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'Biggest Tournament Yet' for Lazy J Rescue Ranch

by Edward Linn, Editor

No one ever said sanctuary is cheap. But for animals who've endured abuse, neglect, and abandonment, it's worth the expense. And that's why local heroes Hailey Fitzpatrick and Tyler Linn established the Lazy J Rescue Ranch, hidden away out in the rolling countryside between Eagle Grove and Gold-

field. This haven, recently made famous nationwide after being featured on the Wizard of Paws TV Show (on BYU TV, Disney +, and NatGeo), is known as the Lazy J Rescue Ranch, and offers a safe and loving home to animals in need, where they can finally find peace and safety.

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SUMMERFEST ROCKS

Despite Rainy Forecast

by Edward Linn
Editor

After a one year hiatus, the highly anticipated return of Summerfest on Saturday faced an unexpected twist when the forecast predicted heavy rain, causing the day-time activities for children to be canceled. Organizers have promised to reschedule these events, and residents are encouraged to stay tuned to the Eagle Grove Empowerment page on Facebook for updates.

Despite the initial disappointment, the weather only brought light drizzle and brief periods of real rainfall, allowing the evening festivities to proceed as planned.

The street party kicked off at 7 p.m. in the 200 block of W Broadway, transforming the area into a vibrant celebration of community spirit and summer fun. The tantalizing aroma of barbecue filled the air, courtesy of Nine & Dine Restaurant, which was offering up a variety of mouth-watering offerings from succulent pulled pork sandwiches to hearty half racks of ribs. The delicious fare provided just the right fuel to get the party started.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, the Chamber of Commerce hosted a beer

tank, offering ice cold cans of brew for each \$4 beer tickets to those over 21, fresh from the frigid waters of the tank on the muggy, warm and drizzly evening. Attendees had their IDs checked and ages verified before receiving bracelets that allowed them to enjoy the beverages.

Even before their scheduled 8 PM starting time, the Gut Feeling Band from Des Moines took to the flatbed stage, too ready to rock to wait. They quickly captivated the crowd with a dynamic set of classic rock hits from the 70s, 80s, and 90s. The band, featuring lo-

cal native Amanda Heeren as the lead female vocalist, delivered an electrifying performance. Amanda's powerful vocals and energetic stage presence was highlighted by her spontaneous leap off the stage to dance with friends and family, which drew enthusiastic cheers from the audience as her bandmates continued to rock.

The band's setlist constituted a nostalgic road trip through rock history, including hits from Foreigner, Huey Lewis and the News, The Foo Fighters, Shania Twain, John "Cougar" Mellencamp, Styx, Ratt, and Molly Hatchet. Their impressive musicianship and tight coordination shone through, with each song executed with near album-perfect precision. The vocalists' remarkable range and ability to mimic the original artists added an extra layer of authenticity to the performance, leaving the crowd in awe.

Despite the earlier weather concerns, the event saw a decent turnout, with community members coming together to enjoy the festivities. The resilient spirit of Eagle Grove was evident as families, friends, and neighbors gathered to celebrate, undeterred by the less-than-ideal weather. And the light drizzle did little to dampen the spirits, while the brief rain showers were seen as a minor inconvenience in an otherwise joyous occasion.

Throughout the dance, the sense of community and shared enjoyment was palpable. Summerfest had returned triumphant to once again serve as a highlight of the summer season, offering a perfect blend of food, music, and camaraderie. And what might otherwise have been a gloomy, muggy summer night of sprinkles was instead a memorable celebration for all who attended.



Lead female vocalist Amanda Heeren gave an electrifying performance. (Photo by Edward Linn)



A very healthy crowd of fun loving folks braved the foreboding forecast for a great night out. (Screenshot, Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce/Facebook)



Several folks were caught on camera having a great time together! (Photos by Edward Linn)



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(Photo courtesy of the Wright County Farm Bureau)

Beyond the Bait with the Farm Bureau

by Kathy Whitver,
Wright County Farm Bureau

One hundred guests enjoyed a complimentary lunch, during which they learned about soil conservation practices in Wright County. Additionally, sixty-three individuals participated in a fishing derby at Lake Cornelia on Saturday, June 8. The Wright County Farm Bureau sponsored the event.

Park Ranger Jeremiah Feltz briefed attendees on the Lake Cornelia restocking project. Following an explanation of the importance of soil conservation by Kevin Barber from the

Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), participants were invited to tour a tent dedicated to soil conservation education. The demonstration highlighted how cover crops, no-till, and low-tillage methods help prevent soil erosion caused by water and wind.

After lunch, a free fishing derby took place. Prizes were given for the largest and most fish caught in the two age categories. In the 17 and under category, the winners included MJ Nel (8 ½ inches), Teddy Yakel (8 inches), Elias Burt (7 ½ inches), Ashton Stock (7 ¼ inches), and Lincoln Evje (7 inches). In the adult category,

Tim Brooks won with 8 inches, while Kevin Adams and Heather Evje tied at 7 inches. Chaver Gonzaliz came in third with 6 ½ inches.

In the 17 and under group, Maverick Corrow caught the most fish with ten, followed by MJ Nel with nine, and Aiden Malone with five. In the 18 and over group, prizes were awarded to Heather Evje (4), Chaver Gonzaliz (3) Kevin Adams, and Tim Brooks with two each.

Everyone at the WCFB would like to thank Kevin Barber, NRCS, and Wright County Park Ranger Jeremiah Feltz for their assistance in making the day a success.

Renwick Boone Valley High School Class of '59 Reunion

The Renwick Boone Valley High School Class of 1959 celebrated their 65th class reunion the weekend of Donkey Daze on June 1, 2024. There were seventeen attendees of the class of thirty-six. In appreciation of the Renwick Fire Department & Emergency Medical

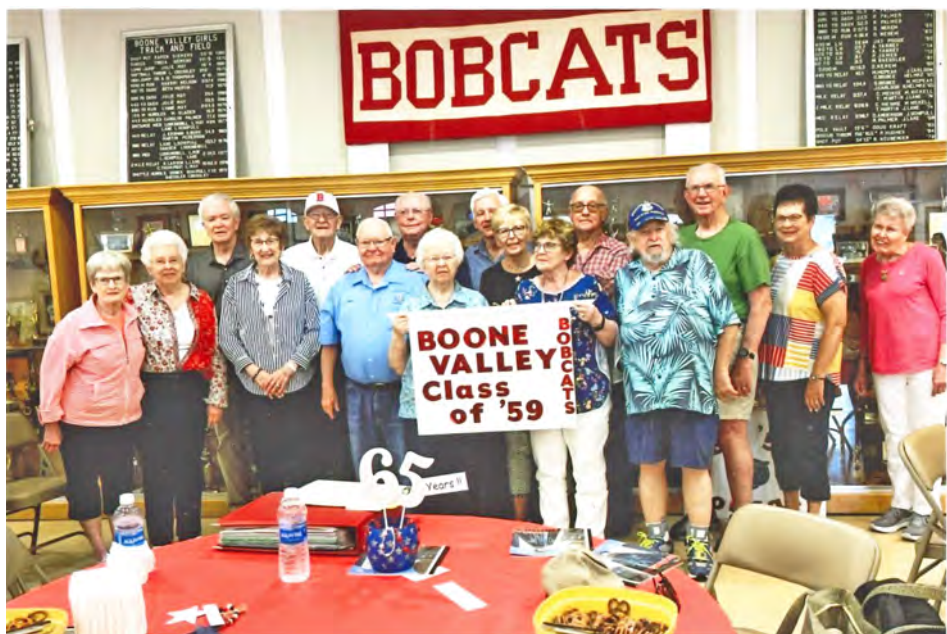
Service, the class members donated a total of \$3,000 which was divided equally. Ron Anderson, class president, presented the checks to them at a short ceremony at the Renwick Community Center in the afternoon.

An additional donation was presented to May-

or Taylor Kunert by Daryl Hansen in recognition of their classmate Roger Oppedahl, for his generosity and initiative for starting the Renwick Community Center. Many donations were made and projects supported to make it a reality for the community.



Pictured are Ron Anderson (corner), L-R Jon Nissen, Gidget Trask, Melissa Toomsen - EMS, Ryan Nielsen, Bob Wolf, Josh Lippolt, Nate Huntley - Fire Department, and Mayor Taylor Kunert. (Photo provided).



L-R Ging Bolte, Mary Ann Rosonke, Ron Anderson, Bev Steffenson, Roger Weyer, Dennis McCurry, Mike Huntley, Elaine McCurry, Dennis Zweifel, Shirley Wigans, Sue Behr, Marlen Lund, Marvin Camerson, Daryl Hansen, Charlene Nerem, Chris Felsch, (not pictured) Virginia Hart. (Photo provided).

NEW Cooperative Foundation Donates to Local 4-H Clubs

The NEW Cooperative Foundation continues their commitment to supporting local 4-H youth. Recently, the Foundation donated \$94,520 to 35 county extension and outreach offices, which will support 4,929 individual 4-H members.

The contribution from the Foundation pays for half of each 4-H member's dues in NEW Cooperative's trade territory counties, which includes the following: Calhoun, Carroll, Cherokee, Crawford, Greene, Franklin, Hamilton, Humboldt, Kosuth, Monona, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Webster, Woodbury, Wright, Hancock, Cerro Gordo, Emmet, Dickinson, Palo Alto, Clay, Cass, Warren, Montgomery, Adams, Union, Clarke, Lucas, Fremont, Page, Taylor, Ringgold, Decatur, and Wayne.

"NEW Cooperative takes great pride in supporting its area youth 4-H programs. We strongly feel that 4-H helps youth build the necessary foundation to become future leaders in our local communities," stated Gary Moritz, NEW Cooperative Communication Director.

About NEW Cooperative, Inc. and the NEW Cooperative Foundation
NEW Cooperative, Inc. Is a farmer-owned grain, agronomy, energy, and feed



cooperative headquartered in Fort Dodge, Iowa. As a leading agriculture retailer, NEW Cooperative is focused on being an innovative and efficient provider of today's agriculture markets and services to 12,000 members throughout their 80 locations in Iowa.

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Foundation is the charitable giving entity of NEW Cooperative, Inc. The Foundation is committed to investing in organizations that are dedicated to youth and education, human services, and civic purposes that further enhance the quality of life in our member's local communities.

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Corrections

In last week's issue, in the article "Reading Buddies and Mama Cats Team Up for Summer Reading Program" we reported that the Reading Buddies program finale would be August 14th. We have since been informed that the finale will be held August 16th. Also, in that article we reported that there was no summer reading program planned at the Eagle Grove Library. However, the library has since announced that there will be a summer reading program. Sign-ups and book bags for the library reading program will be on Thursday, June 27th, and the program begins July 2nd.



Mini Donuts

Eagle Grove BSA Scout Troop 1059

\$5/dozen

All proceeds go to summer camp

Saturday, June 22
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Johnson Law Firm Parking Lot
216 N. Commercial Ave
Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533
Receive a coupon for Boone River Coffee!

Clarion Courthouse Grounds to Receive Updated Outlets

by Lee van der Linden
Water and sewer line problems at the Lake Cornelia campground are delaying a proposed expansion project. The Wright County Board of Supervisors heard about the problems at the June 17 meeting.
Conservation Director Eric Rector said a sewer line at the boat ramp restroom collapsed over the weekend. The line has been clogged several times in the last several weeks, and the problem was located in the parking lot. It is being fixed, and should not impact the boat ramp.
Rector said a “large infiltration” of rainwater is overburdening the lift station to the sewer lagoons. The problem could be fixed by drilling holes near the manholes and injecting grout.
He asked that \$35,000 budgeted for the planned 18-site campground expansion during the 2023-24 fiscal year be carried over to next year. That request was approved.
In other business regarding county conservation, the

supervisors approved the appointment of Rick Brooks of Belmont to the board of directors. He has served on the board previously and will replace Todd Swalin of Eagle Grove. Conservation board members serve five-year terms.
The board also approved spending about \$4,000 for its share of replacing the electrical outlets on the courthouse grounds. Nine outlets with 120 and 240 volts will be installed. The cost will be split between the county, the City of Clarion, and the Clarion Development Alliance. The trenching for the project will be donated by Hennigar Construction.
In other business, the board:
—heard that the county’s economic development department continued to meet with a business prospect from Germany, while another prospect will be meeting with the county board of adjustment soon, and that Talus Renewables has started work on its facility near Prestage;
—tabled action on certifying the salaries for the com-

ing fiscal year;
—approved appropriating funds for the 2024-25 fiscal year to various departments;
—assigned a county-held tax certificate for a second time. The previous assignment had expired;
—approved a 28E agreement with Humboldt County for environmental health services provided by Sandy McGrath. Humboldt County will pay \$50,000 annually and the agreement is for two years;
—and approved 28E agreements with the ambu-

lance services in the county.
In news relating to the June primary, Todd Foss has decided to run as a Democrat for the District 5 seat. Greg Schipull has declined the opportunity to run as a Libertarian for the District 1 seat.



