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Grand Marshals Rick and Sue Hammen, “It’s all for the Kids”

**By Amanda Rink, Mid-America Publishing**

A parade grand marshal was originally elected to keep order in a parade. Over time, the role evolved into an honorary title awarded to distinguished individuals. Grand marshals are often people or couples who others can look up to.

According to the Wright County Fair, no one fits this title better than Rick and Sue Hammen, the 2024 Fair Parade Grand Marshals. Knowing Rick, with a twinkle in his eye, and Sue’s calm order-keeping, I’d have to agree.

Rick, raised in Clarion, began farming in 1974 with his Dad. In 1987, Rick became co-owner of “Blue Mound” farm in the late 80s, where he still raises livestock and farms row crops. Sue (Dieger) was raised in Belmond and met Rick in the fall of 1980. After three years of courtship, the pair married in July of 1983. They were soon blessed with two daughters, Kelly and Katie. Soon after, the Hammen Family motto “It’s all for the kids,” was coined.

Rick and Sue have been in-

volved in the fair since the late 1980s, with many livestock exhibits originating from their farm. The couple are known for their behind-the-scenes work. Rick’s first ‘big project’, in 1988, was helping with fundraising efforts to build the 4-H food stand. The 4-H stand is popular for the food, which Rick has helped prepare for years. The air conditioning isn’t bad either.

The couple has also been heavily involved in the Bottle Bucket Calf program for the last 34 years. It was important to Sue, who has worked at Clarion’s First Citizens Bank for 45 years, that each child gets a reasonable return on investment after their work. Because of this belief, she helped and Mike Marshall led the 4-H/FFA Buying Group. The group, which disbanded in 2020, would reach out to individuals and organizations for donations which were used to bid on the livestock once the fair was over.

Although the couple is almost synonymous with The Wright County Fair, neither actually participated in 4-H as children. The couple’s volunteer work earned them the title of “Honor-

ary 4-H’ers” from the Fair Board. Rick was honored in 2004 and Sue in 2009. The couple also earned a spot at the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame in 2019 for their effort.

Rick is often eager to reminisce about his time at the fair with his children. Last year, Rick shared with me that helping his daughters, Kelly and Katie, show at the local fair was the best time for him. At one point in time, the girls were showing one of each type of animal! I had mentioned how exhausted I would be if I were in his shoes, but Rick stated, “Ah, it’s for the kids.” Anyone who knows Rick is aware of the twinkle in his eyes when he speaks of his children. Kelly and Katie were active in 4H for 8 years, often co-led in a 4-H group by Sue.

The family’s favorite fair tradition was a picnic of fried chicken after their kids competed in the beef show Sue shared with me. Now the Hammens look forward to supporting their 5 grandchildren at the Wright County Fair.

While the couple has gathered various titles and achievements during their long marriage, their



Rick and Sue Hammen, the 2024 Wright County Fair Parade Grand Marshals, symbolize the spirit of the Wright County Fair, making them a perfect choice. The Wright County Fair Parade starts at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 9th in Eagle Grove led by the couple. Rick and Sue will be recognized at 7:30 P.M on the James R. Johnson Stage. (Photo provided by Uniquely Chic Inspirations)

favorite titles are Dad and Mom, and now Grandpa and Grandma. Staying true to their family motto, “It’s all for the kids.”

The Wright County Fair Parade starts at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 9th led by the couple. Rick and Sue will be recognized at 7:30 P.M on the James R. Johnson Stage at the fairgrounds.



There’s a massive new presence in Eagle Grove! A heavy lift crane has been set up at AGP. According to the local scuttlebutt, it took several dozen semi trucks to deliver, and may weigh as much as 1,000,000 pounds. Look for more information in an upcoming issue of the Eagle. (Photos by Edward Lynn)



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Reading Buddies Summer Reading Kick Off

by Edward Lynn  
Editor

The first annual Reading Buddies Reunion kicked off the joint Mama Cats PTO, Reading Buddies of Iowa, Inc. summer reading program last Monday evening at Hewitt Park, starting at 6:30 PM. The event featured fun activities for kids, a chance to meet local police officers, firefighters and EMS paramedics, to tour their vehicles, free books for all the kids, and free, freshly made donuts provided by the Eagle Grove Scouts for everyone. Elementary yearbooks were also available for pick-up by those who'd ordered them.

With a goal of making reading fun through the summer, while kids are out of school, the program had a clever theme: "Reading Detectives". Young readers, referred to as "recruits," were "deputized" as Reading Detectives and given a mission to find several reading bears at local businesses.

Clues about the bears' locations are being posted weekly on the Mama Cats and Reading Bears of Iowa Facebook pages and published in the Eagle Grove Eagle newspaper. And Reading Detectives are challenged to solve the riddles in the clues to uncover where the bears are hiding.

At each business with a

bear, the Reading Detectives are rewarded with a page from a coloring book. By visiting all the participating businesses, readers can assemble the entire Reading Bears coloring book for themselves. And they're encouraged to keep these pages "as evidence" that they completed the weekly missions.

A goal of the program is to challenge young readers to read eight age-appropriate books of their choice through the summer. The program will run for seven weeks, and a clue will be released each week.

Participants are then encouraged to rendezvous on

August 16th (time and location to be announced) with their list of books they had read over the summer and their completed coloring books for a chance to win a "Super Secret Agent Commission."

The "reading detectives" format provided "a very fun new experience for the kids to promote reading," said Diana Kingery, who was running the "Collecting Evidence" station. Kingery, who is the mother of Rachel Cahalan of the Mama Cats, also remarked, "I'm very

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This Iowa Hawkeyes quilt, featuring Caitlin Clark's retired jersey number 22, is being auctioned off to raise funds for the Reading Buddies program. The drawing will be July 13th at the Wright County Fair, and there will be more opportunities to buy tickets at the fair.



Chief of Police Ray Beltran reacts happily to the large group of kids interested in being sworn in as Reading Detectives. (Photos by Edward Lynn)



# Phase Two of Fishpond Project Complete

## Ribbon Cutting ceremony held.

by Edward Lynn  
Editor

Local student Michael Umthun, who recently earned the rank of Eagle Scout, held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for his Eagle Scout Service Project at Fish Pond Park on Sunday.

Umthun's project built on fellow Eagle Scout Cole Fouarge's service project, which erected a monument honoring pioneering Eagle Grove Scoutmaster Howard Schoonover, who launched the first scout troop west of the Mississippi in Eagle Grove. On the back, the monument honors Eagle Grove scout Aaron Eilerts, whose inspiring life and heroic sacrifice made him the model for the Iowa Character Counts prize, while also recognizing every Eagle Grove Eagle Scout to date.

That original project was the brainchild of a former local scout, Steve Halverson, who now lives in Monona, WI. "When I was in scouts, and this would have been in the late 1970's," Halverson told the Eagle back in 2022, "the scoutmasters would often talk about Howard Schoonover, and how he was not only a veteran of the Spanish-American war, but he also founded the first Boy Scout troop west of the Mississippi. And we were a part of that same troop. It really got to me." And so Halverson decided that Schoonover deserved a monument. "I've been thinking about that for decades," he said.

There was another, more recent legendary Eagle Grove scout Halverson also wanted to honor, Aaron Ei-



Umthun, flanked by several troop members and his parents, cuts the ribbon provided by the Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce, represented by Board Member Sara Middleton. Officially opening the monument to the public.

lerts. "What kind of also motivated me was, thinking about Aaron, I thought if not for that tragedy he would have been a shoe-in for Eagle Scout," he said. "I thought, wouldn't it be great if someone in his troop could do this monument almost like doing Aaron's Eagle Scout project for him? Sort of to honor them both."

Fellow Eagle Grove Eagle Scout Cole Fouarge undertook the first phase of the project, the main monument, costing over \$13,700 and taking more than 60 hours of work. And to do it, he had to get the city's permission. "We're super excited to assist in Eagle Grove scout projects, City Administrator Bryce Davis remarked at the time. "Especially a project like this, which improves a local park. We're also excited that this is immortalizing the history of scouting in Eagle Grove."

In phase two, Umthun laid a brick patio around the

monument to enhance it, with many bricks inscribed with the names of supporters of the project, including individuals, families, organizations, and companies, thereby placing their names into the history books through their support.

The project enjoyed strong support from local donors. "It was great how everyone was donating," Umthun told the Eagle in an interview earlier in the year, "the support was there. The money really came rolling in!" The fundraising effort was so successful that Umthun raised significantly more than the project cost. In total, Umthun raised almost \$19,000, but the project only needed around \$8,000, so Umthun donated the rest back to the troop, to support future scout projects.

"I'm really glad I could put this in and beautify the park for the community," Umthun said, "this will be here pretty much forever."

Fouarge, who came back from college to see the next phase completed, said "it's good to see the second phase done."

One big supporter of the project from the start is Rep. Mark Thompson (R-Clarion). And Eagle Grove native, Thompson is a strong backer of scouting. "I would like all of us to think how this project – the work it required to complete it – are emblematic of what we as a community need to incorporate into our lives," Thompson said. "It starts with set-

ting an example."

"Sometimes we equate quiet and calm moments with boredom, when actually they are opportunities to focus on whatever goals and challenges lay ahead of us," Thompson said in a speech, "Michael no doubt used those quiet and calm moments to develop his plans – then to turn those plans into reality."

Another supporter, Richard Cahalan, made this keen observation. "We couldn't be here without the troop, we couldn't have the troop

without the community, without leaders, without support. So this is a great thing for Eagle Grove. We need more of this!"

Perhaps unsurprisingly, two of the biggest supporters of Umthun were his parents, Ken and Rhonda Umthun. "Over the past ten years we've seen him go from a cub scout, and mature, and turn into a fine young man who lives up to the standards of an Eagle Scout," said his father. "Standing here watching him give his speech I'm just so very proud of him, of all he's accomplished," said his mother. "I'm just overjoyed with my son," she remarked also, adding, "He's helped me grow a lot too, with all of this."

Scoutmaster Craig Voss expressed his pride in both scouts. "I'm proud of Cole and I'm proud of Michael," Voss said. And he hinted that there were other scouts working on more projects to be proud of before long. "We'll be adding more stuff," he said. "Maybe some benches." Voss also was pleased with all the supporters who came to witness the ribbon cutting. "I'm impressed with how many people showed up."

The monument stands at Fish Pond Park, in northern Eagle Grove, at 1101 N. Eastern Ave.



Credit where credit is due, these bricks designate the patio as Umthun's Eagle Scout project.



The monument, from the front, with the patio completed.



Michael Umthun (center) salutes the flag during the ceremony, along with his father Ken Umthun (far left, rear), Scoutmaster Craig Voss (far right, rear) and other scouts and scout leaders.



Rep. Mark Thompson makes remarks in front of the monument. (Photos by Edward Lynn)

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## Supervisors to Meet with Attorney, Other Counties', Over IUB Carbon Pipeline Decision

### C-70 bridge to open mid-month.

by Lee van der Linden

Two bridge projects took up the bulk of a brief meeting of the Wright County of Supervisors July 1.

County Engineer Adam Clemons said the new bridge

on C-70 near Woolstock should be open sometime next week. The crew is waiting on guardrails for the railroad side of the bridge. Depending upon weather conditions and the guardrail delivery, the bridge should be open between July 10-12.

The board also approved a funding agreement for a

bridge on Taylor Avenue south of Belmond, just past Tyrell's Grove. The 100-foot bridge project is estimated to cost \$850,000. Bids will be let in early 2025, with construction starting next summer.

Supervisor Dean Kluss said he would be meeting with Attorney Tim Whipple

and representatives from other counties to review the decision issued last week by the Iowa Utilities Board. The IUB will allow Summit Carbon Solutions to use eminent domain to build the proposed carbon capture pipeline. The IUB also approved the route as proposed with very few changes.

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# Celebrate the Fourth of July Responsibly

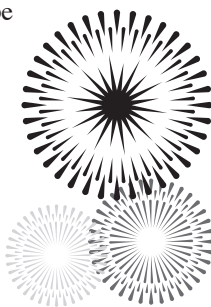
DES MOINES, Iowa - As Iowans celebrate Independence Day, the Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau (GTSB) reminds all drivers, No One's a Good DRUNK Driver. In 2022, a person was killed every 39 minutes in a drunk-driving crash on our nation's roads. July 3 through July 7, law enforcement across the state will be on high alert for signs of drunk driving and taking necessary steps to remove these dangers from the road.

