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Reading Buddies and Mama Cats Team Up for Summer Reading Program

by Edward Lynn
Editor

As Eagle Grove no longer has a summer reading program Reading Buddies of Iowa, INC and the Mama Cats PTO have joined forces to create a new reading program, which will kick off on Monday, June 24th in an event at Hewitt Park, scheduled for 6:30 PM. The event will feature fun activities for kids, and FREE donuts courtesy of the Eagle Grove Scouts.

"Our hope is to bridge the gap during the summer in literacy, to keep the kids active and make reading fun," said Nicole Nicoletti of the Mama Cats.

The program will have a fun theme. "We wanted to do a scavenger hunt," said Nicoletti. "Then we had the idea for 'Reading Detectives', and we thought that would be fun!"

Young readers, or "recruits" will be "deputized" as Reading Detectives, and given a mission to find several reading bears at local businesses. "Through your super sleuthing and reading skills you'll help us solve the case," read a promotional flier.

Clues as to where the bears might be found will be posted on the Mama Cats and Reading Bears of Iowa Facebook pages weekly, and will also be published in the Eagle

Grove Eagle newspaper. Reading Detectives will be challenged to solve the riddles in the clues, to uncover where the bears are hiding.

At each business with a bear the Reading Detectives will be rewarded with a page out of a coloring book. By visiting all the participating businesses, readers can assemble the entire Reading Bears coloring book for themselves. And they are encouraged to keep these pages "as evidence" that they completed the weekly missions.

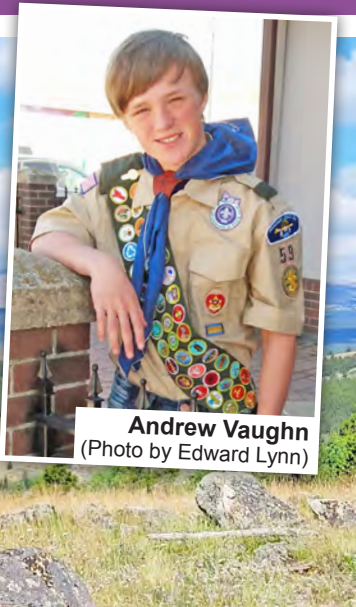
Readers will also be challenged to read 8 age appropriate books of their choice through the summer. "Just so long as the kids are reading... As long as they keep their noses in a book, we're open to any books they might choose," said Nicoletti. "We don't want them to feel like it's homework. We want them to enjoy their reading!"

The program will run for 7 weeks, and two clues will be released per week.

Then, participants are encouraged to rendezvous on April 16th (time and location to be announced) with their list of books they've read over the summer, and their completed coloring books, for a chance to win a "Super Secret Agent Commission".



Vaughn and other troop members and leaders in the Bighorn mountains in Wyoming. (Photo courtesy of Rick Dawson)



Andrew Vaughn
(Photo by Edward Lynn)

'Fastest' Eagle Scout Yet - Local Scout Aims for Eagle Scout Rank at 13

by Edward Lynn
Editor

Andrew Vaughn's scouting career began in Webster City, as a cub scout in Pack 563, Den 10. But when he graduated out of cub scouting and into regular scouting, it only took him three and a half months to switch to the Eagle Grove troop instead. "He enjoys community activities," said his Mom Melissa Vaughn, by way of explanation. And there were more opportunities to do more activities in Eagle Grove.

"Hard to catch a breath, even," said his father Jay Thomas, with a laugh, "that's how active it is!"

Vaughn certainly has kept busy. In relating his experiences in scouting, he gave a long list of experiences.

He earned his Trail Expert ranking on the Bighorn Trail in Wyoming. He spent a weekend camping in "cold weather conditions" at Springbrook Park in Guthrie County, and created a trail through the park using hand tools. He did 500 pushups to raise money for Toys for Tots, and gathered food for the food pantry in the troop's canoe at Fareway. He got to go kayaking, and other water activities, and he learned how to sail. He was inducted into the elite scouting fellowship Order of the Arrow.

Asked about his worst experience scouting, Andrew related taking a 30 mile hike recently. "It started off with me thinking I could jog it," Vaughn said, "and we got to 20 miles and my feet were hurting and my back hurt." It was "super windy," Vaughn explained, but he didn't want

to let Dustin Dawson, who was leading the hike, down. "Then I reached down and did the rest of the way."

His best experience in scouting? "Going to Bighorn," Vaughn said, enthusiastically. "Climbing mountains, REAL mountains!" The scenery was majestic, he recalled and they were so remote that they couldn't even get a cellular signal without work. "You had to climb over rocks to the top, because you're down in this area with mountains all

around, so you couldn't get any internet."

This summer, Vaughn is looking forward to going to Boundary Waters.

Vaughn will have been in the Eagle Grove troop for two years, come August. But at just 13 years old, he's already a life scout, the second highest rank in scouting, and closing in on the Eagle Scout rank. Scoutmaster Dawson said he thinks Vaughn is likely to achieve that rank before he turns 14.

"That will be the fastest

I've had a scout achieve the Eagle Scout rank," said Dawson with pride. "That is 'Alive, Awake, Alert, Enthusiastic!'"

Dawson said Vaughn's go-getter attitude has "inspired other kids to get more merit badges and do more projects" to keep up with him. "A lot of kids look up to Andrew. They can't believe how fast he's achieved the ranks! He's helped out the troop immensely."

"I came into the troop and I told the leaders I wanted to achieve," Vaughn said, noting he wanted to beat his brother, Eagle Scout Landon Vaughn. Andrew was impressed with all the merit badges Dustin Dawson had amassed, he said, and he really respected and looked up to Dustin. But he quickly surpassed him, earning even more merit badges than Dawson had.

"Keep it up," was all Dustin had to say.

"I love getting all the merit badges that I can," Vaughn said.

Vaughn also over-achieved on conservation projects. When technically one project would have done well enough to earn his Eagle Scout rank, Vaughn has taken on three, all at Eagle Scout project levels.

First, after realizing a need, Vaughn raised the funds to build and installed some fishing line recycling receptacles at Lake Cornelia. "We only spent a few minutes on the shore, and saw lots of line," said Vaughn. So just



Andrew Vaughn poses with the fishing line recycling station he installed at Lake Cornelia. (Photo by Jay Thomas)

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Eagle Grove Paramedic Earns WHC Scholarship

by Edward Lynn
Editor

WAVERLY – Eagle Grove Paramedic Leland Williams, also formerly a member of the Eagle Grove Police De-

partment, has earned a Waverly Health Center (WHC) Auxiliary Scholarship, according to a press release from the institution.

Williams is one of 11 recipients of the scholarships this year. \$12,000 in scholarships total were awarded. The scholarships were to individuals within the WHC's service area who are completing or have completed one year of education in a health career field, and who have completed the General Educational Development (GED) tests, or are high school graduates.

The scholarships are funded with profits from a variety of fundraisers held throughout the year, sponsored by

the WHC Auxiliary, including the WHC Gift Garden. "Special thanks to all WHC Auxiliary members, community members and hospital staff for supporting these fundraisers," the release read, "WHC wishes the best to all recipients!"

The full list of 2024 scholarship recipients is:

– Leland Williams, Eagle Grove – Paramedic, Iowa Central Community College
– Kelsey Hackenmiller, Waverly – Doctor of Nursing Practice, Allen College
– Kaitlin Hilmer, Waverly – Master of Science in Nursing, Allen College
– Emily Ivey, Waverly – Master of Occupational Therapy, Allen College

– Talbot Kinney, DeWitt – Bachelor of Science in Biology, Wartburg College

– Bailey Krull, Waverly – Master of Nursing in Leadership and Administration, Mount Mercy University

– Raegen Matthews, Urbandale – Medical Student, University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine

– Miranda Popham, Clarksville – Doctor of Nursing Practice, Allen College

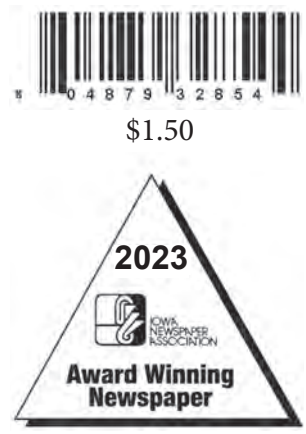
– Gayle Robinson, Janesville – Paramedic, Hawkeye Community College

– Stella Solheim, Cedar Falls – Nursing, Allen College

– Isabel Thier, Waverly – Nursing, Mount Mercy University



Leland Williams is a 2024 WHC Scholarship awardee. (Photo courtesy of Waverly Health Center)



Happenings

Chapter EJ met May 14th at the home of Muriel Gearhart. 11 members attended. President Bev Wilde conducted the meeting. The ceremony of initiation was exemplified. The program on International projects was given but Dianne Reiland and Barb Dooley. Dianne a Reiland was recognized on her retirement June 30th after working 22 years as the high school secretary. On May 10th, Chapter EJ was 111 years old. Lunch was served by Muriel Gearhart.

Swimmer's Itch Reported in Area Lake

Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing

Clarion, IA - The Lake Cornelia Improvement Association announced on Monday, June 3, that there were reported cases of Swimmer Itch from Lake Cornelia.

Swimmer's Itch or cercarial dermatitis is a skin rash caused by an allergic reaction to microscopic parasites that infect birds and mammals.

According to the CDC:

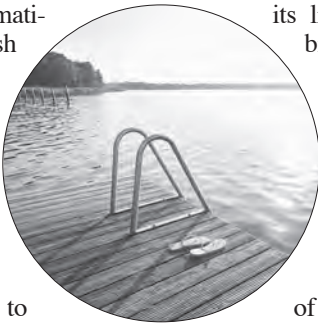
"These parasites are released from infected snails into fresh and saltwater (such as lakes, ponds, and oceans). While the parasite's preferred host is the specific bird or mammal, if the parasite comes into contact with a swimmer, it burrows into the skin causing an allergic reaction and rash. Swimmer's itch is found throughout the world and is more frequent during summer months."

Within minutes to days after swimming in infected water, someone can experience a tingling, itching, or burning feeling on the skin. Small reddish bumps appear within twelve hours. Small blisters may appear and a secondary bacterial infection can occur. Itching can last up to a week.

According to the CDC, there is no way to know how long water infected with the parasites will be a problem. Larvae, once released from the host snail, can survive for 24 hours. An infected snail will continue to produce cercariae throughout its life. Migratory birds or mammals in the area must also be infected so the lifecycle can continue. Most cases of swimmer's itch do not require medical attention. If you have a rash, the CDC suggests trying:

- Applying corticosteroid cream or an anti-itch lotion
- Using cool compresses on the affected areas
- Bathe in Epsom salts, baking soda, or colloidal oatmeal baths

Avoid scratching the area. Scratching can cause the rash to become infected. If itching is severe, contact your healthcare provider. The Lake Cornelia Improvement Association further shared, "Maintaining good swimming hygiene and taking preventive measures can significantly reduce the risk of contracting swimmer's itch. Please direct questions to the DNR or your medical provider."



Close Contests in County GOP Primaries

Amanda Rink, Mid America Publishing

In a closely contested race for County Board of Supervisors District 1, Rick Rasmussen narrowly counted ahead of Greg Schipull with a vote count of 581 to Schipull's 569.

In District 2, incumbent Karl Helgevold was replaced with Ashley Bosch, who secured 588 votes to Helgevold's 560 in the Republican primary. "I feel very blessed to have this opportunity to serve the people of Wright County

as one of their supervisors. Thank you to all the voters and I'm looking forward to doing the best I can to make Wright County an exciting and inviting place to live, work, and raise a family," stated Bosch.

District 3 saw incumbent Dean Kluss win his nomination unopposed.

In District 4, Lynn Loux won the Republican nomination against Rick McDaniel. Betty Ellis won the coveted representation of District 5 against Todd Foss and Richard Echelberger.

For countywide positions, Amanda Meyer secured the Republican nomination for County Auditor, replacing Betty Ellis. Sheriff Jason Schluttenhofer won his nomination for another term for Wright County.