Baby boy Askvig

Kya and Seth Askvig of Webster City are pleased to announce the birth of a boy. Wyatt Lee Thomas Askvig was born on June 14, 2024, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces. He joins a brother, Wesley (2).
His grandparents are Leonard Carlson of Webster City, and Kim and Justin Brensel of Vincent.
His great grandparents are Leonard “Boe” Carlson and Donald and Louanna Lehman, all of Webster City.

University of Iowa 2024 spring semester dean's list honorees announced

More than 7,650 undergraduate students at the University of Iowa were named to the dean's list for the 2024 spring semester.
Dean's list status was earned by 1,063 first-year undergraduates during the 2023 spring semester at Iowa, 1,752 second-year students, 2,041 third-year students, and 2,807 fourth-year students.
Guidelines for inclusion on the list are:

Degree seeking undergraduate students in the Carver College of Medicine, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, the College of Public Health, the Tippie College of Business, and University College who achieved a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of UI graded coursework during

a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of "I" (incomplete) or "O" (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the dean's list for that semester.
Undergraduate students in the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine may qualify for the dean's list with fewer than 12 semester hours of graded credit, if deemed appropriate by the college.
College of Nursing students participating in clinical courses who have a total of 12 semester hours of earned credit, with eight semester hours of graded credit with a GPA of 3.50 or higher.
Local students honored are:
Jacob Moore of Clarion, IA [College: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Interdepartmental

Studies; Year: third-year]
Megan Schafer of Eagle Grove, IA [College: College of Nursing; Major: Nursing; Year: third-year]
Garrett Seaba of Goldfield, IA [College: College of Engineering; Major: Electrical Engineering; Year: second-year]
Drake Weland of Eagle Grove, IA [College: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences; Major: Cinema; Year: third-year]

22 Wright County Students Make UNIDean's List

by Edward Lynn Editor
22 students from Wright County, including three from Eagle Grove and two from Goldfield, were named to the University of Northern Iowa's Dean's List for the 2024 spring semester.
Eligibility for the Dean's List requires a student to earn a grade point average of at least 3.50, and also earn a minimum of 12 semester hours, with at least one semester hour of graded credit.

The Wright County students named to the UNI spring Dean's List from each town are:
Belmond: Addie Buseman, Jonah Christianson, Jaydon Gansen, Claudia Simonson, and Valeria Torres.
Clarion: Lauren Brooks, Alexander Greving, Kayleen Johnson, Meleah Johnson, Kylie Klaver, Katherine Lopez, Katherine Lopez, Tessa Warnke, and Nicole Waters.
Dows: Anthony Ramos.
Eagle Grove: Madison

Axtell, Justin Day, and Hannah Sampson.
Goldfield: Kaden Bricker of Goldfield, Paige and Nelson of Goldfield.
Meservey: Benjamin Eckhoff.
Rowan: Jaace Weidemann.

10 Wright County Students Graduate from UNI

by Edward Lynn Editor
10 local students, including Emma Johnston of Eagle Grove, graduated in the Spring 2024 semester from the University of Northern Iowa.
One, Tessa Warnke of Clarion, graduated with honors, on the Dean's List.
The Wright County Students who graduated from UNI in the spring are:
• Jared Ainger of Belmond

graduated with a Master of Athletic Training degree, with a major in Master of Athletic Training.
• Emma Askildson of Belmond graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in Public Health: Community Health.
• Jonah Christianson of Belmond graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in Social Science Teaching - Plan B All Social Science Teaching.

• Cael Ahrens of Clarion graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in Management: Business Administration, Supply Chain Management.
• Brenna Cross of Clarion graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in Family Services.
• Kayleen Johnson of Clarion graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work degree, with a major in Social Work.
• Meleah Johnson of Clarion graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in Marketing: Sales Management.
• Kylie Klaver of Clarion graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in Art Education-Teaching.

• Tessa Warnke of Clarion graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, with honors, with a major in Graphic Technology, Technology Management.
• Emma Johnston of Eagle Grove graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a major in Management: Business Administration.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Larry and Marilyn Sadler were united in marriage in Eagle Grove, IA on June 22, 1974. They raised three daughters; Susie (Mark) Halverson of Centerville, Karie (Josh) Stolpe of Grimes, and Leah (Jeremy) Rachu of Webster City. They have 8 wonderful grandchildren; Caura, Mylie, Connor, Parker, Rylan, Macklin, Brinkley, and Mila.



Larry and Marilyn continue to reside in Eagle Grove. Please join in celebrating a half a century of marriage by sending them a card sharing warm wishes or fun memories.

Larry & Marilyn Sadler
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VA of Central Iowa Healthcare System Virtual Mobile Clinic



June 28th, 2024 • Wright County Veterans Affairs
120 1st Ave NW Clarion, IA

Also Coffee with Chris from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.!

Central Iowa VA Virtual Health has scheduled an onsite visit to provide services to Veterans at a location near you! The unit will allow Veterans to schedule appointments to meet with their VA healthcare provider in a secure and private Virtual Medical Room. The below lists outline several of the services which will be offered with more to come. To schedule a VA visit on the Virtual Mobile Clinic, call (515) 401-5452.

Services available for Scheduling	Walk-in Availability
1. Primary Care	1. Tele-Eligibility
2. Respiratory	2. Blood Pressure Checks
3. Oncology	3. Home Telehealth Screening/Enrollment Scheduling
4. Cardiology	4. Live Telehealth Scheduling
5. Tele-wound	5. My HealtheVet Enrollment
6. Teledermatology	
7. Urology	
8. Mental Health	
9. Nutrition	
10. Social Work	
11. Speech Therapy	

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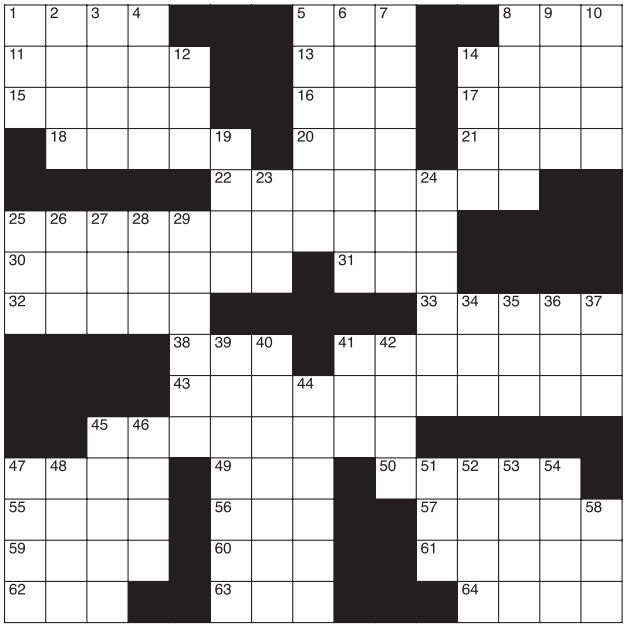
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5. Supervises interstate commerce
8. Unruly group
11. Backs away from
13. Expression of understanding
14. Have concern for
15. Monetary units
16. Congressman (abbr.)
17. Iranian city
18. Eating houses
20. 2,000 lbs.
21. Grandmother
22. They include North, South and Central
25. In an early way
30. Foes
31. Shuttered British entertainment magazine
32. One who unloads cages
33. Another term for sesame
38. Formally forbid
41. Make clear
43. Inaccessible
45. Get through
47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
49. Decameter
50. Type of sword
55. Actor Idris
56. Affirmative (slang)
57. Afflicted
59. One point north of northeast
60. Born of
61. Arabic name
62. Traditional Hong Kong street food: __ pai dong
63. Termination point
64. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. Sign language
2. In style
3. Helsinki neighborhood
4. Unable to hear
5. More rapid
6. An idea accepted as a demonstrable truth
7. In a cagey way
8. Kate and Rooney are two
9. Algerian port
10. Community in Ladakh
12. Midway between south and southeast
14. Town in Galilee
19. Satisfy
23. Italian impressionist painter
24. Brass instrument
25. Chest muscle (slang)
26. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
27. Records electric currents generated by the brain
28. Woman (French)
29. Aircraft designed to carry lots of passengers
34. Baseball stat
35. Pointed end of a pen
36. Popular sports league
37. Body part
39. Unlikely to provoke dissent
40. Yellowish cotton cloth
41. Domesticated house pet
42. Untruths
44. Set out to attract
45. Spiritual leader
46. Abba __, Israeli politician
47. Repair
48. Genus of flowering plants
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. River in central Europe
54. Harness
58. Father

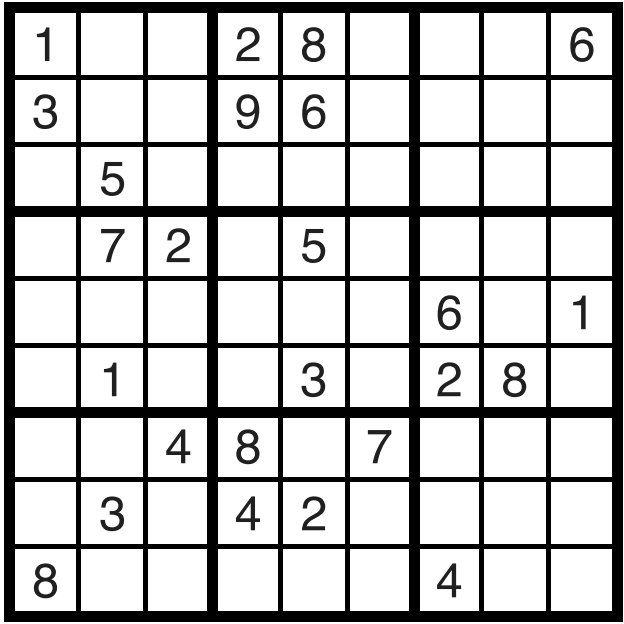
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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



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GRILL & BBQ WORD SEARCH



- Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.
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| ASADO | CHAR | HEAT |
| BARBECUE | CHARCOAL | LEAN |
| BARK | CHIMNEY | MARINADE |
| BASTE | DRY-AGED | RIBS |
| BRINE | FLAME | RUB |
| BRISKET | FLAT | SMOKE |
| BURGERS | FORK-TENDER | TEMPERATURE |



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And to help pay those costs, the local community rallied together on Saturday to support the ranch through its annual "Fore the Animals" golf outing fundraiser and silent auction, at the Eagle Grove Golf Course.

The tournament didn't start at the crack of dawn, but rather the duffers (in 17 teams of four) gathered for a nine hole round following a symbolic 'shot-gun start' at 10:00 AM. Of course, before hitting the course, many golfers 'warmed up' in the clubhouse.

Local businesses and philanthropists sponsored various holes to support the ranch, with teams paying \$140 each. Several holes featured games, contests, and prizes, including a 50/50 raffle with cash payouts for the winners.

This year's event was especially lively, despite the drizzle, brief downpour, and occasional thunder. The resilient locals took it all in stride. Sponsors added to the fun with creative themes and fundraising activities at their holes. For instance, golfers at the Leah Jean Boutique hole had to roll two giant dice and follow the instructions, such as teeing off without a tee or on their knees. Or, they could just donate \$100 to the ranch, and get credited with a hole in one. Meanwhile, Oldson's Plumbing set up a porcelain throne, offering golfers who teed off while seated on it a chance to win four tickets to the Summerfest street dance, courtesy of the Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce.

After the tournament, attendees enjoyed a silent auction and merchandise sale featuring a diverse array of items donated by a veritable who's who of local and national businesses, even a Major League Baseball team, and a few rival NFL football teams! With 110 auction listings and 123 donors, there was something for everyone. This year, the auction included a modern twist: each item had a QR code for bidders to scan, making use of GiveButter.com for seamless credit or debit card payments, easy bidding via smartphone, and notifications when outbid.

Hailey Fitzgerald, co-founder of Lazy J, expressed her gratitude for the community's support. "All these people got up early and conquered the drizzle, and it's all 'fore' the animals," she said with a smile.