Every year, the Fourth of July stands out as one of the deadliest times on Iowa roads. Over the past five years (2019-2023), there have been 32 traffic fatalities during the holiday, with 50% of those being alcohol related. "If you sense any level of buzz, it is your duty to stay away from the driver's seat. For some peo-

ple, even one drink is too many to drive safely," says GTSB Bureau Chief Brett Tjepkes. "Unfortunately, many drivers don't realize how impaired they are or feel they're still good to drive after consuming alcohol. That's why GTSB launched a new campaign this year to remind Iowans, No One's a Good DRUNK Driver."

Lots of planning goes into Fourth of July festivities, plan for a sober driver. When a friend has been drinking and is considering driving, be proactive — take away the keys, find a safe ride home, or offer a couch.

The Governor's Traffic Safety Bureau works with city, county, state, and local organizations to develop and implement strategies to reduce death and injury on Iowa's roadways using federally funded grants.



# EGHS Student Council Joins Sandbagging Crew



Members of the Eagle Grove High School Student Council "braved the heat" last Monday to help out with sandbagging in Humboldt, as water levels rose. "The sandbags were being loaded and hauled away almost faster than we could fill them," the group posted to Facebook. (Screenshots, Eagle Grove High School, Facebook)

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glad to see the Eagle Grove Police, Fire and EMS departments get involved. That's very good, encouraging a positive relationship."

"Thanks to all the local entities that made this happen. Mama Cats, the Boy Scouts, Police, Fire, EMS, the Johnson Foundation,"

"I've seen nothing but joy on these little faces," said Reading Buddies of Iowa, Inc. founder Deb Townsend, "and they all got a book to take home with them, thanks to Joy of Reading" out of Fort Dodge. "Our little planning committee, headed up by Rachel Cahalan did an amazing job," Townsend added.

The police officers were enthusiastic about the pro-

gram as well. "I love this! I think it's great to see so many community members gathered together today for something so positive," said newly hired Officer Katy McFarland. "And we've got some good help here today. EMS is here. The Fire Department is here. This is fantastic."

"When they approached me I was like, absolutely! Any time there's an activity to help the young kids, we're going to be available to help," said Chief of Police Ray Beltran. "And thanks to the committee that put this together. Reading is very important. Especially in the summer when the kids are out of school."



Kids and their families were invited to explore the emergency vehicles, including police cruisers, fire trucks, and an ambulance.



An assortment of free books for young readers to keep was available, sponsored by Joy of Reading of Fort Dodge.



Eagle Scout Michael Umthun prepares a batch of freshly made cinnamon and sugar donuts.



Seven year old Colton Meyer, who'll be going into the second grade, proudly shows his grandmother Deb Townsend, founder of Reading Buddies of Iowa, his bear and all the achievements he'd checked off so far. (Photos by Edward Lynn)

## CLUES

MAMA CATS SUMMER READING PROGRAM

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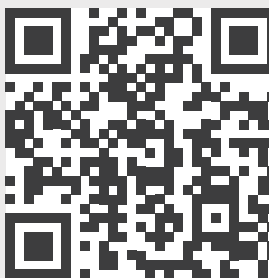
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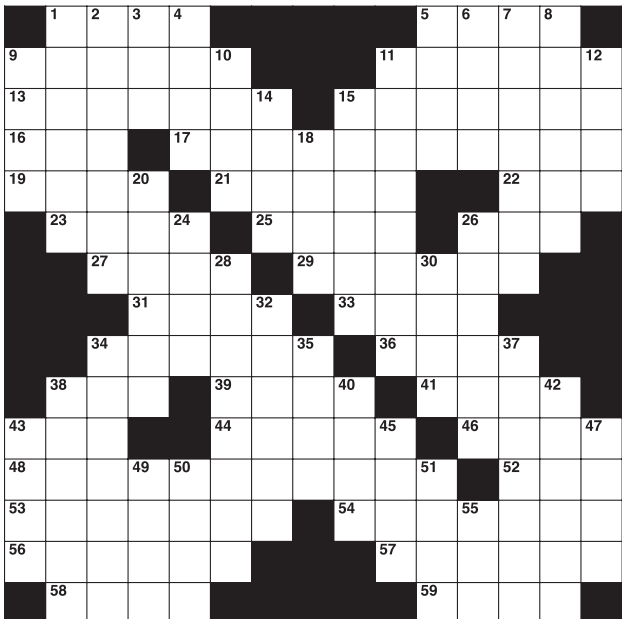
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Six (Spanish)

5. Invests in little enterprises

9. Large dung beetle

11. Gored

13. Partially paralyzed

15. Still a little wet

16. Legal field media company

17. Not working

19. 500 sheets of paper

21. Church structure

22. Sheep disease

23. Small drink of whiskey

25. Weaving tradition

26. Pestilence

27. Body part

29. Nabs

31. Places to stay
33. Witnesses

34. Looked for

36. Arranges

38. Political action committee

39. Middle eastern nation (alt. sp.)

41. Hair-like structure

43. Parts producer

44. Greek city

46. Subway dwellers

48. Norm from “Cheers”

52. Clean a floor

53. Vied for

54. Canned fish

56. Inspire with love

57. Sent down moisture

58. Wrest

59. Partner to carrots

CLUES DOWN

1. Mounted

2. Assign

3. Wrath

4. Self-immolation by fire ritual

5. Parts of an organism

6. Person from England

7. Tropical plants of the pea family

8. Body part

9. Practice boxing

10. Containers

11. Contrary beliefs

12. Bleached

14. Pre-Islamic Egyptian

15. A group of similar things ordered one after another

18. Innermost spinal cord membranes

20. Cassava
24. A restaurant's list of offerings

26. Annoy constantly

28. Orchestrate

30. Z Z Z

32. Astute

34. Highly decorated tea urn

35. Teach to behave

37. Endurance

38. Urinating

40. Barbie friend dolls

42. Repents

43. Man-eating giant

45. Jewish calendar month

47. Accelerated

49. Husband of Sita in Hindu

50. Lump of semiliquid substance

51. Lying in wait

55. Cease to exist

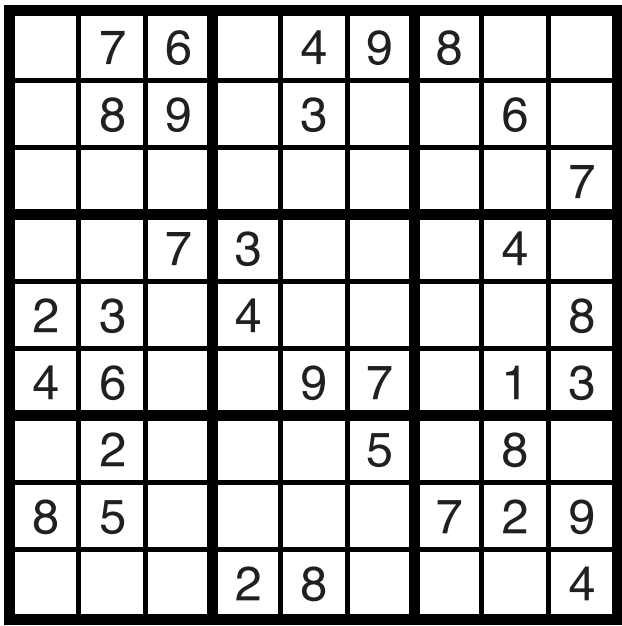
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CLEANER
- COVER

DEPTH

DRAIN

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FLOW

HEATER

IN-GROUND LINER
- PUMP

PUMP

SCALE

SHOCK

SKIMMER

STABILIZER

VALVES

City Council Hears Street Improvement Project Update, Approves 2025 Work

New police officer also hired.

by Edward Lynn  
Editor

The Eagle Grove City Council convened for its regular meeting on Monday evening at the Council Chambers. Mayor Mike Boyd called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. The roll call confirmed the presence of council members Al Pamperin, Tony Axtell, Wally Lorenzon, Dennis Vandewater, Mike Weland, and Kelly Limerick.

During the public forum, Laura Dickey spoke representing the Eagle Grove Betterment group, saying the group had gathered over 100 signatures on a petition calling for the dismissal of City Administrator Bryce Davis. Dickey said she encouraged the council to place a discussion of the matter on a future agenda, and to meet on the subject either publicly or privately. Dickey also noted that she would like to address the Council further on such an occasion, and expressed optimism that the city can achieve a standard of transparency acceptable to the citizens in the group.

The council then approved the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the June 17, 2024 meeting and total claims amounting to \$242,519.18. Notable expenses included \$107,663.79 to the Payroll Fund, \$38,060.60 for health insurance, \$25,369.56 for electricity, \$14,045.73 to the Health Savings Accounts fund, \$20,630.12 to Arends Lee & Emick related to the Utility Board, and \$8,842.84 for pool chaises to Elan Financial Services.

The council then approved Resolution 2024-83, authorizing the hiring of Officer Colt Richardson for the Eagle Grove Police De-



Officer Colt Richardson is sworn in by Mayor Mike Boyd. (Photos by Edward Lynn)



Richard Cahalan films as Laura Dickey speaks on behalf of the Eagle Grove Betterment Committee.

partment. Richardson, who previously served with the Webster City Police Department and the Iowa Department of Motor Vehicles, was sworn in as a Step 4 Officer with a wage of \$34.80 per hour. Recently hired officer Katie McFarland, previously a Boone County Sheriff's Deputy, was also introduced to the council.

The council then reviewed and approved Change Order #1 from Castor Construction for the 2024 Street Improvement Project on Parkview Drive. The change order involved the replacement of two manhole structures, to replace two which had been found to be in serious disrepair at a total cost of \$17,490.00. The council found the cost competitive

and approved the change order.

Project updates revealed that sub drains and storm sewers are completed, milling is finished, and the pavement, curbs, and gutters have been removed. Gravel is down, and the pickleball court is completed and painted, though the basketball court remains unfinished.

The council then opened a brief public hearing on the 2024 Street Improvement Project, but closed it quickly as no one rose to speak. Subsequently, they unanimously passed Resolution 2024-84, progressing with the 2025 Street Improvement Project or Projects, and Resolution 2024-85, authorizing a Professional

Services Agreement for the 2025 projects, at an estimated cost of \$132,700.

Next the council took up the matter of pool management wages, passing Resolution 2024-86, setting the wage for an Assistant Pool Manager at \$15 per hour. Lifeguards earn between \$13 and \$14 per hour, while the Pool Manager earns \$16.00 per hour.

In department reports City Administrator Bryce Davis reported that the fiscal year had ended, with audit processes beginning after the 4th of July holiday. And also that ongoing projects include repairs at the library and Hewitt Park, general park maintenance. Davis also stated that power washing of the library pavers was completed. And while there had been some mower issues, they seem resolved, seemingly negating the need for a new purchase.

Police Chief Ray Beltran then reported that there had been no issues at Summerfest despite the crowd it attracted, and noted that the department would have a "full-force" police and security presence through the week of the Wright County Fair. The department responded to 341 calls in May and 342 in June and participated in the Reading Buddies program at Hewitt Park, where the Police, Fire Department, and EMS all gave tours of their vehicles to children, and the Police Officers were the "guests of honor".

In Public Works, Administrator Davis noted that nuisance abatements at 1004 N. Arthur and 902 N. Arthur is underway, with asbestos removal required. And that the city aims to begin efforts to clean up the north side of town in July.

The meeting then adjourned with a note of gratitude from Mayor Boyd for all the work being done to keep the town running smoothly and making improvements.

Iowa Utilities Board Approves Permit for Controversial Summit Pipeline

Eminent domain can be used in Iowa, but project still needs approval in the Dakotas

by Clark Kauffman

The Iowa Utilities Board gave its approval Tuesday for the controversial Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline and for the company to use eminent domain to acquire landowners' property.

The company hopes to begin construction next year with the goal of making the pipeline operational in 2026. The pipeline, which would be the largest of its kind anywhere in the world, would carry liquified carbon dioxide from ethanol plants in Iowa and surrounding states to a site in North Dakota, where the company hopes for reconsideration and approval of a previously denied permit.

The pipeline would cross more than 2,000 miles across five states, including nearly 700 miles in Iowa. In planning the pipeline, Summit has partnered with 57 ethanol plants and the company says it has signed voluntary easement agreements with 75% of the Iowa route's landowners.