These results indicate that the primary winners are set to secure their spots in the general election, barring any unforeseen circumstances, with no Democratic challengers in the upcoming November election.

(* indicates winner)
District 1

Rick Rasmussen: 581 votes*
Greg Schipull: 569 votes
Supervisor District 2
Karl Helgevold: 560 votes
Ashley Bosch: 588 votes*
Supervisor District 3:
Dean Kluss: 1025 votes (uncontested)
Supervisor District 4
Lynn Loux: 794 votes*
Rick McDaniel: 309 votes
Supervisor District 5
Richard Mark Echelberger: 129 votes
Betty Ellis: 556 votes*
Todd Foss: 475 votes

Primary Losers Could Change Parties, Run in General Election, Supervisors Told

by Lee van der Linden

Two candidates for Wright County Supervisor who lost in the primary election last week could still be on the general election ballot in November, thanks to write-in votes.

The board of supervisors heard June 10 about a quirk in Iowa law which would allow the two men to stay in the races for the District 1 and 5 seats.

Greg Schipull, who lost to incumbent Rick Rasmussen by 12 votes in District 1, could run on the Libertarian ticket in November. Schipull was the only person receiving write-in votes on the Lib-

ertarian ballots that were cast June 4.

Todd Foss, who lost to Betty Ellis in a three-way race in District 5, received more than 35 percent of the write-in votes cast by Democratic voters last week. That means he could run as a Democrat in November.

Schipull and Foss were contacted by the auditor's office after Monday's vote canvass. They have seven days to file as candidates for the November ballot.

The men can run with different party affiliations for the same seats that they lost in the primary since they were the write-in win-

ners. The new "sore loser" law passed recently in Iowa does not apply to that situation.

County Auditor Betty Ellis said "everything was perfect" during the election and the resulting post-election audit required by the state. Ellis added that there were no issues at the polls and no problems with cybersecurity.

In other business, the supervisors:

- heard that the new bridge on C-70 will "hopefully" be open by July 4 if the weather cooperates during the rest of the project;
- heard from County

Engineer Adam Clemons that rural residents should avoid blowing grass onto the gravel roads while mowing. "It's a huge problem for the guys when they are blading the roads," Clemons said;

—approved the fuel bid for 2024-25 from AgVantage FS. The company submitted the lowest price among the four bidders;

—approved the final bill on the Galt blacktop paving. The total cost was \$599,000;

—and heard that the sheriff's office collected \$3,196 in mileage, weapons permits and copier charges last month.

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like that he decided to solve the problem.

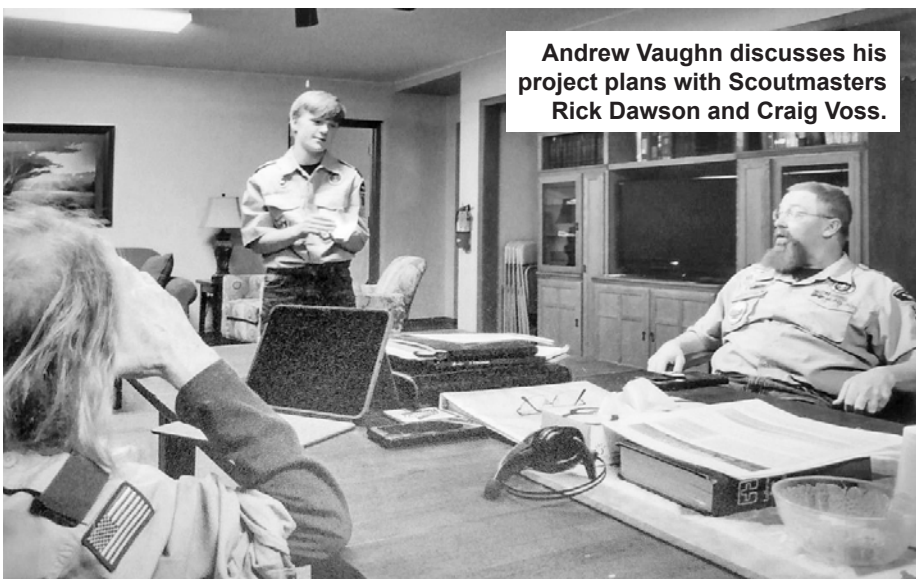
He also decided to try and make a difference in the migration of the Monarch Butterfly. Wright County is right in the migration route for the butterflies, but their key food source, milkweed, has been in decline. And so Vaughn took it upon himself to plant milkweed in a "Monarch Butterfly And Other Pollinators Food Plot" in the camping area of Lake Cornelia County Park, on Earth Day this year.

But the project that he's actually doing for his Eagle Scout project is building and installing four bat houses at Briggs Woods Park, where the old bat houses have fallen into disrepair, having fallen off their poles, or developed holes.

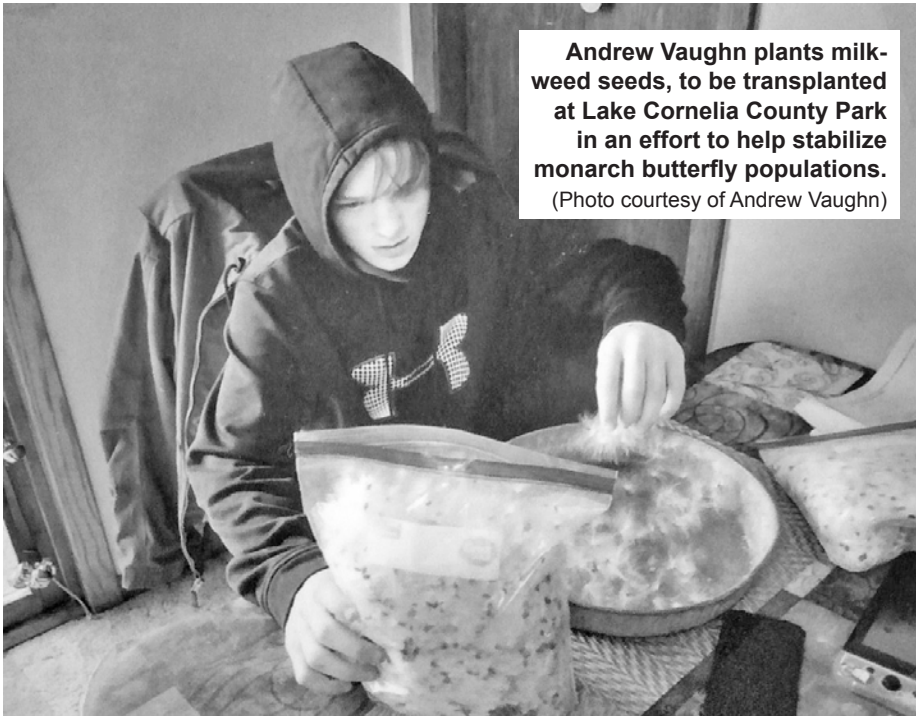
"Bats are #13 on the endangered species list in Iowa," Vaughn explained, "and the #1 reason for that is loss of habitat."

The park ranger and biologist determined that with the bat population at the park, four boxes would be needed. So that's what Vaughn has set out to provide. Estimated cost of the project is \$550, and Vaughn is working to raise those funds now.

Andrew's parents couldn't be prouder of him, or happier that he joined scouting, and the Eagle Grove troop. "Since he's joined the Scouts he's become more of a leader than a follower," said his father, Jay. "He's a good young man already, but scouts is making him more so. He likes giving back to his commu-



Andrew Vaughn discusses his project plans with Scoutmasters Rick Dawson and Craig Voss.



Andrew Vaughn plants milkweed seeds, to be transplanted at Lake Cornelia County Park in an effort to help stabilize monarch butterfly populations. (Photo courtesy of Andrew Vaughn)

nity. Scouting has cemented that."

Vaughn's mother praised the organization. "When you support your child in an organization like this, it's worth it. This troop is very

family oriented. And you have to put a lot in," she said. "But what we put into it is so much less than what we get out of it."

As for Andrew, he points to the cumulative benefit of

all the scout projects. "We just give the people the opportunity to enjoy nature so much more," he said. "That's why I want my kids to be Eagle Scouts too, one day."

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Judge denies ex-cop's request to reconsider prison sentence

By Jared Strong
Iowa Capital Dispatch

A district court judge declined to reduce the sentence of a former police officer accused of repeatedly harassing and stalking a woman in recent years, according to court records.

Walter Pacheco, 29, of Pleasant Hill, was sentenced to up to 19 years in prison in April after the judge decided he had wantonly violated the terms of his probation and ignored a warning from another judge that he was teetering toward incarceration.

Less than a month later in May, Pacheco asked the judge to reconsider the sen-

tence and put him back on probation, which he pledged to not violate again.

"The court's action of sentencing the defendant to prison has impressed upon him the importance of living a lawful lifestyle," his attorney, David Barajas of Des Moines, wrote in the request.

Pacheco — a former police officer in Carroll and Eagle Grove who is also known by the surname Pacheco Belen — has been convicted of burglary, stalking, tampering with a witness and willful injury.

A Des Moines-area woman was the victim of most of those crimes, and court

records show Pacheco frequently sought to contact her and convince her to drop the charges against him through dozens of emails, telephone calls from jail and by using his mother as a conduit for the communications. All of that was barred by no-contact orders.

Pacheco initially received suspended prison sentences and probation until a judge sentenced him in August to 24 days in jail for attempting to contact the woman at her workplace.

"Defendant was knocking on and looking into windows for the victim," District Judge Jeffrey Farrell wrote.

"This is very concerning conduct, particularly in light of the stalking and burglary convictions."

Farrell warned Pacheco that he might go to prison for further infractions, but less than two months later Pacheco was arrested for felony stalking in violation of a protective order.

He is accused of approaching the woman at a fitness center on Oct. 16 despite her attempts to avoid him, which included being escorted from the building by employees to her vehicle, court records show. Video evidence presented at a recent court hearing showed Pacheco and his

mother yelling at the woman from right outside her vehicle and that Pacheco tailed her in his vehicle.

Pacheco is further accused of sending her 39 emails after the incident, court records show.

"The defendant has made it clear that he will not abide by the no contact order, and based on the sentencing goal of protection of the public, the court found that revocation (of probation) was appropriate," District Judge Sarah Crane wrote when she denied Pacheco's motion to reconsider the sentence. "The defendant has not raised any argument that

would lead the court to reconsider this determination."

Pacheco is still held in the Polk County Jail, according to jail records. His trial for the stalking charge is set for next month, and he faces up to 10 additional prison years.

Read more from Jared Strong online at [IowaCapitalDispatch.com](#)

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Baby boy Weber

Jeremy and Maci Weber of Eagle Grove are pleased to announce the birth of a boy.

Crew Allen Weber was born on June 9, 2024, weighing 8 pounds, 1.4 ounces.



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Bird Flu Variants Continue to Infect Mammals

Bovine Variant Spreads to Wyoming, Another Strain Kills First Known Human

by Edward Lynn

A strain of bird flu that hasn't previously been found in humans has killed a man in Mexico, the World Health Organization (WHO) reported June 5th. The strain, H5N2, has been found in Mexican poultry, and is distinct from H5N1, which is the strain of bird flu affecting U.S. dairy herds, and which has caused mild infections in three farmworkers. Other bird flu strains, such as H5N6, have previously caused fatalities worldwide, including 18 deaths in China in 2021.

Mexican health officials informed the WHO about a 59-year-old man who died in a Mexico City hospital with the virus, despite no known exposure to animals. The man had underlying health conditions, including chronic kidney failure, diabetes, and high blood pressure, and developed symptoms like fever and shortness of breath before seeking hospital care on April 24. He died the same day, and later tests confirmed the presence of H5N2.

The WHO indicated that the risk to the public is low, as no additional human cases have been found among those who had contact with the deceased. Although there were three H5N2 outbreaks in nearby poultry in March, no direct connection has been established. Authorities are also monitoring birds near Mexico City for further signs of the virus.