Fellow founder Tyler Linn also thanked the sponsors. "Thank you Fuel for being our 'GOAT' sponsor, and to the Johnson Law Firm for sponsoring all the carts," said Linn. "And to Tjaden Electric, for providing each player



A wide assortment of merchandise to support and represent the rescue ranch was available, much of it printed locally at Red Head Tribe Logos. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

with a sleeve of balls, and to all our great sponsors, thank you so much!"

One sponsor, Dixon Golf, came all the way from Phoenix Arizona to participate. The company makes eco-friendly golf balls with recyclable covers, weighted with biodegradable earth salts instead of heavy metal cores. And the Lazy J tournament was right in line with the company's ethos, which only markets itself by participating in charity fundraisers, so they aren't the only people (or animals) to benefit.

And, organizers agreed, this year's event was the most successful yet. "This has been our biggest tournament," Linn said. "And we've raised a lot of money, but we're up to 43 animals. One in particular cost over \$20,000 in cancer treatments this year. So I'm not kidding when I say she literally wouldn't be here without this tournament." A post to Facebook reported that the event raised nearly \$7,000.

Trevor Havlicek, husband of Lazy J board member Kenzi Havlicek, echoed this sentiment. "This was not only a great golf event but an event for the animals. And thank goodness people are willing to open their pocket-books 'fore' the animals."

Sponsoring the event were:

Fuel (of Clarion), who provided swag bags to participants.

Tjaden Electric Company, LLC, who provided participants with a sleeve of golf balls apiece.

The Johnson Law Firm, who covered the cart fees for all the teams.

Hole Sponsors: Fuel, Oldson's Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning, Leah Jean Boutique, B&E Construction, Inc., Humboldt Veterinary Clinic, The Eagle Grove Eagle/Mid-America Publishing, Dixon Golf, and AGP.

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"Off the Beaten Path"

by Waylinn J. Harrah, Contributing Writer

On our most recent road trip, my family decided to stop in Columbus Junction, which is located on the Iowa River in southeastern Iowa.

Armed with the travel guide "Off the Beaten Path: A Guide to Unique Places" by Lori Erickson and Tracy Stuhr, a recent find from a local second-hand store, our family embarked on a new adventure. This particular guide, written by two Iowan authors, roused my interest, and I couldn't resist adding it to my collection.

For the last year, we have traveled frequently through Southeastern Iowa because we made the insane decision to purchase a vacation rental in the magical Shawnee National Forest in southern Illinois. This opened up more opportunities for us to travel through different parts of Iowa, which we had spent little time in before.

Our journey was initially set for Hannibal, Missouri, but a detour was in order when we stumbled upon a fascinating entry in our travel guide. The words 'Swinging Bridge' caught our attention, describing a 262-foot suspension bridge made of steel cables and wooden boards. Intrigued, we spontaneously stopped in Columbus Junction to experience this unique attraction.

This impressive feature has been rebuilt several times since its construction in 1886. The bridge's primary use was to help contact the citizens living on the southeast side of the ravine with 'Downtown' Columbus Junction. Before the walking bridge was constructed, people had to walk around the ravine that sliced through the landscape.

Braving swarms of mos-

quitos, we parked off of Oak Street and continued on foot to the bridge. My fearless six-year-old took off at high speed when he realized what adventure was ahead of him. My husband, Joe, proceeded directly behind him at his leisure pace, and I felt like jelly as soon as my feet touched the bridge. Having a deep fear of heights, I took my time walking across. In truth, the bouncing of the suspension bridge made me feel more uncomfortable than the height from the ground.

On the other side is a lovely park, which can also be reached by another route directly through the ravine, the Possum Hollow Trail, which leads back to the parking lot on Oak Street. The park includes a Monarch Butterfly Garden, picnic tables, a fire pit, and benches to rest at Leisure.

The historic bridge has been closed and rebuilt a few times in the last 138 years. In 1920, eighteen years after being reconstructed for the first time, the bridge collapsed while two men attempted to cross. An interesting fact that I learned was that both men were still standing when the bridge landed at the bottom of the ravine. Two years later, the community raised enough money to have an engineer from Iowa City design and reconstruct a sturdier bridge, which is still in place today.

During our visit, it was clear that this is an important gem to the Columbus Junction community. The area is well maintained, and its uniquely inviting atmosphere draws one in and, for this author, compelled me to dig deeper into its story. Overall, it is a splendid addition to my list of Unique Finds in Iowa.



Delivering a 19.5% Pay Raise for Our Junior Enlisted Troops

by Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Hull)

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is a strong and critical investment in our troops, our military families, and our national security. From the worsening crisis at our southern border and Hamas' attacks against Israel to China's increasingly brazen aggression on the world stage and Iran's blatant bankrolling of terrorism, ensuring that our military has the resources and support that it needs to protect our nation at home and abroad is a matter of vital importance. Fortunately, the Fiscal Year 2025 NDAA supports our military readiness and enhances the quality of life of our servicemembers and their families while eliminating social initiatives unrelated to our military strength, capability, and power.

Among many provisions, this year's NDAA includes a 19.5% pay raise for junior enlisted troops and a 4.5% pay increase for all other

servicemembers, reforms the cost-of-living allowance for our men and women in uniform to account for out-of-control inflation, and fully covers servicemember housing in accordance with average rent rates based on location. It also supports new military family housing, upgrades barracks, and commits resources to housing maintenance so that sewage overflows, mold, bedbugs, and rodent infestations are quickly remedied and prevented from reoccurring. The NDAA further expands childcare access for military families, ensures that our troops and their families receive the high-quality healthcare that they deserve, and requires the Department of Defense to develop strategies to address healthcare staffing shortages at facilities in rural communities that specifically serve military families.

Additionally, the NDAA works to address the crisis at our border by fully fund-

ing the deployment of the National Guard to help secure the border, supporting counternarcotics operations at the border, and requesting a detailed report by the Department of Defense on the serious threat posed by Mexican cartels that are flooding our communities with deadly drugs and other dangerous materials. Furthermore, this legislation reverses many aspects of the Biden administration's progressive agenda. It cuts DEI and CRT programs from military schools, stops the forced electrification of military trucks and tanks, and ensures that parents have a right to be involved in their children's education.

Finally, the NDAA makes significant investments to counter Chinese aggression and strengthens our alliance with Israel. It funds our military exercises in the Indo-Pacific to keep China at bay, designates an official within the Department of Defense to monitor and report to the

American people the expansion of Chinese military bases overseas, prevents Chinese spies from infiltrating our military bases and top-secret research facilities, and prohibits the federal government from sharing sensitive defense information with China. In terms of our alliance with Israel, this NDAA fully funds the Iron Dome missile defense system, requires the development and implementation of a plan to improve air and missile defense cooperation between our two nations, and reverses the Biden administration's reckless decision to stop production of a critical missile interceptor.

I take my duty to support our troops and their families very seriously. The FY 2025 NDAA represents our unwavering commitment to the brave men and women who have answered the call to serve our nation and maintains America's status as the world's strongest and most feared fighting force.

Teachers, Parents, the Public Still Want Answers About the Perry School Shooting

by Randy Evans

It has been just over five months since a 17-year-old Perry High School student walked out of a school bathroom and began shooting toward students who were having breakfast before heading to their classes on the morning of Jan. 4, 2024.

The first details about the tragedy had barely started trickling out when the first questions began. And months later, most of those questions remain.

Where did Dylan Butler get the guns he used that day?

Who owned the guns? Did his parents know he had access to the weapons?

Were there any signs before that morning Butler might be thinking about violence?

Had he been the target of bullying by other students?

These questions, and many others, have been asked and asked again and again by people in and around Perry. That includes parents, grandparents, teachers, other school employees, and countless residents who all are horrified by what occurred in their community.

The Iowa Freedom of Information Council has received phone calls from journalists who have been wrapped up in the shootings since they learned of the events within minutes of the first 911 calls. I have heard concerns of community members — and from a Perry High School teacher who called my office last week.

He was at the school that awful day. He knew the young people and the adults who were shot. He is hun-

gering for information about the findings gathered by detectives from six months of interviews, analysis of social media postings and mobile phone data. And he is exasperated by the refusal of state and local law enforcement officials to share the facts they have gathered and the conclusions they have reached.

Most of all, he wants to know what the investigation has found to ensure everyone learns from this tragedy.

This was the worst mass killings at an Iowa school since 1991. A sixth-grade student and Perry High School Principal Dan Marburger were fatally wounded by Butler. Four other students and two other school employees were wounded in the barrage of bullets.

Butler had taken his own life by the time law officers located him inside the school.

Before that January morning, Iowa's worst school shooting occurred in 1991 when Gang Lu, an angry University of Iowa physics student, killed three physics department faculty members, a physics graduate student, an associate vice president of the university and a student working outside the official's office.

School shootings were much less common in the United States in 1991, and scores of questions were asked of university officials and law enforcement investigators by the public and journalists from around the globe.

It should not be surprising, therefore, that parents, teachers, and lots of other Iowans



Iowa students and supporters rallied at the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines Jan. 8, 2024, calling for lawmakers to pass gun regulations in the wake of the Perry High School shooting the week before. (Photo by Robin Opsahl/Iowa Capital Dispatch)

want to know what investigators have learned since Jan. 4 about the events leading to the Perry High School shootings. People want to know what takeaways school administrators and law enforcements officials have gleaned from the investigation, knowledge that might help reduce the likelihood of future tragedies.

Understandably, parents and grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors, want to know the details that will help them analyze the events that unfolded at a place occupying such a central role in the community.

Without officials sharing their findings with the public, it is difficult, if not impossible, for people to judge how effectively prepared law

enforcement and school officials are to protect students during this era of nearly unfettered access to firearms. Without access to authoritative, accurate information from investigators, people do not know whether the rumors that naturally surface after a tragedy of this magnitude deserve credibility.

Without accurate, authoritative information, people do not know whether officials missed signals that Butler was a danger to himself or his school. People do not know whether he needed closer attention from school officials and law enforcement than he received. And the public also does not know whether reports are accurate that Butler had been the victim of bullying by fellow students.

All of this is important not for purposes of pointing fingers. It is important so communities know when and how they might be able to prevent similar tragedies in their schools.

The Perry High School teacher who called me last week was looking for guidance after the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation turned down his request for information from its investigation. His questions were greeted with a, "Sorry, I can't tell you that" response. The DCI official told him sharing the findings could inform future potential shooters how they might circumvent safety protocols in place to protect students and school employees.

Often, details about what a

criminal investigation found are kept from the public to protect the accused shooter's right to a fair trial. It is at trial that many questions about a crime get answered publicly for the first time.

But because Butler took his own life, there will be no criminal charges and no trial. There will be no opportunity for the public to get answers to their questions in that forum.

DCI officials have declined to provide updates on their investigation. The Perry teacher said the DCI official was noncommittal on whether even a summary of the agency's investigation will be shared with the public.

No one wants to jeopardize the future safety of students and school employees. No one wants to provide a blueprint for a future school shooting to someone who might be contemplating such horrific action.

But there must be some middle ground between releasing every detail from an investigation and releasing no information. That is not how government should treat the public and worried parents and relatives of Iowa school kids.

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Obituary

Ellen Krause
1949-2024



Eagle Grove – Ellen Rose-ann Krause was born on May 3, 1949, near Burt, Iowa, the daughter of Delton Krause (previously deceased) and Lorraine (Heiderscheidt) Krause. She attended special education classes through the 8th grade and lived at home with her family in Eagle Grove. In her early 30's, Ellen was able to move into a house centrally located to easily access all she needed to live as independently as possible with weekly in-home assistance. Ellen worked various jobs – restaurant food prep, cleaning offices and babysitting. She loved country music and enjoyed attending concerts at local and regional fairs (having collected many signed photographs throughout the years). Ellen was a member of Samuel Lutheran Church. When Ellen could no longer live alone, she moved to Southfield Wellness Community in Webster City. Ellen passed away on Sunday, June 16, 2024, at Southfield Wellness Community, at the age of 75 years. She was preceded in death by parents, Delton and Lorraine and infant brother, David. Ellen is survived by her siblings: Lynn (Ramona) Krause of Waterloo, Kent (Laura) Eimers of Spring Branch, Texas, Lewis J. (Michelle) Pergande, Jr. of Jewell, Iowa, Linda (Dan) Hawkins of Dallas Center, Iowa, Carol (Joe) Hill of Rock Rapids, Iowa, and Carl (Vonda) Pergande of Spring Branch, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews. Ellen made many friends throughout her life and will be missed by family, friends and caretakers. A graveside service for the family will be held on June 20, 2024, at the Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery in Lott's Creek, Township, Kossuth, County, Iowa, where she will be laid to rest near her parents. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family in memory of Ellen.

