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Clarion Fire Department Responds to Early Morning Trailer Fire

At approximately 3:30 a.m. on January 10, the Clarion Fire Department responded to a structure fire involving a trailer home. Upon arrival, the residence was fully engulfed in flames. Fortunately, the occupants were able to escape safely despite having no working smoke detectors in the home. One injury was reported. Eight firefighters responded to the call with three fire trucks.

Crews made an attack on the fire, successfully containing the flames and preventing significant damage to the neighboring trailer, which sustained only siding damage. Firefighters remained on the scene for five hours, working to extinguish hot spots and perform salvage operations.



(Photo: Clarion Fire Department)

The Clarion Fire Department was assisted by the Clarion Police Department, Wright County Sheriff's Office, Clarion Ambulance

Service, the QRV paramedic from Iowa Specialty Hospital, and Mid-American Energy. Firefighter Tim Hamil-

ton stated, "Thank you to the community member who brought coffee out to the scene. It was much appreciated."

The Wright County Monitor Launches New Website

Amanda Rink, Editor

The Wright County Monitor is one of nineteen newspapers in the Mid-America Publishing company to roll out a new website for the new year!

Over the last decade, more than 8,000 American newspapers have shut down. This is creating what experts call "news deserts", communities with limited access to reliable, local information. Local newspapers, like the one you're reading now, have long been trusted sources for news that directly impacts their readers. However, declining advertising and subscription revenues have made survival hard for small newspapers.

The newspapers that have weathered the challenges often do so with reduced staff, outdated technology, and limited resources. For example, older websites, like the one previously operated by The Wright County Monitor, left readers looking for a more modern and user-friendly experience.

In response, The Wright County Monitor has launched a new website.

Developed by the team at its sister publication, The Eagle Grove Eagle, this updated website is part of a larger effort to modernize all nineteen newspapers under the Mid-America Publishing Company umbrella.

By addressing the challenges of the digital age and responding, we are ensuring the communities we serve continue to have access to the trusted, local news they depend on in any format they prefer.

Check out the new website at clarionnewsonline.com

Clarion Council Focuses on Development and Infrastructure

Amanda Rink, Editor

The Clarion City Council held its first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, in the Council Chambers. With Mayor Rod Heiden presiding, the council addressed an agenda ranging from leadership appointments to updates on ongoing city projects.

Water Treatment Plant

The council approved a \$541,500 payment to Peterson Construction for the ongoing Water Treatment Plant project. The council will be led in a facility tour after an upcoming meeting.

Appointments

Council Positions for the new calendar year were appointed and do not reflect changes from previous years.

- Councilmember Dave Flurer was appointed to

the role of Mayor Pro-Tem. This ensures leadership if Mayor Heiden is unavailable.

- Steve TerHark kept his position as Police Chief.
- Zach Chizek was confirmed to continue serving as legal counsel for the city.
- The Wright County Monitor was again designated as the city's official publication.

Committee assignments remain the same as in previous years. City Administrator Clint Middleton shared that in the 2024 calendar year, the Human Resources and Finance Committees met the most.

Improving Properties

Two development agreements were approved.

- A development agreement with Holly Narber requires the demolition of a deteriorating building directly

south of her office and west of City Hall by March 31. The city will retain the deed until demolition is complete. It is unsure what Narber, who operates the local State Farm Insurance, will turn the empty lot into.

- A second development agreement was approved for a project involving apartments above the old Coast to Coast building managed by White Fox Holdings LLC. The project is currently in its "reporting phase" and this agreement continues to check boxes that are required by the federal and state government, according to Middleton.

Newly Certified Water Operator

The council also approved a \$0.50 hourly wage increase for Brady Lyons, who recently com-

pleted certification as a Grade 1 Water Operator. The council acknowledged his achievement during the meeting as well.

In other Updates, the Council heard:

- A new ambulance has been ordered for fiscal year 2027. Ordering in advance saved the city about \$14,000.
- The city acquired a lot in the 500 block of East Commercial through a tax sale.
- Mayor Heiden addressed a resident complaint about stagnant steel at the Gold Eagle deconstruction site.

With committee assignments finalized and development agreements in motion, the council adjourned for the evening. The next City Council meeting will be on January 21, 2025, at 5:00 P.M.

Area Headlines

Goldfield

The Food Closet is still available at the Legion in Goldfield! Please note that it is no longer affiliated with the 1st Lutheran Church from Clarion. The Food Closet will continue to operate from 8 AM to 12 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Dows

Mayor Larry Klatt reminded Dows community members of the local street parking ordinances in a recent newsletter. The fine for parking in your yard is \$750 for the first offense and \$1,000 for each repeating offense. "There will be verbal and written warnings, so be prepared," Klatt wrote.

Rowan

Mayor Lennea Groom appointed Councilmember Mark Bruns to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem and appointed Councilmember Dave Hollman to serve on the Landfill board. Mayor Groom will serve on the EMS Commission Board.

Hampton

Newspaper delivery driver, Richard Dixon Peacock II, 29, was arrested at the Hampton Chronicle office last week on a Pine County, Minnesota arrest warrant for sexual misconduct charges against a minor.

Belmond

The Iowa DOT has resumed plans to improve sidewalks along Highway 69 in Belmond, making them compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, with a public meeting on March 25 to discuss the project.

Bridge Work to Begin

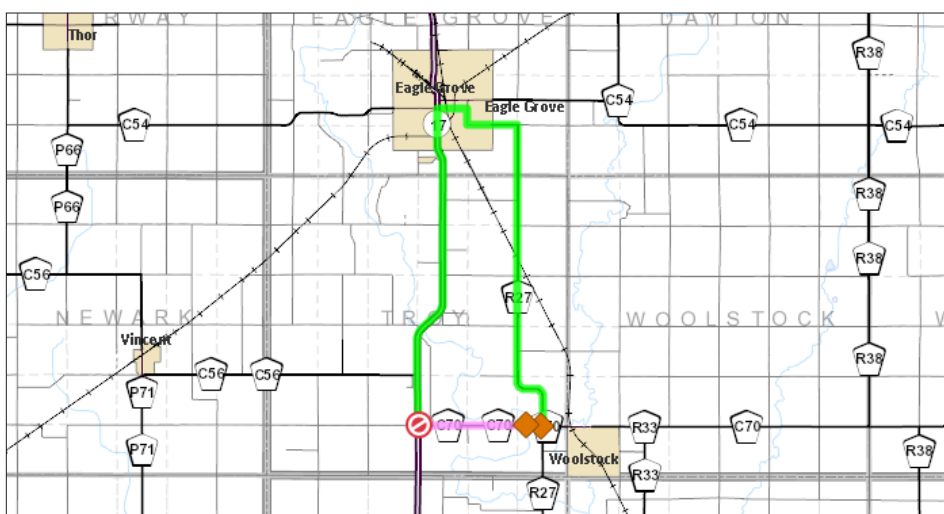
Wright County will be replacing a bridge on C-70 (330th St) starting on Wednesday, January 15th, 2025 beginning at 8:00 am.

The road closure will be between Franklin Ave and Highway 17.

This project has a contract of 130 working days and is estimated to take 6-8 months to complete, weather dependent. The detour for this project will be Franklin Ave from C-70 north to 270th St, west to Eagle Grove, north on Kirkwood Ave to Broadway St, west to Commercial Ave (Highway 17), south on Highway 17 to 330th St.

<https://www.iceasb.org/roads/county/wright/69459> Contact Wright County Road Department 515-532-3597/ aclemons@wrightco.iowa.gov

The information available here may not include all issues affecting travel on Iowa's county roads. Each county chooses what information to make available. All information is subject to change without notice.



(Photo: Wright County Roads)



(Photo: Wright County Secondary Roads)

8 Day Weather Outlook Clarion, IA.

Thursday, January 16
Mostly Sunny 41°/27°
WNW 14 mph



Friday, January 17
Partly Cloudy 44°/15°
WNW 18 mph



Saturday, January 18
Partly Cloudy 20°/0°
NNW 19 mph



Sunday, January 19
Cloudy 9°/-6°
NW 16 mph



Monday, January 20
Mostly Sunny 9°/-1°
W 13 mph



Tuesday, January 21
Partly Cloudy 14°/2°
WNW 16 mph



Wednesday, January 22
Partly Cloudy 21°/6°
W 14 mph



Thursday, January 23
Partly Cloudy 24°/7°
WSW 13 mph



Check out Sports on pages 8 & 9

Drainage District Costs to Be Divided Among Landowners, Including City of Clarion

Lee van der Linden,
The Belmond Independent

The Wright County Board of Supervisors heard on Jan. 13 that replacing the Voss Quarry bridge will begin Wednesday. The bridge is located on C-70 (330th Street).