And in Wyoming, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected in a herd of dairy cattle, as reported by the US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Veteri-



Dairy cattle infections with Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza had been confirmed in Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming as of Monday. (USDA)

nary Services Laboratory. The case marks the first in Wyoming, and was first identified by the Wyoming State Veterinary Laboratory, and was confirmed by the Wyoming Department of Agriculture (WDA), and the Wyoming Livestock Board (WLSB).

Dairy cattle in 12 states, including Iowa, have been confirmed to be infected with the H5N1 strain of HPAI, as of Monday. Alpaca's have also been confirmed to be infected in an Idaho flock.

While tests conducted at Iowa State University's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory determined that milk from infected cows contains high levels of virus, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced in late April that virus fragments had been detected in America's milk supply, the FDA and the Centers for Disease Control have both

confirmed that pasteurization, which heats milks to kill pathogens like the flu virus and bacteria, renders the virus inactive.

Tests of milk, cottage cheese and sour cream "did not detect any live, infectious virus," the FDA reported. And, in a June 3rd report on the risks of consuming raw milk and raw (unpasteurized) dairy products, the CDC reports that "pasteurization kills harmful germs in milk so that pasteurized milk is safe to consume," and urges consumers to "always choose pasteurized milk and dairy products to protect your health and the health of your family."

Likewise, a June 7 report from the Iowa Department of Agriculture stated that "It is a longstanding practice that only milk from healthy animals may enter the food supply. There is no concern about the safety of pasteur-

ized milk or dairy products. Pasteurization has continually proven to successfully inactivate bacteria and viruses, like influenza, in milk." However, the report did note that "consumers should always properly handle and cook eggs and poultry products, including cooking to an internal temperature of 165°F."

Last Friday, HPAI was detected in a second herd in Northwest Iowa, in a Sioux County herd, according to the Iowa Dept. of Agriculture report.

"Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza continues to pose a significant threat to our livestock and the livelihoods of the farmers that care for them. To better prepare and respond to this challenge, the Department is taking additional response measures and is making additional resource requests of USDA in order to support this ongoing and

collaborative effort," said Iowa Ag Secretary Naig. "Our team remains in daily communication with USDA, other states, farm organizations and industry stakeholders and we will be continually evaluating our response steps as new information arises. This is going to take the entire agricultural community working together because we all have a stake in protecting the herds and flocks of Iowa."

According to the Iowa Ag Dept. Report, signs of HPAI in cattle may include "decrease in food consumption with a simultaneous decrease in rumination, clear nasal discharge, drop in milk production, tacky or loose feces, lethargy, dehydration, fever, thicker, concentrated, colostrum-like milk." And signs of HPAI in birds may include "sudden increase in bird deaths without any clinical signs, lethargy and/or lack of energy and appetite, decrease in egg production, soft, thin-shelled and/or misshapen eggs, swelling of the head, eyelids, comb, wattles, and hocks, purple/blue discoloration of the wattles, comb, and legs, difficulty breathing, coughing, sneezing, and/or nasal discharge (runny nose), stumbling and/or falling down, diarrhea."

To protect their herds and flocks, producers must implement strict biosecurity measures, such as limiting visitors and keeping wild animals away.

Health officials remain vigilant for any signs of the virus evolving to spread easily between humans, particularly as more mammal species contract bird flu viruses.

Northeast Research Farm Field Day Is June 19 in Nashua

Field day will focus on nitrogen management, soil erosion and weather trends

by Terry Basol

NASHUA, Iowa – The spring field day at Iowa State University's Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm will be held June 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Madelynn Wuestenberg, agricultural climatology extension specialist, will

begin the program by providing her insights on crop weather and trends for the 2024 growing season. Rick Cruse, professor and director of the Iowa Water Center, will discuss the implications of soil erosion on Iowa's landscape and current practices used to Northeast Research and

Demonstration Farm help minimize its impact.

Richard Roth, extension nitrogen education specialist, will provide his insight on nitrogen management in a wet spring.

A complimentary meal will be served at noon, sponsored by Pioneer Hi Bred International.

The field day is free and open to the public. It starts at the Borlaug Learning Center Headquarters on the Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm. Directions: From Nashua at the junction of Highway 218 (Exit 220) and County Road B60, go west on B60 1.1 miles to Windfall Ave.,

then south 1 mile to 290th St., then east 0.2 miles to the farm.

Certified Crop Adviser credits will be available, including 1 SW continuing education unit. To help with meal count and planning, please register by June 17 at [neira@iastate.edu](#)

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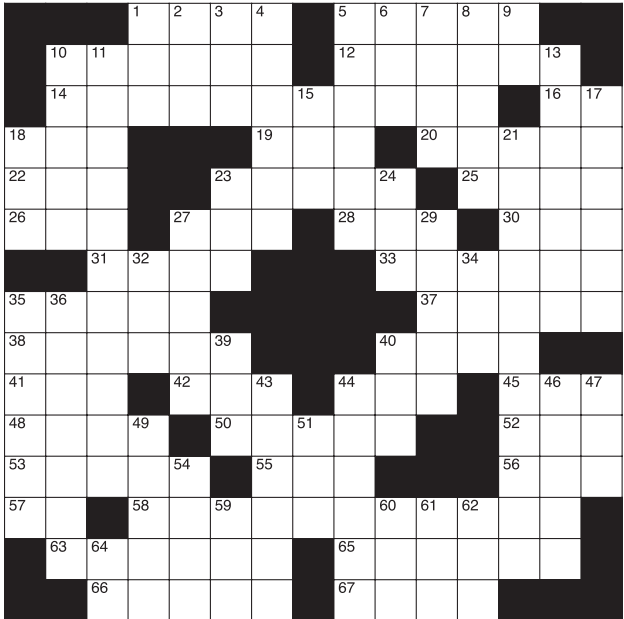
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Native American people
5. Very long periods of time (Brit.)
10. Schoolboard accessory
12. Rods
14. One who renews
16. Sculpted body part
18. Chatter incessantly
19. _____ King Cole, musician
20. Plates on a turtle's shell
22. University of Utah athlete
23. The world of the dead
25. Singer Redding
26. Former Yankee great
27. Prefix indicating wrongly
28. Unhappy
30. Anger
31. Dark brown or black
33. Restaurants have a lot of them
35. Made a mistake
37. Damp
38. Type of gasoline
40. Actor LeBlanc
41. Perform in a play
42. One's mother
44. Prohibit
45. Swiss river
48. Part of a banana
50. Indian hand clash cymbals
52. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
53. Agave
55. Noted journalist Tarbell
56. Computer firm
57. Type of record
58. Bacterium that can cause infection
63. Sheaths enclosing the spinal cord
65. A narrow opening (as in a rock wall)
66. Pattern
67. Very eager to see something

CLUES DOWN

1. Witch
2. Utilize
3. Writing utensil
4. Places to perform
5. Subsides
6. Consume
7. Athleisure clothing brand
8. California town
9. Atomic #50
10. The Muse of lyric and love poetry
11. Creates anew
13. Humorous commentaries
15. Cool!
17. Most ignoble
18. Soggy dirt
21. Designed to be useful
23. Hebrew unit of liquid capacity
24. High schoolers' test
27. One-time internet accessory
29. City in India
32. Furniture
34. You have likely chatted with one
35. Pass or go by
36. Proof of purchase
39. A digital tape recording of sound
40. More (Spanish)
43. Disfigured
44. White (Spanish)
46. Building occupied by monks
47. Georgia rock band
49. Device that generates intense beam of light
51. State of agitation
54. Make by braiding
59. Local area network
60. Unit of work or energy
61. Indigenous person of Thailand
62. Liquefied natural gas
64. Distance to top

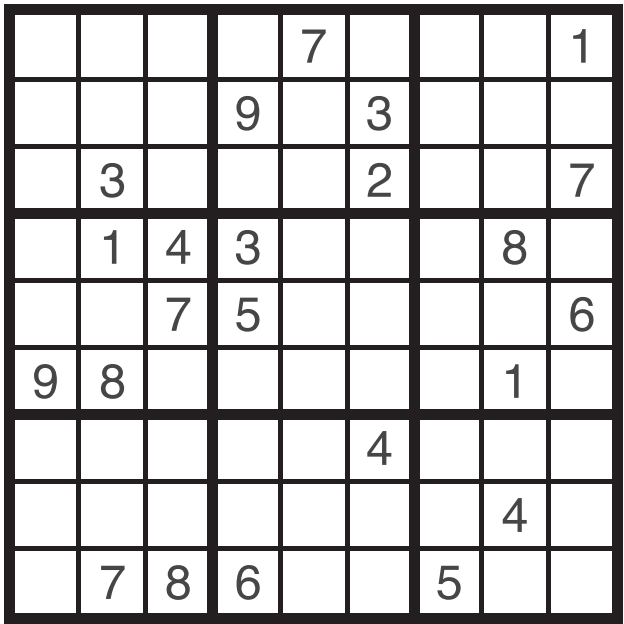
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Northern Research and Demonstration Farm to Hold Field Day June 20

Learn about crop production issues and opportunities at June 20 field day

by Angela Rieck-Hinz, Gentry Sorenson

CLARION – The Iowa State University Northern Research and Demonstration Farm will host a summer field day on Thursday, June 20, at the south farm, located at 1040 James Ave., Kanawha.

Other partners include Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the North Central Iowa Research Association. Field day participants.

The field day will begin with comments from Matt Schnabel, farm superintendent, and Greg Guenther, president of the North Central Iowa Research Association.

Field tour speakers and topics

- Madelynn Wuestenberg, agricultural climatology specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach,

will discuss using infared technology to measure temperature in the field and impact on crops.

- Gentry Sorensen, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach, will review the 2024 growing season to date and what that means for herbicide challenges and other future management decisions.

- Angie Rieck-Hinz, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach, will discuss the date of planting trials for both corn and soybean and how that data can be used for future decision-making.

“Farmers, landowners, local ag businesses and students are invited to attend and have a chance to speak directly with Iowa State specialists on current issues in agriculture,” said Gentry Sorenson, field agronomist with ISU Extension and

Outreach. “This year in particular has been a tough year for planting, replanting decisions and herbicide applications, and having direct access to expert information is crucial for decision-making.”

Field day participants will also have the opportunity to learn about the capital campaign to build a new research and extension facility at the farm.

“The North Central Iowa Research Association sees the need to improve the facility to further research and extension activities in north central Iowa,” said Angie Rieck-Hinz, field agronomist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “This requires the involvement of many local partners including farmers, ag retailers and local landowners.”

Registration and refreshments will start at 8:30 a.m.

and the field day will begin at 9 a.m. Lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend and the meeting is open to the public.

Those who are attending are encouraged to pre-register by June 18 by calling Matt Schnabel at 641-762-3247. Certified Crop Advisers can earn 1.0 pest management and 2.0 crop management CEUs for attending this meeting.

The association appreciates the support and sponsorship from First Citizens National Bank, Gold-Eagle Cooperative, Calcium Products and New Cooperative.

For more information, contact ISU Extension and Outreach field agronomists Angie Rieck-Hinz at 515-231-2830 or amriec@iastate.edu; or Gentry Sorenson at 641-430-6715 or gentrys@iastate.edu

Iowa Supreme Court Upholds Former Teacher's Sexual Exploitation Conviction

by Jack O'connor

The Iowa Supreme Court upheld a former high school teacher's conviction for sexual exploitation by a school employee in a 4-3 split decision released Friday.

Kari Jean Schwartz was an art teacher in 2009 at Independence High School, where she had repeated inappropriate interactions with a female student referred to as A.S. in court documents.

Schwartz confronted A.S. one day about why the student was being quiet and withdrawn in class, according to court documents. Schwartz guided A.S. to the stairwell, where the student sat down on a step and Schwartz sat on the step immediately behind her. Schwartz then held A.S. in a “bear hug” and began to sexually assault the student, court records state.

“Schwartz wrapped one arm around her face and the other ‘kind of down towards [A.S.’s] hip,’ proceeded to move her hand above A.S.’s ‘clothes to the chest’ and then ‘down to [A.S.’s] pants line,’ and ‘went below [A.S.’s] clothing towards [her] pubic area,’” according to A.S. in the court documents.

Schwartz only stopped when two students began walking up the stairs as Schwartz and A.S. were at the top, according to court documents.