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Happenings


P.E.O. Chapter EJ met at the library Tuesday, June 11th. Jan Sanders was hostess. 9 members attended. Bev Wilde, president, led the business meeting. Scholarship seniors were announced. Emma Lalor received the P.E.O. scholarship. Brooklyn Osborn received the P.E.O. scholarship, in memory of Linda Shutt. Bev Wilde presented a summary and highlights of the P.E.O. State Convention held in Des Moines, May31-June 1. Over 340 chapters were represented at the convention. She discussed the P.E.O. Iowa State challenge for the coming year. Lunch was served by Cheryl Jacobsen, co-hostess.



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"Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord; praise him, you servants of the Lord, you who minister in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God." Psalm 135:1-2

What exactly does it mean to be a "servant of the Lord"? A servant is someone who carries out the will of their master, and thus a good servant must surrender his or her will to that of their master. This is hard to do, as we are naturally willful creatures, bent on getting our own way and often bent on getting others to do our will. Everyone wants to be the master; very few willingly take on the role of servant. To be a good servant of the Lord requires us to be devoted to God and His work in the world. Ironically, God's work in the world is to serve man by doing the works of corporal mercy, which are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, and bury the dead. There are also works of spiritual mercy: to instruct the ignorant, to counsel the doubtful; to admonish sinners; to bear wrongs patiently; to forgive offences willingly; to comfort the afflicted; and to pray for the living and the dead. Focus on these acts of corporal and spiritual mercy and you can be assured that you are being a good servant of the Lord. —Christopher Simon

Sunday, June 23, 2024

First Reading 1 Samuel 17:1a, 41-11, 19-23, 32-49

Psalm Job 38:1-11

Epistle 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Last week’s trivia questions:
Which NBA (National Basketball Association) team has won the most championships? Answer: The Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers are tied for the most championships with 17 each. Boston broke the tie by winning this year’s NBA Finals.

Who is the youngest player to win the NBA finals MVP (Most Valuable Player) award? Who is the oldest player to win the award? Answer: Magic Johnson of the Los Angeles Lakers was 20 years old in his rookie season when he was named MVP of the 1980 NBA finals, making him the youngest player to ever win the award.

Kareem Abdul-Jabbar of the Los Angeles Lakers was 38 years old when he was named MVP of the 1985 NBA finals, making him the oldest player to ever win the award.

This week’s trivia questions:
The first ever NASCAR Cup Series race in Iowa was just held at Iowa Speedway. What town is Iowa Speedway located in?

The College World Series baseball tournament is held every year in Omaha, Nebraska. What was the first year that Omaha hosted the tournament?

June 19 is Juneteenth, and National Garfield the Cat Day; June 20 is the First Day of Summer, American Eagle Day, and National Yard Games Day; June 21 is World Day of Music, National Seashell Day, and International Yoga Day; June 22 is World Rainforest Day, and National Chocolate Eclair Day; June 23 is National Pink Day, and National Family Owned and Operated Business Day; June 24 is Farmer Day, and Swim a Lap Day; June 25 is Color TV Day, and National Catfish Day.

This week is Lightning Safety Awareness Week, National Grasslands Week, and National Roller Coaster Week.

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

— John 13:34-35

“I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can’t accept not trying.”

— Michael Jordan

“The potential for greatness lives within us all.”

— Wilma Rudolph

“The battles that count aren’t the ones for gold medals. The struggles within yourself - the invisible, inevitable battles inside all of us - that’s where it’s at.”

— Jesse Owens

“I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life, but by the obstacles which he has had to overcome while trying to succeed.”

— Booker T. Washington

“I have learned over the years that when one’s mind is made up, this diminishes fear. Knowing what must be done does away with fear.”

— Rosa Parks

Jay Leno quotes

“This problem with illegal immigration is nothing new. In fact, the Indians had a special name for it. They called it ‘white people.’”

“Here’s something to think about: How come you never see a headline like ‘Psychic Wins Lottery’?”

“We should make politicians dress like race car drivers – when they get money, make them wear the company logos on their suits.”

“This is a strange country we live in. When it comes to electing a President, we get two choices. But when we have to select a Miss America, we get 50.”

“Yesterday morning Facebook was temporarily offline, leaving millions of workers unable to do anything except their jobs.”

“We pick politicians by how they look on TV and Miss America by where she stands on the issues. Isn’t that a little backwards?”

June 19, also known as Juneteenth or Emancipation Day, commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. President Abraham Lincoln issued the final Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, declaring all slaves to be free. But it wasn’t until June 19, 1865 when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to enforce the order and ensure that all enslaved people were freed.

“Donnybrook” is a word that refers to a bit of an uproar, a chaotic brawl, or a heated disagreement. The word is derived from a public fair that was held in Donnybrook, Ireland beginning in the 1200s. By the 1800s, the Donnybrook Fair had a reputation of being a drunken, wild event that finally ended in the mid-1800s.

Wright County Courthouse

Births

Elouise Cecilia Roach was born on June 5, 2024, to Laura and Bradon Roach of Fort Dodge.

Joey James Eckenrod was born on June 4, 2024, to Chelsea and Cody Eckenrod of Garner.

Emory Russell Hanson was born on June 5, 2024, to Sarah and Chris Hanson of Stanhope.

Lena Jaslene Mora was born on June 6, 2024, to Amanda Klusman of Fort Dodge.

Norah Renee Robertson was born on June 6, 2024, to Leah and Caleb Roberston of Forest City.

Lainey Lynn Myers was born on June 6, 2024, to Morgan and Brandon Myers of Humboldt.

Channing Arthur Payne was born on June 5, 2024, to Margaret and Drew Casey of Clear Lake.

Liam Rigoberto Rafael was born on June 7, 2024, to Vanessa and Nestor Rafael of Hampton.

Crew Allen Weber was born on June 9, 2024, to Maci and Jeremy Weber of Eagle Grove.

Kion Akiro Gaines was born on June 7, 2024 to Kaylee Schott of Saint Ansgar.

Baxter Raymond Wolf was born on June 8, 2024, to Katherine and Victor Wolf of Hampton.

Baylor Steven Swanson was born on June 7, 2024, to Autumn and Bret Swanson of Britt.

Reed Jean Mills was born on June 9, 2024, to Jennifer and Toby Mills of Mason City.

Deaths

Genesis Nohemy De Leon of Dows was born on November 9, 2022, and died on May 26, 2024, at the age of 1.

Barbara Fay Gardner (Grett) of Clarion was born on January 12, 1952, and died on June 5, 2024, at the age of 72.

Adrienne Elaine Mast

Births

(Elle) of Humboldt was born on July 27, 1945, and died on June 6, 2024, at the age of 78.

Judith Kathleen Morris (West) of Kanawha was born on November 2, 1945, and died on May 27, 2024, at the age of 78.

Marriages

Tyler Stein, 21, of Johnston, was wed to Hayley Hopkins, 23, of Johnston, on June 2, 2024.

Travis Jones, 46, of Clarion, was wed to Jessica Southard, 46, of Clarion on June 8, 2024.

Civil

Dorothy T. Stansberry vs. Brenda Johnson, Michael Johnson, Dismissed with Prejudice.

City of Eagle Grove vs. Ruby Etherton, William James Gross, Iowa Department of Revenue, Wright County, Motion for Continuance.

Adam Anthony vs. Sharon Barkema, Belmont Klemme Community School District, Gary Berkland, Daniel L. Frazier, Rick McDaniel, Michelle Murphy, Heather Ridgway, Jim Swenson, Dismissed with Prejudice by Plaintiff.

Kersin Marcelina Delatorre, Jessica R. Johnson vs. Nicholas G. German, Nicholas Alan Loux, State Farm Fire and Casualty Company, Order Setting Jury Trial for 10/21/2025 at 9:00 AM.

Small Claims

Joshua C. Krull vs. Dani L. Eisentarger, Judgment Default for the amount of \$770, plus court costs totaling \$145.10

Traffic

Travis Scott Shelton of Radcliffe, IA, Failure to Comply with Safety Regulations.

Miriam Karina Zarate of Hampton, IA, Failure to Use Child Restraint Device.

Miriam Karina Zarate of Hampton, IA, Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adu.

David Lazo of San Juan, TX, Speeding 55 or Under

Zone (21 or Over).

David Lazo of San Juan, TX, No Valid Drivers License.

David Lazo of San Juan, TX, Careless Driving.

David Lazo of San Juan, TX, Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.

Tigist Getachew Mengesha of Apple Valley, MN, Speeding Over 55 Zone (16 Thru20 Over).

Hutchison Mcmurray of Belmond, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Carmelo Nieves Marquez of Eagle Grove, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Christopher David Adams of Forest City, IA, Operation Without Registration Card or Plate.

Brad Allen Draeger of Webster City, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Steven D Roe of Clarion, IA, Person Under 21 Using Tobacco/Vapor Product 1.

Seraphin Augustin of Miami, FL, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Chad Michael Pickering of Eagle Grove, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Carlos Alberto Lopez Vasquez of Vincent, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (11 Thru 15 Over).

Carlos Alberto Lopez Vasquez of Vincent, IA, No Valid Drivers License.

Edward Cecere of Lake Alfred, FL, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Damien Christian Hecker of North Mankato, MN, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1 Thru 5 Over).

Dunia Suchite Lorenzo of Eagle Grove, IA, No Valid Drivers License.

Dunia Suchite Lorenzo of Eagle Grove, IA, Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.

Dale Richard Edlund of Foley, MN, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10

Over).

Nicole Marie Krueger of Des Moines, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (16 Thru 20 Over).

Lesha Lynn Simpson of Algona, IA, Excessive Speed 6 Thru 10.

Cheryl Lynn May of Humboldt, IA, Excessive Speed 6 Thru 10.

Robert Dean Kirstein of Clarion, IA, Failure to Obey Traffic Control Device.

Isaias Vasquez of Eagle Grove, IA, Failure to Obey Stop Sign.

Edgar Emanuel Catellanos Muj of Eagle Grove, IA, Child Restraint Devices.

Edgar Emanuel Catellanos Muj of Eagle Grove, IA, No Drivers License.

Criminal

State of Iowa Vs Larry Raymond Kling Iii, Guilty - Negotiated/Volun Plea, Aggravated Misdemeanor Driving While Barred. Defendant was jailed for 15 days, in two increments, and fined \$855, plus \$100 in court costs, and a \$128.25 surcharge.

State of Iowa Vs Cayla Jean Humphrey, 1- Class C Felony Theft 1st Degree, Dismissed by Court; 2 - Class D Felony Eluding - Speed Over 25 Over Limit, Guilty Plea; 3 - Serious Misdemeanor Operating While Under The Influence 1st Offense, Guilty Plea; 4 - Violation of Probation - 1985, Guilty Plea. On count 2 the defendant was fined \$1,025 (suspended), received a 5 year suspended prison sentence, was placed on probation for 3 years, and required to give a DNA sample. On count 3 the defendant received a deferred judgment, was fined \$1,250, was jailed for 2 days, was placed on probation for one year, to be served consecutively with the penalties from count 2. On count 4 the defendant's deferred judgment under count 3 was revoked. Defendant was also ordered to pay \$1,535.25 in court costs, plus a \$187.50 surcharge.

Fired Fort Dodge Christian School Principal Wins Benefits

by Clark Kauffman

Stephanie Coble-Day, who worked as the school principal for Community Christian School of Fort Dodge until her dismissal in March for allegedly failing to properly complete numerous applications for program funding, failing to properly report a threat of gun violence, and fostering a negative work environment.

Her employer also accused Coble-Day of using a grant to secure “large procurements” of supplies for the school that teachers did not want and which served no immediate, legitimate purpose. She denied the allegations and argued the “threat” she had failed to report was a 5-year-old child who was mimicking information heard on a television show. An administrative law judge recently awarded Coble-Day benefits, finding that Community Christian School had not proven workplace misconduct.

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Heavy Rainfall Leads to Multiple Wastewater Bypasses Near the Okoboji Lakes Area

Public advised to avoid floodwaters.

DICKINSON COUNTY – Heavy rainfall and power outages in northwest Iowa led to multiple wastewater discharges in the Iowa Great Lakes area this morning.

The DNR Field Office in Spencer was notified early this morning of a wastewater bypass occurring at a lift station just south of Manhattan Point on the west side of West Lake Okoboji.

The Iowa Great Lakes Sanitary District pumped down the lift station and hauled as much wastewater as possible to the treatment plant to minimize the bypass. Officials estimated that about 10 gallons per minute of untreated wastewater flowed into the lake. All drinking water systems and a nearby resort were notified, as well as residents in the vicinity of the bypass. Area officials report the discharge ended around noon.