In giving its approval to the project, the Iowa Utilities Board ruled that Summit cannot begin construction in Iowa until the necessary permits are secured in South Dakota and North Dakota. The board also stated Summit will be able to use eminent domain in Iowa to force the sale of land from property owners who are opposed to the use of the property for the project.

In the wake of that decision, Iowa House Speaker Pat Grassley, a Republican from New Hartford, said the rights of Iowa landowners are the one of the "highest priorities" of House Republicans.

"This just further confirms what we already knew — that the Iowa Legislature must conduct a comprehensive review and update the state's eminent domain laws," Grassley said. "We will seek feedback from Iowans on the best way forward and in the meantime, I stand ready to assist my constituents however I can."

The Iowa House approved legislation the past two sessions that would have given landowners more leverage over pipeline negotiations. In 2023, the House passed a bill requiring pipeline companies to obtain voluntary easements for 90% of their routes before they could use eminent domain for the rest. This year, the House voted to allow landowners who are subject to eminent domain requests by carbon dioxide pipeline companies to challenge the legitimacy of those requests in court earlier in the permit proceedings. Neither bill advanced in the Senate.

The proposed pipeline has been the focus of intense public debate over the past 30 months, with farmers, environmentalists and pipeline safety advocates voicing their opposition. In August

2023, Summit was denied permits in North Dakota, and one month later it was denied permits in South Dakota.

In response to the board's action, Food & Water Watch Policy Director Jim Walsh blamed Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds for a decision that he said will benefit corporations at the expense of Iowa's rural communities.

"Summit's carbon pipeline scam is nothing but a gift to Big Ag and the polluting ethanol industry," Walsh said. "The pipeline poses substantial risks to public safety and will do little to nothing to reduce climate pollution. Gov. Reynolds's administration is at the center of this decision, and the whole project is made possible by massive federal tax credits and subsidies for the dangerous and unnecessary carbon capture industry. While Summit stands to make billions, it is our climate and communities that lose out."

Summit: Approval a 'significant milestone'

In a written statement, Summit called the Iowa Utilities Board's approval "a significant milestone not for just Summit Carbon Solutions, but for the entire agriculture industry as it seeks access to new and emerging markets, like sustainable aviation fuel, by lowering ethanol's carbon intensity score."

Lee Blank, CEO of Summit Carbon Solutions, predicted the project's "mo-

mentum" will continue as the company pursues permit reconsideration in North Dakota and prepares to file a new South Dakota permit application in early July.

"We look forward to engaging with the state throughout this process and are confident in a successful outcome," Blank said of the South Dakota effort.

In the two and half years since the Iowa Utilities Board first began weighing Summit's permit application, the board has filed tens of thousands of pages of testimony and exhibits, heard testimony from more than 200 witnesses, and considered 4,180 comments, objections, and letters of support for the project.

Utilities board members issue dissents

As part of the board's approval on Tuesday, Iowa Utilities Board Chairman Erik Helland issued a partial dissent in which he agreed with all of the findings and conclusions except for the condition that prohibits construction in Iowa until North Dakota and South Dakota have given their approval. Helland said such a condition essentially gives away the board's authority to another jurisdiction.

Board member Joshua Byrnes also issued a partial dissent, taking issue with the approval of a lateral route

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# Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

Communities don't thrive on division and polarization.

A nation won't thrive on lies, narcissistic exaggerations or bumbling incoherence.

The June 27 Presidential debate only reinforced each party's expectation of their opponent. No one should be celebrating their candidate's performance or gloating over the opponents' gaffs. We need to hold all candidates accountable to serious discussion of the issues rooted in values of integrity, justice, equity, and caring for all Americans.

In Iowa, we face issues surrounding agriculture, climate change, affordable access to housing, food, and childcare. Some rural communities are

doing amazingly well while others are getting left behind. Our public school system is under attack, as is women's health care, and LGBT+ protections. Charting a path forward on any of these complex and controversial issues requires strategic listening and planning. We need to hear from those affected as well as those with subject expertise. We need to leverage public and private capacity from local, state, and federal levels.

Governing is about grappling with the issues, providing leadership with integrity as we seek solutions that lift up all Iowans and all Americans. Elections should be centered on the candidate's vision and capacity to lead us forward together. Debates

should expand our collective understanding of the issues, how the institutions of our government can be agents of change to help all Americans, not flagrantly tossed aside.

Iowa values of caring for each other, the environment, and institutions that make our communities function for all Iowans has been on full display recently on issues ranging from carbon pipeline, AEAs, abortion, LGBT+ rights, and more. We need to hold candidates and each other accountable to substantive, problem solving discussions. Then we all need to use that information at the polls. Be engaged. Expect more.

Jan Libbey  
Kanawha



# Recovering and rebuilding together

by Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-Hull)

Our communities have faced – and continue to experience – catastrophic flooding that has devastated homes, farms, businesses, schools, and hospitals. Families have lost cherished possessions, businesses face costly cleanup, and farmers have lost crops. However, despite this challenging time for our district, Iowans are resilient. Neighbors are stepping up to help neighbors, farmers are deploying their payloaders to haul away debris, and communities are coming together to recover and rebuild. It's inspiring to see how Iowans unite in times of crisis.

On Monday June 24th, following the worst of the flooding in Northwest Iowa,

I was with Governor Reynolds and Lieutenant Governor Gregg in Hawarden, Rock Valley, Rock Rapids, Spencer, and Cherokee surveying flood damage and meeting with emergency management, law enforcement, and local residents. We even had the opportunity to chat with Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard, Stephen Osborn. My team has also been on the ground in Estherville, Emmetsburg, Correctionville, Algona, and Humboldt to see flood damage firsthand, meet with local officials, and assess how best our office can help. We will continue to visit communities affected by this catastrophic flooding and work to get assistance to those impacted.

The next day, on Tuesday

June 25th, Governor Reynolds' and my request for a major disaster declaration was approved by President Biden for Clay, Emmet, Lyon, Plymouth, and Sioux Counties. This decision will help our families recover, our businesses keep their doors open, and our communities rebuild. But our work is far from over. I will continue to work with Governor Reynolds and our partners at the federal level to secure relief for more communities in more counties that were impacted by severe flooding.

In the meantime, I want to share important information about disaster recovery and assistance for those beginning the cleanup process. Iowans can call FEMA at 1-800-621-3362 – a helpline that runs from 7 AM to 10

PM, seven days a week – to apply for disaster relief or visit [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov) for more information. Homeowners, businesses, renters, and nonprofits can call the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955, email [disastercustomerservice@sba.gov](mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov), or visit [www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance](http://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/disaster-assistance) to secure federal aid. Additionally, an SBA Business Recovery Center has officially opened in Sioux Center to help businesses get guidance and secure relief from flooding. The address is 251 N. Main Avenue, #212, Sioux Center, IA 51250 and it is open Monday to Friday from 9 AM to 6 PM and Saturday from 9 AM to 1 PM. You can also call my office at 202-225-4426 or visit my Natural

Disaster Resource Center on my website at Feenstra.House.Gov to find a full list of resources, contact information, and other assistance for flood and storm recovery.

Finally, I want to note a few legislative items that I've supported to help our communities with flooding. The Farm Bill – which I supported when it passed out of the House Agriculture Committee in May – includes increased crop insurance protections so that our farmers receive fair compensation for lost crops. I've also called on the USDA to deliver accurate indemnity payments to producers who have lost livestock. On the tax side, I voted for – and the U.S. House of Representatives passed in January by wide margins – the *Tax Re-*

*lief for American Families and Workers Act*. Among many important provisions, this legislation would deliver relief to our communities impacted by catastrophic flooding by allowing taxpayers to deduct unreimbursed losses from the floods from their federal income taxes. This would give Iowans more breathing room in their budgets as they face greater expenses from the floods.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone impacted by the devastating flooding. We will do everything possible to ensure that our families, farmers, and businesses have the resources and tools that they need to come out of this catastrophe stronger. These are tough times for our communities, but together, we will recover and rebuild.

# Marking an Ominous Independence Day

by Edward Lynn Editor

My ancestor, Stephen Hopkins, was one of 41 signatories of the Mayflower Compact, considered by historians to be the first written constitution of the so-called "New World", which declared those passengers of the historic ship to be free, and part of a society of "just and equal Laws, Ordinances, Acts, Constitutions, and Offices". Years before, in an earlier trip to the "New World" aboard the doomed ship the Sea Venture, Hopkins had argued for the same – and been sentenced to death for it – though he was pardoned after a public outcry.

So it is safe to say that my family has a long history of standing up for government for the people, not just the elites.

And that was the radical idea of the Mayflower Compact, which scholars believe directly influenced America's Founding Fathers in their drafting of the Declaration of Independence and the United States Constitution.

It was the idea that people could live in a "just and equal" society, governed for the common person, and not just the rich and powerful. That government could be formed by the consent of the governed, and all would abide by the same laws, with no one above it. And that those laws would be laws they created for themselves, not the edicts of a King. As historian Rebecca Fraser put it in her book The Mayflower: The Families, the Voyage and the Founding of America, "Plymouth Colony was the first experiment in consensual government in western history between individuals with one another, and not with a monarch."

This was a massive shift in governance. For 400 years by then, since the signing of the Magna Carta, the rule of law meant the King's law. Not the people's. And while the compact included a statement that the signatories



The Mayflower Compact 1620, by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris, depicts the signing of the Mayflower Compact. (Public Domain)

were "Loyal Subjects" of the "dread Sovereign Lord King James" it nevertheless greatly shook off the control of the monarchy.

Likewise, while the document claimed that the people's right to self governance was God given, it did not specify a specific church or tradition of worship, and so it nevertheless created the first western Separation of Church and State doctrine, allowing the puritan Pilgrim separatists, who rejected the Church of England, and their fellow passengers who still adhered to the Church of England, to co-exist.

Over 180 years later, on December 22, 1802, John Quincy Adams spoke in Plymouth Massachusetts to commemorate the landing of the Mayflower pilgrims. The future President of the United States called the Mayflower Compact "perhaps the only instance, in human history, of that positive, original social compact, which speculative philosophers have imagined as the only legitimate source of government."

And now, tragically, on the 248th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, I find myself compelled to speak out in the tra-

dition of my ancestor, against the horrible decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Trump v. United States ruling.

Put simply, the ruling says that Presidents CAN be above the law, so long as they can successfully argue that they were just doing their job.

There's so much that's very frightening about that. Not the least of it, that the case came before the Supreme Court as a result of an attempt by a President to stay in office, allegedly by fraud (through the fake electors plot) or by force (the January 6th assault on the Capitol, as Congress certified the election).

In her stunning and scathing dissent, Justice Sonya Sotomayor laid out some of the "nightmare scenarios" that she feared this ruling could bring to pass. If a President "orders the Navy's Seal Team 6 to assassinate a political rival? Immune. Organizing a military coup to hold onto power? Immune. Takes a bribe in exchange for a pardon? Immune. Immune, immune, immune."

And those are not far fetched examples. Remember, having Seal Team 6

murder a political rival was one of the specific powers Trump's lawyers argued before the court that a President should have. And organizing a military coup to hold onto power? January 6th was a hair's breadth away from that, and indeed ex-military and paramilitary groups were a part of it. Taking bribes for pardons? Trump had a whole "pardon list" of his co-conspirators - as it was described by one of them, John Eastman, in an email to another, Rudy Giuliani, sent just days after the attempted insurrection.

As for, "immune, immune, immune," well, let your imagination run wild.

Ask yourself, what terrible things might a power mad, tyrannical President do, and how might they then argue they were just doing their job? Take all of everyone's guns away, arguing that they're protecting kids? Jail writers whose books make them uncomfortable? Murder journalists uncovering their corruption? Take your home, to house soldiers to control your neighbors? Immune, immune, immune!

What about all that beyond the pale stuff Nixon did? Spying on his political

opponents, breaking into their headquarters? Using the machinery of the federal government to "screw" political opponents, as Nixon did with his "enemies list"; having them audited, investigated, denied for grants, etc? In 1974 that was enough to get him thrown out of office, and he would have been if he hadn't resigned to avoid it. But now, in 2024? Well... immune, immune, immune.

Indeed, here's a clue to just how dangerous this ruling is: the guy who just got all this power doesn't want it, and doesn't think anyone should have it. Ever. His remarks hearkened back to that Mayflower Compact my ancestor signed. "This nation was founded on the principle that there are no kings in America," current President Biden said. "Each, each of us is equal before the law. No one, no one is above the law. Not even the president of the United States."

