes nationally and 24% of all homes in Iowa, according to the coalition’s report.
The report indicates the Iowa homes with the lowest nurse staffing levels in the fourth quarter of 2023 were

Arbor Springs of West Des Moines, Midlands Living Center of Council Bluffs, Linn Haven Rehab & Health Care of New Hampton, Pleasant Acres Care Center of Hull, Northbrook Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center of Cedar Rapids, Crest Haven Care Centre of Creston and Aspire of Perry. All reported less than 2.5 hours of total nursing care per resident, per day, according to the report.
A separate set of data published by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services indicates that 14% of Iowa’s 422 nursing facilities were cited for insufficient staffing in fiscal year 2023. That’s more than double the national average, which was 5.9%.
Only five other states — Hawaii, Michigan, Montana, New Mexico and Oregon — had a worse record of compliance with the sufficient-staffing requirement. Iowa’s neighboring states of Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Missouri had no more than 2% to 6.8% of their facilities cited for insuf-

ficient staffing in 2023.
Report pinpoints high turnover in some Iowa homes
The report also highlights a problem in many nursing homes nationwide: high staff turnover, which disrupts continuity of care and leads to errors by workers who aren’t familiar with residents’ needs.
According to the data, several Iowa homes had annual nurse staffing turnover rates of more than 85%, indicating that, on average, almost every nursing position in the facilities had been vacated and refilled in 2023.
The Iowa homes with the highest rate of nursing-staff turnover, ranging from 85% to 100%, were Risen Son Christian Village of Council Bluffs, Sunrise Retirement Community of Sioux City, Wesley Acres of Des Moines, Arbor Springs of West Des Moines, Dunlap Specialty Care, Azria Health Park Place of Des Moines, Sunny Knoll Care Centre of Rockwell City, and Montezuma Specialty Care.
The report also identifies

the Iowa nursing homes that had the highest number of administrators who left employment with the facility during 2023.
The Elmwood Care Centre of Onawa and Heritage Specialty Care of Cedar Rapids, are each reported to have had five administrators who left the facility in 2023. Azria Health Park Place of Des Moines, Sunny Knoll Care Centre of Rockwell City, Crest Haven Care Centre of Creston, Cedar Falls Health Care Center, Premier Estates of Muscatine, Westwood Specialty Care of Sioux City, Casa De Paz Health Care Center of Sioux City, Wesley Park Centre of Newton, and Garden View Care Center of Shenandoah each are reported to have had four administrators leave during the year. Ten other Iowa nursing homes had three administrators leave during the year.
The coalition’s report shows that nationally, 4 out of 5 nursing home residents live in facilities that are providing less than the federally recommended, but not man-

dated, 4.1 hours of total nursing-staff time per resident, per day. In addition, more than half a million nursing home residents live in facilities that don’t meet the new federal staffing requirement of 3.48 hours.
The report suggests one positive trend in nursing homes: a decreased reliance on temp-agency workers who often cost more but are less familiar with individual residents’ needs. After years of increased use of temp-agency workers during the pandemic, the use of such workers nationwide accounted for 8% of all nursing staff hours, which is down from 8.7% the previous quarter.
In Iowa, the average percentage of temp-agency workers was 7.3% in the last quarter of 2023, which was down slightly from 7.6% the previous quarter, and down significantly from 10.2% the previous year.
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"Small Moments of Joy"

With the school year nearing its end, the Elementary school shared some "small moments of joy in our everyday school life" on Facebook. Here are a few of the photos they shared, for posterity. (Screenshots, Eagle Grove Elementary 2023-2024/Facebook)



K-1 Concert

"Our kindergarteners and first graders put on a fantastic concert this evening. Kudos to Ms. Tweenen and our students for their hard work in preparing for tonight's performance! It was great!" (Facebook)



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

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Choo Choo! 2nd Graders Hit the Rails

Scenes from the second grade field trip show the majesty of the scenery and the joy of an outing between parents and their kids, and their classmates, on The Boone & Scenic Valley Railroad. (Screenshots, Eagle Grove Elementary 2023-2024/Facebook)



Happy Birthday, Cupcakes

In what has been a "new tradition" this year, High School Family and Consumer Sciences students baked and served cupcakes to birthday kids at the Elementary school, this time to celebrate April birthdays. The tradition may be new, but it sure is sweet! (Screenshots, Eagle Grove Elementary 2023-2024/Facebook)





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SPORTS

Feske Takes Back Top of Iowa Conference Title

**By Taylor Smith
Sports Editor**
Going into last Thursday's Top of Iowa-West Conference track meet, senior sensation Ayden Feske already had two conference titles to her name in the 100m Dash.