At 9:30 a.m. the Field Office was notified of another bypass occurring at a lift station near Francis Sites on East Lake Okoboji. This bypass ceased around noon.

The City of Spirit Lake is also bypassing their wastewater collection system to storm sewers and discharging to East Lake Okoboji.

Pumps are running at two locations on the west side of upper East Okoboji to try and keep wastewater out of basements. Residents are being notified.

Heavy rainfall can overload wastewater collection systems, which are underground sewer pipes that carry sewage to a treatment plant. With sewage pipes overwhelmed, excess water has nowhere to go, and can back up into basements through floor drains.

Bypassing can lower the water level and alleviate pressure in the collection system, keeping sewage from backing up into basements, which could present health risks.

DNR staff continue to monitor these situations and will provide assistance to impacted communities.

It is highly recommended people and pets avoid these areas and stay out of flooded and elevated waterways due to safety concerns.

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Iowa Scores in State Education Rankings Sink

by Jack O'connor

Iowa scored relatively well in education rankings among the states, but with declining test scores and on-time high school graduation rates decreasing, the state has fallen from its highs of previous years, according to a new report from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Sixty-seven percent of Iowa fourth-graders in 2022 were not proficient in reading, which is two percentage points worse than the 2019 pre-COVID rates, accord-

ing to the Kids Count report. Among eighth-graders, 72% were proficient in math, five percentage points worse than the 2019 rates.

Having good foundational reading skills by fourth grade prepares students for future analytical reading, and having foundational math skills by eighth grade prepares students for more complicated math, said Anne Discher, executive director of Common Good Iowa, which helped with the report.

“We’re really looking at an incredible educational challenge where we’ve got kids going through their school careers hitting important milestones and probably not having the skills we wish they would,” Discher said.

Iowa, which has ranked first in on-time high school graduation rate since the 2010-11 school year, fell to No. 3, according to the report.

Chronic absenteeism rates are also on the rise, with more than 1 in 4 Iowa stu-

dents chronically absent, according to the report.

The report gave Iowa an overall rank of 13th out of the 50 states in education. This rank puts Iowa behind neighboring states like Nebraska, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Discher said to reverse these trends the state needs to go beyond just investing more in Iowa schools. Tackling childhood food insecurity, improving kids’ home internet connections and increasing Medicaid acces-

sibility for young children should lead to better test scores, Discher said.

“When you think about the fact that suddenly we’re not first in high school graduation, that our test scores aren’t that far off national averages, it feels like we’re starting to maybe see in data a real change in priorities in our state,” Discher said.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Public Hearing for Wright County Board of Adjustments
June 24th, 5:00Pm at the Wright County Engineers Office
416 5 th Ave. SW
A request from Distributed Data LLC to place a cryptocurrency data center Southwest of Eagle Grove in section 7 of Troy township. This area is zoned agricultural and Distributed Data LLC is requesting a variance. The Wright County Board of Adjustment will meet to consider a special Exemption for this request. Written comments must be received by June 24 th , 5:00pm. Please mail to Wright County Planning and Zoning 416 5 th Ave. SW, Clarion IA. 50525

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BOARD PROCEEDINGS Wright County Board of Supervisors • June 3, 2024

June 3, 2024
Chairman Helgevoid called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevoid. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.
Minutes of the previous regular meeting of May 28, 2024 were read and approved.
Approved claims for payment.
In open forum, Bob Ritter thanked the Board for the ordinances that were passed for drainage and Secondary Roads. Ritter also thanked the Board for considering a resolution that objects to the Iowa Utility Board's authority to enact eminent domain in Wright County.
Julie Glade also spoke in open forum about the nine other counties that have passed an ordinance protecting against the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline. Glade asked if the Board of Supervisors could protect the citizens without it coming through Planning & Zoning. The answer is no, they have a separate Board consisting of citizens throughout the County.
Tonee Nicholas, Wright County Assessor, introduced Jennifer Peterson as the new Office Clerk and Receptionist.
Peggy Schluttenhofer, Wright County Treasurer, presented the request for abatement of the US Fish and Wildlife drainage assessments. These are for drainage districts 6, 90 Lateral B, and 117. Motion by Helgevoid and seconded by Rasmussen to abate the US Fish and Wildlife drainage assessments. Motion carries with Kluss opposing.
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2024-19, a resolution objecting to the Iowa Utilities Board's authority to enact eminent domain authority within Wright County for privately owned and operated carbon dioxide pipelines. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevoid; nays – none. Resolution 2024-19 duly passes and reads as follows:
RESOLUTION 2024-19
WRIGHT COUNTY BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS
A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO ENACT EMINENT DOMAIN AUTHORITY WITHIN WRIGHT COUNTY FOR PRIVATELY OWNED AND OPERATED CARBON DIOXIDE PIPELINES
WHEREAS, Pursuant to Iowa Code§ 479B.7 and Iowa Administrative Code rule 199-13.5, any person, including a governmental entity, whose rights or interests may be affected by a proposed pipeline may file a written objection with the Board not less than five days prior to the hearing scheduled on the pipeline company's application for a permit.
WHEREAS Wright County submitted a brief objecting to the Summit proceedings and requested that the IUB deny the use of eminent domain for carbon dioxide pipelines.
WHEREAS “The power of eminent domain has ancient origins... From early times to the present, property owners have argued that this power should be exercised only in limited circumstances.” 1 The philosopher John Locke argued that the “great and chief end, therefore, of men's uniting into commonwealths, and putting themselves under government, is the preservation of their property.” 2
WHEREAS, for this reason, the framers of the Constitution sought to limit the government's use of the power of eminent domain in two important ways. 3 . First, they included in the Fifth Amendment a requirement for the payment of “just compensation.” 4 Second, they required that any taking of private property must be for a “public use.” 5
WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has considered the issue of eminent domain many times. In the landmark case of *Kelo v. City of New London*, the Court discussed the federal constitutional requirements for determining “public use.” The Court noted that there are two opposing rules involved in making the determination. On the one hand, the Court said, it is clear that the government may not take

one person's property for the “sole purpose” of transferring it to another person. On the other hand, the Court also said it is “equally clear” that the government may transfer property from one person to another if future “use by the public” is the purpose of the taking.
WHEREAS, if the “public use” requirement of the Fifth Amendment means anything, it means that the government should not arbitrarily take one person's private property and transfer it to another person simply for private economic gain. In this docket, Summit is seeking eminent domain over 1,035 parcels. Through this process, Summit is seeking private gain through a taking of private property that doesn't provide public use.
WHEREAS the reason is that this pipeline is fundamentally different from a road or a highway project that the general public can use. It's fundamentally different from a railroad that carries the general public as passengers. And it's fundamentally different from an electric or gas line that a utility uses to serve retail or wholesale customers. Essentially, Summit is justifying the use of eminent domain because it claims the project will create economic benefits for Iowans, but whatever ancillary benefits will accrue from construction of the project, it's clear they are not the primary purpose of the project and are in fact subjective at best. The primary purpose is clearly private economic gain.
WHEREAS the driving force behind this project is climate change policy. Since 2008, Federal tax law has provided tax credits for the sequestration of carbon.
Known as “45Q Credits” after the relevant tax provision, these tax credits were created to encourage the private sector to reduce the amount of carbon released into the atmosphere. In the recently passed Inflation Reduction Act, Congress significantly increased the value of these 45Q Credits. These credits represent a substantial public subsidy for private profit as it is. Taking yet more private property for Summit's private gain only compounds

the problem.
WHEREAS The *Kelo* case turned on the question of whether the City's economic development plan served a “public purpose.” And the Court explained that its prior eminent domain cases had defined that concept broadly due to a longstanding policy of deferring to “legislative judgments” in the area of public use.
WHEREAS “Viewed as a whole,” the Court said, “our jurisprudence has recognized that the needs of society have varied between different parts of the Nation, just as they have evolved over time in response to changed circumstances. Our earliest cases in particular embodied a strong theme of federalism, emphasizing the ‘great respect’ that we owe to state legislatures and state courts in discerning local public needs.” 6
WHEREAS, in other words, the Supreme Court was unwilling to place obstacles in front of state legislatures in the form of rigid judicial interpretations of the Constitution, and it instead preferred to allow a broad range of purposes to meet the “public use” test.
WHEREAS, However, after announcing that it wouldn't adopt a strict federal standard, the Court in *Kelo* went on to state that “nothing in our opinion precludes any State from placing further restrictions on its exercise of the takings power.” 7
WHEREAS, even before the *Kelo* case was decided, many states had imposed “public use” requirements that were stricter than the more flexible federal minimum standard, and many states since then have imposed additional restrictions in the wake of the *Kelo* decision. These additional restrictions on the use of eminent domain can take the form of either state constitutional requirements or state statutory requirements. Iowa has adopted additional restrictions.
WHEREAS, Like the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution, Article I, section 18 of the Iowa Constitution also contains a “takings” clause, and like the Fifth Amendment, it also requires that

private property not be taken “for public use” without “just compensation.”
WHEREAS The Iowa Supreme Court is the final authority on the interpretation of the Iowa Constitution, and while it generally considers Federal interpretations of the Takings Clause to be persuasive, it is not required to interpret the Iowa Takings Clause in the same flexible way as the Supreme Court interprets the Federal Takings Clause.
WHEREAS The Iowa Supreme Court recently considered the issue of constitutional authority for eminent domain in the case of *Puntenney v. Iowa Utilities Board*, which involved an oil pipeline being built by Dakota Access, LLC. In considering the issue, the Iowa Supreme Court thoroughly reviewed the *Kelo* case and decided not to follow the majority opinion, which had found economic development to be a valid public purpose. Instead, the Iowa court announced that Justice O'Connor's dissenting opinion, which a number of other states follow, was the better interpretation for purposes of the Iowa Constitution because it provides stronger protection against the abuse of eminent domain. 8
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, under the authority of **I.A. Code 331.301(1)**, shall “*exercise any power and perform, any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county and its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents.*” Based on the findings of the Iowa Supreme Court in *Puntenney v. Iowa Utilities Board*, the Wright County Board of Supervisors finds in fact they are not limited by **I.A. Code 331.301(1)**, to be “*inconsistent with the laws of the general assembly*” in protecting and preserving private property takings utilizing eminent domain due to the lack of public purpose where in this case the sole purpose is private economic gain by Summit Carbon Solutions and affiliates. Therefore,

the Wright County Board of Supervisors objects to the use of eminent domain for private economic gain and urges the Iowa Utilities Board not to grant Summit the use of eminent domain for this project.
PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of June, 2024.
1 See generally Mary Massaron Ross, *The Debate Over the Meaning of “Public Use,”* Eminent Domain Use & Abuse: Keio in Context at s 1.1.
2 See id.
3 See U.S. CONST. Amend. V (“nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation”).
4 See generally William Michael Treanor, “The Origins and Original Significance of the Just Compensation Clause of the Fifth Amendment,” 94 Yale L.J. 694 (1985).
5 See Lauren A. Wiggins and Timothy Sandefur, *A Bibliography of Sources on Public Use in Eminent Domain*, 10 Chap. L. Rev. 235 (2006). See also David Schultz, *What's Yours Can be Mine: Are There Any Private Takings After Keio v. City of New London?* 24 UCLA J. Envtl. L. & Pol'y 195 (2006).
6 *Kelo v. City of New London*, 545 U.S. 469 (2005)
7 *Keto v. City of New London*, 545 U.S. 469 (2005)
8 *Puntenney v. Iowa Utilities Board*, 928 N.W.2d 829 (2019).
Jeremy Abbas, Assistant to the Wright County Engineer, gave an update on the Secondary Roads. Blade operators were able to blade 468 miles last week. Trucks continue to haul spot rock and scheduled rock with 48 of 90 segments completed. Crews were able to unplug a tile under Nelson Avenue and under a 36” culvert. The open rails on the C70 bridge began to be poured last week and hope to finish the open rails this week.
Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.
Karl Helgevoid, Chairman, Wright County Board of Supervisors Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor

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BOARD PROCEEDINGS Eagle Grove Community School District • June 10, 2024