A.S. eventually reported the incident to police in 2020. Schwartz would later be convicted in district court and sentenced to five years in prison and a special 10-year sentence. Schwartz appealed her conviction to the Iowa Court of Appeals and later the Iowa Supreme Court.

Her appeal claimed her case was prejudiced by the jury being mistakenly instructed that hugs are a form of sexual conduct and by the exclusion from evidence of the initial findings

of a school investigation. She also argued there was insufficient evidence that her behavior elicited a pattern of sexual conduct.

Records: Conduct included ‘chest-to-chest’ hugs

According to court documents, Schwartz’s interactions with A.S. began as a normal teacher-student relationship but after the first month, A.S. noticed Schwartz giving her an unusual amount of attention.

Schwartz would talk to A.S.’s table in the classroom more than others, go to other teachers’ rooms to talk to A.S., repeatedly compliment A.S.’s appearance, give “chest-to-chest” hugs and invite herself to places outside of school where she knew A.S. was, which once included A.S.’s home, court records state.

Following a series of texts to the student where she said she loved her, Schwartz sent two emails detailing how the student could always tell her anything.

“I am probably not suppose[d] to love my students, but I do you,” Schwartz said in an email sent to A.S., according to court documents.

At the time, A.S. printed out and reported the emails to a teacher who promised to send them to the principal. The incident at the stairwell came shortly after reporting the emails.

While A.S. did report the emails to the school, she never told anyone at the time about what happened in the stairwell, according to court records.

During the school’s investigation, Schwartz admitted to texting, emailing and hugging A.S. more than once, according to court documents. Schwartz left her position at the school shortly after the investigation began.

The court wrote that the findings of this investigation were not “wrongly excluded” from the case as

the conclusions from it were unclear.

In 2018, A.S. emailed the school district where Schwartz worked at the time to warn them to fully investigate any complaints made against Schwartz. Two years later, A.S. said she finally had the courage to “do what should have been done 9 years ago” and report Schwartz’s sexual abuse of her to the police.

A.S. said after learning Schwartz was teaching middle school special education at a new school, she felt a “little responsible” for never having reported Schwartz.

Arguments focused on hugging

The Iowa Supreme Court majority disagreed that the trial judge had wrongly included hugging in a list of sexual conduct. Schwartz argued that unlike other examples of sexual conduct, hugging requires context to determine whether the conduct was sexual.

The majority opinion stated that the law and the disputed jury instruction “provide that sexual conduct includes touching of the ‘clothed or unclothed inner thigh, breast, groin, buttock, anus, pubes, or genitals.’ But one can imagine a variety of circumstances (responding to a medical issue at school, treatment of an athlete, patting a player on the backside upon entering or exiting a game) where the other identified acts are not sexual in nature. In other words, almost all the listed acts are sexual in nature only when considered in context.”

The majority of justices found that even if the jury instruction was incorrect, it was not enough to overturn the conviction.

“This court will not reverse the jury’s verdict unless the error was prejudicial,” Iowa Supreme Court Judge Christopher McDonald wrote for the majority.

The dissenting opinions agreed with the majority on all the facts of the case except for how prejudicial the jury instruction was.


“I am not convinced that the record before us affirmatively establishes that this instructional error did not prejudice the defendant,” Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Susan Christensen wrote. Justices Edward Mansfield and Thomas Waterman joined the dissent.

“I agree that Schwartz at a minimum used poor judgment and had inappropriate communications with A.S. But the case came down to hugs and the touching incident on the stairwell. Schwartz admitted hugging A.S., but she insisted that she was merely attempting to comfort A.S. through these hugs or posing for pictures at the prompting of others,” Christensen wrote. “When A.S. was interviewed by police in 2020, she said that the hugs did not feel sexual in nature. Thus, there was evidence the hugs were nonsexual.”

Christensen also pointed out that there was conflicting testimony about the incident in the stairwell and “the jury could have found reasonable doubt as to whether the sexual touching on the stairwell occurred, while finding that the hugging took place.”

She added, “Having been told that the hugging was per se sexual conduct under Iowa law, i.e., that it was no different from kissing and touching the genital area, the jury could have concluded that Schwartz committed sexual exploitation without determining beyond a reasonable doubt that Schwartz’s hugging was actually sexual in nature.”

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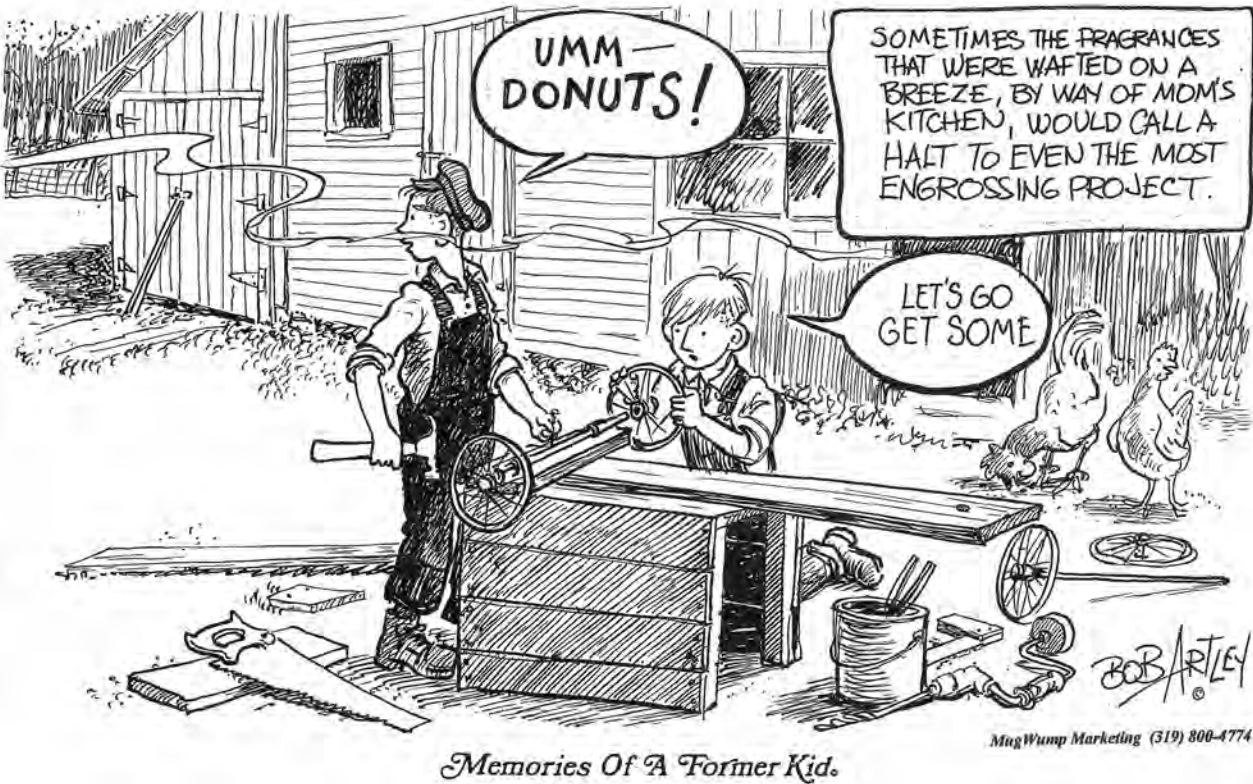
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Don't Blame Biden or Trump for Inflation, Blame Decades of Wage & Energy Inaction

by Edward Lynn
Editor

In this week's edition of Rep. Randy Feenstra's regular weekly column, he makes a series of assertions about the economy. The claims amount to a domino effect, where each statistic he provides is a side-effect of the others: cumulative inflation > slow economic growth > rising interest rates > increasing credit card debt > falling household savings > increased mortgage rates... Each domino knocking over the other.

Feenstra says cumulative inflation has "skyrocketed" nearly 20% "since President Biden took office". That's the first domino, if you will, that he lists. But, of course, that's far from the first domino that fell to bring us to this place. And that domino didn't fall during the Biden presidency.

Where is the pandemic in Feenstra's list? No where. And where is the decades-long stagnation of wages in America in that list? Also nowhere. Where is resistance to the inevitable green energy transition, also decades long, in that list? Once again, nowhere. And those are some pretty glaring lies of omission.

It was the pandemic that caused workers to shelter in place, starting in March of 2019, resulting in a tightening labor market. A tightening labor market, combined with unprecedented risks of illness and death among so many "essential" workers in a pandemic, combined with decades of wage stagnation combined into worker demand for greater pay. And, as a January 2023 analysis by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) put it, "as workers bargain for better pay, firms begin to increase prices." Which seems pretty common sense, and obvious,

doesn't it? From there, the same BLS report concludes, "three main components explain the rise in inflation since 2020: volatility of energy prices, backlogs of work orders for goods and service caused by supply chain issues due to COVID-19, and price changes in the auto-related industries."

So, first of all, let's just recognize that 2020 was a year Donald J. Trump, not Joseph R. Biden was President of the United States, as was 2019. Next, let's break down the fault behind those four causes of inflation the BLS zeroed in on, suddenly rising wages, energy price volatility, backlogs of work orders, and auto-price fluctuation.

Energy price volatility here doesn't logically refer to green energy costs, it refers to legacy energy costs. The pandemic didn't change the speed at which the wind blows or the brightness at which the sun shines. So the cost of wind and solar power generation didn't change much.

But the prices of oil, coal, and natural gas, which have to be drilled and mined for, and in the case of oil then has to be refined, were affected. And which party has been resisting the transition to a greener grid? The Republicans. So I think it's fair to put that one on their doorstep. If they'd let the Democrats have their way, we'd all have been heating and cooling our homes and driving our cars on an electrical grid powered mostly by wind and solar by now.

Backlogs of work orders for goods and services? That's not really anyone's fault. In the face of the pandemic, this was simply unavoidable. Fewer people working in the factories and service sector jobs means a backlog, plain and simple.

No matter who is President, or what party they belong to.

Price changes in the auto-related industries? Also, no one's fault per se. When the pandemic caused so many of us to teleconference in to meetings and work from home, or from the road, it changed the way Americans drive, and therefore how they bought vehicles, what vehicles they were buying, and how much they were driving them. The changes in prices, both in vehicles, and related industries like auto-parts, repair services, etc. were simply bound to happen. Again, no matter who was President, or which party they were a member of.

Decades of wage stagnation? Blame both parties, though mostly the Republicans. Yes, centrist Democrats wanted a minimum wage increase for years, but they wanted a gradual one. The more progressive wing of the Democratic party wanted a faster hike, and was advocating for doubling the minimum wage with their "fight for fifteen" agenda long before the pandemic happened. And the GOP just didn't want an increase at all.

But just as Republicans argued before the pandemic that the Progressive Democrats plan to double the minimum wage would bring about inflation due to the sudden shift, so did the pandemic cause wages to suddenly rise. And in hindsight, it was the centrist Democrats who were right; slow and steady increases would have kept runaway inflation from happening, and inoculated us against the shock of the pandemic driving the wages suddenly up.

Now, Feenstra starts the clock ticking in his blame game on the day Biden became President because he doesn't want to blame

Trump, even if the pandemic did start the dominos falling on Trump's watch. That's obvious. But it's far more honest to point out that neither Trump nor Biden set up those dominos. That was done long before either man ever moved into the White House.

Public policy makers have known for decades that the next pandemic was coming. That it was inevitable. That it would happen, sooner or later. And for decades they chose to placate corporate greed by stomping down wages and fighting off clean energy. They knew the time bomb was ticking, and they still set up the dominos, and then just left them standing, knowing that when that bomb went off, those dominos would fall.

You can fault Biden for not being able to bring the inflation runaway freight train to a complete stop, no matter how he's slowed it down and kept it on the tracks. Although in my opinion that would be unreasonable, given the scale of the problem, and how much progress he has made. And you can fault Trump for playing politics with the pandemic and talking nonsense like injecting bleach and shining light through the body, and drinking horse dewormer, while that freight train was picking up speed. Which I would say is fairly reasonable, although that freight train moving out of the station was inevitable.