Nevermind that the ruling gives former President Trump, Biden's presumed opponent in the general election, broad immunity from prosecution for many of the crimes he's already charged with. Think what crimes he, or any other future President (or even current President Biden) might commit in the future, wrapped in the power of immunity? As Biden put it, it all creates "a dangerous precedent" which "undermines the rule of law."

And just think, this ruling comes from a court which has been buffeted by revelations of corruption, and improper bias, and which has refused to hold its members accountable, and where three of the six conservatives who voted for this immunity that could give Trump a get-out-of-jail-free card were appointed by him.

And yet, those conservative justices have long championed constitutional originalism, purportedly adhering to the text and intent of the Founding Fathers. But this decision flagrantly contra-

dicts the very essence of the Constitution they claimed to revere. My ancestor and the other passengers of the Mayflower endured a horrific ordeal in crossing the seas to get here. The Founders they inspired fought a bloody revolution to rid themselves of the tyranny of monarchy, envisioning a nation governed by laws, not by the whims of a sovereign. Their writings and actions underscore their intent to prevent any concentration of unchecked power. In granting the President immunity, the Court has betrayed this legacy, embracing a form of governance alarmingly akin to the royal rule our ancestors cast off.

And in being so unaccountable themselves, and now extending even more unaccountability to the Presidency, the court has eviscerated the principle of Separation of Powers, the very cornerstone of "government of the people, by the people, and for the people." That brilliant construct, devised by the Founders to prevent any single branch of government from dominating the other two, is now all but toppled.

For what is the Congress to do, pass more laws for the President to break with impunity? And barring a change in the construction of the Supreme Court, it has already abdicated its oversight responsibility.

And so, Trump v. United States leaves the President nearly entirely untouchable by both the judicial and legislative branches. As such, it is an egregious affront to the rule of law, giving any President present or future carte blanche to act with impunity, so long as they can present a plausible official excuse.

As Sotomayor put it, "the relationship between the President and the people he serves has shifted irrevocably. In every use of official power, the President is now a king above the law."

"With fear for our democracy," I must, sadly, concur with her dissent.



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Two More Iowa Dairy Herds Reported With Avian Flu

by Jack O'connor

Two more reports of avian flu in Sioux County dairy herds were announced on Thursday, marking the 13th report of bird flu in dairy cattle herds in Iowa for June.

Sioux County's problems with bird flu continue as these two recent reports leave the county with 12 reports of cattle herds and one chicken flock infected with the virus.

These two most recent cases of bird flu infected a 980-cow herd and one with 2,500 cattle. Cows generally recover from the virus within two weeks. The virus is typically deadly to poultry and flocks are culled to prevent spread of the infection.

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship announced new rules for dairy cattle in exhibitions on Tuesday in hopes of limiting the spread of the disease.

Also on Tuesday, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced four states - Nebraska, Kansas, New Mexico and Texas - would voluntarily test for bird flu in bulk milk tanks at dairies. Pasteurization kills the virus, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and the agency is urging people to avoid drinking raw milk.

Outside of Sioux County, Sac, Plymouth, Cherokee and O'Brien counties have each had one report of bird flu.

Infections of Iowa flocks and herds this year include: - June 27: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about

2,500 cattle.  
- June 27: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 980 cattle.

- June 24: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 5,000 cattle.

- June 21: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 500 cattle.

- June 21: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 45 cattle.

- June 20: A commercial turkey flock in Sac County with about 46,000 birds.

- June 19: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 100 cattle.

- June 17: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 10,000 cattle.

- June 15: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 520 cattle.

- June 14: A dairy herd in Plymouth County with about 3,000 cattle.

- June 14: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 1,000 cattle.

- June 12: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 1,700 cattle.

- June 7: A dairy herd in Sioux County with about 250 cattle.

- June 5: A dairy herd in O'Brien County with about 4,500 cattle.

- June 2: A commercial turkey flock in Cherokee County with about 103,000 birds.

- May 28: A commercial egg-laying chicken flock in Sioux County with about 4.2 million birds.

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between the Quad County Corn Processors facility in Ida County and the Green Plains Shenandoah facility in Fremont County. Byrnes argued that portion of the route was not justified or proper.

Before the board gives its separate approval for construction permits, Summit will have to submit what the board called "numerous revised exhibits." The company will also have to secure and maintain a \$100 million insurance policy, and it will be required to compensate landowners for any damages that result

from the pipeline's construction.

Walsh said that while Summit "has won this round in Iowa, this is not the end of the line. There are still decisions at the federal and state levels that will determine whether this dangerous pipeline is ever built. The IUB's approval of this dangerous project underscores the urgent need for the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) to update the outdated regulations for carbon dioxide pipelines before any other authorizations are issued."

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Denial

Unlike most other illnesses, substance use disorders are almost always marked by denial. It is not uncommon for people who have had several DUIs (or DWIs, depending on where you live) to deny that they are a threat to public safety or that they have a problem with alcohol. Most social drinkers underestimate their drinking, but alcoholics (or those with alcohol use disorder, the current preferred label for the disorder) often take this to a whole new level. Even after repeated arrests, hospitalizations, and near-death experiences, people under the grip of substance abuse often deny there is a problem. Working with substance abusers in my day job, I am no longer surprised when I hear people say that fentanyl is their drug of choice: heroin was no longer getting them high, they report, and besides, fentanyl is cheaper. Many of these people have almost died several times, only coming back to life because someone with Narcan was near enough to revive them. The difficult thing about overcoming denial is that some part of our brain is tricking us, convincing us there isn't really a problem. And all of us probably suffer from some form of denial. When someone criticizes us, and we automatically reject the criticism, it's usually a sign of denial. When we find that someone else's behavior or attitude really bothers us, it's usually a sign of denial in that it points to something in our own selves that we don't like. As the old saying goes, "Denial is more than just a river in Egypt." It's a pervasive feature of our consciousness, often caused by unconscious forces that we are unaware of. -Christopher Simon

Sunday, July 7, 2024 First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 123 Epistle 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Gospel Mark 6:1-13



# Biden Administration Announces New Rule to Protect Workers from Heat-Related Illnesses

**by Lia Chien**

WASHINGTON – Senior Biden administration officials announced a proposed rule Tuesday to prevent heat-related illness in the workplace, as climate change brings hotter temperatures around the nation.

In a call to reporters Monday, officials spoke on background about the new rule, which the administration sent to the Federal Register Tuesday for review. Depending on the heat index, the rule would require employers to monitor workers’ heat exposure, provide cool-down areas and take mandatory cool-down breaks.

This new rule comes as extreme temperatures will engulf much of the country at some point during the year. Heat waves occur more frequently now compared to the 1960s, from an average of two per year to six in the 2020s, according to data from the Environmental Protection Agency. Heat waves have also increased in duration and intensity.

Officials also pointed to record-breaking heat waves in June, high temperature predictions for the Fourth of July holiday and above-average predicted temperatures for July.

The rule would cover 35

million workers whose job responsibilities include being in the heat and require activities that could raise core body temperatures. This includes those working in construction, agriculture and landscaping, as well as those in indoor environments, like kitchen workers, who are exposed to heat indexes of 80 degrees or higher.

A notable aspect of the proposed rule includes acclimatization requirements. New or returning workers who are not used to the heat levels must be given a gradual increase in workload or a 15-minute rest break every two hours.

According to a senior administration official, 75% of workers who die on the job due to heat-related illnesses die in the first week. This rule would “significantly reduce the number of worker-related deaths, injuries and illnesses,” the official said.

**Flood mitigation funding announced**

Along with this new rule, the administration officials announced \$1 billion in Federal Emergency Management Agency funding for 93 different communities and tribal nations. This includes \$50 million to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for storm-

water pumping to mitigate flooding and \$6 million to Greensboro, North Carolina for an improved flood drainage channel.

Through FEMA’s Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program, the funding will go toward developing infrastructure that is more prepared to handle extreme weather events.

Officials pointed to increases in wildfires, hurricanes and flooding as growing concerns for Americans.

“In addition to posing direct threats to lives and livelihoods, major weather events have significant economic impacts,” said one official.

Another senior official from the administration spoke of how these announced actions are part of President Joe Biden’s larger commitment to strengthen the country against the growing threats of climate change.

“We are taking action, bold action, historic action and action that’s delivering real meaningful, visible difference on the ground,” the official said.

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# Biden Approves Federal Aid for Iowa Counties Impacted by Flooding as Severe Weather Continues

**by Robin Opsahl**

President Joe Biden has approved a Major Disaster Declaration for flooding in Iowa, allowing federal funding for residents and businesses in areas impacted by recent severe weather.

The expedited declaration follows a request from Gov. Kim Reynolds in response to severe flooding from beginning June 16 in northwest Iowa. Heavy rainfall has caused flooding along the Missouri River and connected waterways, with some areas surpassing river levels from the historic 1993 floods.

In the areas impacted by flooding and severe storms last weekend, Reynolds said at a Sunday news conference that 1,900 properties were affected or destroyed by water damages, and thousands of people were evacuated from flood areas. Iowa Emergency Management Director John Benson said that the total damages and costs remains unknown, but that the impacts of the weekend flooding are “extensive.”

The Federal Emergency Management Agency and U.S. Small Business Administration can now provide aid in Clay, Emmet, Lyon, Plymouth, and Sioux counties with Biden’s declaration. People in these five counties can apply for assistance through FEMA’s Individual Assistance Program for



Gov. Kim Reynolds and members of her cabinet oversaw northwest Iowa impacted by flooding in a helicopter tour June 21, 2024. (Photo courtesy of Gov. Kim Reynolds’ office)

funds for costs of destroyed property as well as expenses for medical and legal services related to the severe weather. Area businesses can apply for low-interest loans through the SBA Disaster Loan Program.

People seeking federal assistance can apply through the FEMA disaster assistance website and the SBA loan portal. Federal assistance for Iowa communities was also approved by Biden in May for areas impacted by tornados.

Additionally, federal funding was made available through FEMA’s Public Assistance Program for state, tribal and local governments, as well as certain nonprofit organizations, for disaster response work such as debris removal and emergency protective measures in Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Lyon, O’Brien, Osceola, Plymouth, and Sioux counties. Funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide, accord-

ing to FEMA.

The flooding seen by Iowa communities like Rock Valley and Spencer over the weekend were part of a larger trend of major storms that hit the upper Midwest, also impacting areas of South Dakota, Nebraska and Minnesota. At least two people have died due to the extreme weather, including one man in Clay County who attempted to drive through floodwaters. Flooding has also caused the collapse of a bridge on Sunday connect-

ing Sioux City in Iowa with North Sioux City, South Dakota.

**Rainfall up to 600% above normal**

The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship reported Monday that some stations of northwest and north central Iowa received “several months’ worth of rainfall” — between 300% and 600% above the normal rainfall.

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig said in a statement weather forecasts show a reprieve from rainfall in northwest Iowa, but “those downstream need to be prepared as this water heads south.”

“Our hearts go out to all the Iowans affected by this devastating flooding. We do not yet know the full picture of damage to homes, businesses, farms, crops, livestock, communities and public infrastructure, but we know that it is likely to be substantial and costly,” Naig said. “Iowans are resilient and we will get through this together, but this recovery will certainly take some time and require considerable resources.”

Storms and subsequent flooding have not subsided yet. Another evacuation in the towns of Smithland and Rodney occurred early Tuesday after a levee broke on the Little Sioux River. Additionally, the Iowa Department of

Transportation announced it plans to close a portion of Interstate 29 near Council Bluffs and portion of I-680 west of I-29 beginning Tuesday night due to rising flood waters, with timing based on Missouri River water levels and weather patterns.

**Governors ask Iowans to stay off Missouri River**

As flooding continues along the Missouri River, Reynolds and Nebraska Gov. Jim Pillen released a joint statement Monday urging people to stay off the river until water levels come down.

“Now is not the time to be on the water,” Reynolds and Pillen said in the release. “In addition to higher-than-normal flow, there’s also the potential for more debris in the water, which poses a significant risk to anyone on the Missouri. It’s best to wait until levels return to normal to resume regular activities.”