EAGLE GROVE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
EAGLE GROVE, IOWA 50533
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONDAY, June 10, 2024
CALL TO ORDER: The Eagle Grove Community School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the board meeting room at the Emerson Building with President Tracy Crail presiding. Members present were: Director A. Capsel and A. Willard. Others present: Superintendent J. Toliver. Directors D. Robinson and A. Parrott were absent.
COMMUNICATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS: Karissa Everson, Josh Schild and Heidi Vasquez gave updates in their buildings.
PUBLIC COMMENT CARDS: None.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION: None noted.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Director A. Capsel, seconded by Director A. Willard, to approve the proposed agenda. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Willard. Nays: None.
APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS: Motion by Director A. Willard, seconded by Director A. Capsel, to approve minutes of meeting on May 10, 2024; the monthly bills and Balance Sheets for all district funds; Termination of Sofia Padilla, (ELEM Associate); resignation from Jayme Todd, (ELEM Teacher), Clarissa Hohensee (MS Associate); Contracts for Hope Brown (MTSS Coordinator), Joe Chamberlain (Bus Driver), Carrie Christopher (HS Volleyball Assistant), Josh Pernell (Teacher), Kala Thury (Teacher), Cale Wesselink (Custodian); open enrollment applications for 3 student: The motion carried. Ayes: T. Crail, A. Capsel, A. Willard. Nays: None.
Approve Graduation List: Motion by Director A. Capsel, seconded by Director A. Willard, to approve the Graduation List for 2024.. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Willard. Nays: None.
Bread and Milk Bids for 2024-2025: Motion by Director A. Capsel, seconded by Director A. Willard, to approve the Milk bid from Anderson Erickson Dairy and the Bread Bif from Bimbo Baking USA Debuque for 2024-2025. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Willard. Nays: None.
PURCHASES OVER \$25,000: Motion by A Willard, seconded by A. Capsel to approve the following purchases over \$25,000- Purchase of Chromebooks for Students, Purchase of Great Minds Reading Curriculum, Purchase of Classroom

furniture for classroom remodels from EPIC Furniture) The motion carried. Ayes: T. Crail, A. Capsel, A. Willard. Nays: None.
Leasing Agreement with Full Warranty Bus Leasing: Motion by Director A. Capsel, seconded by Director A. Willard to approve the lease with Full Warranty Bus Leasing. The motion carried. Ayes: T. Crail, A. Capsel, A. Willard. Nays: None.
Resolution to Transfer funds for Safety Equipment: Motion by Director A. Capsel, seconded by Director A. Willard to approve the resolution to transfer funds for safety equipment in the amount of \$5842.24. The motion carried. Ayes: T. Crail, A. Capsel, A. Willard. Nays: None.
Policy Update: Motion by Director A. Capsel, seconded by Director A. Willard, to approve Policy 604.12 High School Options Program.. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Willard. Nays: None.
Superintendent Evaluation Materials were distributed
Sub Teacher Rates for 2024-2025: Motion by Director A. Willard, seconded by Director A. Capsel, to approve Sub Teacher Rates at \$150.00 for the 2024-2025 school year. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Willard. Nays: None.
28E Agreement with ICCCC: Motion by Director A. Capsel, seconded by Director A. Willard, to approve a 28E agreement with Iowa Central Community College for 10 seats in the High School Option Program for the 2024-2025 School Year. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Willard. Nays: None.
Sharing Agreement with AEA for Teacher Librarian: Motion by Director A. Willard, to approve the sharing agreement with the AEA for Teacher Librarian for the 2024-2025 school year. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Willard. Nays: None.
Reports and documents considered by the Board at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's office, 448-4749, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m - 4:00 p.m.
Superintendent Jess Toliver

Board President Tracy Crail
NUTRITION FUND INVOICES FOR MAY, APPROVAL JUNE 10, 2024
ANDERSON-ERICKSON DAIRY CO.- MILK.....8,082.90
BIMBO BAKERIES USA- BREAD.....2,249.55
Elan Financial- Servsafe.....160.00
MARTIN BROTHERS DISTRIBUTING CO INC- SUPPLIES ...40,265.48
Eagle Grove CSD- Senior Refunds, General Fees1,820.06
.....52,577.99
ACTIVITY FUND BILLS FOR MAY, APPROVAL JUNE 10, 2024
ALGONA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS- BOYS TRACK ENTRY FEE.....125.00
AMAZON- SUPPLIES743.92
ASPI SOLUTIONS INC- TRACK REGISTRATION SOFTWARE.....300.00
ATLANTIC COCA-COLA BOTTLING- SUPPLIES.....316.59
BELMOND-KLEMM COMMUNITY SCHOOLS- MS BOYS TRACK ENTRY FEE80.00
BOONE & SCENIC VALLEY RAILROAD- 2ND GRADE FIELD TRIP.....1,292.00
CARL FISCHER LLC- MUSIC ARRANGEMENT.....25.00
CLARION-GOLDFIELD-DOWS-GIRLS TRACK ENTRY FEE.....100.00
CLARMOND COUNTRY CLUB- REGIONAL GOLF ENTRY FEE.....80.00
DECKER SPORTING GOODS, INC- SUPPLIES.....5,442.00
DUCK KING FUN LLC- 5TH & 6TH GRADE PBIS REWARD.....725.00
EAGLE GROVE CSD- CASH.....3,837.70
EAGLE GROVE GOLF COURSE- BOYS GOLF FEES.....60.00
FAREWAY STORES- SUPPLIES.....297.82
FCA- SUPPLIES.....670.00
FOREST CITY- BOYS TRACK ENTRY FEE.....110.00
FORT DODGE CSD- BOYS TRACK ENTRY FEE150.00
GATES PARK GOLF COURSE- BOYS GOLF FEE.....105.00
HAUGLAND, ZACH- REIMBURSEMENT SUPPLIES.....55.98
HUMBOLDT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS- BOYS TRACK ENTRY FEE.....125.00
INSTRUMENTALIST AWARD LLC- AWARDS.....196.00
JEWELL GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB- GIRLS GOLF ENTRY FEE.....30.00
JOSTENS- YEARBOOKS ..2,558.60
LAKE MILLS HIGH SCHOOL- GIRLS TRACK ENTRY FEE.....100.00
LEKSELL, SHERRY - REIMBURSEMENT PROM SUPPLIES.....387.33
MARTIN BROS DISTRIBUTING INC- SUPPLIES.....233.20
MINNTEX CITRUS INC- FRUIT

SALES.....1,542.05
MOTLEY, TANA - REIMBURSEMENT SUPPLIES.....48.00
MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL - MUSICAL RIGHTS 2024-2025.....1,305.00
NASSP- MEMBERSHIP DUES 24-25.....385.00
NINE & DINE- TIC GOLF MEALS ..104.00
PUTNEY, AMY- REIMBURSEMENT SUPPLIES.....49.87
RIDDELL INC- SUPPLIES.....836.06
SCIENCE CENTER OF IOWA- 1ST GRADE FIELD TRIP474.50
SHRIVER, ANN- ACCOMPANIST ..67.50
SMASH PARK- 7TH GRADE PBIS REWARD.....720.00
SPRING VALLEY GOLF COURSE- GIRLS GOLF FEE.....166.00
THACKER, RICH- REIMBURSEMENT.....50.00
TMI SERVICES- PORTABLE TOILET.....195.26
WEBSTER CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS- GIRLS TRACK ENTRY FEE.....125.00
WUBBEN, ANTHONY- REIMBURSEMENT SUPPLIES198.65
.....24,413.03
GENERAL FUND BILLS FOR APPROVAL - JUNE 10, 2024
Access Elevator & Lifts Inc. - Safety Inspection695.00
Allegiant Technologies, fax lines.....42.19
Ait, Alana, meeting expense reimbursement.....76.37
Amazon Capital Services, supplies.....4,283.43
AWS, web service.....27.79
Bomgaars, supplies.....2,862.95
Bytespeed, equipment (Safety Grant).....147,943.00
Central Iowa Dist, cleaning supplies.....464.00
Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Schools, HS Couns Sharing.....8,596.78
Comm1- Telephone Service.....567.12
Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Assoc P.L.C., FY23 Audit.....4,730.00
Column Software PBC- Board Minutes.....227.49
Crisis Prevention Institute- Membership Fees.....586.75
DSG, supplies.....129.93
Eagle Building Supply, supplies.....291.24
Eagle Grove City of, water bills.....1,903.45
Eagle Grove Greenhouse, supplies.....1,420.61
Eagle Grove Schools, wire transfers and interest for IPERS.....50.00
Fareway, supplies.....865.16
Feld, alarm inspections.....2,165.25
First Bank Card Services, supplies.....178.40
Hawkeye West Pest Control, monthly service.....190.00
Humboldt Schools, open enrollment tuition.....63,171.90
John Deere Financial, oil.....38.81

Mid Country Machinery, supplies.....95.04
MidAmerican Energy, utilities.....8,426.40
Medical Enterprises Inc- testing kits.....41.00
Morgan, Victoria - reimburse for supplies.....106.66
Muzzey, David- reimburse for choral registration.....371.28
Nutrition Fund- Early Retirement.....5,453.66
Prairie Lakes AEA 8, printing.....415.32
Quill- supplies.....8.15
Rieman Music, repairs.....35.86
School Bus Sales, repair parts.....180.42
School Nurse Supply- Supplies.....247.11
SCI Communications.....863.40
Secure Shred, shred service.....61.00
Solution Tree, registration.....4,614.00
Sports World, ribbons.....817.32
T & D, vehicle repairs.....5,672.11
Temeyer, Pauline, reimb for class.....1,620.00
Tew, Dwight, reimb for supplies.....41.55
Timberline Billing Services- Claim Aid.....886.27
Toliver, Jess, meeting expense.....95.65
Verizon, cell phone service.....914.36
W & H, fuel.....7,013.37
Walmart, supplies.....210.46
Webster City Schools, open enrollment.....70,295.00
Wilson, Beth- reimburse for conference.....80.00
Woodman Controls, tech support.....1,616.00
.....351,689.01
OFFICIALS - PREPAID IN MAY (WK OF 05/24) - APPROVED June 10, 2024
Drake, Brenda- Official Softball 5/22/24.....120.00
Gerhard, Steve- Official 5/23/2024.....130.00
Hamilton, Bryce- Baseball official 5/22/24.....130.00
Hanson, Pat - Baseball official 5/22/24.....130.00
McClellan, Ryan- Official Baseball 5/23/24.....130.00
Richardson, Reggie- Softball official 5/22/24.....120.00
.....760.00
OFFICIALS - PREPAID IN MAY (WK OF 05/31) - APPROVED June 10, 2024
Leber, Brandon- Softball official 5/28/24.....120.00
McClellan, Ryan- Baseball official 5/28/24.....130.00
Thurm, Joshua- Baseball official 5/28/2024.....130.00
Slater, Jason- Softball official 5/28/24.....120.00
Steil, Chloe- JVV official 5/30/24.....90.00
Richardson, Reggie- Softball official 5/30/24.....120.00

Osborn, Brooklyn- JJV official 5/30/24.....90.00
Alber, Matthew- Softball official 5/30/24.....120.00
.....920.00
OFFICIALS - PREPAID IN JUNE(WK OF 06/7/2024) - APPROVED JUNE 10, 2024
Dewaard, Luke- Baseball official 6/7/2024.....130.00
Hansen, Pat- Baseball official 6/4/2024.....130.00
Houck, Trev- Softball official 6/3/2024.....120.00
McClellan, Ryan- Baseball official 6/4/2024.....130.00
McClellan, Ryan- Baseball official 6/7/2024.....130.00
Meinders, Dave- Softball official 6/7/2024.....120.00
Osborn, Brooklyn- JJV official 6/4/2024.....90.00
Osborn, Brooklyn- JJV official 6/6/2024.....90.00
Richardson, Reggie - Softball 6/7/24.....120.00
Schiff, Christian- Softball official 6/3/2024.....120.00
Smith, Josh- Baseball official 6/3/2024.....130.00
Smith, Michael- Baseball official 6/3/2024.....130.00
Steil, Chloe- JVV official 6/4/2024.....90.00
Steil, Chloe- JVV official 6/6/2024.....90.00
.....1,620.00
MANAGEMENT FUND BILLS - APPROVED JUNE 10, 2024
EGCSD, retiree insurance.....962.84
.....962.84
PPLE/DEBT SERV/SAVE FUND BILLS - APPROVAL JUNE 10, 2024
Access Elevator, service call700.18
Amazon Capital Serv, printer.....1,647.00
Central Iowa Dist., floor stripper/finish.....6,110.00
CDW-G, equipment.....91,806.09
Chase, princ/nt payment SAVE revenue bonds.....588,258.00
Eagle Building Supply, building projects.....744.35
GF Leasing, copiers.....3,054.25
ICN, internet access.....404.10
Lund Const., roadstone at ball park.....8,384.44
Menards, repairs.....1,323.30
Olson's, repairs.....1,075.30
Quadient Leasing, postage meter lease.....370.02
Schindler, elevator repairs.....569.10
Sherwin Williams, paint1,927.94
Tjaden Electric, repairs.....609.20
Toppers & Trailers Plus, trailer.....14,680.00
United Truck & Body, bus repairs.....11,759.83
Velux America, skylight repair.....2,050.06
Woodman Controls, repairs.....217.88
.....735,691.04

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One of Iowa's Largest Dairy Herds has Bird Flu

by Jared Strong

One of the largest dairy farms in the state — with a herd of about 10,000 in Sioux County — has cattle that are infected with avian flu, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship reported Monday.