But to act like the whole problem just started with Biden and didn't even exist before he was sworn into office, as Feenstra does, is some stunning intellectual dishonesty. The kind of slippery, sneaky lie that is typical of just why so many Americans despise politicians in general. We deserve better from our representatives.

Advocating for Iowa families and taxpayers in Congress

by Rep. Randy Feenstra, (R-Hull)

Our economy is in tough shape. Cumulative inflation has skyrocketed by nearly 20% since President Biden took office while real wages have fallen by roughly 4.4%. The Bureau of Economic Analysis estimated that the economy grew at a rate of only 1.3% in the first quarter of 2024 – three points lower than predicted – while interest rates have surpassed their highest levels in 23 years. Credit-card debt held by American families has exceeded \$1 trillion, the household savings rate fell by 3.2%, the average rate for a 30-year fixed mortgage has hovered around 7%, and approximately two-thirds of middle-class families have reported experiencing financial hardship in the Biden economy. Our national debt is also quickly approaching \$35 trillion, leaving our children and grandchildren on the hook for trillions in debt with no end in sight.

It's evident that President Biden's economic policies – which he has dubbed "Bidenomics" – have failed. His proposals of higher taxes and approval of trillions in reckless government spending have slowed economic growth, accelerated price hikes for daily necessities like groceries and gas, and decimated the dream of homeownership for young families. We need a course correction so that more Americans can achieve financial security and save money for a rainy day.

As a longtime advocate for tax reform and a member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, I have worked to deliver real tax relief for our families, farmers, and businesses so that hardworking taxpayers can keep more of their hard-earned money and combat the crushing impacts of record inflation.

This past January, I introduced the *Death Tax Repeal Act* – which has been cosponsored by nearly 170 of my colleagues – to permanently eliminate the estate tax, also known as the death tax, which intentionally targets family farms and small businesses. In Iowa, our main streets and rural communities depend on a strong agriculture industry and the promise of entrepreneurship. However, under federal law, families who have spent generations running a successful farm or building a profitable business could lose everything overnight in the tragic event of a family death.

Currently, heirs of a family farm or business must pay an unfair and costly tax on the transfer of property, land, or other assets when a loved one dies. In many cases, families in our district do not have the liquid cash on hand to pay a massive tax bill levied by the federal government. So, unfortunately, these same families could ultimately be forced to sell their farm or business to pay the taxes – inviting foreign ownership of American farmland and leaving store fronts on our main streets empty. That's

why I'm leading the charge to fully repeal the death tax so that we can keep China away from our farmland, allow family farms and small businesses to continue their proud traditions, and encourage the next generation of Iowa farmers and business owners to plant their roots in rural Iowa.

In January, I also voted for the *Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act*, which passed the U.S. House of Representatives by a vote of 357 to 70. This comprehensive tax reform package is a victory for our families, farmers, and businesses. It allows our small businesses to deduct interest expenses to free up extra cash to hire new employees and meet payroll, helps our producers buy farm equipment and other tools, and increases the child tax credit while strengthening work requirements to claim the credit. Additionally, it would incentivize businesses to conduct research and development here in the United States – helping our economy compete with and win against China.

I've also helped introduce two pieces of legislation that extend pro-growth and pro-taxpayer provisions of the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017* and benefit our families and small businesses. Thanks to the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act*, the standard deduction was nearly doubled, and small businesses received a well-deserved 20% tax cut to keep their doors open and employees on payroll. However, these provisions expire in 2025 without congressional action, which would raise taxes on American families and increase operating costs for our businesses.

The *Permanent Tax Cuts for American Families Act* would make the enhanced standard deduction permanent and ensure that our families benefit from these tax cuts uninterrupted. In 2021 alone, 325,000 taxpayers in our district claimed the enhanced standard deduction – reducing their taxable income and keeping more of their hard-earned dollars in their pockets. We cannot let the standard deduction revert to its old, lower threshold, especially as inflation has made everything more expensive. At the same time, the *Main Street Tax Certainty Act* ensures that our businesses can continue to claim the 20% qualified business income deduction. This tax cut allows business owners to invest in their employees, finance expansions, and weather economic downturns while also growing our economy and keeping our rural communities strong. Just like with the enhanced standard deduction, I will work diligently to keep this beneficial provision in our tax code for our business community.

As a strong, fiscal conservative, I will continue to support policies that lower taxes for our families, help our farmers compete in global markets, and let our small businesses thrive without bureaucratic overreach and regulation.

Overwhelmed by Anger Around Us? Thoughts on How to De-escalate a Situation

by Melinda Burrell

I leaned halfway out of the car window, furiously shaking a finger at the car zooming from behind us in the next lane. "You stay there!" I roared. "Let my mother out!"

We were on the freeway and my mom had pulled to the shoulder to let an ambulance pass. As soon as it did, other cars took advantage of the newly cleared space. They zipped by so fast we couldn't get back on the road. I was enraged by the injustice – we had done the right thing, but these other cars were cheating – and could hardly see straight.

It felt good to be angry. It felt powerful, righteous, energy-filled.

So many things are making us angry these days, and many of us like being angry. I get it. But does it get us

what we need? In my case, the car stopped but my mom was so surprised by my behavior (I'm normally very laid back) that she didn't move. The other car picked up its pace again and sped past.

We all know that moment of extreme anger. Emotions flood us and we lose our ability to think rationally or creatively. We even lose ability to hear the other person. Not hearing or thinking? That's no way to resolve a situation.

So how do we de-escalate, particularly this angry-making election year?

First, we can learn to de-escalate ourselves. When we start getting too angry, we can take a few deep breaths. This sounds cliché, but deep breathing triggers our body's relaxation response. Our heartbeat

slows, muscles relax, and cortisol levels lower. We become rational and able to listen again.

We also can learn to de-escalate with another person. Psychologists have been studying conversational receptiveness, a concept based on our fundamental human need to feel like we are being heard. Researchers paired people with opposing views to discuss hot button issues, then analyzed the conversation patterns. It turns out that you have to give something to get something. People who used receptive language, showing the other person that they were truly listening, were rated as better teammates and advisors.

What is receptive language? Psychologist Julia Vinson describes the HEAR model.

"Hedge" your claims with milder words like might and most rather than combative words like definitely and all. This shows you don't think you have all the answers.

"Emphasize" any areas of agreement, even if they're not the central issue.

"Acknowledge" what the other person is saying by restating what they told you. That shows you're listening closely.

"Reframe" things positively using yes, should, and can, rather than no and wrong.

In the middle of a conflict, it can be hard to really care about what the other person is thinking. But often we can't afford to destroy relationships with family or coworkers. Happily, using these conversation techniques even if your heart isn't completely in them can

slow the conflict and make dynamics more positive.

Then you can take advantage of what other researchers found – that reflecting on a conflict for even a few minutes afterwards helps us learn how to disagree better. We can ask ourselves "what was the conflict about, how ideally should conflicts be handled, and how can we use this information to handle disagreements better in the future?"

We all can learn these

de-escalation skills, including our leaders. And we should. Otherwise, the cars in the next lane will just speed up.

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7:15 p.m. Adoration/Benediction at St. John

8 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. John

Sunday, June 23

7:15 a.m. Adoration/Benediction at Sacred Heart

8 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart

9:45 a.m. Adoration/Benediction at St. John

10:30 a.m. Mass at St.

John

2 p.m. Confirmation at Sacred Heart

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Sunday

10 a.m. Service

Death Notice

Carol Leshner

Carol Esther (Tiger) Leshner, age 90, passed away Saturday, May 11, 2024, at Mercy Medical Center in Mason City. A celebration of life will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, June 15, 2024 at the Woolstock Community Hall. A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at Evergreen Cemetery in Clarion. Online condolences may be left at www.oakcrestfuneralservices.com

WORDS OF WISDOM

Last week's trivia questions:
On the TV sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond," what were the names of Ray's wife, brother, mother and father? Answer: Ray's wife - Debra, brother - Robert, father - Frank, mother - Marie.
On the TV sitcom "The Brady Bunch," what were the first names of the six children? Answer: Greg, Peter, Bobby, Marcia, Jan, and Cindy.

This week's trivia questions:
Which NBA (National Basketball Association) team has won the most championships?
Who is the youngest player to win the NBA finals MVP (Most Valuable Player) award? Who is the oldest player to win the award?

June 12 is Democracy Day, and National Peanut Butter Cookie Day; June 13 is World Softball Day, and National Sewing Machine Day; June 14 is Flag Day, and World Blood Donor Day; June 15 is Nature Photography Day; June 16 is Father's Day, and Fresh Veggies Day; June 17 is National Mascot Day, and Nursing Assistants Day; June 18 is National Fishing Day, and International Picnic Day.

This week is Flag Week, and National Little League Week.

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."
— Romans 8:38-39

"Remember that no matter how cool you think you may be, you're not cool enough to look down on anyone...ever."
— Paul Walker

"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value."
— Albert Einstein

"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at."
— Stephen Hawking

"The most difficult thing is the decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity."
— Amelia Earhart

Garry Shandling quotes
"My friends tell me I have an intimacy problem. But they don't really know me."
"I remember learning to drive on my dad's lap. Did you guys ever do that? He'd work the brakes. I'd work the wheel. Then I went to take the driver's test and sat on the examiner's lap. I failed the exam. But he still writes to me. That's the really nice part."
"I sold my house this week. I got a pretty good price for it, but it made my landlord really mad."
"I'm dating a homeless woman. It was easier talking her into staying over."
"I don't like this reality television, I have to be honest. I think real people should not be on television. It's for special people like us, people who have trained and studied to appear to be real."

Father's Day was founded in Spokane, Washington in 1910 by Sonora Smart Dodd. Her father, the Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart, was a single parent who raised his six children in Spokane. The first Father's Day celebration was in the Spokane YMCA on June 19, 1910. Father's Day in the United States is observed on the third Sunday in June.

There have been two sets of father-son U.S. Presidents. John Adams was the 2nd president and his son, John Quincy Adams, was the 6th president. George Bush was the 41st president and his son, George W. Bush was the 43rd president.