The road will be closed between Franklin Avenue and Highway 17 starting at 8 a.m. The detour will be Franklin Avenue from C-70 north to 270th Street, west to Eagle Grove, north on Kirkwood Avenue to Broadway Street, west to Commercial Ave (Highway 17), and south on Highway 17 back to 330th Street. It is hoped the project will be done by mid-July.

In other business, the board:

- approved a liquor license renewal for Clarmond Country Club;
- appointed Israel Rivera as a civil process server;
- approved the appointment of Darrel Steven Carlyle to the Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund executive board;
- and heard the auditor's office had quarterly revenue totaling \$34 from copies and plat books;

The supervisors spent most of the Jan. 13 meeting dealing with complications from the ballooning costs of fixing problems in Drainage Ditch 36, Lateral C.

Work on repairs in the lateral was estimated to cost \$48,700, just under the limit for the legal requirement to hire an engineer. However, the work turned out to be much more extensive than initially thought and the cost had grown to nearly \$84,000 by the end of last month. The final cost is now estimated at \$96,187 which does not include \$23,400 for seeding the banks of the drainage ditch. The work will be completed this spring.

About one dozen landowners, who will pay for the project, attended an informational meeting on Monday. Supervisor Dean Kluss said an engineer's report should have been done according to Iowa law. But he said that would have added \$20,000 to \$30,000 to the project cost. All of the costs will be divided among the landowners in the drainage district which includes the City of Clarion.

Kluss said he is not questioning the work that has been done, but admitted, "We screwed up the whole communication on this."

In related business, the trustees approved paying \$20.01 in postage to notify landowners about the Jan. 13 meeting.

As supervisors, the board contracted with Eric Eide of Nyemaster Goode law firm in Ames to serve as drainage attorney. His rate is \$300 per hour, the same as David Johnson, the county's previous drainage attorney.

Heartland Museum Celebrates 25 Years

In 1999 five groups of people decided to create something special in Clarion. Iowa's Hat Lady, a tractor collector, Wright County Historical Society, a Teddy Bear collector, and the Clarion Arts Council started fundraising and building a dream.

Current Board of Directors Vice-President Doug Riley remembers his dad, Maurice Riley, talking about a museum in Clarion that would draw people from all over the world. At that time, Doug thought it was just a pipe dream. But Maurice, also on the Board of Directors, proved correct - people came from all over, including foreign countries. Denmark, England, Germany, France, Australia, Norway, Philippines, Japan and more have been guests. The last 9 years have averaged 1800 visitors per year.

This year, Heartland Museum will celebrate 25 years with special events. The museum is open year-round by appointment, with summer months having set open hours of Wednesday through Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm. The museum will open for summer on May 28, 2025.

To kick off the 25th anniversary, Heartland Museum has become a host site for Harvest Hosts. Harvest Hosts is a paid membership program, which allows campers to stay at attractions for free. Guests are asked to support the host site by purchasing items or leaving a donation. Information is available on www.harvesthosts.com

Visit us for our 25th anniversary year of recognizing our past and celebrating our future growth. Events will be publicized on Facebook, website www.Heartlandmuseum.org, and monthly newsletter (subscribe through our website.) Call 515-602-6000 for more information. Heartland is located at 119 9th St. SW in Clarion.

Wright County Economic Development and Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund make money available to qualifying residents for home repairs

2025 applications being accepted now

Wright County Economic Development is again partnering with the Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund to make money available to low-income individuals for rehabilitating and repairing owner-occupied housing in Wright County.

"In the 2024 cycle, all available monies were applied for and received by qualifying Wright County families to help with improvements such as plumbing, electrical, or energy efficiency," said Wright County Economic Development Director Darrel Steven Carlyle. "We are happy to announce that money is now available for the 2025 cycle and applications are being accepted."

Other eligible improvements to homes include, but are not limited to, updating mechanical code deficiencies, lead hazard reduction, and any improvement that makes a property accessible for a person with disabilities.

Applicants must meet the current established income guidelines and other requirements held by the HIRHTF, IFA, and the Board of Directors. Houses must be single-family dwellings. Applicants will need to supply all needed documentation.

A maximum of up to \$15,000 is available per household as a five-year forgivable loan with 20 percent forgiven each year.

In addition to low-income individuals, priority for these forgivable loans will be given to those who are 62 years of age and older, as well as individuals with disabilities.

"This is a win/win for everyone," stated Carlyle. "We are able to help rehabilitate housing in our county, and at the same time, help residents have better, safer, more efficient homes to live in."

For more information on this program, please contact Carlyle at Wright County Economic Development at 515-532-6422.

As the agricultural drone industry takes off, federal regulators struggle to keep up

More farms are turning to drones to spray chemicals, but proposed bans and backlog of pilot applications is challenging the growing industry.

Mitchell Lierman,
Investigate Midwest

Dust swirled as the 83-pound drone launched from a clearing near a Nebraska cornfield. With its four propellers humming, Paige Browning used a handheld controller to move the drone across the field, spraying a mist of fungicide on the crops below. "You think in your head it's going to be fun — cool job, right?" said Browning, a Nebraska rancher who started flying agricultural drones two years ago with her father and uncle. "But when you get into the nitty gritty and actually doing it, it's a very dirty job." Browning is one of around 1,000 pilots authorized to fly agricultural drones in the U.S., according to a spokesperson with the Federal Aviation Administration. Around 85% of those pilots were approved last year. Agricultural drones can cost between \$30,000 and \$50,000 but are still cheaper than traditional crop-dusting airplanes. The drones can also spread chemicals and seeds more efficiently by getting closer to the ground, especially when dealing with hilly terrain, telephone poles and oddly shaped fields.

However, the agricultural drone industry is much more complex than traditional "backyard" drones flown by hobbyists. With a width sometimes exceeding 35 feet, the drones can cause significant damage in a crash. Flight patterns must also be carefully monitored as the chemicals they spread can be toxic to farmworkers on the ground. Federal regulators are struggling to keep up with the emerging technology and the flood of pilot applications, which topped 1,200 during the first six months of 2024, according to an Investigate Midwest analysis of records in October.

But just as the agricultural drone industry has started to take off, a proposed federal ban last year on Chinese manufacturers threatened to ground much of the sector.

"We've been working really hard to educate various members of Congress in the House and the Senate as well as in the USDA about the benefits of spray drones," said Mariah Scott, CEO of Rantizo, an Iowa-based drone dealer. "These are really useful tools that are creating great jobs in rural communities. They're helping farmers treat their acres more efficiently and more cost-effectively."

Before getting a specific Agricultural Aircraft Operator Certificate, which allows a drone pilot to use chemicals, a person must first complete training and secure a basic drone license.

At the start of last year's summer growing season, at least 200 pilots were still waiting for the specific certificate, according to

federal records obtained by Investigate Midwest.

Desperate, some pilots chose to fly anyway.

Several pilots told Investigate Midwest they had illegally flown agricultural drones or suggested they knew others who did. The pilots are not named in the story because they feared penalties ranging from fines to permit denials.

An FAA spokesperson said pilots who fly illegally could face fines up to \$30,000.

"The FAA looks into all reports of unauthorized drone operations and investigates when appropriate," an FAA spokesperson wrote in a statement.

Dealers promoting the new technology and its business opportunities have aided the growth of the agricultural drone industry. The dealers often advertise their ability to help new pilots obtain their certificates quickly.

"If you wait until June (to start your business), it just takes longer than you think it will," said Isaac Strubbe, a drone pilot who became a dealer last year. "July hits, and legally, you can't do anything about it."

Drone proponents call Chinese fears unfounded, worry ban would sink industry

Despite the increased demand for agricultural drones, a volatile regulatory environment could limit growth.

Last year, one version of the U.S. House's National Defense Authorization Act included a ban on Chinese-manufactured drones. DJI Agriculture, a Chinese-based company, manufactures around 70% of the nation's agricultural drones.

Lawmakers behind the proposed ban warned the Chinese government could remotely use drones to attack or spy on the United States.

However, many in the drone industry have called those fears unfounded.