It is the seventh Iowa dairy herd with a confirmed highly pathogenic avian influenza infection. Five of those are in Sioux County, which has the most dairy cows of any Iowa county, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture data.

Infected herds are not culled like poultry flocks. While the virus is often fatal to domestic birds, affected cows typically recover within two weeks. Dairies suffer a temporary loss of production because the milk of sick cows — which contains large amounts of the virus — is discarded.

Investigations are ongoing to determine how the virus arrived in northwest Iowa, said Don McDowell, an IDALS spokesperson. O’Brien and Plymouth counties also have infected herds.

The virus is believed to have infected cows in Texas as early as December and spread to other states via the transportation of sick cows. It is likely spread locally by people and equipment that move between farms.

The virus has been identified in more than 100 herds in 12 states since late March, according to USDA data.

The avian flu variant that has been infecting cows was first discovered in Iowa in late May in a flock of 4.2 million egg-laying chickens in Sioux County. About a week later on June 5, testing confirmed the virus had infected an O’Brien County dairy herd.

Agriculture officials have implored dairies to increase their biosecurity measures and to limit visitors. The virus has been shown to transfer from dairy herds to poultry flocks and, in a few cases, it has infected people who work closely with sick animals.

Here is a timeline of highly pathogenic avian influenza infection reports in Iowa herds and flocks this year:

- May 28: A commercial egg-laying chicken flock in Sioux County with about 4.2 million birds.
- June 2: A commercial turkey flock in Cherokee County with about 103,000 birds.
- June 5: A dairy herd in O’Brien County with about 4,500 cattle.
- June 7: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 250 cattle.
- June 12: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 1,700 cattle.
- June 14: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 1,000 cattle.
- June 14: A dairy herd in Plymouth County with about 3,000 cattle.
- June 15: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 520 cattle.
- June 17: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 10,000 cattle.

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State Grants Go to Four Community Colleges to Support Career Academies

by Brooklyn Draisey

Four community colleges will use grants provided by the state to launch or expand career academies for students to get a head start in a high-demand career.

Gov. Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Department of Education awarded \$1 million each to Eastern Iowa Community Colleges, Iowa Western Community College and Iowa Valley Community College District, and almost \$618,000 to Iowa Central Community College through the Career Academy Incentive Fund, according to a news release.

“The Career Academy Incentive Fund is an innovative, results-based program that provides high school students with opportunities to gain valuable experience and helps build a strong talent pipeline in our local communities,” said Gov. Kim Reynolds in the release. “I applaud Eastern Iowa Community Colleges, Iowa Valley Community College District, Iowa Western Community College and Iowa Central Community College for their work to grow career academies that prepare students for in-demand careers here in Iowa.”

Since 2019 the Career Academy Incentive Fund has provided grants to support partnerships between community colleges and school districts, who collaborate on programs for students to learn technical and educational skills and earn high school and college credits, as well as job credentials. It is funded through Secure an Advanced Vision for Education, a statewide penny sales tax for school infrastructure, the release stated.

Iowa Western Community College will offer career academies in cybersecurity, robotics, precision agriculture and mass digital communication to students from five school districts with the creation of a new regional center in Glenwood, supported by the grant.

Eastern Iowa Community Colleges will utilize its grant funds to develop new lab space at its Muscatine Industrial Technology Center, the release stated, supporting career academies in computer numerical control engineering, digital modeling for manufacturing, engineering technology and welding. The center works with six area school districts.

Iowa Valley Community College District’s automotive repair technician career academy, located in Grinnell, will also see expansion through the grant. The district will also work to grow enrollment from six local school districts in other academies, including health sciences, manufacturing and business administration.

Iowa Central Community College will purchase new health science equipment for its North Central Career Center, serving four area school districts.

“We commend the awardees for their leadership in realizing our shared priority to empower all students with multiple pathways to postsecondary success, changing lives and strengthening communities,” said Department of Education McKenzie Snow in the releases.

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The sign outside Iowa Central's Career Academy, now called the North Central Regional Center. (Photo by Edward Lynn)

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS City of Goldfield • June 10, 2024

**Goldfield City Council Meeting
June 10, 2024**

The Goldfield Council met in regular session on June 10, 2024 at the Goldfield City Hall. Mayor Fiscus called the council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Council Members present Petersen, Duncalf, Crees and Meinke. Also present City Clerk, Kathy Nelson; PW Superintendent Jim Sisson; Police Chief, Ray Beltran; WCED Director Darrel Steven Carlyle; City Attorney Lynn Seaba. Absent Council Member Schermer.

PW Superintendent Jim Sisson gave an update. He discussed with the council the quote from CIT Sewer Solutions. Motion by Meinke, second Crees to approve the quote of \$2970.00 to camera the sewer line down by Buttermilk Creek. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Schermer.

Ash trees were discussed, Jim will be getting more information.

Motion by Crees, second Duncalf to approve Logan Reed’s building permit to widen his driveway. Motion by Crees, second Meinke to approve Kirk and Danielle Bricker’s building permit to add a deck and put in a driveway. All ayes. Motions carried. Absent Schermer.

Motion by Petersen, second Crees to approve the May 13 th minutes. Motion by Meinke, second Crees to approve the May 22 nd minutes. Motion by Petersen, second Duncalf to approve the June claims. All ayes. Motions carried. Absent Schermer.

CLAIMS REPORT		JUNE CLAIMS	
VENDOR		REFERENCE	
ABENS-MARTY-CURRAN AGENCY		INSURANCE EXPENSE	53,846.00
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING		COPIER LEASE	222.20
AGSOURCE LABORATORIES		TESTING/SAMPLES	67.50
ATURA ARCHITECTURE		PRODUCE BID DOCUMENTS-SCHOOL	324.37
CARGILL, INCORPORATED		SALT-WATER PLANT	6,633.21
CHRIS PETERSEN		MEETING	46.75
CITY OF GOLDFIELD		UTILITY DEPOSIT-MARK MONNIER	100.00
CITY OF GOLDFIELD		WATER/SEWER COMMUNITY CENTER	64.89
DANKO EMER. EQUIPMENT		RADIO HARNESS, HELMET-FIRE	463.40
EAGLE GROVE LIBRARY		2ND HALF FY 23-24	3,026.50
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY		FED/FICA TAX	2,477.30
ELECTRIC PUMP		RADIO READ METER-WATER TOWER	15,750.00
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING		MICROPHONE, CHARGER, HAND HELD	812.50
FIRST BANK		NEW WELL/HOUSING PAYMENT	35,728.25
GOLDFIELD CEMETERY		2ND HALF FY 23-24	2,200.00
GOLDFIELD POST OFFICE		WATER/SEWER BILLS	141.51
GOLDFIELD TELEPHONE CO		PHONE/INTERNET	276.11
HAWKEYE WEST PEST CONTROL		PEST CONTROL	99.36
HEIMAN INC		POLY TUFF-FIRE DEPT.	582.01
HENNIGAR CONSTRUCTION LLC		REPAIR WATER VALVE/LAGOON PIPE	8,914.38
IPERS COLLECTION		IPERS - REGULAR	1,418.68
JIM SISSON		GENERAC ANNUAL RENEWAL LIFTSTATION	296.96
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL		JOHN DEERE LEASE	503.58
K.C. NIELSEN, LTD.		MOWER PARTS	719.48
L & L SERVICE, INC.		TIRE REPAIR-BACK HOE	35.00
MID-AMERICAN ENERGY		GAS/ELECTRIC	2,324.34
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING		PUBLISHING LEGALS	308.91
MIDWEST BREATHING AIR LLC		SERVICE-BREATHING AIR COMPRESS	432.28
MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC.		RADIO-FIRE DEPARTMENT	4,340.66
MT SHEARING		SPRING CLEAN UP 2024	2,548.60
NORTH CENTRAL IA VAC SERVICES		MAINT. WATERMAIN VALVES/LAGOON PIPE	8,468.75
PSI PRINTING SERVICES INC		CITY HALL/FIRE SUPPLIES	176.67
RASMUSSEN LAWN CARE		BROADLEAF-SCHOOL PARK/COMM.CENTER	350.25
SEABA LAW OFFICE, PLC		LEGAL EXPENSE	1,122.00
T & S SANITATION		GARBAGE MAY	55.00
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA		WATER EXCISE TAX MAY 2024	1,000.43
ULINE		DOLLIES CHAIRS-COMMUNITY CTR	1,194.78
VERIZON		SIM CARD-WATER	40.01
W & H COOP		GAS/DIESEL	711.28
Payroll Checks			9,588.65
**** REPORT TOTAL ****			167,412.55

EXPENSES		REVENUE	
GENERAL	53,215.26	GENERAL	30,419.14
FIRE DEPT.	11,169.03	CORN LP	4,167.00
ROAD USE TAX	5,918.72	FIRE DEPT.	27.70
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,454.98	ROAD USE TAX	7,220.04
DEBT SERVICE	20,364.40	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,195.97
COMM. CENTER	1,194.78	EMERGENCY FUND	766.82
WATER	64,098.71	LOCAL OPTION TAX	7,808.80
SEWER	8,996.67	DEBT SERVICE	4,524.42
TOTAL	167,412.55	WATER	17,581.81
		SEWER	11,494.97
		TOTAL	86,206.67

Police Chief Ray Beltran discussed the May dispatch report. Council discussed the school sale and getting items priced.

Motion by Petersen, second Crees to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance #185, Water Deposit Increase for Renters. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Crees, Meinke, Duncalf, Petersen. Motion by Petersen, second Meinke to waive the third reading of Ordinance #185, Water Deposit Increase for Renters. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Crees, Meinke, Duncalf, Petersen. Nays: None. Absent Schermer. Motions Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 185

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF GOLDFIELD, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS RELATING TO CUSTOMER GUARANTEE DEPOSITS FOR WATER RATES AND SEWER RATES.

BE ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDFIELD, IOWA:

SECTION 1 : Section 33.6 of Chapter 33 UTILITIES – BILLING CHARGES, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Goldfield, Iowa (2014) is repealed and the following section is adopted in lieu thereof:

33.6 CUSTOMER GUARANTEE DEPOSITS . Customer deposits shall be required of all customers who are tenants and of those customers who have a prior record of failure to pay water bills when due. A deposit of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars shall be required from all tenants. A deposit of two hundred (\$200.00) shall be required from all customers who have had water disconnected for non-payment. Deposits must be paid prior to new connection for service or continuation of service after shut off due to non-payment.

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY. If any section, provision or part thereof of this Ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in effect immediately after its adoption and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED BY THE GOLDFIELD, IOWA, CITY COUNCIL ON THE 10 th DAY OF JUNE, 2024.

Gabe Fiscus, Mayor Kathy Nelson, City Clerk

A quote for acoustic panels for the community center was reviewed. It was determined that we would pass on the quote and look into other sources to purchase. Will have more information for the July’s meeting.

Resolution 780 Employee Salaries was tabled for employee reviews. Will review at the July meeting.

Motion by Petersen, second Crees to approve Council pay January 2024-June 2024. All ayes. Motion carried. Absent Schermer.

Reminder July 1 st there will be a 6% increase on water/sewer bills.

City Hall will be closed June 24 th -26 th . Clerk attending classes in Ames.

Motion by Crees, second Meinke to adjourn at 8:04 p.m.

Kathy Nelson, City Clerk Gabe Fiscus, Mayor

Two Infants Surrendered to Iowa DHHS in May Under Safe Haven Law

by Robin Opsahl

Two babies were turned over to the state in May as part of the Safe Haven Law, the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services reported.

The two infants, a girl born May 15 and a boy born May 26, make a total of four babies that have been surrendered to the state in the past year according to DHHS. Two other infants were given up through the law in March. In 2023, 10 babies were taken in by the state agency, with a total of 70 infants having been accepted by the state since the Safe Haven Law was put in place in 2002.

The state law allows for parents, or people with parental authorization, to leave a baby up to 90 days old at a hospital, health care facility, adoption service provider, or a fire station equipped with a newborn safety device, if the caretakers determine they cannot care for the child. Additionally, parents can relinquish physical custody of their child by calling 911.