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2 Corinthians 6:18 NIV

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-Christopher Simon

Sunday, June 16, 2024

First Reading 1 Samuel 15:34 -16:13

Psalm Ezekiel 17:22-24 -16:13

Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

Gospel Mark 4:26-34

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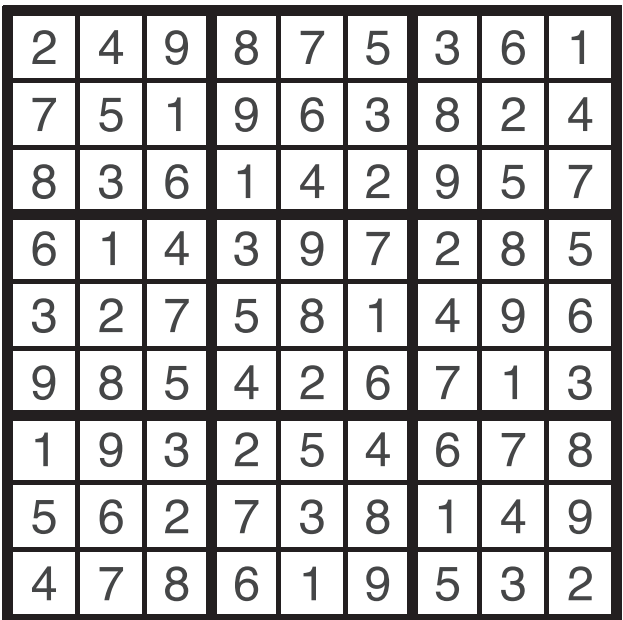
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Amazon, Supplies.....	\$1,462.14	
Arnold's, Filter.....	\$26.01	
Auxiant, Insurance.....	\$194.75	
Denise Baker, Mileage.....	\$144.41	
Independent, Publication.....	\$659.89	
Blackhawk Sprinklers, Inspection...	\$187.50	
Blue Ribbon Pelham, Water.....	\$146.50	
Bomgaars, Hose/wand.....	\$276.72	
Brothers Market, Hot deli...\$3,582.93		
BOA, Credit Card.....	\$1,414.91	
Darrel Carlyle, Mileage.....	\$457.15	
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Central Iowa Det., Detention.....	\$5,040.00	
Central Iowa Dist., Cust. supp.....	\$1,857.00	
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Charm-Tex, Supplies.....	\$104.06	
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City of Clarion, Water & sewer.....	\$712.81	
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MIGP, Dues.....	\$500.00	
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PSI, Paper.....	\$75.10	
Doug Riley, Contract carrier.....	\$250.00	
River City Comm., Service call.....	\$200.00	
Peggy Schluttenhofer, Mileage.....	\$128.64	
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City of Belmond, Utilities...\$103.72		
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Clarion Distr., Supplies.....	\$220.40	
Comm1, Phone.....	\$279.40	
Crystal Clean, Floor Cleaning.....	\$828.48	
Culligan, Water.....	\$159.00	
Cypress Solutions, Subscription.....	\$1,266.00	
Eagle Building Supply, Supplies.....	\$551.28	
EnviroTech, Chloride.....	\$4,440.00	
Equipment Blades, Carbides.....	\$5,810.20	
Hawkeye West, Pest control...\$60.00		
Hiway Truck, Parts.....	\$159.50	
IPI, Signs.....	\$203.50	
ISH-Clarion, Testing.....	\$80.00	
ISU, Training.....	\$990.00	
Jack's O.K. Tire, Tires.....	\$6,115.68	
Kimball Midwest, Parts.....	\$789.71	
Kinzler Constr., Repair...\$1,708.00		
Lawson Products, Supplies...\$851.61		
Midwest Warehouse, Shelving.....	\$977.37	
Moyson, Service.....	\$1,850.00	
NEW Coop, Fuel.....	\$2,028.00	
Northland Products, Oil...\$1,136.18		
O'Halloran, Retractor.....	\$397.68	
Prairie Energy, Utilities.....	\$356.03	
T & S, Disposal.....	\$323.00	
Truck Center, Filters/lamps.....	\$1,192.78	
Union Pacific, Engineering.....	\$6,287.35	
Urness, Supplies.....	\$81.26	
US Cellular, Phone.....	\$3,596.18	
Verizon, Phone.....	\$120.03	
Visual Edge, Copier contract...\$66.03		
Wr. Co. Aud., Postage.....	\$14.32	
Sanitary Landfill, Disposal...\$55.00		
Wright Farm Services, O-rings.....	\$162.00	
Ziegler, Parts/labor.....	\$6,758.49	
FmHA Int. Relending Loan		
Eagle Grove CDC, Loan.....	\$20.95	
Conservation Reserve		
VISA, Credit Card.....	\$3,360.00	
West Iowa Bank, Loan...\$141,689.89		
Emergency Medical Service		
Clarion Ambulance, Equip/Training.....	\$57,487.28	
EG Ambulance, EMS...\$103,535.04		
ISH-Belmond, Training...\$1,213.98		
E911 Surcharge Fund		
Alliant Energy, Utilities.....	\$230.24	
AT&T, Phone.....	\$49.22	
CenturyLink, Circuit Pay...\$225.79		
Frontier Comm., E911 Circuits.....	\$70.87	
Goldfield Telephone, Phone.....	\$119.12	
Language Link, Interpreter...\$16.93		
Prairie Energy, Utilities.....	\$207.09	
Windstream, Phone.....	\$164.66	
Drainage Administration		
McClure Eng., Pipeline...\$920.00		
Snyder & Assoc., Pipeline.....	\$16,230.81	
Capital Projects		
Ruba, Wood.....	\$5,242.50	
Urness, Supplies.....	\$182.87	
Debt Service		
First Citizens Bank, Note.....	\$380,439.07	
UMB Bank, Bonds.....	\$226,650.00	
Debt Service Wind Farm UR		
UMB Bank, Bonds.....	\$281,800.00	
Debt Service Agribusiness UR		
Green Belt Bank, Loan...\$300,749.28		
Iowa Finance Authority, Loan.....	\$421,110.00	
Prestage, Rebate.....	\$561,506.00	
UMB Bank, Bonds.....	\$227,830.00	
Debt Service - ReNewtrients		
ReNewTrient I, LLC, Rebate.....	\$35,656.00	
Local Emergency Management		
Comm1, Phone.....	\$55.95	
Scott's, Car wash card.....	\$60.00	
Verizon, Phone.....	\$148.28	
VISA, Credit Card.....	\$129.10	
Wright Co. Communications		
Tess Carrigan, Mileage.....	\$150.75	
Hawkeye West, Pest control...\$65.00		
ISH-Clarion, New employee.....	\$106.00	
Unity Point Clinic, Testing...\$42.00		
Visual Edge, Copier contract.....	\$204.19	
Co. Assessor Agency Fund		
Alec Amonson, Mileage.....	\$21.44	
Independent, Publication...\$360.00		
Culligan, Water.....	\$10.00	
IICA, Training.....	\$675.00	
Mid-America, Publications...\$372.00		
NCDA, Dues.....	\$200.00	
Laura Olson, Mileage.....	\$37.52	
Charles Peil, Mileage.....	\$40.20	
Pictometry, Aerial.....	\$50,428.49	
Sidwell, Parcel Builder...\$3,131.95		
Scott Thompson, Mileage...\$48.24		
US Cellular, Phone.....	\$182.48	
VISA, Credit Card.....	\$28.81	
Visual Edge, Copier contract...\$183.05		
Wells Fargo Fin., Copier Contract...\$84.27		
Wr. Co. Aud., Postage...\$4,881.68		
Agribusiness Park Water Supply		
Thomas Ford, Operator Serv.....	\$2,400.00	
Prairie Energy, Utilities.....	\$171.20	
Grand Total.....	\$3,699,499.69	

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
City of Eagle Grove • June 3, 2024

Regular Council Meeting
Monday June 3rd, 2024

Mayor Boyd called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. With Council Members Lorenzen, Axtell, Pamperin, Weland and Limerick. Absent: Vandewater. Also present: City Administrator Davis and City Attorney Legvold. Public Forum: Richard Cahalan spoke on the need for more activities for seniors in the community. He mentioned day trips, activities in the parks, coffee with the Mayor, and provided examples of past activities and events that seniors could participate in throughout the community.

A motion was made by Lorenzen and seconded by Axtell to approve the Consent Agenda which includes May 20th, May 28th minutes and claims. Roll Call: All Ayes

ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY, VEHICLE MAINT '96 RANGER... 121.06

BEHLE INC., POOL REPAIRS..... 136,675.60

RAY BELTRAN, LODGING REIMB..... 420.31

BOMGAARS, SUPPLIES... 1,119.35

BOUND TREE MEDICAL LLC, EMS SUPPLIES..... 116.60

ELAN FINANCIAL SERVICES, PARKS MULCH..... 2,414.72

CINTAS CORP, FLOOR MATS..... 73.19

CITY CLERK, 2023 STREET PROJECT..... 172,742.09

EAGLE BUILDING SUPPLY, BLDG MAINT..... 64.78

ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CO, EMS BATTERIES..... 445.84

FIRST CITIZENS - MASON CITY, 2022A BOND PRINCIPAL..... 123,906.25

FIRST STATE BANK, 2022B BOND PRINCIPAL..... 50,421.60

GOLDFIELD ACCESS NETWORK, TELEPHONE, INTERNET... 309.06

HAWKEYE WEST PEST CONTROL, QUARTERLY PEST CONTROL..... 375.00

HEWETT WHOLESALE INC, CON-CESSION STAND SUPPLIES..... 2,336.53

HSA - SSB ACH, HSA TRANSFER JUN 2024..... 8,795.73

IMWCA, YEARLY WORK COMP PREM..... 36,687.00

INTOXIMETERS, SUPPLIES... 60.00

IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY, C0867R PRINCIPAL..... 946,472.14

IOWA ONE CALL, NOTIFICATIONS..... 33.40

J & J SPORTS, SHIRTS FOR SUM-MER BALL TEAMS..... 2,910.00

L & M SERVICES AND MAINT, CLEAN UP-513 NE 4TH ST... 523.64

LYLE'S FORD-MERCURY, VEHICLE PARTS-STREET..... 39.60

MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING, ENVELOPES..... 666.25

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY, ELECTRICITY..... 21,318.38

PITNEY BOWES, POSTAGE METER LEASE..... 163.53

POSTMASTER, POSTAGE FOR UTILITY BILLS..... 395.75

R&D INDUSTRIES INC, MONTHLY SVCS,TECH SUPPORT... 2,030.75

R&J MATERIAL HANDLING, EQUIPMENT MAINT-BOBCAT..... 241.97

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS, PAINT-POOL..... 204.19

SITE SERVICES INC, ASBESTOS REMOVAL..... 1,620.00

STOREY KENWORTHY, AP CHECKS..... 935.00

T & D SERVICE, '19 F350... 347.47

THE TRASH MAN, GARBAGE REVENUE..... 2,456.53

THE WELLNESS CENTER, MEMBERSHIPS..... 356.00

UMB BANK, N.A., 2011,2014 PRINCIPAL..... 736,881.25

VERIZON, CELLPHONES, LANDLINES..... 1,431.34

WRIGHT COUNTY TREASURER, 902 N ARTHUR TAXES..... 200.00

Fund Totals

GENERAL..... 16,790.06

ROAD USE TAX..... 185,926.61

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS..... 28,872.82

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX..... 136,675.60

GARBAGE..... 2,456.53

DEBT SERVICE..... 911,209.10

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT RESV... 1,402.45

WATER..... 7,330.04

SEWER..... 19,176.55

SEWER REV BOND SINKING..... 946,472.14

Beer/Liquor Licenses: Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce special Class C Retail

Cigarette Permits: W&H - 215 N Commercial

Fareway - 205 NW Ist

Casesy - 200 S Commercial

Dollar General - 613 S Commercial

Opened Hearing at 6:40 pm: on Dangerous Dog Order. Markeisa Friedl provided an overview of the incident and provided evidence that the dog is not dangerous. Dave Walker provided an overview of the incident from his perspective and provided evidence of a dog bite. Closed Hearing at 6:57 pm.

A motion was made by Pamperin

and seconded by Axtell to take NO Action on Resolution 2024-70: A Resolution Overruling the Dangerous Dog Order. Roll Call Vote: all ayes.

Mayor Boyd opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. on the Adoption of a Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment. City Administrator Davis provided an overview of the Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment. No further public comment was provided. Mayor Boyd closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Lorenzen to approve Resolution 2024-72: A Resolution Adopting a Community Development and Housing Needs Assessment. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

Mayor Boyd opened the Public Hearing at 7:05pm on Submission of a CDBG Application. City Administrator Davis gave an overview of the CDBG Application. Council member Axtell and Lorenzen asked questions related to parking and other building permit/code items. Developer Bob Torkelson provided answers to those questions. With no further public comments, Mayor Boyd closed the Public Hearing at 7:07pm

A motion was made by Pamperin and seconded by Limerick to approve Resolution 2024-73: A Resolution Accepting Location and Endorsing Proposed Torkelson Properties Upper Story Project Located at 125 W. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

A motion was made by Pamperin and seconded by Weland to approve Resolution 2024-74: A Resolution Authorizing a Development Agreement with Torkelson Properties for the Upper Story Project at 217 W. Broadway. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

Mayor Boyd opened the Public Hearing at 7:23pm on Submission of a WHTC Application. City Administrator Davis provided an overview of the WHTC Application. Council member Axtell had comments relating to storm water retention. Developer Bob Powers provided comments and answers to those concerns. With no further public comment, Mayor Boyd closed the Public Hearing at 7:29pm.

A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Pamperin to approve Resolution 2024-75: A Resolution

Supporting a WHTC Application. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Limerick to approve Resolution 2024-76: A Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing regarding the Budget Amendment for FY2024. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

A motion was made by Limerick and seconded by Axtell to approve Quote for Striping Services from Danielson Services for Spruce Drive Curb Painting. Roll Call: all ayes except Lorenzen who abstained.