"One of the things that we've seen claimed is that these drones could be somehow remotely taken over and directed to go apply (harmful) chemicals to our food supply," said Scott, the Iowa-based drone dealer. "But the drones aren't connected on a network, so they're not centrally controlled."

Scott also points out that an agricultural drone's battery life is about 10 minutes and that a nearby operator would need to fill its tank with chemicals for such an attack to be possible.

"When you put those things together, the idea that somehow a swarm of spray drones could be remotely commandeered and would go spray things is just not true," Scott said.

As for spying, critics of the proposed ban point out that agricultural drones aren't used to collect imagery and that most field data is publicly available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"There has been no factual evidence suggesting that data collected by agricultural drones is being provided to the Chinese



Isaac Strubbe launches his DJI Agriculture T40 spray drone at a field near Jacksonville, Illinois on Aug. 15, 2024. (Photo: Darrell Hoemann, Investigate Midwest)



Isaac Strubbe demonstrates the operation of his spray drone at a field near Jacksonville, Illinois on Aug. 16, 2024. (Photo: Darrell Hoemann, Investigate Midwest)

government," said Bryan Sanders, president of HSE-UAV, an agricultural drone seller, and a member of the American Spray Drone Coalition. "On the contrary, companies like DJI have proactively (and voluntarily) implemented geofence flight restrictions for restricted airspace, demonstrating a commitment to security, not espionage."

Formed earlier this year, the American Spray Drone Coalition lobbied against the proposed ban. The organization said the companies in its coalition represent 80% of the U.S. drone spraying market, including Agri Spray Drones, Bestway Ag, Drone Nerds and Pegasus Robotics.

Drone efficiency could improve waste and benefit the environment

Agricultural drone proponents also believe the industry could benefit the environment. A 2021 study by the University of Iowa's Department of Occupational and Environmental Health found that spray drones may substantially reduce chemical drift compared to conventional ground-based spray systems.

"As farms grow larger, so will their dependence on precision agriculture and broader application technologies provided by outside labor forces, including UAV application," the study said.

However, more research needs to be done to confirm the strengths and tradeoffs, said Erdal Ozkan, a pesticide application professor at Ohio State University. "I cannot say clearly that drift is going to be much reduced with the drones compared to ground application because there are not enough experiments

conducted by third-party universities and other research organizations," Ozkan said.

However, spraying efficiency could increase as technology advances, Ozkan said, especially as drones become more capable of moving autonomously in groups — a process known as swarming.

While most popular for spraying pesticides and fungicides, some drone models also come with tanks for solid materials, allowing pilots to spread seeds for cover crops. Others use drones to spray paint the roofs of livestock sheds to reflect more sunlight and reduce heat risks to the animals inside.

Beyond crops, agricultural drones can also spray mosquito and fly repellent for livestock. Browning, the Nebraska drone pilot, said her family volunteers their services to churches to spray for bugs around cemeteries. The volunteer work has helped their business expand through word of mouth. Her family has traveled up to 100 miles from their home for a spray job.

"It's definitely harder to do all of this than it seems," Browning said. "It's a great idea and all of that, but it's not easy."

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with Amanda Rink

People Watching at the Babysitter Bar

Amanda Rink

"A man's success is measured by what his wife and children say about him. Money and accomplishments mean nothing if you let your home fail." - Tony Gaskins

The other night, my husband Travis and I went out for dinner—just the two of us. A rare happening, as we usually have at least one of our four kids in tow. We'd been out Christmas shopping and needed to refuel before returning to the chaos of the December night. BBQ wings sounded like the perfect fuel.

We've been together a long time, long enough to slip into comfortable silences as we share a favorite pastime...people-watching. It's a quiet thing. One that reminds me how well we know each other, even without words.

At the bar of our favorite restaurant, there are usually a few couples scattered. But that night was different. A line of men sat side by side, beers in hand. At first, we

didn't think much of it... until a waitress approached one of the men to ask about a child's order. Moments later, a little voice floated from the back of the restaurant, loudly and adorably requesting "mini corn dogs".

The man nodded his approval, and one of the other men joked to the waitress, "This bar has the best babysitting around!"

My husband and I exchanged a glance, one of those looks you can only share with someone who's been your partner long enough to know exactly what you're thinking. Soon, another child wandered up to a different man, who waved them off without much thought. By this point, we were fully committed to shamelessly judging these guys.

The kids' laughter and chatter grew louder from the back of the restaurant. It was a Saturday night, and the place was busy, so the noise mostly blended into the rest. From where we sat, it didn't seem like the kids were bothering anyone. Still, it struck us as odd.

As we were finishing our meal, a woman walked up to the men. It was clear from her body language and the short conversation that followed that she was one of the kids' mothers. I was a little happy to know at least the kids weren't back there completely alone. After a brief exchange, she headed toward the back of the restaurant, where the kids were now erupting in fits of loud laughter. The men's eyes followed her as she walked away, lust in at least two of their gazes.

I glanced at my husband. His expression said it all... disgust.

I tried to play devil's advocate, offering up excuses: "Maybe it's one of their birthdays, and he wanted to grab a beer with his friends before joining the group." "Maybe one of the guys is going through something and needs a little time to decompress with his buddies." "Maybe the game they came to watch is only on the bar TVs."

My husband shook his head at every suggestion. He'd been watching them the entire time, and he wasn't buying it.

"Why would a man come out to dinner, leave his wife to handle all the kids, and then just... hang out at the bar?" I finally asked.

His answer was simple. "They don't like their wives. They don't respect them."

Most people do not know how introspective my husband can be. One glance at him, maybe while people watching, and they might determine he's as deep as the oil puddle he's normally standing in front

of. That could not be further from the truth. I realize that is ironic to say, considering the topic of this column is judging someone. I digress.

But in that moment it hit me then how normalized this sort of dynamic has become, especially in pop culture. The "lovable but exasperated husband" trope, the "nagging wife," the endless jokes about spouses who tolerate rather than cherish each other. It's all so familiar, so constant, we barely question it anymore. But in real life, the punchline falls flat.

What my husband was reacting to wasn't just the men's behavior but the underlying message: I'd rather be anywhere but with my family. For him, the idea of eating at one table while I sat at another with our kids was unfathomable. He enjoys our company too much for that.

He's not the type to stop at the gas station on his way home, grab a case of beer, and collapse on the couch while I cook dinner. He doesn't book solo adventures and leave me or the kids behind just because he can. He wants to experience life with us because he likes us.

More than that, he respects us. He respects me. He knows that certain choices, however small, can chip away at a relationship. And he doesn't want to hurt me, even unintentionally.

Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe it wasn't the men's idea to sit at the bar. Maybe the women suggested it. After all, I know women who don't much like their husbands either. Women who take every Saturday to escape to the mall or hide away in other routines that keep them separate. Women who don't find joy in the small, everyday moments of partnership.

But that begs the question... why stay together? What are you modeling for your children? What about your relationship would you want them to replicate in their own adult lives?

Divorce is often seen as the failure of a relationship, but I think there's something far worse: staying in a marriage so devoid of respect, joy, or connection that it becomes indistinguishable from cohabitation. A roommate arrangement, where love has eroded so much that shared meals are optional.

It's not just sad, it's a lesson in settling. And that's not something I'd ever want to teach my kids.

Amanda Rink is the Editor of *The Wright County Monitor* and a children's book author. When she isn't caring for her family, writing for the newspaper, or avoiding laundry, she can be found hiding in the woods with a cup of coffee and a romance novel.



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Iowa Board of Regents to consider removing DEI language from strategic plan

Brooklyn Draisley
Iowa Capital Dispatch

The Iowa Board of Regents will consider a new draft of its strategic plan at its meeting next week, edited to remove language pertaining to diversity, equity and inclusion.

According to documents released Tuesday, the body's new 2022-2027 strategic plan would remove certain guidelines and words in response to legislation that has passed over the past two years. In addition to DEI changes, the board would remove references to special schools no longer under its purview and gender balance on boards.

"The edits in the attached draft are intended to ensure alignment of the Board of Regents Strategic Plan 2022-2027 with all state and federal laws," the document stated.

The strategic plan, approved in February 2022, says it is a "living document" that provides a touchstone for the board and the universities it governs. When enacted, it included information relating to the Iowa School for the Deaf and Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, as well as language about diversity, inclusion and underrepresented students in its statements of core values and priorities.

Three pieces of legislation passed in 2023 and 2024 have caused the need for changes to the strategic plan, according to the

document. Senate File 514 and Senate File 2096, both passed in 2023, brought the Iowa School for the Deaf and Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired into the Department of Education and eliminated requirements for gender balance on state boards and commissions, respectively.