The law is intended to give parents in crisis an opportunity to surrender a child without needing to be concerned about prosecution for child abandonment, according to the department.

The two children surrendered to the state in May are currently under the care of the department and will be placed with a foster family. A permanent family placement will be later determined for the infants, according to the release.

Kelly Garcia, director of the department, said in a news release that she wanted parents to know “they have this safe and trusted option at such a critical time” in their lives.

“Accessing Safe Haven is assuredly not an easy decision, but this law exists to protect newborns and its success is evident by the number of families that have trusted in the Safe Haven Act,” Garcia said. “Our goal is to protect these newborns and provide them with the best permanent home possible.”

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Baseball Team 6-8 After Loss To Indians

By Taylor Smith
Sports Editor

The 6-4 Forest City Indians were in town on Monday, June 10th for a Top of Iowa-West conference battle with the Eagles' baseball team. The first few scoreless innings flew by, but the Indians had five runs in the 7th

and defeated the Eagles 9-2. Forest City scored first after hitting two consecutive doubles in the top of the 3rd, but pitcher Nolan Krauss escaped the inning with a defensive snag and throw to first.

In the bottom of the 3rd, second baseman Leelan

Spencer led off with a single up the middle. He then stole two bases and reached home on a wild pitch to tie the game at a run apiece.

Two more Indians crossed home in the top of the 4th, but Brett Ascherl's RBI single in the bottom of the 5th cut the lead to one. Forest

City would have a late rally and defeat the Eagles for the second time this season.

Krauss pitched six innings and struck out four. Jake Jeske went 2-for-3 with two singles. Mack Morgan, Jaxon Morris, Ascherl, and Spencer all had a single for Eagle Grove.



Nolan Krauss pitched six innings vs. Forest City



Mack Morgan's single hugged the third baseline



Leelan Spencer sprints to home plate (photos by Taylor Smith)

Girls Bounce Back Vs. West Hancock

By Taylor Smith
Sports Editor

The Eagle Grove softball team improved their impressive record with a Wednesday night win over the West Hancock Eagles. The girls beat their conference opponent in five innings for their eighth win of the summer.

Catcher Chloe Steil got on bases three times with two walks and a double. Tarrisa Middleton stole four bases,

hit a single, and scored three runs. Crystal Flores added a single and two RBIs.

Addy Jeske, Olivia Conaway, Myah Edwards, and Brooklyn Osborn all had singles to contribute to the teams' winning effort.

Osborn continued her stellar senior season in the pitching circle. She struck out six batters and walked three in five innings of work.

Eagle Boys Shut Out West Hancock

By Taylor Smith
Sports Editor

On Wednesday, June 12th, Syrus Willard and the EGHS baseball team shut out West Hancock 15-0 in a Top of Iowa-West Conference matchup. The 7-8 Eagles now sit near the top of the conference standings as they enter the second half of the season.

Willard set the tone with 11 K's in five innings pitched. He allowed only three hits and walked five. The sophomore also went 2-for-4 at the plate with two

singles and two RBIs.

Leadoff man Mack Morgan was 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two stolen bases. Jake Jeske went 2-for-2 with a single and a double. Trenton Robinson's 3-for-4 batting performance included a double and three RBIs, and Jaxon Morris got on base three times with three singles.

Speedster Drake Canavan hit a double and a triple in the victory, while Leelan Spencer contributed a double and a pair of singles for Eagle Grove.

Eagles Bury Gaels In Home Win

By Taylor Smith
Sports Editor

A day after shutting out West Hancock on the road, the Eagle Grove baseball team returned to The Grove for a late afternoon contest against the Gaels of St. Edmond. The hometown boys scored a staggering 18 runs in the first two innings and blanked the Gaels 18-0.

Jake Jeske and Nolan Krauss would both go yard

in the blowout, leading Eagle Grove with three RBIs apiece. Leelan Spencer had a double and an RBI, and Mack Morgan, Drake Canavan, Jaxon Morris, and Brett Ascherl all finished with two singles. Morgan also stole four bases for the Eagles.

Jeske was the winning pitcher, striking out three and walking two in four innings.

EG Baseball Wins Third In A Row Vs. Broncos

By Taylor Smith
Sports Editor

After shutting out West Hancock and St. Edmond, the Eagle Grove baseball team jumped above .500 with their Friday night home win over Belmond-Klemme. Nolan Krauss struck out 9 on the mound on his way to his fifth win of the year, and Jake Jeske hit another home

run to lead the Eagles to a 10-0 victory in five innings.

Center fielder Syrus Willard hit a single and a triple in the three-hole on Friday, and Jaxon Morris and Brett Ascherl both had two singles apiece. Trenton Robinson added a single, a double, and two RBIs, and Leelan Spencer and Drake Canavan both got on a base with a single.

Storm Front Meltdown - Walleyes Swarming Like Crazy Piranhas

It didn't take long to discover that I was smack in the middle of an all out feeding frenzy...

by Lowell Washburn

Renowned for its legendary wariness, scrappy nature, and unrivaled flavor, the walleye is one of America's most popular sportfish. At Clear Lake, the walleye easily ranks as Number One - the most sought-after inhabitant of North Iowa's largest and most important recreational resource.

Here, as elsewhere, walleyes rarely come easy. The skills needed to consistently hook the fish present a continuing - sometimes insurmountable - challenge. Fickle and unpredictable, techniques that put limits in the boat one day are completely snubbed the next. But there are some happy exceptions - days when the fish are not only willing but seem to have entirely lost their minds. Perhaps few of those events have been more dramatic than the surprise bite that occurred at Clear Lake on Wednesday afternoon.

As the day began, the weather was warm, humid, clear, and calm. Not surprisingly, the fishing was terrible. By terrible, I mean not a single hit during an hour and a half of fishing. Packing it in, I decided to return home. Around one o'clock I noticed that the outdoor mood was changing. A few clouds had appeared, and the treetops were beginning to stir. Within minutes, the breeze had become a wind. The branches were waving wildly, and a jet-black cloud mass could be seen approaching from the north. We all know that dramatic changes in atmospheric



Noted for its legendary wariness, scrappy nature, and unrivaled flavor, the walleye is Clear Lake's most popular sportfish. Despite its abundance, anglers regard the walleye as one of the fishing world's most challenging species.

pressure can trigger wholesale feeding binges among local fish populations. On this day, the signals were undeniable. The approaching front represented an Angler's Call to Arms, and my thoughts immediately returned to walleyes.

By the time I arrived back at the lakeshore, the whitecaps were raging. Attaching a lively leech to a 1/16-ounce jig head, I began probing the gravelly shallows south of the Outing Club. The wind, if anything, was rising even more and a couple of nearby boat hoist covers were already damaged beyond repair. I knew that I was going to get wet. No matter, because it immediately became apparent that the hoped for feeding frenzy was already in progress as evidenced by the fat seventeen-inch walleye that slammed my jig head on the second cast.

From that moment on, it was Katie-Bar-The-Door as one walleye after another slammed the lure. The agitated predators were swarming the shallows like piranha. I was in the middle of a genuine walleye meltdown, and everyone wanted to get their teeth into something. As the frenzy continued, I hooked

walleyes on four out of five consecutive casts, including another back-to-back pair exceeding 17-inches. Strikes can be almost impossible to detect in rough water - even when using highly sensitive ultra-lite gear. Today was an exception. Each and every fish slammed the jig head with unmistakable gusto - striking so hard and with such authority that they were literally hooking themselves.

The nonstop action lasted for somewhere in the vicinity of thirty to forty minutes, and I lost count of how many fish were hooked. What I can say is that an overly enthusiastic ten or eleven-inch-er would have been the only fish too small to keep, and that nearly half were "slot fish" measuring seventeen inches or above. It was like nothing I had ever seen - at Clear Lake or anywhere else. One of those walleyes felt like hooking onto a passing freight train. Unfortunately, the fish broke my line before I ever had a chance to see it. Amazing that such a fish could be lured into feeding in just three to four feet of water during the middle of the day.

All good things must come to an end, of course.

And when that threatening cloud bank finally arrived overhead, the frenzy ended as abruptly as it had begun. The wind diminished and the fish quit biting as surely as if you'd tripped a switch. During the next 15 or 20 minutes I only received a single hit. The fantasy bite was over. For me, the dramatic, though short lived, weather event represented an angling milestone. How good was it? I've been fishing at Clear Lake since I was a little kid and have never ever experienced anything to match the walleye bite that occurred Wednesday afternoon. Gone but not forgotten, it was a day to remember.

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SPORTS

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SCHEDULE

Monday, June 24

- Middle School Softball/Baseball @ St. Edmond, 10:00 a.m.
- JV/Varsity Baseball @ GHV, 5:30 p.m.
- JV/Varsity Softball @ GHV, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 25

- JV/Varsity Baseball vs. N. Union @ EG, 5:30 p.m.
- JV/Varsity Softball vs. N. Union @ EG, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26

- Middle School Softball/Baseball vs. CGD @ EG, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 27

- JJV Softball @ North Butler, 10:00 a.m.
- JV/Varsity Softball @ Webster City, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, June 28

- Middle School Softball/Baseball vs. IFA @ EG, 10:00 a.m.
- JJV Softball @ IFA, 10:00 a.m.

Indians Top Eagles At Greenwood Park

By Taylor Smith
Sports Editor

The visiting Forest City Indians handed the Eagle softball team their third loss of the season on June 10th in Eagle Grove. They scored five runs in the 3rd inning on their way to a 7-2 victory. The purple and gold were looking for the season sweep against their conference opponent, but a three-run homer from Indian shortstop Hayden Brown quieted the home crowd and put FC up for good.

Eagle Grove would draw first blood in the opening frame. Addy Jeske scored off a Nadia Kaiser single up the third baseline to give EG a 1-0 lead. A few moments later, Celeste Figueroa reached first on an error and Kaiser slid home to increase the lead to 2-0.

Starting pitcher Brooklyn Osborn was finding her stuff early, but the Forest City batters eventually caught on

to her and exploded for five runs in the top of the 3rd. Osborn completed the contest with seven strikeouts.

In the later innings, the lady Eagles did their best to string together consecutive hits, but the margin was too

much to overcome.

Third baseman Myah Edwards had her best offensive performance of the season

with three singles and four stolen bases. Jeske, Kaiser, and Olivia Conaway all had a single in the loss.



In the 1st inning, Maddison Kaiser bunted Addy Jeske to third (photos by Taylor Smith)



Myah Edwards went 3 for 3 vs. Forest City

Eagle Grove Boys Track & Field Team Celebrates Season At Annual Team Banquet



Aaron Alainz, Arturo Reyna, Braylon Kling, Camden Sisson, Cooper Thacker, Dominick Melen-drez, Drake Canavan, Dylan Beck, Evan Cooper, Felix Gonzalez, Felix Reyes, Gavin Pedersen, Hayden Schafer, Hunter Waldo-Martinez, Javy Baez, Jordan Chodur, Josh Miller, Landon Mrla, Leelan Spencer, Noah Thul, Patrick Heaton, Rafer Russell, Reece Demuth, Syrus Willard, Trenton Robinson, Zabdi Castro (photo by Gloria Becker)



Eagle Grove track and field award winners (L to R): Zabdi Castro (Eagle Award), Eduardo Sosa (Coaches Award), Christian Martinez (Most Improved), Drake Canavan (Most Valuable), Hunter Waldo-Martinez (Newcomer Award) (photo by Gloria Becker)

Ladies Split Games At Weekend Softball Tourney



By Taylor Smith
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A day after a 9-2 home win over Belmont-Klemme, the Eagle Grove softball team traveled to West Hancock High School for a Saturday morning tournament. In their first contest, the girls would fall 7-5 to Manson-NW Webster, but the team responded with a 19-2

thrashing of the hosting West Hancock Eagles.

Manson scored all of their runs in the first two innings. Although the Eagles would rally in the later innings, they were unable to fully recover. Tarissa Middleton led the charge against the Cougars with two singles, three RBIs, and a run. Addy Jeske also hit two singles, scored a run, and stole a base.

Myah Edwards was responsible for the Eagles' only extra base hit with a triple.

Brooklyn Osborn pitched all seven innings vs. Manson, striking out five and walking two.

The girls redeemed themselves in the second game, scoring 14 runs in the top of the 3rd inning on their way to their 10th victory of the season. Jeske put on a show with two

singles, two RBIs, and three stolen bases. Chloe Steil added two singles and four RBIs. Lily Locke had a single and two RBIs, and Nadia Kaiser hit a single and had three RBIs.

Mya Morgan was the winning pitcher against West Hancock. She struck out three and walked only two in the shortened three inning game.

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