A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Axtell to approve Resolution 2024-77: A Resolution Appointing to Memorial Hall Board. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

A motion was made by Limerick and seconded by Axtell to approve Resolution 2024-78: A Resolution Authorizing Fiscal Year Transfers for FY2024. Roll Call Vote: all ayes

Mayor Boyd opened the Public Hearing at 7:47pm on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Eagle Grove Urban Renewal Area. Richard Cahalan asked about the current City's General Obligation Debt, Internal Advance Loan, Past Grants and Loans to the Eagle Grove Rec Center. Denise Reiland asked questions regarding the Urban Renewal Process. City Administrator Davis provided answers to those concerns and discussed at length the Urban Renewal Process, Credit Backstop, and Limited Guarantee of the Eagle Grove Rec Center. Eagle Grove Rec Center Board member Bob Torkelson and Christa Wilson provided an overview of what is needed to complete the Eagle Grove Rec Center and thanked the Council for this very important process. With no further public comment, Mayor Bod closed the Public Hearing at 8:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Pamperin to approve Resolution 2024-79: A Resolution to Approve the Urban Renewal Plan Amendment for the Eagle Grove Urban Renewal Area. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Pamperin, Lorenzen, Weland and Limerick. Nayes-Axtell

Department reports were given.

A motion was made by Weland and seconded by Limer

Iowa Swine Day Will Be Held July 25 in Ames

Learn the latest in pork industry trends and technology at annual event

AMES, Iowa – Pork producers and others involved with swine production can learn the most current information on emerging critical industry topics at Iowa Swine Day, July 25 at the Iowa State Center in Ames. Sessions will be presented by renowned speakers from the U.S. and around the world. The event is organized and presented by the Iowa Pork Industry Center at Iowa State University.

The planning committee of producers and allied industry representatives ensures that no two programs are alike, and that every program offers information not available elsewhere.

Following the morning plenary session and lunch, participants will choose their own schedule from the four concurrent topical sessions in each: current topics, improving on-farm labor, protecting herd health and Iowa State research. With speaker content, sessions are recorded and provided later on the Pork Center's YouTube channel.

The preconference symposium, on July 24, will feature eight leading swine industry experts presenting Soybean Meal 360. Moderated by David Holzgraefe, the topics include the dynamic landscape of increased soybean meal availability, the expanding horizons of soybean meal discoveries in swine diets and field-proven feeding strategies for improving pork production. The preconference symposium runs from 12:30-5 p.m. July 24, at the Scheman Building, 1805 Center Drive.

Including the preconference symposium, there are six primary sessions, 28 individual talks, 31 speakers and more than 30 sponsors. Cost is \$85 and parking for all events is free. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the official program starts at 8 a.m. at Stephens Auditorium, 1900 Center Drive.

All attendees registered for Iowa Swine Day are welcome to attend the symposium as well as the swine networking social following the event. Sponsored by AB Vista, Iowa Pork Industry Center, Lynch Livestock and TechMix, the social starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Hansen Agriculture Student Learning Center, at 2508 Mortensen Road.

Registration cost for the networking social is \$85.

Students may attend at no charge and preregistration is strongly encouraged. Walk-in registration is discouraged.

The full program, information, registration forms and directions to the venues are available on the Iowa Swine Day conference website.

Iowa Swine Day is hosted by the Iowa Pork Industry Center with support provided by Iowa State's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

- Golf Tournament & Silent Auction - "Fore" the Animals - Hosted by Lazy J. Rescue Ranch | EG Golf Course - 10:00 AM
- Summerfest STREET DANCE! Downtown Eagle Grove - Gates open at 7:00 PM, Band performs from 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM.

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

- Father's Day!

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

- BINGO - Clarion Senior Citizens Center 1:30 - 3:30 PM (Unless there is bad weather)
- Paint Your Partner with Studio Sol

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

- LIVE MUSIC!! Join us for live music from Lucas Beebe. This event will be held outdoors (Weather permitting) please feel free to bring lawn chairs. The Bru, 215 6th ST SW, Clarion 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM
- Slay the Night - Live Music by Rafer Russel at Slay Nutrition, 209 W Broadway. Tea Bomb Bar open. Stop in for more details in advance. \$5. See facebook.com/events/479242644472462 for info & ticket link. \$5.

MONDAY, JUNE 24

- Reading Bear Reunion, Summer Reading Program Kick-Off event. Hewitt Park, 6:30 PM. Free Donuts courtesy of the Eagle Grove Boy Scouts. Fun activities for kids!

TUESDAY, JULY 9

- The Wright County Fair begins! See wrightcofair.com/schedule.html for more information.

SATURDAY, JULY 27

- Eagle Grove Fire Department Golf Outing. Eagle Grove Golf Course & Nine and Dine Restaurant. 10 AM. \$160 per 4 person team. Limited cart rentals available, contact Zach Boyer.
- The Heartland Truck Show, on North Main Street, Clarion. Truck parking begins at 5 PM, Standing Hampton plays in the street, 6 PM - Midnight. Light show at 10 PM.

SUNDAY, JULY 28

- The Heartland Truck Show continues. Registration 10 AM-Noon, Mojo Productions DJ 11 AM - 3 PM, Judging at 3 PM with awards to follow.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

- Badgerfest - Badger Iowa
- Bittersweet Nation at Rails Bar & Grill, 220 Railroad Ave.

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WRIGHT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**DETAILS:**Mondays, 9 a.m., at the Wright County Courthouse

CLARION CITY COUNCIL**DETAILS:**5 p.m., first and third Tuesdays of the Month

EAGLE GROVE CITY COUNCIL**DETAILS:**6:30 p.m., first and third Mondays at the Police building

EAGLE GROVE UTILITY BOARD**DETAILS:**To be announced.

EAGLE GROVE LIBRARY BOARD**DETAILS:**Second Wednesdays of the Month at the Library Meeting Room (times to be announced).

EAGLE GROVE SCHOOL BOARD**DETAILS:**Second Mondays of the Month, 6:00 p.m. at the Emerson Building.

ROWAN CITY COUNCIL**DETAILS:**7 p.m., First Mondays of the Month at City Hall

GALT CITY COUNCIL**DETAILS:**Second Mondays of the month, 202 3rd St.

WOOLSTOCK CITY COUNCIL**DETAILS:**2nd Tuesdays of the month

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Election Workers Worry that Federal Threats Task Force Isn't Enough to Keep Them Safe

by Zachary Roth

Aiming to send a message, the Biden administration recently spotlighted its indictments and convictions in cases involving threats to election officials or workers.

But with no letup in reports of attacks, some elections professionals say federal law enforcement still isn't doing enough to deter bad actors and ensure that those on the front lines of democracy are protected this fall.

"Election officials by and large have no confidence that if something were to happen to them, there would be any consequences," said Amy Cohen, the executive director of the National Association of State Election Directors. "It is very clear that we are not seeing a deterrent effect."

A U.S. Justice Department spokesman declined to comment for this story, instead directing States Newsroom to a webpage for the department's Election Threats Task Force.

Launched by the Justice Department in 2021 in response to the wave of harassment of election officials that followed the 2020 election, the Election Threats Task Force works closely with local law enforcement and U.S. attorney's offices around the country to investigate threats.

In going after those who make threats against election workers, the Justice Department is honoring a foundational purpose: The department was created in 1870 in part to protect the voting rights of southern Blacks during Reconstruction.

Run by John Keller, a top official in the Justice Department's Public Integrity Section, the task force also includes the Criminal Division's Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section, the Civil Rights Division, the National Security Division, and the FBI. It also works with several other government agencies, including the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the Department of Homeland Security.

Since its launch, the task force has brought charges in 17 cases, according to

the department's tally. Eight cases have resulted in prison time, with sentencing scheduled in several more.

In one case, brought in Nevada, the defendant was acquitted.

In March, a Massachusetts man received a three-and-a-half-year sentence — the longest won by the task force to date — for sending an online message to an Arizona election official warning her a bomb would be detonated "in her personal space" unless she resigned.

A Texas man received the same sentence last August for posting threatening messages targeting two Maricopa County, Arizona officials and their families, and separately calling for a "mass shooting of poll workers" in precincts with "suspect results."

'Each of these cases should serve as a warning'

Attorney General Merrick Garland highlighted these convictions and others in a May 13 speech at a task force meeting.

"Each of these cases should serve as a warning," declared Garland. "If you threaten to harm or kill an election worker, volunteer, or official, the Justice Department will find you. And we will hold you accountable."

But those prosecutions amount to only a tiny share of what the Justice Department has said is over 2,000 reports of threats or harassment submitted by the election community to the FBI since the task force was launched in 2021. Around 100 of those were investigated, according to the Justice Department.

The small number of investigations and prosecutions is largely due to free speech concerns. Legal experts say that anything short of a direct and explicit threat to cause physical harm may well be protected speech under the First Amendment.

"A true threat is a serious expression of an intent to commit an act of unlawful violence," Keller has said. "If they don't cross that line into invoking violence, they are generally not going to constitute a criminally prosecutable threat."

Still, as the 2024 vote approaches, there's little evidence that the volume of attacks against the people who run elections has declined, or that election workers feel safer.

A recent Brennan Center survey found that more than half of local election officials said they were concerned about the safety of their colleagues or staff — around the same number as in 2022, the year of the last federal election. Around a quarter worry about being assaulted at home or at work.

"This is a widespread issue in the elections community," said Tammy Patrick, the CEO for programs for the National Association of Election Officials, and a former election official in Maricopa County. "It's happening all across the country. It's not just a question of it being in swing states, or just being in the city or whatever. It's happening in a way that is a concerted campaign to create and sow chaos."

"There is some feeling that the task force is a political tool," said another election expert, "that allows the administration to say they care and they're doing something."

Troubling episodes but little followup

In March 2022, anti-fraud activists, accompanied by the local GOP chair, showed up at the office of Michella Huff, the election director for Surry County, North Carolina.

Huff said the activists tried to pressure her to give them access to county voting machines, citing what they said were flawed voter rolls. The group repeatedly threatened to have Huff ousted from her job if she didn't cooperate, and said they planned to return with the local sheriff, though they did not do so.

Huff declined to provide access to the machines, and reported the episode to the state election board's investigations unit.

A spokesperson for the board did not respond to an inquiry about whether the report was forwarded to federal law enforcement.

Election security advocates have urged the FBI to do more to probe efforts by

supporters of former President Donald Trump to gain access to voting machines in other states, warning that the breaches could have allowed for voting machine software to be compromised.

Huff said she never heard from law enforcement on any level, despite speaking publicly about the episode.

Though Huff wasn't physically threatened, she said she'd still like to have seen federal authorities do more to respond.

"If it is truly a threat, I think every threat needs to be looked at seriously(ly), and it needs to be considered as to what the intent was, if it was successful, and what the repercussions would be if it had been successful," Huff said. "A threat is a threat."

More overt efforts to physically intimidate election workers also have at times spurred little law enforcement followup.

The night before South Carolina's 2022 primaries, a Republican candidate who has promoted lies about the 2020 election posted a message on the conservative social media site Telegram, to a group of anti-fraud activists.

"For all of you on the team tomorrow observing the polls, Good Hunting," the message said. "We have the enemy on their back foot, press the attack. Forward."

During the voting period, groups of activists showed up at multiple polling places to verbally harass, photograph, and film election workers as they did their jobs, recounted Isaac Cramer, the executive director of the Charleston County Board of Voter Registration and Elections.

The activists called the police to at least one polling site, falsely alleging evidence of fraud by election staff. The police came, but made no arrests — though the episode left the site's lead poll manager shaken, Cramer said.

Cramer said his office provided detailed reports on both the Telegram message and the harassment at polling sites to the Department of Homeland Security, as well as to the state election commission.

"We took that threat pretty

seriously," he said, referring to the Telegram message.

He said he received a response from DHS saying the report was being looked into, but heard nothing after that.

"I don't know what the conclusions were, or what occurred after submitting that information," Cramer said.

But Cramer added that the experience produced a successful effort to increase collaboration with local, state, and federal authorities — with the result that the county is much better prepared to respond to, and anticipate, similar incidents this year.