Passed in 2024, Senate File 2435 bars state universities from opening, funding or maintaining positions and offices relating to diversity, equity and inclusion that aren't required by law or for accreditation.

The University of Iowa, University of Northern Iowa and Iowa State University have already restructured or eliminated offices and positions in response to DEI directives put in place by the board before the legislation passed and in order to comply with the legislation.

In the edited draft of the board's strategic plan, instances where the Iowa School for the Deaf and Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired have been struck, as well as a line stating that gender balance is required on the board. The name of the board itself and its current members have also been updated.

Under the board's core values in the document, edits replaced the phrase "diverse and inclusive" experiences with "high-impact academic." It also replaced "respect for differences"

with "mutual respect for intellectual differences" and removed "inclusion" from its "practices for transformative growth" category.

The phrase "among members of diverse backgrounds, culture and beliefs in nurturing environments" has been removed from the board's dispositions, leaving "Respectful interaction shall empower critical thinking, free enquiry and open communication."

References to underrepresented and underserved students and populations have been removed from the document as well. Underrepresented students have been removed from the goal to "expand onboarding programs for incoming students, with a particular focus on first generation and non-traditional students."

The directive to universities to set "five-year goals to expand online programs in areas that are consistent with campus expertise and market demands" has had a portion of it removed that would have these programs "enhance opportunities as well as target underserved populations and industries."

The board will vote on whether to approve the new plan document at its Jan. 15 meeting. Read more from Brooklyn Draisley online at IowaCapitalDispatch.com ©Copyright 2024, Iowa Capital Dispatch. Published under a Creative Commons license, CC BY-NC-ND 4.0. Read more at iowacapitaldispatch.com

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WRIGHT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS • JANUARY 2, 2025

January 2, 2025

Chairman Pro-tem Kluss called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m.

First order of business was to give the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials. The oath was given by County Attorney Eric Simonson to Supervisor Rick Rasmussen, Supervisor Ashley Bosch, Supervisor Dean Kluss, Supervisor Lynn Loux, Supervisor Betty Ellis, Sheriff Jason Schluttenhofer, and Auditor Amanda Meyer.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to elect Rick Rasmussen as Chairman and Dean Kluss as Chairman Pro-tem for 2025. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of December 30, 2024 were read and approved.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to set the mileage rate at \$0.70 per mile for county employees for 2025. Motion carries. This follows the federal mileage rate.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to keep the current drainage warrant interest rate at 6%. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to approve the listed county employee holidays for 2025. Motion carries.

HOLIDAY'S FOR WRIGHT COUNTY 2025

Presidents' Day	Monday, February 17th
Memorial Day	Monday, May 26th
Fourth of July	Friday, July 4th
Labor Day	Monday, September 1st
Veterans' Day	Tuesday, November 11th
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 27th
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 28th
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25th
Day after Christmas	Friday, December 26th
New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1st, 2026

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Loux to approve the petty cash amount for various offices listed below. Motion carries.

Petty cash for offices:

County Auditor	\$20.00
County Engineer	\$50.00
Public Health Nurses	\$55.00
County Sheriff	\$200.00
County Treasurer	\$50.00

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to appoint the Eminent Domain Compensation commission for 2025 as listed below. Motion carries.

WRIGHT COUNTY 2025 Eminent Domain Compensation Commission

- OWNERS OPERATORS OF AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY
- OWNERS OF CITY OR TOWN PROPERTY
- LICENSED REAL ESTATE SALESMEN OR REAL ESTATE BROKERS
- BANKERS, AUCTIONEERS, PROPERTY MANAGERS, PROPERTY APPRAISERS AND PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING LOANS ON PROPERTY

Owners Operators of Agricultural Property

Name	Address	City	State	Zip
1 Stan Watne	2625 Sycamore Ave.	Galt	IA	50101
2 Dean Kluss	905 3rd Ave. NE	Clarion	IA	50525
3 Larry Pals	1537 Tyrell Lane	Belmond	IA	50421
4 Kent Kirstein	2051 Nelson Ave.	Clarion	IA	50525
5 Verl Tate	1908 Sandy Beach Road	Clarion	IA	50525
6 Bob Diemerly	1998 Sandy Beach Road	Clarion	IA	50525
7 Troy Watne	1061 Quincy Ave.	Belmond	IA	50421

Owners of City or Town Property

Name	Address	City	State	Zip
1 Shannon Walker	411 Central Ave. E	Clarion	IA	50525
2 Mitch Kluss	314 4th Ave. SE	Clarion	IA	50525
3 Rod Young	1118 3rd Ave. NE	Clarion	IA	50525
4 Colleen Bartlett	1310 SW 1st Street	Eagle Grove	IA	50533
5 Larry Klatt	406 Sheppard Street	Dows	IA	50071
6 Earl Kalkwarf	111 Montclare Lane	Belmond	IA	50421
7 Sandy McGrath	119 N. Washington	Eagle Grove	IA	50533
8 Darrin Baker	720 NW 2nd Street	Eagle Grove	IA	50533

Licensed Real Estate Salesmen or Real Estate Brokers

Name	Address	City	State	Zip
1 Bob Powers	1982 Sandy Beach Road	Clarion	IA	50525
2 Rod Brooks	2002 Elm Lake Drive	Clarion	IA	50525
3 Carol Haupt	403 White Fox Drive	Clarion	IA	50525
4 Austin Charlson	2531 190th Street	Belmond	IA	50421
5 Kevin Reed	409 E. Webster	Goldfield	IA	50542
6 Todd Buseman	128 Fairway Drive	Belmond	IA	50421
7 Todd Swalin	1093 270th Street	Eagle Grove	IA	50533

Bankers, Auctioneers, Property Managers, Property Appraisers and Person Responsible for making loans on property

Name	Address	City	State	Zip
1 Mark Skogerboe	303 4th Ave. SE	Clarion	IA	50525
2 Sherril O'Brien	1003 2nd Ave. NE	Clarion	IA	50525
3 Michael Ryerson	521 S. Commercial Ave.	Eagle Grove	IA	50533
4 Aaron Wagner	201 W Broadway	Eagle Grove	IA	50533
5 Tate Goeman	120 E. Main Street	Belmond	IA	50421
6 Gene Ryerson	9 Spruce Drive	Eagle Grove	IA	50533
7 Kent Rutherford	2150 290th Street	Woolstock	IA	50599

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to receive the cash count from end of day on December 30, 2024 from the Wright County Treasurer. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to appoint the Board of Supervisors to various boards and committees as listed below. Motion carries.

Organization	Representative
Courthouse & Jail Authority	The Board as a whole
County Farm	Dean Kluss and Betty Ellis - Committee
Roads & Drainage	The Board as a whole
Union Negotiations	The Board as a whole
Department Heads	Chairman
Historical Preservation	Andy Yackle
Regional Planning Affiliation Policy Board - MIDAS	Adam Clemons
Mid Iowa Growth Partnership	Darrel Steven Carlyle
MIDAS - Economic Development	Darrel Steven Carlyle
MIDAS - Cities	Clint Middleton
Boone River Watershed Management Authority	Dean Kluss
Building Families	Dean Kluss
Community Family Resources	Dean Kluss
Iowa Drainage District Association	Dean Kluss
Executive Board of MIDAS - County	Dean Kluss
Upper Des Moines Opportunity - alternate	Betty Ellis

Local Emergency Planning Commission	Lynn Loux
Wright County Emergency Management Commission & E911 Board	Rick Rasmussen
Hazardous Materials Response Commission - Alternate	Jarika Beecher
Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center - Alternate	Betty Ellis
Central Iowa Community Services	Ashley Bosch
Decat	Ashley Bosch
Wright County Board of Health	Ashley Bosch
Wright County Economic Development Commission	Dean Kluss
Wright County Sanitary Landfill	Lynn Loux
Wright County Emergency Medical Service	Rick Rasmussen
Emergency Management & E911 Board	Rick Rasmussen
Boone River Watershed Management Authority	Betty Ellis - Alternate
ADA Coordinator	Betty Ellis
BioTerrorism/Preparedness	The Board as a whole
Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center	Rick Rasmussen
Central Iowa Community Services - Alternate	Betty Ellis
Hazardous Materials Response Commission	Rick Rasmussen
HIPAA	Ashley Bosch
Iowa Drainage District Association - Alternate	Courtney Morris
Second Judicial District, Correctional Services Board of Directors	Rick Rasmussen
UDMO - County Advisory	Rick Rasmussen
Upper Des Moines Opportunity	Rick Rasmussen
Wright County Safety Committee	Lynn Loux
Wright County Wellness Committee	Dean Kluss
Wright County Sanitary Landfill - Alternate	Dean Kluss
Wright County Security	Betty Ellis
Environmental Management Team	Rick Rasmussen
Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund	Darrel Steven Carlyle
Wright County Health Officer and Illegal Dumping Enforcement Official	Sandy McGrath
Executive Board of Pathfinders Strategic Partners - Economic Development	Kim Demory
Mid Iowa Growth Partnership - Alternate	Kim Demory

Naming of the Wright County Drainage Attorney has been tabled.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to appoint the Township Trustees as listed below with John Campbell to fill a vacancy to expire 2026. Motion carries. The Wall Lake and Woolstock Township Trustee appointments have been tabled.