The National Weather Service has also predicted more heavy rainfall hitting other areas of the state in coming days. Donna Dubberke, meteorologist-in-charge at the Des Moines NWS said Sunday that eastern and central Iowa could see severe weather and flooding in the upcoming week.

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# ‘No Kings in America’: Biden Slams U.S. Supreme Court Ruling Granting Trump Immunity

**by Jacob Fischler**

Monday’s U.S. Supreme Court decision granting the presumption of criminal immunity for official actions taken by a president fundamentally altered U.S. democracy, President Joe Biden said from the White House Monday evening.

Speaking for less than five minutes, Biden said the 6-3 decision contradicted the spirit of the country’s founding — set to be celebrated nationwide this week on the Fourth of July — that no one is above the law.

“This nation was founded on the principle that there are no kings in America,” Biden said. “Each of us is equal before the law. No one — no one — is above the law, not even the president of the United States.”

The immunity decision, written by Chief Justice John Roberts for the court’s conservative majority, undermined that principle, Biden said.

Biden added that the decision would almost certainly mean a jury would not decide the criminal case accusing former President Donald Trump of conspiring to illegally overturn his 2020 loss before November’s election, which Biden called a “disservice to the American

people.”

**Roberts opinion**

The ruling tasked a federal trial court with determining which actions then-President Trump took seeking to overturn the 2020 presidential election were conducted as “official” acts of the president. Those actions are entitled to “the presumption of immunity,” Roberts wrote.

The ruling protected the power of an office that itself makes up an entire branch of government, Roberts said, and was consistent with the constitutional framers’ view that the president has broad powers and responsibilities.

“Accounting for that reality — and ensuring that the President may exercise those powers forcefully, as the Framers anticipated he would — does not place him above the law,” Roberts wrote. “It preserves the basic structure of the Constitution.”

But Biden called the decision “a dangerous precedent” that would give presidents nearly unrestrained power.

“The power of the president will no longer be constrained by the law, even by the Supreme Court of the United States,” he said. “The only limits will be self-imposed by the presi-

dent alone.”

Biden invoked the example of George Washington, who he said restrained the power of the presidency, and pledged he would continue to “respect the limits of the presidential powers.”

But, he said, the ruling empowered future presidents, possibly including Trump, to ignore the law.

**Jan. 6 attack**

Biden said Trump was responsible for the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol that disrupted the certification of Biden’s defeat of Trump in the 2020 election. Trump’s efforts to undermine the election results, culminating in the Jan. 6 attack, are the subject of the federal indictment the former president challenged by asserting presidential immunity.

“Four years ago, my predecessor sent a violent mob to the U.S. Capitol to stop the peaceful transfer of power,” Biden said. “We all saw with our own eyes. We saw what happened that day ... I think it’s fair to say it’s one of the darkest days in U.S. history. Now, the man who sent that mob to the U.S. Capitol is facing potential criminal conviction.”

Biden, whose reelection campaign was still reeling

Monday from a debate performance against Trump last week described even by Democrats as poor, called on voters to “do what the court should have been willing to do but would not,” and reject Trump, the pre-

sumptive Republican nominee for president, at the ballot box.

The president endorsed Justice Sonia Sotomayor’s forceful dissent in the case, quoting her phrase that the majority opinion fueled

“fear for our democracy” and urging voters, too, to dissent.

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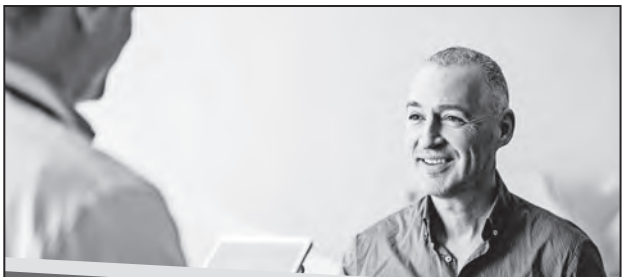




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| CONTAMINANT                        | MCL-(MCLG)           | Compliance |                  | Date       | Violation Yes/No | Source  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------|------------|------------------|---|
|                                    |                      | Type       | Value & (Range)  |            |                  |   |
| Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM] | 80 (N/A)             | LRAA       | 26.00 (26-26)    | 09/30/2023 | No               | By-products of drinking water chlorination  |
| Copper (ppm)                       | AL=1.3 (1.3)         | 90th       | 0.18 (0.06-0.19) | 2023       | No               | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives.                   |
| Lead (ppb)                         | AL=15 (0)            | 90th       | 2.00 (ND - 4)    | 2023       | No               | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits  |
| 950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM          |                      |            |                  |            |                  |   |
| Chlorine (ppm)                     | MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG)=4.0 | RAA        | 0.9 (0.51-1.2)   | 12/31/2023 | No               | Water additive used to control microbes   |
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| Gross Alpha, inc (pCi/L)           | 15 (0)               | SGL        | 2.4              | 02/13/2023 | No               | Erosion of natural deposits   |
| Arsenic (ppb)                      | 10 (0)               | SGL        | 1.00             | 08/15/2022 | No               | Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Run off from glass and electronic production wastes                    |
| Fluoride (ppm)                     | 4 (4)                | SGL        | 0.39             | 08/15/2022 | No               | Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| Sodium (ppm)                       | N/A (N/A)            | SGL        | 31               | 08/10/2023 | No               | Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process  |
| Nitrate [as N] (ppm)               | 10 (10)              | SGL        | 0.7246           | 2023       | No               | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits                               |

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**PUBLIC INPUT MEETING**  
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Written comments should be received by July 11, 2024, at 12:00 PM. Please submit all written comments to: Region V Regional Planning Affiliation, 602 1st Avenue South, Fort Dodge, IA 50501, or email to [slentsch@midascog.net](mailto:slentsch@midascog.net)  
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**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 Thursday, June 24, 2024 at 12:00 PM in the board meeting room at the Emerson Building with President Tracy Crail presiding. Members present were: Directors A. Capsel, D. Robinson, A. Parrott and A. Willard. Others present: Superintendent J. Toliver.  
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, D. Robinson, A. Parrott. Nays: None.  
APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS: Motion by Director D Robinson, seconded by Director A. Parrott, to approve the monthly bills; resignation from Samantha Christensen, (ELEM Teacher); Contracts for Madison Wilde (MS and HS Health), Amy Ascherl (Updated to MA 15). Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Willard, D. Robinson, A. Parrott. Nays: None.  
PURCHASES OVER \$25,000: Motion by D Robinson, seconded by A. Parrott to approve the following purchases over \$25,000- Purchase of Gym Lighting From Voss Light-

ing for \$44,950. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Willard, D. Robinson, A. Parrott. Nays: None.  
ADJOURN: Motion by Director A. Parrott, seconded by Director A. Willard, to adjourn at 12:08 PM. The motion carried. Ayes: A. Capsel, T. Crail, A. Willard, D. Robinson, A. Parrott. 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*  
**GENERAL FUND BILLS FOR APPROVAL - JUNE 27, 2024**  
Activity Fund, transfer for protective equip..... 5,842.24  
Alt, Alana, meeting exp..... 65.52  
Alesch, Kat, reimb for tuition..... 883.00  
Arnold Motor Supply, repair parts..... 42.34  
Belmond-Klemme CSD, shared soccer program..... 8,076.86  
Bomgaars, supplies..... 2,218.94  
Central Iowa Dist., cleaning supplies..... 102.00  
Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Schools, open enrollment tuition... 34,633.14  
Clayton Ridge CSD, open enrollment..... 7,770.80  
Column Software, minutes publication..... 260.93  
Eagle Grove Schools, wires for June..... 30.00  
Eagle Pharmacy, supplies..... 24.20  
Elan Financial, meeting exp..... 2,051.04

Fort Dodge CSD, open enrollment tuition..... 19,895.62  
Goldfield Access Network, telephone service..... 31.45  
Gudmonson Service, pumping grease trap..... 500.00  
Hawkeye West Pest Control, monthly service..... 190.00  
Iowa Dept of Human Services, non-federal share of Medicaid..... 78,709.92  
John Deere Financial, supplies..... 188.82  
Link, Jill, reimb for mail..... 8.73  
Mackin, books..... 458.37  
MidAmerican, utilities..... 14,506.63  
Morgan, Victoria, reimb for tuition..... 3,227.00  
Morningside, tuition..... 3,810.00  
Pedersen-Dooley, Alyssa, meeting exp..... 39.96  
Postmaster, newsletter postage..... 277.37  
Schild, Josh, reimb for supplies..... 51.14  
Strain, Kris, transp asst for open enrolled student..... 669.00  
Trash Man, removal service..... 1,542.79  
Willard, McKristie, meeting exp..... 78.85  
..... 186,186.66  
**OFFICIALS - PREPAID IN JUNE (June 10- June 28) - APPROVED June 27, 2024**  
Thurm, Joshua- J/V/V Baseball Official 6/10/2024..... 130.00  
Steil, Chloe- MS Softball Official 6/28/2024..... 90.00  
Steil, Chloe- MS Softball Official

6/26/2024..... 90.00  
Steil, Chloe- MS Softball Official 6/18/2024..... 90.00  
Steil, Chloe- MS Softball Official 6/10/2024..... 90.00  
Steil, Chloe- J/V/V Softball Official 6/14/2024..... 90.00  
Steil, Chloe- J/V/V Softball Official 6/13/2024..... 90.00  
Steil, Chloe- J/V/V Softball Official 6/11/2024..... 90.00  
Smith, Michael- J/V/V Baseball Official 6/19/2024..... 130.00  
Smith, Kyle- J/V/V Baseball Official 6/10/2024..... 130.00  
Smith, Josh- J/V/V Baseball Official 6/19/2024..... 130.00  
Slater, Jason- J/V/V Softball Official 6/14/2024..... 120.00  
Richardson, Reggie- J/V/V Softball Official 6/20/2024..... 120.00  
Richardson, Reggie- J/V/V Baseball Official 6/14/2024..... 130.00  
Osborn, Brooklyn- MS Softball Official 6/28/2024..... 90.00  
Osborn, Brooklyn- MS Softball Official 6/26/2024..... 90.00  
Osborn, Brooklyn- MS Softball Official 6/18/2024..... 90.00  
Osborn, Brooklyn- MS Softball Official 6/10/2024..... 90.00  
Osborn, Brooklyn - J/V/V Softball Official 6/11/2024..... 90.00  
Osborn, Brooklyn - J/V/V Softball Official 6/11/2024..... 90.00  
Meyers, Ken- J/V/V Softball Official 6/25/2024..... 120.00  
Meinders, Dave- J/V/V Softball Official 6/25/2024..... 120.00  
McColloch, Dan- J/V/V Softball Offi-

cial 6/10/2024..... 120.00  
McClellan, Ryan- J/V/V Baseball Official 6/20/2024..... 130.00  
Luke, Dewaard- J/V/V Baseball Official 6/20/2024..... 130.00  
Leber, Brandon- J/V/V Softball Official 6/14/2024..... 120.00  
Hansen, Pat- J/V/V Baseball Official 6/13/2024..... 130.00  
Drake, Brenda- J/V/V Softball Official 6/19/2024..... 120.00  
Dewaard, Luke- J/V/V Baseball official 6/25/2024..... 130.00  
DelValle, Jesus- J/V/V Baseball Official 6/13/2024..... 130.00  
Clark, Kirk- J/V/V Baseball 6/14/2024..... 130.00  
Carr, Holli- J/V/V Softball Official 6/20/2024..... 120.00  
Berning, Jason- J/V/V Baseball official 6/25/2024..... 130.00  
Armdorfer, Michael- J/V/V Softball Official 6/19/2024..... 120.00  
Armdorfer, Michael- J/V/V Softball Official 6/10/2024..... 120.00  
..... 3,930.00  
**MANAGEMENT FUND BILLS FOR APPROVAL - JUNE 27, 2024**  
Town & Country Ins, vehicle ins..... 345.00  
**PPEL FUND BILLS FOR APPROVAL - JUNE 27, 2024**  
Apple, computers..... 17,446.00  
Central Iowa Dist, floor finishing..... 1,262.00  
Central States Roofing, repairs..... 2,668.76  
Erescent Electric, repairs... 1,024.61  
Exp. furniture..... 25,783.50  
Kvale, tree removal..... 5,050.00