"When you're on the defense, you're kind of reacting to everything, and I think that's how the past was," Cramer said. "And now we're being proactive."

'I dread November for you guys'

Patrick, of the National Association of Election Officials, said that while she understands the need to avoid running afoul of the First Amendment, authorities must balance legitimate free speech concerns with their urgent duty to protect those conducting elections.

And, she suggested, they may not always be getting that balance right.

"We need to be really careful that we're not allowing people to yell fire in a crowded theater," Patrick said. "And that we're not allowing people to use what they are potentially claiming as their freedom of speech as a way of creating chaos in a system, or to threaten individuals who are just trying to do their job."

In addition, election professionals say they've complained for years that after they submit reports about threats and harassment to the FBI, there's often a lack of follow-up beyond an acknowledgment of receipt.

Of course, law enforcement frequently can't share details about their work, even with those who were targeted, in order not to compromise an investigation. But Patrick said even basic information could be helpful.

"Even letting them know that the report is being

worked, so it doesn't just go into the void, and a victim knows there's going to be a knock-and-talk, gives the individual who made that report some sense of closure," Patrick said, referring to when federal agents show up to speak with a suspect at their home.

The problem may be exacerbated by a lack of understanding among some in the elections world about what federal law enforcement can and can't do. Many election officials, said Cohen, of the National Association of State Election Directors, want front-end help with steps like bolstering physical security to better prepare for incidents.

"Law enforcement, and especially federal law enforcement, is only coming at the back end," said Cohen. "Their goal is not prevention or recovery, their goal is prosecution. And it has taken our community, I think, a long time to understand what we should be expecting from DOJ."

Ultimately, said Cohen, the prosecutions brought by the Justice Department appear to have done little to reduce the number of threats election workers are subject to today.

"I'm really grateful that DOJ has secured convictions in Arizona," Cohen said. "But I don't think securing convictions in Arizona three years later has actually deterred anything in Arizona."

Indeed, Arizona has been a hotbed for election misinformation, and its election officials continue to be targeted by a consistent stream of threats, according to multiple reports.

Huff, the county election director in North Carolina, said that with a major election approaching, members of the public often express sympathy for her and her staff — an acknowledgement that the vitriol they've been facing is only likely to get stronger.

"Out in public, I get that," Huff said — "Boy, I dread November for you guys."

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didn't include criminal penalties for women who receive abortions.

Ascol said he believed the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission must say publicly if "the goal (is) the abolition of abortion. And if it is and they're sincere, then okay, let's work together."

"If we can do that, I think we can have some opportunity for coalition building," Ascol said. "If we get more of these open letters by so-called pro-life organizations helping to spike legitimate legislation, then I think we're going to continue to see the fragmentation and understandably so."

National Right to Life, Susan B. Anthony List and Americans United for Life were among the organizations that signed the May 2022 letter.

Trump and abortion, contraception

Trump's comments to The Danbury Institute on Monday didn't clear up the confusion stemming from his comments to news organizations during the past few months.

Trump said during an interview with TIME Magazine published in April that his campaign would be releasing a policy in the weeks that followed on access to medication abortion, a two-drug regimen approved for up to 10 weeks gestation.

"Well, I have an opinion on that, but I'm not going to explain," Trump said, according to the transcript of the interview. "I'm not gonna say it yet. But I have pretty strong views on that. And I'll be releasing it probably over the next week."

That policy had not been released as of Monday.

Medication abortion, which include mifepristone and misoprostol, makes up about 63% of pregnancy terminations within the United States, according to data from the Guttmacher Institute.

U.S. Supreme Court justices heard oral arguments in a case about mifepristone's use in late March and are expected to publish their ruling before the Fourth of July.

During an interview with a Pittsburgh TV news station in May, Trump hinted that he might be open to states limiting or banning access to contraception, though he walked back his remarks the

same day in a social media post.

"We're looking at that and I'm going to have a policy on that very shortly and I think it's something that you'll find interesting," Trump said on KDKA after being asked if he could support any restrictions on a person's right to contraception. "It's another issue that's very interesting. But you will find it very smart. I think it's a smart decision, but we'll be releasing it very soon."

Trump later posted on social media that he never had and never would "ADVOCATE IMPOSING RESTRICTIONS ON BIRTH CONTROL, or other contraceptives."

Trump's campaign had not released a policy on contraception as of Monday.

U.S. Senate vote on IVF set this week

Access to reproductive health care, including contraception and IVF, has become a recurring issue in the U.S.

Senate ahead of November's elections, with Democrats seeking to put GOP members on the record.

The Senate tried to pass legislation last week that would have provided protections for access to contraception, but the vast majority of the chamber's Republicans voted against advancing that bill.

Access to contraception is

currently protected by two U.S. Supreme Court cases — Griswold v. Connecticut and Eisenstadt v. Baird — where the justices ruled that Americans' privacy rights allow them to make those decisions for themselves.

Democrats and reproductive rights advocates are concerned that the justices could eventually overturn those two cases the same

way the court overturned Roe v. Wade.

The Senate is set to vote this week on legislation guaranteeing access to in vitro fertilization, though GOP senators are expected to block that bill as well.

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SPORTS SCHEDULE

Monday, June 17

- JV/Varsity Baseball @ Bishop Garrigan, 5:30 p.m.
- JV/Varsity Softball @ Bishop Garrigan, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18

- Middle School Baseball/Softball Double Header vs. Belmond-Klemme @ EG, 10 a.m.
- JJV Softball @ GHV, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, June 19

- JV/Varsity Baseball vs. Lake Mills @ EG, 5:30 p.m.
- JV/Varsity Softball vs. Lake Mills @ EG, 6 p.m.

Thursday, June 20

- Middle School Softball/Baseball @ Taft Park - Humboldt, 10 a.m.
- JV/Varsity Baseball vs. MNW-Webster @ EG, 5:30 p.m.
- JV/Varsity Softball vs. Poky @ EG, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, June 21

- JJV Softball @ Newman Catholic, 11:00 a.m.

Eagles Clip Cardinals For Third Consecutive Win

By Taylor Smith Sports Editor

The 1-6 Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Cardinals were in Eagle Grove on June 3rd for a humid night of summer softball. After the Cardinals strung together a few hits and brought two across home plate in the 1st, the

Eagles buckled down and responded in the best way. The hometown ladies emerged victorious after an astonishing four-inning master class in hitting and base running.

In the bottom of the 1st, Maddison Kaiser and Tarissa Middleton drew walks to set up cleanup hitter Celeste

Figueroa. Figueroa absolutely smacked a triple to center to bring her teammates home. Brooklyn Osborn outran a routine grounder to score Figueroa and gave the Eagles the lead for good.

Middleton had an RBI double to left in her next turn at bat. Osborn's RBI single

to center field increased the lead to 9-2 in the bottom of the 2nd, and Myah Edwards blasted a triple to right to score Brooklyn.

GHV would come knocking in the 4th inning with a run of their own, but starting ace Osborn struck out two to remove any thought of a

comeback. She finished the night with three strikeouts and one walk.

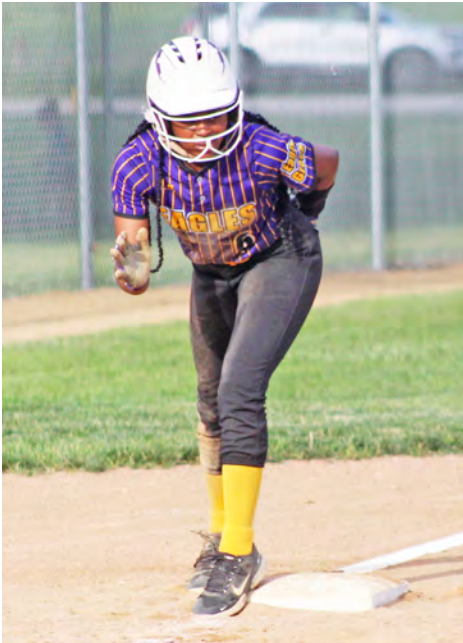
Osborn went 2 for 3 in the batter's box with two RBI's. Maddison Kaiser had two singles and an RBI, and Nadia Kaiser contributed a hit and two RBI's for Eagle Grove.



Celeste Figueroa tied the game with a two-run triple (photos by Taylor Smith)



Myah Edwards catches her breath on third after an RBI triple



Tarissa Middleton had two steals against the Cardinals

North Iowa Has No Answer For EG Pitching

By Taylor Smith Sports Editor

The Eagle Grove softball and baseball teams both won convincingly last Friday night in Greenwood Park over their conference opponents from North Iowa.

The conference leading softball team improved their record to 7-2 with a 9-1 victory over the Bison.

Maddison Kaiser led the girls with two stolen bases, two singles, an RBI, and four runs. Junior Tarissa Middleton drew two walks and scored two runs. She also hit a single and stole a pair of bases. Middleton now has 12 stolen bases this season.

In 6.2 innings in the pitching circle, Brooklyn Osborn struck out five and only walked one Bison batter. Osborn now has seven wins this season, tied for the 5th most in the entire Top of Iowa Conference.

An hour and a half later,

the boys picked up where the girls left out, shutting out North Iowa 10-0 in five innings of baseball.

Starting pitcher Syrus Willard got the win for EG and allowed just one hit in 4.2 innings. He had four strikeouts on the mound and led the Eagles' offensive onslaught with a triple and two RBI's.

Center fielder Drake Cavanaugh was in the zone in the batter's box, hitting a double and a triple.

Jake Jeske added a single, had two RBI's, and scored a run. Mack Morgan drew three walks and scored four runs. Catcher Trenton Robinson also had a single and an RBI in the win.



Trenton Robinson had a single in the Eagle victory (photos by Mitch Jones Photography)



Addy Jeske was all smiles after another Eagle Grove win



Syrus Willard commanded the mound vs. North Iowa

Boys Can't Outlast GHV At Greenwood Park

By Taylor Smith Sports Editor

On June 3rd, the Eagles and Cardinals of Garner-Hayfield-Ventura traded blows in a seven-inning baseball thriller. The visitors would come from behind and steal a win in the 6th and 7th innings, but Eagle Grove showed resiliency against their 5-1 opponents.

Jake Jeske hit a two-out double to right field in the top of the 1st, and cleanup hitter Syrus Willard brought him home with a double of his own.

GHV tied the contest in the top of the 2nd, but right fielder Brett Ascherl prevented any further damage with an incredible throw to third base.

Both offenses cooled off until the 4th inning, when Cardinal DH Parker Stearns hit a two-run dinger.

EGHS freshman catcher Trenton Robinson tied the game with a two-run double to center field in the bottom of the 4th, and Brett Ascherl later drove in two more runs with a single.

In the top of the 5th, the Cardinals retaliated with a run and Willard moved from center field to relieve Jeske on the mound. Syrus was able to strike out six in his 2.2 innings of work, but a walk with the bases loaded tied the game in the 6th inning.

Willard and Nolan Krauss shared pitching duties in the 7th, but the Cardinals scored twice more and snuck out of EG with the victory.

Willard batted 3 for 3 with two singles and a double. Krauss had a single and double in the loss.



Jake Jeske zeroes in on a Cardinal offering



Brett Ascherl had two RBI's against GHV (photos by Taylor Smith)

Outfielders Combine For Six Hits Vs. Warriors

By Taylor Smith Sports Editor

After a tough loss against Garner-Hayfield-Ventura and a game cancelled due to weather, the Eagle Grove

baseball team went back to work against North Union on June 5th. The Eagles built on a four-run 2nd inning and defeated the Warriors 12-5.

Left fielder Mack Morgan had a double, two RBI's, and three stolen bases to lead Eagle Grove. Center fielder Syrus Willard continued his phenomenal hitting with two singles, a double, and three RBI's, and right fielder Brett Ascherl added a double.

Jaxon Morris and Jake Jeske provided a single apiece and each stole two bases in the winning effort.

Starting pitcher Nolan Krauss picked up the win on the mound. He fanned 10 Warrior batters in six innings as the Eagles improved to 5-6.



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