Township Trustees and Clerks Terms to expire 2028

Belmond Township	
Wayne Stahl	Trustee
Brian Worden	Trustee
Blaine Township	
Tom Watne	Trustee
Mike Wilbholm	Trustee
Boone Township	
Curtis Meinke	Trustee
Nate Huntley	Trustee
Dayton Township	
Wayne Watts	Trustee
Roger Kallern	Trustee
Eagle Grove Township	
Tim Brooks	Trustee
Alec Amonson	Trustee
Grant Township	
James Radke	Trustee
Gary F. Martin	Trustee
John Campbell	Trustee - Term to expire 2026

Iowa Township - Elected

R E Aldrich	Trustee
Chris Canon	Trustee
Kata Township	
Mary Brandt	Trustee
Larry E. Draves	Trustee

Liberty Township

Mitch Meinke	Trustee
Jim Rasmussen	Trustee

Lincoln Township

Mark Cramer	Trustee
Daryl Zweifel	Trustee

Norway Township

Rodney Legleiter	Trustee
Donavan Baker	Trustee

Pleasant Township

Mark Grundmeier	Trustee
Dave Bonin Jr.	Trustee

Troy Township

Mike Leshar	Trustee
Steve Voss	Trustee

Vernon Township

Mike Leshar	Trustee
Steve Voss	Trustee

Wall Lake Township - Elected

Jeremiah Feltz	Trustee
_____ Needs Appointed	Trustee

Woolstock Township - Elected

Dave Vanderheiden	Trustee
_____ Needs Appointed	Trustee

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to have Wright County Monitor, Eagle Grove Eagle, and Belmond Independent as the official newspapers for County Business. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the listed Medical Examiners, Deputies, and Investigators. Motion carries.

Medical Examiner appointments

Medical Examiner: Jon Ahrendsen MD

Deputy Examiners: Andrea McLoughlin MD, Dustin Smith MD, Media Investigators:

Tiffini Toliver ARNP,	Andrew Nellesen,	Jon Nisson EMT,
Katie Schlichting Paramedic,	Amy Erickson-Keller RN, MEI (In Webster City, but has agreed to help cover Wright County)	

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to approve the re-appointment of Aaron Wagner to the Board of Adjustment for a 4-year term. Motion carries. The Board of Adjustment is as follows:

Board of Adjustment

Che Hanson	Clarion	12/31/2025
Dave Nelson	Belmond	12/31/2026
Deb Vance	Eagle Grove	12/31/2026
Elizabeth Severson	Belmond	12/31/2027
Aaron Wagner	Eagle Grove	12/31/2028

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the re-appointment of Margaret Worden and Brad Robson to the Economic Development Board for a 3-year term. Motion carries. The economic Development Board is as follows:

Economic Development Board.

Todd Foss	Clarion Economic Dev.	December 2026
Margaret Worden	At-Large, Dows	December 2027
Brad Robson	Belmond Growth Alliance	December 2027
Gabe Fiscus	At-Large, Goldfield	December 2025
Mike Ryerson	EG Community Dev. Corp.	December 2025

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to ap-

prove the re-appointment of Trish Morris, Kevin Cahalan, Dennis Bowman, and Adam Vorrie to the Wright County Charitable Foundation for a 2-year term. Motion carries. The Wright County Charitable Foundation is as follows:

Wright County Charitable Foundation

Candi Jones	12/31/2025
Lennea Groom	12/31/2025
Kyle Marker	12/31/2025
Trish Morris	12/31/2026
Kevin Cahalan	12/31/2026
Dennis Bowman	12/31/2026
Adam Vorrie	12/31/2026

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the re-appointment of Susan Toftey for a 3-year term to the Wright County Board of Health. The Board of Health is as follows:

Wright County Health Department Board of Health

Andrew Wagner	Eagle Grove	12/31/2026
Angela Wharton	Dows	12/31/2025
Susan Toftey	Kanawha	12/31/2027
Ashley Bosch	Eagle Grove	12/31/2025
Dr. Michael McLoughlin	Clarion	12/31/2026

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to approve Resolution 2025-01, a resolution authorizing attendance at meetings. By roll call: Ayes – Ellis, Loux, Rasmussen, Bosch, and Kluss; nays – none. Resolution 2025-01 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution 2025 – 01

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Wright County Board of Supervisors that they authorize elective and appointive officials of Wright County to attend all meetings approved by the Executive Committee of the Iowa State Association of Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Clerks in the various offices shall be authorized to attend meetings when approved by their governing officer. Dated at Clarion, IA this 2nd day of January, 2025.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve Resolution 2025-02, a resolution for payment of claims prior to a board meeting. By roll call: Ayes – Ellis, Loux, Rasmussen, Bosch, and Kluss; nays – none. Resolution 2025-02 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution 2025 – 02

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa, that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.506(3) of the Code of Iowa, the Auditor is hereby authorized to make the following payment without prior approval by the board.

- For fixed charges including, but not limited to, freight, express, postage, water, light, telephone service or contractual services, after a bill is filed with the Auditor.
- For salaries and payrolls if the compensation has been fixed or approved by the Board. The salary or payroll shall be certified by the officer or supervisor under whose direction or supervision the compensation is earned.

Dated at Clarion, IA this 2nd day of January, 2025.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to approve Resolution 2025-03, Treasurer naming depositories. By roll call: Ayes – Ellis, Loux, Rasmussen, Bosch, and Kluss; nays – none. Resolution 2025-03 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution 2025-03

RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa approved the list of financial institutions.

The Wright County Treasurer is hereby authorized to deposit the Wright County funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below.

DEPOSITORY	LOCATION OF HOME OFFICE	MAXIMUM BALANCE IN EFFECT UNDER THIS RESOLUTION
FIRST CITIZENS BANK	MASON CITY (CLARION OFFICE)	\$ 15,000,000.00
FIRST STATE BANK	WEBSTER CITY (CLARION OFFICE)	\$ 5,000,000.00
FIRST BANK	EAGLE GROVE (CLARION OFFICE)	\$ 5,000,000.00
FIRST STATE BANK	BELMOND	\$ 1,500,000.00
UNITED BANK & SHEFFIELD TRUST CO	(DOWS OFFICE)	\$ 100,000.00
GREEN BANK & TRUST	BELT BELMOND	\$ 3,000,000.00
IOWA PUBLIC AGENCY INVESTMENT TRUST	WEST DES MOINES	\$ 10,000,000.00

Dated at Clarion, IA this 2nd day of January 2025.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Loux to approve Resolution 2025-04, a construction evaluation resolution. By roll call: Ayes – Ellis, Loux, Rasmussen, Bosch, and Kluss; nays – none. Resolution 2025-04 duly passes and reads as follows:

CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2025 and January 31, 2026 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR

may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WRIGHT COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3) this 2nd day of January, 2025.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve Resolution 2025-05, Sheriff naming depositories. By roll call: Ayes – Ellis, Loux, Rasmussen, Bosch, and Kluss; nays – none. Resolution 2025-05 duly passes and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES

Wright County Sheriff
Resolution 2025-05

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa approved the list of financial institutions. The Wright County Sheriff is hereby authorized to deposit the Wright County funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for the financial institution as set out below.