Menards, repairs..... 6,774.05  
North Central Iowa Vac, trenching and repairs..... 1,612.50  
Oldson's, repairs..... 344.91  
Pagel Repair, repairs..... 291.00  
Plumb Supply, repairs..... 1,713.68  
Sherwin Williams, paint ... 1,810.20  
Smith Tree Farm, stump grinding..... 50.00  
SVPA, architect..... 900.00  
..... 66,731.21  
**ADDITIONAL PAY TO EMPLOYEES FOR 2023-2024**  
TQ..... 19,391.75  
PBIS..... 0.00  
ELI..... 9,212.50  
SUMMER SCHOOL..... 0.00  
CPR..... 336.76  
ESY..... 4,175.00  
ML..... 1,100.00  
SPED..... 691.43  
DROP OUT..... 150.00  
HOME SCHOOL ASST..... 75.00  
SOUND BOOTH..... 521.25  
MOWING..... 1,458.67  
DRIVER'S ED..... 12,659.69  
UMPIRE/REF..... 1,605.00  
BUS DRIVER..... 22,422.83  
TLC..... 2,368.75  
TRANSLATOR..... 6,586.59  
CUST/SEC SUBBBING..... 10,698.37  
DARCI..... 1,448.36  
EARLY SIGNING APPLICATION..... 36,500.00  
HARD TO FILL..... 58,400.00  
EARLY RESIGNATION... 38,266.10  
HEADHUNTER..... 1,400.00  
BUS BONUS..... 3,920.00  
..... 233,388.05

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Wright County Board of Supervisors Minutes • June 17, 2024

June 17, 2024

Chairman Helgevold called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevold. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to table the certified salaries for FY2025 until next week and then the tentative agenda was approved. Motion carries. Minutes of the previous regular meeting of June 10, 2024 were read and approved after one correction.  
Approved claims for payment.  
Brittany Howieson presented the electrical estimates for the courthouse lawn project. There were 3 estimates presented. Howieson will be meeting with the City of Clarion soon about the project costs. Each estimate was with and without a 50 amp unit. It was suggested that the payment of this project be split with the County, City of Clarion, and the Clarion Development Alliance. Hennigar Construction had stated that they are willing to donate all the trenching regardless of who wins the bid. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the payment of 1/3 of the lowest bid on Option A with the infrastructure to bump up to the 50 amps at a later date if needed. Motion carries.  
Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to appoint Rick Brooks to the Conservation Board for a 5 year term to 6/30/2029. Motion carries.  
Peggy Schlutenhofer, Wright County Treasurer, presented information to assign a county held tax certificate #2011-11509 again due to the entire notification process before was not fully completed and too much time had lapsed. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the assignment of tax certificate #2011-11509. Motion carries.  
Eric Rector, Wright County Conservation Director, presented information on a few of the projects intended for the Conservation park. Rector would like to move from General Basic to Conservation Reserve fund \$35,000 for the completion of sewer work at the Conservation office and Campground area. This was originally budgeted for but did not get completed in this fiscal year.  
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2024-21 for the interfund operating transfer from general basic to the conservation reserve fund. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevold; nays – none. Resolution 2024-21 duly passes and reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION #2024-21**  
**RESOLUTION FOR INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS**

**WHEREAS**, according to Section 331.432 of the Code of Iowa, the Board of Supervisors shall authorize inter-fund transfers.  
**WHEREAS**, at the June 17, 2024 meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Eric Rector, Conservation Director, presented information on sewer work being done at the Conservation Office and Campground area. Mr. Rector requested that unused funds from his budget be transferred to the Conservation Reserve Fund for the completion of sewer work.  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Wright County Board of Supervisors that the Auditor be authorized to transfer of funds during the 2023-2024 budget year, not to exceed the following amounts:  
From To Amount  
General Basic Conservation Reserve \$35,000  
These moneys are to be used for completion of sewer work at the Conservation Office and Campground area.  
Passed and approved on this 17th day of June, 2024.  
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2024-20 on appropriation of money to various departments for fiscal year 2024-2025. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevold; nays – none.  
Resolution 2024-20 duly passes and reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2024-20**  
**RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR FY 2024-2025**

**WHEREAS**, on April 29, 2024 the Wright County Board of Supervisors did adopt the County Budget for FY 2024-2025; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors shall appropriate the amounts deemed necessary for each of the county officers and departments during the ensuing fiscal year, as provided by Section 331.434(6) of the Code of Iowa.  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Wright County Board of Supervisors that the following amounts are hereby appropriated to the various county offices and departments for FY 2024-2025.

| Description             | GENERAL BASIC FUND | GENERAL SUPP. FUND | OTHER     | RURAL SERVICES FUND | RURAL SUPP. FUND | SEC. ROADS FUND | OTHER   | DEBT SERVICE | CAPITAL PROJ. | Budget 2024/2025 |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| 01 Board of Supervisors | 997,532            | 607,462            | 228,000   | 2,681,331           |                  |                 |         |              |               | 4,514,325        |
| 02 Auditor              | 304,539            | 219,825            |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 524,364          |
| 03 Treasurer            | 393,434            | 177,173            |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 570,607          |
| 04 County Attorney      | 292,367            | 112,866            |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 405,233          |
| 05 Sheriff              | 605,396            | 434,993            | 13,300    | 950,926             | 71,563           |                 |         |              |               | 2,076,178        |
| 06 Clerk of Court       | 100                |                    |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 100              |
| 07 Recorder             | 236,604            | 96,580             |           |                     |                  |                 | 21,500  |              |               | 354,684          |
| 08 Jail                 | 943,324            | 386,525            | 47,000    |                     |                  |                 | 65,809  |              |               | 1,376,849        |
| 09 Drainage             |                    |                    |           |                     |                  |                 | 621,652 |              |               | 65,809           |
| 11 EMS                  |                    |                    |           |                     |                  |                 | 19,000  |              |               | 621,652          |
| 12 P & Z                | 20,405             |                    |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 20,405           |
| 16 Law Enfor. Enhanc.   |                    |                    |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 20,405           |
| 19 Sanitarian           | 67,193             | 17,654             |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 84,847           |
| 20 County Engineer      |                    |                    |           |                     |                  | 7,999,033       |         |              |               | 7,999,033        |
| 21 Veterans Affairs     | 112,370            | 35,000             |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 147,370          |
| 22 Conservation Board   | 808,715            | 189,950            | 517,200   | 859,502             |                  |                 |         |              |               | 1,515,865        |
| 23 Health Board         |                    |                    |           |                     |                  |                 | 19,000  |              |               | 878,502          |
| 24 General Relief       | 24,870             | 17,713             |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 42,583           |
| 25 Human Services       | 5,750              |                    |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 5,750            |
| 26 Substance Abuse      |                    | 23,800             |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 23,800           |
| 30 Treas-Drivers Lic.   | 56,974             | 33,431             |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 90,405           |
| 31 District Court       | 20,000             | 21,000             |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 41,000           |
| 38 Wr Co Dev. Comm      | 182,879            | 37,828             | 11,210    |                     |                  |                 | 50,500  |              |               | 282,417          |
| 39 Wr Co Dev. Comm      |                    |                    |           |                     |                  |                 | 118,250 |              |               | 118,250          |
| 40 Tourism/Hist Pres    |                    |                    | 3,300     |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 3,300            |
| 50 Resource Center      | 111,931            | 33,500             |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 145,431          |
| 51 General Services     | 397,549            | 69,010             |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 466,559          |
| 52 Data Processing      | 340,384            | 40,386             |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 380,770          |
| 61 Communications       |                    | 249,617            | 556,514   |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 806,131          |
| 99 Nondepartmental      |                    |                    |           |                     |                  |                 |         |              |               | 2,816,205        |
| Report Total            | 5,922,316          | 2,804,313          | 2,236,026 | 3,632,257           | 71,563           | 7,999,033       | 915,711 | 2,730,605    | 85,600        | 26,397,424       |

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the 28E Agreements for unified EMS Ambulance service with Iowa Specialty Hospital, Franklin General Hospital Ambulance Service, City of Eagle Grove Ambulance Service, Iowa Specialty Hospital – Belmont Ambulance Service, Renwick Ambulance Service, and City of Clarion Ambulance Service. Motion carries. This will start July 1, 2024 and will remain in effect for 15 years.  
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the 28E Agreement with Humboldt County entailing Wright County to provide Environmental Health services to Humboldt County. Motion carries.  
Adam Clemon, Wright County Engineer, gave his weekly update on Secondary Roads. The crews continue to spot blade and reclaiming granular on hard surface routes. They are also weed whipping around the culverts and bridges. The 2024 scheduled rock granular program is now 100% completed. Also, the C70 Woolstock Bridge should have the west approach poured by the end of this week then move to the east side.  
Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.  
*Karl Helgevold, Chairman, Wright County Board of Supervisors* *Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor*

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# Here are Some of the New Iowa Laws That Took Effect July 1st

**by Robin Opsahl**

Dozens of the laws passed during the 2024 legislative session take effect Monday, including measures cutting state boards and commissions, limiting the potency of consumable hemp products and setting new education policies for public K-12 schools.

During the 2024 legislative session, the Republican-controlled Legislature passed more than 180 bills on subjects from tax cuts to K-12 education policy to health care. July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year, is the date most laws signed by Gov. Kim Reynolds this year are set to take effect – though other start dates can be specified in legislation.

One law passed during the 2024 session to make “illegal reentry” a state crime in Iowa was set to take effect Monday, but will not begin enforcement. U.S. District Judge Stephen Locher issued to a preliminary injunction on the law in a case brought forward by the U.S. Department of Justice and a coalition of civil rights groups. Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird has appealed the decision, aiming to allow enforcement of the law.

If it takes effect, it would allow state law enforcement officials the ability to charge undocumented immigrants with an aggravated misdemeanor if they have been previously deported, denied admission or removed from the U.S., and allowing judges to order the deportation of parties found guilty.

Here’s a rundown of some of the laws passed during the 2024 legislative session that take effect Monday:

**Area Education Agencies, teacher pay**

House File 2612 will make changes to Iowa Area Education Agencies and raise

teacher pay. One of the highest profile measures passed during the 2024 session, the bill was signed into law by Reynolds in March.

In the upcoming 2024-2025 school year, Iowa AEAs – the regional agencies providing special education and other support services to Iowa schools – will retain the total of school districts’ special education funding. However, only 40% of funding for general education and media services will go to AEAs for the upcoming year, with 60% kept by school districts for their discretionary use. The money can be spent with AEAs, other providers, or used for other general fund purposes.

In its second year of implementation, 90% of special education funding will go to AEAs, while 10% will stay at school districts, and all general education and media services will go directly to school districts.

The teacher salary increase will also be implemented over the course of two years. This year, teacher starting salaries are increasing to \$47,500, and teachers who have been working for 12 years will have a minimum salary of \$60,000. In the 2025-2026 school year, the minimum starting salary for teachers will increase to \$50,000, and the minimum for experience teachers will rise to \$62,000.

**Boards and commissions**

Dozens of state boards and commissions have been cut or consolidated in a new Iowa law. Senate File 2385 eliminates 68 of the currently existing 256 boards and commissions, in addition to merging nine boards into three new bodies. The measure also makes changes to the powers and composition of multiple state boards and commissions, including

turning the Iowa Civil Rights Commission into an advisory panel.

The law also sets new standards for boards and commissions, like requiring panels to offer virtual, remote and hybrid options for public participation. Moving forward, it also requires a committee to review a quarter of existing boards and commissions each year to determine if panels should be changed or eliminated.

Another law signed this session repeals the 1987 rule requiring the state boards and commissions have equal numbers of men and women serving as members.

**Consumable hemp products**

Starting Monday, Iowa will have new limits on hemp-derived consumable products that contain tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

House File 2605 creates a limit of 4 milligrams of THC per serving for consumable hemp products like drinks or gummies, and a 10 mg THC limit per container. The bill also requires manufacturers include warning labels on such products, sets an age limit of 21 for purchases, in addition to adding new rules and penalties related to the sale, manufacturing and possession of hemp-derived consumables.

While the law will be effective July 1, eight companies suing the state over the law say they are being put in a “regulatory limbo” as rules on the law are not expected to be finalized until July 17 at the earliest. The plaintiffs, sellers of hemp products, are asking for an immediate stay of enforcement on the law, in addition to asking the court to issue a restraining order and injunction barring enforcement.

Another lawsuit, filed by Climbing Kites and Field

Day Brewing Co., Iowa producers of drinks that contain CBD, is also seeking to prevent the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services from enforcing the new THC limits. A judge denied a preliminary injunction Friday.