In her junior campaign, Colette Loges of Forest City upset her, but Feske had a chance for redemption in the final go around of her high school career. The Eagle Grove sprinter would take back her title in spectacular fashion on an

overcast evening in Belmond. She defeated Loges and the rest of the field to bring home gold with a blistering time of 12.63. Feske also earned 5th in the 200 with a time of 27.83. Addy Jeske won a con-

ference title with a dominating performance in the long jump. She was runner-up in the two previous seasons. Freshman Brylee Mrla brought home the long jump silver this year with a jump of 15'4". Celeste Figueroa fin-

ished the 200 in 28.91 for 9th place. Jaymie Anderson ran the 400m Hurdles in 1:20 for 7th place. Addyson Jeske, Figueroa, Mya Morgan, and Feske brought home bronze in the 4x100 with a time of 52.99 and 4th in

the 4x200 with a time of 1:53. Rynn and Reese Ettinger placed 7th and 8th in the discus for Eagle Grove. Catch the girls in action at Roland-Story on May 9th for their state qualifying meet.



Ayden Feske won the 100m title by a hundredth of a second.



Addy Jeske leapt 16'7" in the long jump for the conference title.



Head Coach Andy Ettinger looks on as Reese Ettinger throws the discus (photos by Taylor Smith).

EGHS Jumpers Excel At Conference Meet

**By Taylor Smith
Sports Editor**
Despite gloomy weather conditions earlier in the day, the Eagle Grove boys track and field team was able to compete in Belmond last Thursday at the Top of Iowa-West Conference Championships. Sophomore Landon Mrla brought home 4th place in the long jump with a leap of 19'5". Classmate Cooper Thacker jumped 16'7" in the same event to place 12th. Syrus Willard added to the Eagles' success in the field events, clearing 5'8" in high jump for a 5th place finish. The shuttle hurdle team of Evan Cooper, Reece Demuth, Trenton Robinson, and Landon Mrla took 5th place with a time of 1:14. Arturo Reyna, Leelan Spencer, Drake Canavan, and Noah Thul stormed to a 5th place finish in the sprint medley. Spencer would also take 5th in the 100 with a time of 11.61. Zabdi Castro, Felix Reyes, Felix Gonzalez, and Braylon Kling ran the 4x800 in 9:21 for 5th. Drake Canavan earned 6th in the open 400 with a time of 53.35 and 5th in the 200 with a time of 24.24. Forest City won the meet with a team score of 173. The Eagles finished 8th with 17 team points.



Freshman Gavin Pedersen placed 11th in the high jump.



Cooper Thacker looks to take flight in the long jump (photos by Taylor Smith).

GHV Hosts Eagle Golfers In Hancock County

**By Taylor Smith
Sports Editor**
Eagle Grove boys and girls golfers took a trip to Garner Golf and Country Club last Monday, April 29th for a triangular against Forest City and Garner-Hayfield-Ventura. For the girls, EGHS finished second in their standings with a team total of 223. Kennedy Thacker shot a 43 to lead the Eagles. She finished 4th overall. Senior Julia Gardner shot a 52 to tie for 6th place. Piper Willard (56) and Caitlin Christopher (72) also competed for the purple and gold. On the boys' side, Connor Christopher led the Eagles with a 44. Brett Ascherl and Brody Allen were neck in neck, shooting 45 and 46, respectively. Evan Thul was the last scorer for EGHS with a 49.

Sprinters Take Silver in Iowa Falls

**By Taylor Smith
Sports Editor**
On Monday, April 29th, the Eagle Grove girls track and field team had a meet in Iowa Falls against the Cadets. Bishop Garrigan, Grundy Center, St. Edmond, and Webster City were also in attendance. In the field events, Rynn Ettinger brought home bronze in the Discus with a personal best throw of 91'11". Kendra Schild had her best ever attempt in the High Jump, finishing 4th place with a leap of 4'2". Addy Jeske (3rd) and Brylee Mrla (5th) earned medals in the Long Jump for the Eagles. Sophomore Jaymie Anderson continued to drop her times in the hurdlng events. She finished 6th in the 100m Hurdles (18.80) and 4th in the 400m Hurdles (1:21). The quartet of Addy Jeske, Celeste Figueroa, Mya Morgan, and Ayden Feske took 2nd place in the 4x100 and 4x200. Webster City captured gold in each of the sprint relays by a nose. Ayden Feske earned 2nd place in the 100 with a time of 12.97 and 5th place in the 200 with a time of 28.81.



Freshman Brylee Mrla focuses in the Distance Medley (photo by Andrew Shaw).

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