DEPOSITORY	LOCATION OF HOME OFFICE	MAXIMUM BALANCE IN EFFECT UNDER THIS RESOLUTION
First Citizens Bank	Mason City (Clarion Office)	\$ 150,000.00

Dated at Clarion, Iowa this 2nd day of January, 2025.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Wright County Supervisors Dec. 30, 2025 Minutes

December 30, 2024
The Board of Supervisors met as Drainage District Trustees. To view the minutes from the drainage meeting, see the Drainage District minutes on the County website.
Chairman Pro-tem Kluss called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:13 a.m. Members present were Kluss and Rasmussen with Helgevoid present via phone.
Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoid to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.
Minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and approved.
Approved claims for payment.
Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the

amendment to the Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center 28E agreement. This agreement will add an alternate for the CIJDC Commission at the Board of Supervisor's annual organizational meeting. Motion carries.
Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer updated the board that the road crew has been out blading and burning ditches when able. Clemons stated that this past year they have been able to complete 792 workorders of all types and hauled 84,123 tons of granular.
Tricia Rosendahl gave the annual update on the Fair. She updated the board on the flooding of the fairgrounds that took place just days before the start of the fair. Even

with the flooding, volunteers and the fair board members were able to get it cleaned up with lots of creativity in placement of vendors etc. Entries were up with 148 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors and about 83 non-livestock exhibitors. There were just over 910 entries in the areas of livestock and non-livestock exhibits. The Fair Board is again asking for continued support and this will be considered during budget time.
Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoid to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.
Dean Kluss, Chairman Pro-tem Wright County Board of Supervisors
Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Clarion January 7, 2025 Minutes

The Clarion City Council met in regular session Tuesday January 7th, 2025, at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Heiden presiding. Present were Council members Dave Flurer, Shayne Hennigar, Nick McOllough and Mike Ennis (Dan Hennigar - absent). Also, in attendance City Administrator Clint Middleton, City Attorney Zach Chizek, PWD Jon DeVries, and Chief Steve TerHark.
Mayor Heiden called the meeting to order and polled the council for any conflicts of interest with the agenda, there was none. Mayor Heiden asked if there were any citizens listed to address the council, there were none. Motioned by Flurer seconded by McOllough to approve consent agenda consisting of Minutes- 2024.12.17; Financial report- approve checks; Licenses/Permits- (Building, Liquor, Tobacco, Sign, Peddler, Street Closure) (Motion passed 4-0, D. Hennigar-absent).
Motioned by S. Hennigar seconded by Ennis to approve Resolution (25-05) approving Pay Request #21 with Peterson Construction for WTP Project for \$541,500.00 (Mo-

tion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar-absent).
Motioned by McOllough seconded by S. Hennigar to approve Resolution (25-01) appointing Dave Flurer as Mayor Pro-Tem (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar-absent).
Motioned by S. Hennigar seconded by McOllough to approve Resolution (25-02) appointing Steve TerHark as Police Chief (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar-absent).
Motioned by Flurer seconded by McOllough to approve Resolution (25-03) appointing Zach Chizek as City Attorney (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar-absent).
Motioned by McOllough seconded by S. Hennigar to approve Resolution (25-04) approving Wright County Monitor as official paper (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar-absent).
Motioned by Flurer seconded by S. Hennigar to approve keeping all committee assignments. (Motion passed 4-0, D. Hennigar-absent).
Motioned by Flurer seconded by Ennis to approve Resolution (25-08) Development Agreement

- Narber (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar-absent).
Motioned by Flurer seconded by McOllough to approve Resolution (25-07) Development Agreement - City & White Fox Holdings LLC *** correction from White Fox Properties*** (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar-absent). Motioned by McOllough seconded by S. Hennigar to approve Resolution (25-06) Wage Increase Water Grade 1 (Lyons) (Motion passed 4-1, D. Hennigar-absent).
Reports from the Council or Dept heads: Middleton stated Littlejohn ordered the new ambulance for FY27 delivery. Placing order in 2024 saved around \$14,000. Mayor said community complaint on the steel sitting stagnant at the Gold Eagle deconstruction site on South Main will be handled. Chizek stated the lot awarded to the city on tax sale is completed. Lot located on 500 block of East Commercial.
Motioned by McOllough seconded by S. Hennigar to adjourn. All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-0).
Respectfully Submitted,
Clint Middleton City Administrator

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Clarion January 7, 2025 Claims

CLAIMS REPORT	AMOUNT
VENDOR	
AFLAC	211.18
AFLAC	264.9
AGSOURCE COOP SERVICES	1,533.15
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	409.63
ANDERSON, LUKE	1,000.00
AVESIS	391.9
BOMGAARS	371.93
CASEY'S BUSINESS MASTER CARD	101.05
CENTRAL LOCK SECURITY	760
CITY OF CLARION	437.64
CITY OF CLARION	395.96
CITY OF CLARION	476.38
CLARION DISTRIBUTING	43
CLARION HEALTH & FITNESS	180
CLARION HEALTH INS.	1,500.01
CLARION HEALTH INS.	1,505.91
CLARION VISION INS	
CLARION WATER & SEWER	831.01
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	369.23
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	369.23
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	166.11
COMM1	729.14
CORE & MAIN	113
First Citizens Bank	14
FED FICA ELECTRONIC	13,866.46
FED FICA ELECTRONIC	12,931.69
FERGUSON WATER WORKS #2516	2,122.58

FIRST BANK HSA	1,000.00
FIRST CITIZENS BANK	30
FIRST CITIZENS	17,000.00
GALLS, LLC	146.2
HAWKEYE WEST PEST CONTROL	75
HAWKINS, INC	130
HOMESERVE USA	5,389.55
HSA PERSONAL	2395
IMWCA	2,032.00
IOWA SPECIALTY HOSPITAL	25
IPERS	18,989.36
ISCIA	175
JOE HARRAH	1,100.00
KANSAS CITY LIFE INSURANCE CO	144.89
LISA KIST	203.68
KRUEGER, STEVE	149.8
LARRY PUMP, CPA	20,000.00
MARTIN'S FLAG COMPANY	282.23
MENARDS FORT DODGE	596.69
MID AMERICAN ENERGY	16,088.92
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING CO	77.5
MIDAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS	3,255.50
OVERHEAD DOOR CO	264
PARADIGM BENEFITS	200
PETERSON CONSTRUCTION	541,500.00
PULSAR360	528.34
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	52.75
SIMMERING CORY IA CODIFICATION	2,000.00
STERICYCLE, INC	198.5
T & S SANITATION	118
THE TRASH MAN	870

TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	4,158.66
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UMB BANK, N.A.	1150
POSTMASTER	393.68
UNITYPOINT HEALTH	42
URNESSE HARDWARE & APP	852.64
US CELLULAR	130.92
USA BLUE BOOK	1,710.82
VISUAL EDGE IT	5,259.75
WELLMARK BC/BS	23,739.92
WF FINANCIAL LEASING INC	644.16
WHITE FOX HOLDING, LLC	300,000.00
WMTEL	115
WRIGHT CO LANDFILL	17,812.50
WRIGHT FARM SERVICES	276.03
Accounts Payable Total	1,032,399.08
GENERAL	70,510.61
TRANSIT	3,255.50
ROAD USE	19,329.42
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND	38,775.18
DEBT SERVICE	1,150.00
DOWNTOWN FACADE PROJECT	300,000.00
WATER	18,099.79
WATER PLANT PROJECT	543,500.00
SEWER	18,852.47
LANDFILL	18,682.50
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	243.61
TOTAL FUNDS	1,032,399.08

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Iowa Farm Bureau Federation Announces Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Incentive Program

Loan Repayment Program Addresses Critical Shortage of Rural Veterinarians

Andrew Wheeler
To help address a critical shortage of rural veterinarians identified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF) has established a Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Incentive Program to attract and retain veterinarians in rural Iowa.
The Iowa Farm Bureau Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Incentive Program will award four individuals who practice, or will practice, veterinary medicine in Iowa up to \$25,000 in loan repayment incentives. IFBF will begin accepting applications in March 2025.

In 2020, Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a bill into law to create the Rural Iowa Veterinarian Loan Repayment Program to address the critical veterinarian shortages in rural Iowa communities. IFBF was one of several partners who led the push for the legislation. Since its inception, the state's loan

repayment program has been met with enthusiasm and a growing number of applications. However, with intensified veterinary shortages and the strong demand for existing veterinarian loan repayment programs, additional support and stability for Iowa farmers are necessary.
"Veterinarians are valuable partners for Iowa's livestock farmers who prioritize the health and wellbeing of their animals," says Iowa Farm Bureau President Brent Johnson. "IFBF's establishment of the Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Incentive Program will assist in addressing the veterinarian shortages in Iowa and guaranteeing future funding incentives, while also advancing the mission of Iowa Farm Bureau to support farm families and rural communities."
Due to specific veterinarian shortages identified in Iowa by USDA, and to best align with IFBF's charitable giving priorities,

preference would be given to applicants who are: in their final year of a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree program; large animal veterinarians and/or those in a shortage area as identified by the USDA; graduates from an Iowa high school, technical school, college, university and/or institution; and individuals with demonstrated leadership skills, community involvement and/or a commitment to rural Iowa.