**Traffic cameras**

Local governments are now required to gain permission from the Iowa Department of Transportation before implementing automatic traffic enforcement (ATE) systems, like traffic cameras.

Under House File 2681, Iowa counties and cities must submit explanations to the DOT about why a traffic camera is needed at a specific location, including information about the number and severity of accidents, driving speeds and other potential public safety issues at the site.

The law also sets new guidelines around communities’ use of ATE systems. Speeding tickets can only be issued for violations caught using traffic cameras if the drivers are more than 10 miles per hour above the speed limit, and warning signs are required to be posted 500 and 1,000 feet before a camera. Additionally, the law prohibits localities with fewer than 20,000 residents using mobile traffic camera technologies to issue tickets.

Local governments are required to use funds collected from traffic cameras on transportation infrastructure improvements, as well as local police and fire departments’ operational costs.

**Fake meat and egg product labeling**

Lab-grown or plant-based meat alternatives must include words like fake, imitation or vegetarian if they are being sold as traditional meat products.

Mislabeling products can result in fines of up to

\$10,000 for food processors through Senate File 2391.

The law makes similar requirements for “fabricated egg products.” The law also directs Iowa Department of Health and Human Services to seek waivers from the federal government for egg substitutes if they are available for purchase through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) – preventing Iowans from purchasing these products using food benefit programs.

**Foreign agricultural land ownership**

Foreign landowners in Iowa now have new reporting requirements and face higher penalties for violations of reporting requirements under Senate File 2204.

The law requires foreign landowners provide details to the state about land owned in other states greater than 250 acres. It also raises fines for foreign landowners up to \$10,000 for failing to report holdings every two years, and up to 25% of a property’s value per violation for failure to disclose leases or purchases of farmland by foreign entities. The Iowa Secretary of State is required to submit a report of foreign landholdings to state leaders each year.

The Iowa attorney general, currently Republican Brenna Bird, is also given more oversight authority through the law. The state attorney general can subpoena foreign landowners for financial records, land purchase agreements and other documents for investigations regarding potential violations of state restrictions on foreign farmland ownership.

**Local storm water and topsoil regulations**

Iowa local governments cannot impose stormwater and top soil regulations that are more restrictive than federal and state guidelines unless they pay for any increased costs of development caused by the policies.

Senate File 455 requires that local regulations on topsoil preservation, compaction, placement or depth be the same or less restrictive than requirements set by the Department of Natural Resources and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. Stormwater runoff regulations must be at or below those based on flow rates calculated using return frequencies of five years.

If localities choose to adopt higher standards, the local governments are required to pay property owners and developers for the difference in cost caused by implementing the regulation.

**AI-generated pornography**

House File 2240 and Senate File 2243 establish criminal charges for using artificial intelligence technologies to create images and videos depicting a person engaged in a sexual act, a simulacrum of a sexual act, and in full or partial nudity. The laws focus on media that shows the “visual depiction” of an individual, recognizable through their face, distinguishing features or likeness, engaged in sexual activities.

Creation of AI-generated pornography or other obscene material depicting an adult can be charged as an aggravated misdemeanor, and depiction of a minor as a felony.

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JULY 5

- Lighted Boat Parade on Lake Cornelia, 9 PM.

SATURDAY, JULY 6

- Pancake Breakfast at Lake Cornelia, 8 AM.
- Kids games & activities at Lake Cornelia, 10:30 AM
- Boat Parade, 7 PM.
- Fireworks, at dusk.

TUESDAY, JULY 9

- The Wright County Fair begins. See [wrightcofair.com/schedule.html](http://wrightcofair.com/schedule.html) for more information.

THURSDAY, JULY 18

- Walk-in sports physicals at Unity Point Clinic, 115 S. Park Ave, Eagle Grove

FRIDAY, JULY 26

- Ridiculous Days, downtown Clarion. Steep discounts at downtown stores, free lunch provided by First Citizens Bank

SATURDAY, JULY 27

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

SUNDAY, JULY 28

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

WRIGHT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

CLARION CITY COUNCIL

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

EAGLE GROVE CITY COUNCIL

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

EAGLE GROVE UTILITY BOARD

DETAILS:  
To be announced.

EAGLE GROVE LIBRARY BOARD

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

EAGLE GROVE SCHOOL BOARD

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

ROWAN CITY COUNCIL

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

GALT CITY COUNCIL

DETAILS:  
Second Mondays of the month, 202 3rd St.

WOOLSTOCK CITY COUNCIL

DETAILS:  
2nd Tuesdays of the month



Wright County Courthouse

**Births**  
Weston Charles Morey was born on June 17, 2024, to Kori and Conner Morey of Kanawha.

Swae Marian Halling June was born on 17, 2024, to Dusty and Cody Halling of Kanawha.

Maela June Johnson was born on June 20, 2024, to Teagen and Mark Johnson of Kanawha.

Emersyn Rae Worden was born on June 18, 2024, to Jonica Hernandez of Belmond.

Mario Josue Mantul Gomez was born on June 22, 2024, to Denia Gomez-Ordonez of Clarion.

Olive Nicole Dahlgren was born on June 19, 2024, to Ashley and Caleb Dahlgren of Goldfield.

Logan Michael Hoover was born on June 19, 2024, to Mary and Troy Hoover of Fort Dodge.

Ramsey Ray Van Den Broeke was born on June 20, 2024, to Abby and Blake Van Den Broeke of Clear Lake.

Jesdrian Rodriguez Nunez was born on June 21, 2024, Jesenia Nunez and Carlos Rodriguez-Torres of Crystal Lake.

Elliot Lucas Frohling was born on June 22, 2024, Rae-lynn Thilges of Belmond.

Landon James Brower was born on June 19, 2024, to Chelsey Armstrong of Forest City.

**Deaths**  
Norman Allen Pals of Belmond was born on November 11, 1937, and died on June 18, 2024, at the age of 86.

Ricky Wayne Lightly of Joice was born on June 3, 1957, and died on June 22, 2024, at the age of 67.

**Marriages**  
Michael Anderson, 26, of Belmond, was wed to Peyton Cook, 23, of Belmond, on June 22, 2024.

Samuel Wigans, 23, of Renwick, was wed to Lauren Odland, 23, of Renwick, on June 22, 2024.

**Property Transfers**  
Quit Claim Deed-Town Lot: Resources Group Inc to Rosales, Sola Gladis Odina, Sola Rosales Gladis Odina - EG Cadwell's Second Addn Blk 45 Lot 6, Resources Group, Inc. 000013261004326120; 24-976.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Lopez Oros Mario, Oros Lopez Mario, Romero Vidales Raquel, Vidales Romero Raquel to Lopez Alejandra, Lopez Elizabeth - EG Orig Addn Blk 2 Lot 10, Mario Lopez Oros 000014534004327301; 24-978.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Messerly Richard C, Messerly Dianne G to Grandgeorge Cole - EG Hewett's Lake Park Addn Blk 2 Lot 1, EG Hewett's Lake Park Addn Blk 2 Lot 2, EG Hewett's Lake Park Addn Blk 2 Tract, Grandgeorge, Cole 000014229004327472; 24-980.

Warranty Deed-Land Deeds: Huntley Thomas D, Huntley Deanna L to Huntley Thomas D, Huntley Deanna L - 15-93-26 SE Parcel A, Huntleyjtros 000028577004327550; 24-982.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Kaiser Fredrick D, Kaiser Martha to Maa Ashapura Llc - EG Orig Addn Blk 10 Lot 4 N 55', Kaiser, Fredrick D 000013261004328423; 24-985.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Mueller Studio Inc to Hernandez Guinac German Vedilio, Guinac Hernandez German Vedilio, Lopez Hernandez Edilma Rosibely, Hernandez Lopez Edilma Rosibely - Clar Original Addn Blk 3 Lot 7 Except N 55', Clar Original Addn Blk 3 Lot 8 Except N 55', in Fulfillment of Real Estate Contract, Related Documents: 21-1286 02-004 Contracts-Town Lot;

24-986.  
Warranty Deed-Land Deeds: Rethman Shelley Ann, Rethman Shelley A to Rethman Shelley Ann Trustee, Rethman Shelley A Revocable Trust, Shelley A Rethman Revocable Trust - 27-91-26 NE Tract, Rethman 000012305004329091; 24-988.

Warranty Deed-Land Deeds: Ritter Robert R, Ritter Judith Ann to Ritter Robert R Trustee, Ritter Robert R Revocable Trust, Ritter Judith A Trustee, Ritter Judith A Revocable Trust, Robert R Ritter Revocable Trust, Judith A Ritter Revocable Trust - 21-90-23 SW Except, 23-90-23 SW W 1/2 LY N & W of DD, 26-90-23 NW LY N & W of DD, 28-90-23 SW Ne, 28-90-23 SW S 1/2 Except, 5-90-23 NE NE Except, 5-90-23 NE N 33' of SW 1/4, 5-90-23 NE N 33' of SE 1/4, 20-90-23 NE E 1/2, 20-90-23 SE Tract in E 1/2, Ritter to Ritter Trust 000022861004329115; 24-989.

Warranty Deed-Land Deeds: Schipull Cathy Trustee, White Scott Trustee, White Donna Jean Revocable Trust, Donna Jean White Revocable Trust to Schipull Cathy, White Scott - 7-92-26 SE W1/2, 7-92-26 NE Tract Lying S&W of Parcel A, 7-92-26 NE Tract Lying N & W of Parcel B, Trustee Warranty Deed; 24-991.

Quit Claim Deed-Town Lot: Allen Brandon to Allen Brandon, Allen Kacie Jo - Belm Orig Addn Blk 19 Lot 1 N 1/2, Belm Orig Addn Blk 19 Lot 2 N 1/2; 24-992.

Warranty Deed-Land Deeds: Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation to United States of America - 2-90-24 NE Parcel B in NW 1/4; 24-993.

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Lopez Adalberto Jr, Lopez Olivia to Padilla Oliva Jose A, Oliva Padilla Jose A, Miranda Yessenia Elisabet - Belm Orig Addn Blk 14 Lot 6 E 54', Related Documents: 15-2258 02-004 Contracts-Town Lot; 24-996.

Others-Town Lot Deeds: Lenning Mark C Administrator, Streitilmier Ronald E, Steitilmier Ronald E Estate to Gonzalo Gaspar Felix, Gaspar Gonzalo Felix - EG Orig Addn Blk 36 Lot 3, Court Officer Deed; 24-997.

Warranty Deed-Land Deeds: Spangler Farms Llc to Radar Enterprises Llc - 28-90-26 NW N 1/2, 28-90-26 NE NW 1/4, Spangler Farms 000017146004331316; 24-999.

Warranty Deed-Land Deeds: Sands Sandra K to Amos John W - 36-91-23 NE N 65' Lot 23 NE 1/4 Except, Sands 000005688004332001; 24-1004.

Others-Land Deeds: Husz John William Executor, Husz Shirley R, Husz Shirley R Estate to Husz John William - 16-92-24 Lot 23 Young S; 24-1005. Ub Govt Lot 6, Court Officer Deed

Warranty Deed-Town Lot: Beverly K Nelson Revocable Trust, Kurfman Michelle K Trustee, Nelson Beverly K Revocable Trust to Goodell Carter R, Potratz Kayla S - Gold Nelson's First Addn Lot 1 Except E 10' and Exc S 10', Gold Nelson's First Addn Lot 10 Except S 10', 1719257582103 1719257582103-3; 24-1012.

**Small Claims**  
LVNV Funding LLC vs. Talis Michael Harrison, Dismissed without Prejudice

Discover Bank vs. Donald Peter Johnson, \$2,718.47, less credits in the amount of \$150.00; for post-judgment interest at the statutory rate from the date of judgment; and for court costs in the

amount of \$160.00.

**Civil**  
State of Iowa ex rel vs. Kayla Leora Holton, Dismissed without Prejudice

Wright County, City of Clarion vs. Angel F. Wigui Lopez, Petition Filed  
Veridian Credit Union vs. Tyler Thomas Moen, renewed in the amount of \$8,444.65,

together with interest accruing on the principal balance at the rate of 12.24% per annum, from and after August 12, 2013, and for court costs of this action and renewal action, plus accruing costs.