To learn more about IFBF's Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Incentive Program or to apply, visit Iowa Farm Bureau Rural Veterinarian Loan Repayment Incentive Program.

About Iowa Farm Bureau
The Iowa Farm Bureau Federation is the largest statewide, grassroots farm organization in Iowa, celebrating 100 years of creating a vibrant future for agriculture, farm families and their communities. For more information, visit www.iowafarmbureau.com.

Farmers Disappointed with Lack of Clarity Around 45Z

The Department of Treasury released more details late last week about a tax credit, known as 45Z, that is designed to help the biofuel industry make inroads into the aviation sector.

While today's news included more information, corn grower leaders said they still need better clarity about the specific environmental practices that will be required for accessing the credit.

"This is disappointing news for growers," said Iowa Corn Growers Association President Stu Swanson. "We have continually advocated for clear guidelines from Treasury officials, working to provide them with the necessary information

they need to get this done. Unfortunately, it feels like our input has gone unrecognized and this issue will now be passed to the new administration."

The 45Z tax credit was part of the Inflation Reduction Act, which was signed into law in 2022. The law provides tax incentives to refineries that produce biofuels that can be used in commercial aircraft to lower greenhouse gas emissions.

In May of last year, the U.S. Department of Treasury released its guidance on eligibility for the credits. Those guidelines troubled growers because it required them to implement environmental practices that are impractical in certain climates.

Corn grower leaders have since provided data-driven information to Treasury officials as they revised the guidelines.

Read the Notice of Intent to Propose Regulations on the section 45Z Credit and a notice providing the annual emissions rate table for section 45Z.

The Iowa Corn Growers Association (ICGA) is a 7,500-member strong grassroots-driven organization, headquartered in Johnston, Iowa, serving members across the state, and lobbying on agricultural issues on behalf of its farmer members to create opportunities for long-term Iowa corn grower profitability. For more information, visit iowacorn.org.

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Church news

CLARION AREA

CLARION FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
201 3rd Ave. NE, Clarion, IA 50525
Pastor Craig Luttrell
515-532-2845
website: www.clarion.church
Church Office
Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon
• Sunday, January 19
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
• Sunday, January 26
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA
420 1st St NW, Clarion, IA 515-532-3440
www.firstlutheranclarion.com
"YOU are love, YOU belong, YOU are called, and YOU are gifted"
• 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL
121 3rd Avenue N.W., Clarion
• Sunday, January 19
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship

CHURCH OF CHRIST
420 North Main, Clarion
Pastor Warren Curry
515-532-3273
http://clarionchurchofchrist.weebly.com
Facebook Clarion Church of Christ
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship, also live each Sunday on Facebook
6:00 a.m. Tuesday Iron Man, Fellowship Hall, Church Building
10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Weekly Prayer Time Fellowship Hall, Church Building
Ongoing Bible Studies – times and locations vary; check for more information at the church office week.

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC
608 2nd Ave. N.E., Clarion
Father Jerry W. Blake, Pastor
515-532-3586
• Wednesday, January 15
No Adoration
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis, Belmont
8:00 a.m. Mass, A/B at St. Francis, Belmont
6:30 p.m. Youth Faith Formation at all Parishes
6:30 p.m. First Reconciliation at St. John, Clarion
• Thursday, January 16
11:40 a.m. Rosary at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
12:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
7:00 p.m. Finance at St. John, Clarion
• Friday, January 17
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. John, Clarion
8:00 a.m. Mass at Clarion, IA
10:30 a.m. Mass at Belmont Care Center
• Saturday, January 18
Youth Led Masses, Haiti Collection
3:15 p.m. A/B at St. Francis, Belmont
4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis, Belmont
7:15 p.m. A/B at St. John, Clarion
8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. John, Clarion
Sunday, January 19
Youth Led Masses, Haiti Collection
7:15 a.m. A/B at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
9:45 a.m. A/B at St. John, Clarion
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. John,

Clarion
• Monday, January 20
8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis, Belmont
8:45 a.m. Noodle Dough Making at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
9:00 a.m. Noodle Making, Rolling at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
6:30 p.m. RCIA at St. John, Clarion
• Tuesday, January 21
9:15 a.m. Cluster Liturgy, Lent/Triduum Planning at St. John, Clarion
• Wednesday, January 22
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis, Belmont
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis, Belmont
2:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Mass at Clarion, Care Center
7:00 p.m. Youth Faith Formation Teachers in-service at St. John, Clarion

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
219 First Street N.W. Clarion
515-532-2709
• Sunday 9:00 a.m.
• Sunday 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
• Wednesdays 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
• Saturdays 8:00 a.m. Men's Group

THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Dana Wendel, Pastor
1010 2nd Street SW; Clarion
515-293-3003
FREE Dinner will be on the first Sunday of the month.
• Sunday
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
• Tuesday
11:00 a.m. Prayer Time
• Iglesia del Nazareno
6:00 p.m. Sabado
6:00 p.m. Domingo
Lay Minister Mynor
515-851-9699
Bienvenidos

GOLDFIELD AREA

Rejoice Church: A Word and Spirit Church
Pastors Cris and Jennifer Decius
Sunday worship 10:30 am
www.Rejoicechurchiowa.com or watch us on facebook
NEW LOCATION! We will begin IN PERSON WORSHIP services starting on DECEMBER 1, 2024 in our home worship room at 3320 210th St. Goldfield, IA 50542

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
220 E. Oak St., Goldfield, IA 50542
515-825-3581
goldfield.upc@gmail.com
Facebook@goldpres
"A Church for the Community"
Office M-F 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.
• Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Goldfield
Pastor Ron Rasmussen
• Sunday, January 12
10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Fellowship Coffee in the Fellowship Room.
No Sunday School

GOLDFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
P.O. Box 214
515-825-3754
New Pastor: Pastor Laurene Banza
We welcome all!
Pastor Laurene is from the Democratic Republic of Congo Africa.
• Sunday Services
11:00 a.m. Worship time

HOLMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor George Lautner
412-874-9878
• Sunday, January 19
9:30 a.m. Praise and Worship

HOLMES BAPTIST CHURCH
2137 Hancock Avenue
Pastor Cody Huber
515-825-3110
• Sundays
9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, 5 p.m. Evening Service
• Wednesdays
Prayer Meeting, youth group, kids club (1st-6th grades - during school year)

WRIGHT CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
1730 130th Street, Kanawha
641-762-3947
• Sunday, January 19
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m. Fellowship, 11 a.m. Sunday School, 6 p.m. Evening Worship

ROWAN AREA

UNITED CHURCH OF ROWAN
Pastor Nancy Hofmeister
811 Pesch St., Box 38, Rowan
• Sundays
10:00 a.m. Worship
• Wednesdays
1:30 p.m. Bible Study
• Wednesday, January 15
10:00 a.m. Council
11:00 a.m. Property, Maintenance and Memorial
1:30 p.m.. Women's Bible Study
• Thursday, January 16
2:00 p.m. Women's Group
Thursday, January 23
10:00 a.m. Clergy Cluster

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod
Jct. Highway 69 & 3
Pastor Mark Eichler
• Sunday, January 19
10:30 a.m. Divine Services,
11:45 a.m. Bible Study

DOWS AREA

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH
109 N. Eskridge St., Dows
Dows / www.sgcdows.com
Doug Holmes, Pastor
• Sunday, January 19
10:15 a.m. Sunday school, Coffee, 11:15 a.m. Worship at First Presbyterian in Dows

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
Dows, IA
Masking is option
• Sunday, January 19
9:00 a.m. Conf/SS/Coffee
10:00 a.m. Worship

UNITED METHODIST & PRESBYTERIAN
Dows
• Sunday, January 19
10 a.m. Dows Joint Worship at Untied Methodist

FIRST REFORMED
214 Brown St., Alexander
• Sundays
9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

IMMANUEL U.C.C.
204 E. South St., Latimer
Travis Berg, Pastor
• Sunday, January 19
10:30 a.m. Worship