Hauge Associates, Inc vs. Heather Nerem, principal amount of \$7,299.49 plus interest in the amount of \$487.22 for a total amount of \$7,786.71, plus costs for filing and service of \$238.40 and post-judgment interest thereafter at the rate of 7.16 % per annum.

**Traffic**  
Damian Osvaldo Lucio, of Belmond, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Damian Osvaldo Lucio, of Belmond, IA, Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult.

Jacqueline A Kelly, of Plainfield, Il, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (21 or Over).

Adrian Cooper Askelson, of Badger, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

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

Cody Thomas Gearhart, of Eagle Grove, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Eric Ronald Ausborn, of Belmond, IA, Failure to Maintain or Use Safety Belts - Adult.

Jose Francisco Zuniga Garcia, of Clarion, IA, Operation of Motor Vehicle With Expired License.

Delaney Deacy McCormick, of Des Moines, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Enrique Asbel Barraza Martinez, of Las Vegas, Nv, Speeding Over 55 Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Kane Tyler Fairman, of Ankeny, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Brayan Peralta Flores, of Webster City, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Jolber Alfonso Montenegro Perez, of Iowa Falls, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (21 or Over).

Kaden Ray Dayton, of Woolstock, IA, Careless Driving.

Daniel Thomas Palmerheim, of Charles City, IA, Failure to Provide Proof of Financial Liability.

Adam Carl Hauser, of Hardy, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Delores Jean Jenison, of Belmond, IA, Operation Without Registration Card or Plate.

Dylan Michael Evenson, of Clear Lake, IA, Speeding Over 55 Zone (11 Thru15 Over).

Lucas Duane Wright, of Marceline, Mo, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Makayla Marie Heller, of Ft Dodge, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Juan Luis Alfaro Magana, of Des Moines, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Lance Wade Johnson, of Austin, TX, Improper Lane Change.

Lance Wade Johnson, of Austin, TX, Hours of Service Violation.

Griselda Iliana Ordonez Gomez, of Clarion, IA, No Valid Drivers License.

Joel Michael Cholico, of Jefferson, IA, Operation Without Registration Card or Plate.

Cindy Marie Wacker, of Garner, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (6 Thru 10 Over).

Connie Lou Harris, of Huxley, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1 Thru 5 Over).

Samuel Trey Robbins, of Ventura, IA, Speeding Over 55 Zone (21 or Over).

Blake William Pamperin, of Eagle Grove, IA, Speeding 55 or Under Zone (1 Thru 5 Over).

Veronica Alvarez Convarrubias, of Marshalltown, IA, Failure to Secure Child less than 18 Years of Age.

Veronica Alvarez Convarrubias, of Marshalltown, IA, Failure to Have Valid License or Permit.

Franky Wichep, of Mason City, IA, Excessive Speed 6 Thru 10.

**Criminal**  
State of Iowa Vs Hill, Amber Marie, Aggravated Misdemeanor Driving While Barred. Defendant pled guilty and was fined \$855.00, plus \$140.00 in court costs, and a \$128.50 surcharge.

State of Iowa Vs Gifford, Sunset Irvin, Class D Felony Forgery And Violation of Probation. Defendant pled guilty and was jailed for four days, received a five year suspended prison sentence, a \$1,025.00 suspended fine, was placed on probation for a further three years, and required to provide a dna sample. additional charges of Class C Felony Theft in the 1st Degree, Class D Felony Burglary in the 3rd Degree, and Class D Felony Forgery were all dismissed by the court.

State of Iowa Vs Humphrey, Cayla Jean, Serious Misdemeanor Possession of Controlled Substance - Methamphetamine, 1st Offense. Charges dismissed by the court.

Eagles Win One, Lose One In Buffalo Center

By Taylor Smith Sports Editor

The Eagle Grove softball and baseball teams made their way to Winnebago County last week for Wednesday night matchups against the North Iowa Bison. The boys won their fourth straight and improved to 13-9 after a 10-3 triumph, but the girls fell 7-6 after a late Bison rally in the 7th inning.

The boys, led by Drake Canavan's 3-for-4 night at the plate, scored 10 runs off of 16 hits. Canavan hit two doubles (bringing his season total to nine), and added in a single for good measure.

Jake Jeske went 2-for-3 with a homer and two runs driven in, and leadoff man Mack Morgan had a double and a single for the Eagles. Nolan Krauss, Jaxon Morris, and Brett Ascherl all had two hits apiece in the win.

Morris and Ascherl shared pitching duties and combined to strike out eight Bison batters. Morris earned the win, and Ascherl pitched three scoreless innings to finish the game.

In softball action, Tarissa Middleton continued her hot hitting with three singles and a pair of RBIs. The consistent center fielder also stole two bases, increasing her season total to 27.

Celeste Figueroa was 2-for-3 with a single, a triple and an RBI. Brooklyn Osborn and Chloe Steil both went 2-for-4 with two singles apiece, and designated hitter Olivia Conaway got on base three times with two singles and a walk.

Freshman Mya Morgan had another strong outing in the pitching circle, striking out five and walking one in five innings.

Girls Complete Thrilling Comeback Against North Union

By Taylor Smith Sports Editor

On June 25th in Greenwood Park, the Eagle Grove softball team got the last laugh against North Union in a back and forth Top of Iowa-West Conference battle. The girls won 9-7 over the 14-9 Warriors after trailing by four runs headed into the bottom of the 4th inning.

Reliever Mya Morgan silenced the Warriors

and earned the win in the pitching circle after allowing just two hits in the final 3.2 innings.

Sophomore second baseman Crystal Flores led the offensive attack with two doubles and three runs driven in. Her classmate Lily Locke had another double for EG, and the junior duo of Myah Edwards and Addy Jeske combined for four singles and three stolen bases.

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# SPORTS

## Eagles Win Third Straight On Senior Night

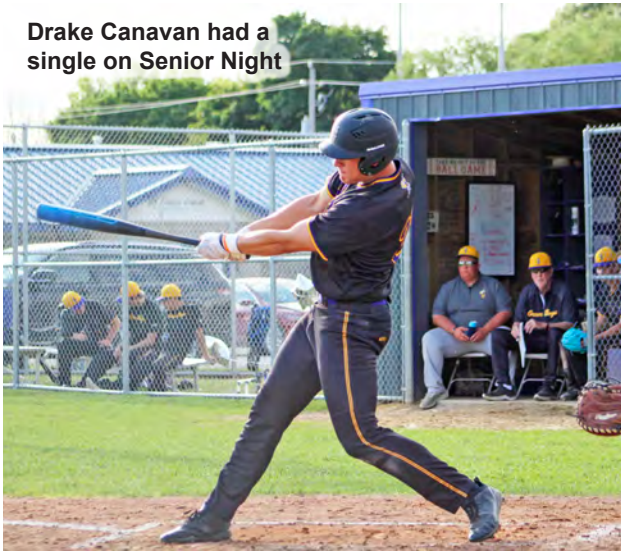
**By Taylor Smith  
Sports Editor**  
On Tuesday, June 25th, the Eagle Grove baseball team donned their all black jerseys on a hot and humid Senior Night in Greenwood Park. The visiting North Union Warriors were seeking revenge after dropping a game to EG earlier in June, but the mighty Eagles came through with three late insurance runs and thwarted any attempt at a comeback. Down a run in the bottom

of the 1st, senior left fielder Mack Morgan walked and promptly stole a base. Jake Jeske, the owner of the highest batting average in the Top of Iowa-West Conference, hit a stand up double that scored Morgan, and fellow senior Nolan Krauss kept the party going with a one-run infield single. A few batters later, Jaxon Morris had an RBI single of his own that made it 3-1. The Warriors tied the game in the 3rd inning, but

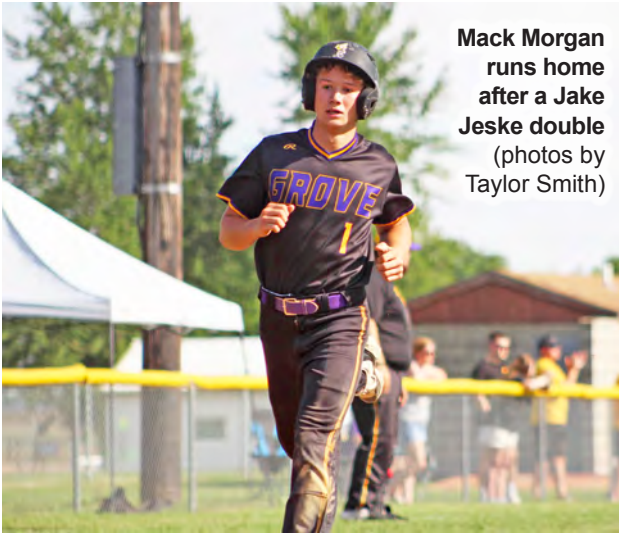
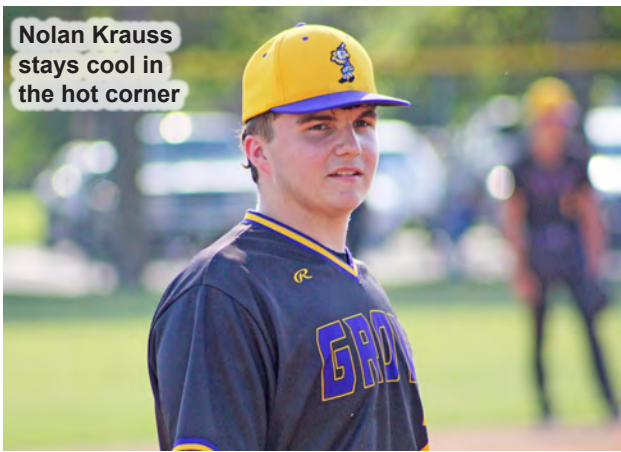
Canavan crossed home after a groundout from Morris and gave the purple and gold the lead again. Krauss had a two-run double later in the contest that increased the Eagle advantage to three runs. Brett Ascherl's late game RBI single to left scored

pinch runner Adrian Whipple, and the Eagles scored two more runs on their way to a 9-5 victory. Starting pitcher Syrus Willard earned his third win of the season after a four-strikeout, six-walk performance in 4.1 innings on the mound.

Drake Canavan had a single on Senior Night



Nolan Krauss stays cool in the hot corner



Mack Morgan runs home after a Jake Jeske double (photos by Taylor Smith)



Mack Morgan with parents Lindsay and Boone Morgan

Talon Carpenter with parents Shauna and Daniel Carpenter



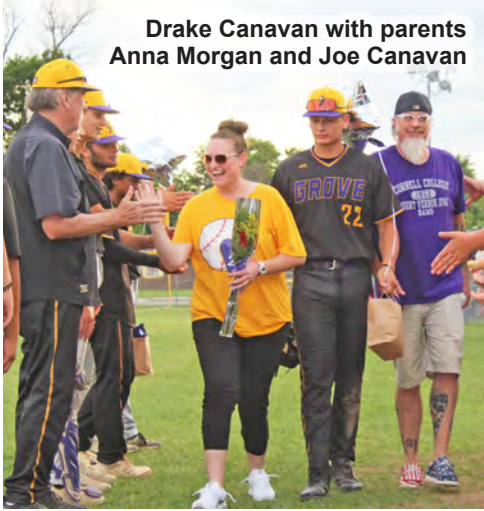
Nolan Krauss with parents Tammy and John Krauss



Jake Jeske with parents Deb and Scott Jeske



Drake Canavan with parents Anna Morgan and Joe Canavan



Celeste Figueroa hit the second homer of her high school career vs. Webster City (photo by Mitch Jones Photography)

## Figueroa Goes Yard In Road Win

**By Taylor Smith  
Sports Editor**  
The Eagle Grove softball team laced up against the Webster City Lynx last Thursday night in Hamilton County. Their former conference rivals took an early 3-0 lead, but the Lady Eagles scored six runs in the top of the 2nd and came out with a 7-5 victory. Senior Celeste Figueroa solo home run in that high scoring 2nd inning helped the now 14-6 Eagles spoil Webster City's Senior Night, and Addy Jeske chipped in with a three-run triple. Crystal Flores had another impressive outing against WC. She went 2-for-3 with two singles and an RBI. Tarissa Middleton had a single and an RBI, and Myah Edwards, Brooklyn Osborn, Lily Locke, and Chloe Steil all reached first with singles. Osborn was Eagle Grove's winning pitcher. She threw all seven innings, struck out seven, and walked two batters. Osborn is now 11-5 with 77 K's on the year.

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