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
304 W. Main, Latimer
Travis Berg, Pastor
• Sunday, January 19
9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. ABC/Sunday School

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Morgan, Lee Center, Bradford
Erling Shultz, Pastor
• Sunday, January 19
8:30 a.m. Worship (B), 9:30 a.m. Worship (LC), 10:30 a.m. Worship (M)

MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH
3rd & Lake Streets, Blairsburg, IA 50034
• Sundays
8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Café is open serving donuts, smoothies and coffee beverages
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Nursery available for children up to age 2
10:00 a.m. Kids Church for children 2 years to grade 5
• Wednesday
5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Café Open
6:30 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Kids Club for children grades 1-5

NAZARETH LUTHERAN
Coulter
Pastors Tom Dettmer and Stanley Peterson
• Sunday, January 19
9:30a.m. Joint Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion, Coffee to follow
• Dinner is the first Sunday of the month



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Reconnect

With Your Church Community

The Clarion Wire

** Congratulations to Iowa Specialty Hospital and its staff for their record-setting year, delivering 632 babies in 2024!
** CGD Winterfest was held on Friday, January 10. Chosen as Queen and King for the festivities were Kennedy Jackson and Cristian Rosales.
** CDA businesses are celebrating the new year with its "2025 Local Lottery" during the month of January! There are 24 participating businesses! Spend \$\$, get a punch on a 'lottery' card; get \$100 worth of punches. Turn the filled card in to a participating businesses. Win \$100, \$50 or \$25 with a drawing held on February 4! You can't win if you don't play!!
** Play BINGO every Friday at the Senior Citizens Center from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
** Jessica McClintock will entertain at Chappy's on Main beginning at 8 p.m. on Saturday, January 18!
** First Lutheran Church FOOD PANTRY in Clarion, 420 - First Street N.W., is open on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, from 5 - 7 p.m. Next event is January 23! (may visit ONE of its four locations once a week per household):
** First Lutheran Food Pantry at the Goldfield Legion is closed effective January 10; residents are welcome to visit one of four locations in Wright County.. Those with lack of transportation or are otherwise home-bound may register for our once a month mobile distribution. To register or for more details, contact, Missy, at 515-851-5740.
** It's a four-week look at the topic of "Guilt", hosted at the Clarion Church of Christ continues for a second week on Thursday, January 23 from 7 - 8:15 p.m.; held at the church basement.
** It's cold outside! Might be a good time to 'snuggle up' with a good book. Library hours at Clarion Public Library are Mondays 10-8, Tuesdays through Fridays 10-5, and Saturdays 9-noon. (closed on major holidays). Rowan Library hours are Mondays &

Wednesdays 10 - 6; Fridays 10 - 5; and Saturdays from 9 a.m. noon.
** Thanks to Wright Community Connections, Erica Lindaman, Kathy Deimerly and many others for their efforts with GIFT OF GIVING for their work at Christmas time! Giving gifts to OVER 800 PEOPLE IN WRIGHT COUNTY (including parts of Hamilton County!). WOW!!
** Clarion's Senior Citizens Center, Play '500 cards', the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Next ones will be on Wednesdays, February 5 & 19 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
** AT THE CLARION THEATRE: Showing "Bonhoffer" on Friday - Sunday, January 17 - 19 @ 7 p.m.; Sunday matinee, January 19 @ 2:30 p.m.
** FOCUS ON BUSINESS: Enjoy the new COFFEE BAR at FUEL on North Main beginning at 7 a.m. Wednesdays - Friday; 8 a.m. on Saturdays. Restaurant opens at 11 a.m. - Wednesdays - Sundays. (Coffee available most times on Sunday).
** CONGRATULATIONS: To one of Clarion's newer businesses - Hello Wellness, 222 North Main Street. Schedule by appointment - 515-825-8581. Services include: Massage Therapy and Esthetics (skincare, facials, waxings, treatments).
** MONEY SAVING TIP: Sally's Sewing Room, 110 N Main, Clarion is having a "Cabin Fever Sale", continue through Saturday, January 18. 25% off embroidery floss, crochet thread, yarn, related books, patterns, kits, and notions.
** THANK YOU: To the CDA for organizing and conducting a 'gently used' clothing store, THE MAIN EXCHANGE at 120 South Main in Clarion. Bring in clothes for sale, receive 40% of the price on tags; 60% goes to CDA to cover business expenses and to fund Clarion projects! Business hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4 - 6 p.m.; Wednesdays from 3 - 6 p.m.; some Saturdays from 9 a.m. - noon! Stop in!!



HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD LATELY?

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Obituaries

Carolyn Arlene Johnson

Carolyn Arlene Johnson, 69, of Waverly, Iowa, passed away January 13, 2025, at Bartels Lutheran Retirement Community in Waverly, Iowa. Funeral mass will be at 10:30 am on Saturday, January 18, 2025, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Waverly, with Fr. Doug Wathier presiding. Visitation will start at 9:30 and there will be a Rosary at 10:00. Carolyn's body will be cremated

after the mass and inurnment will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Sidewalk Advocates for Life, Marians of the Immaculate Conception or the Wounded Warrior Project. Online condolences may be left at www.kaisercorson.com. Kaiser-Corson Funeral Home in Waverly is assisting Carolyn's family. 319-352-1187



Baby Girl

Joey Duncan and Colby Connor of Mason City, IA would like to announce the birth of their daughter Victoria Estella Duncan. She was born Saturday January 4, 2025 at the Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion, IA. She weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces. Proud Grandparents are: David

and Bobbi Jo Duncan of Mason City, IA and Charlie and Cheryl Connor of Rockford, IA. Proud Great Grandparents are: Keith and Jackie Reich; Kathy and Bill Rogers of Mason City, IA; Bill Duncan of Cedar Rapids, IA and Judy and John Connor of Mason City, IA.

Confront the common cold with this beloved seasonal staple



Everyone knows there's no cure for the common cold. Though colds can strike at any time, cold season tends to occur when the weather cools down and people spend more time indoors. Inside viruses can circulate and spread more easily, thus leading to elevated rates of infection.

Though there might be no cure for the common cold, that does not mean people are helpless against it. Many people have their own remedies to help them manage and potentially shorten the duration of a cold, and chicken soup features prominently in those antidotes. Whether cold season is kicking into high gear or people are confronting the common cold at other times of year, they can incorporate this recipe for "Chicken Barley Soup with Vegetables" courtesy of Lines+Angles into their cold remedy routines.

Chicken Barley Soup with Vegetables
Makes 6 servings

- 8 cups chicken stock
- 4 cups water
- 1 teaspoon marjoram
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, chopped
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 medium onion, sliced
- 1 cup carrots, sliced
- 2 cups cooked chicken breasts, diced
- 1 russet potato, peeled and cubed
- 1 cup broccoli, chopped
- 1/2 cup barley
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste

1. In a large pot, combine chicken stock, water, marjoram, rosemary, and parsley. Simmer for 15 minutes.
2. Add onion, carrots, cooked chicken, potato, broccoli, and barley. Add salt and pepper to taste. Simmer over low heat for 35 to 45 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve.

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Words of Wisdom

Last week's trivia questions:
What college football bowl game has been played annually in New Orleans, Louisiana since 1935? Answer: The Sugar Bowl.
What college football bowl game has been played in Dallas, Texas every year since 1937? Answer: The Cotton Bowl.
What college football bowl game has been played in Miami, Florida every year since 1935? Answer: The Orange Bowl.



This week's trivia questions:
What two actors have co-starred in movies including A Bronx Tale, Casino, Raging Bull, and Goodfellas? What two actors have co-starred in movies including Meet the Parents, Night at the Museum, Starsky & Hutch, and Zoolander?

Jan. 15 is Strawberry Ice Cream Day, and Humanitarian Day; Jan. 16 is National Fig Newton Day, and National Religious Freedom Day; Jan. 17 is Benjamin Franklin Day, Popeye Day, and Betty White Day; Jan. 18 is Winnie the Pooh Day, and National Gourmet Coffee Day; Jan. 19 is National Popcorn Day, and World Snow Day; Jan. 20 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day; National Penguin Day, Inauguration Day, Civil Rights Day, and Elementary School Teacher Day; Jan. 21 is National Bakers-Crafters-Makers Day, and Grandma Day.

This week is National Pizza Week, and Home Office Safety and Security Week.

"Failure is part of life. If you don't fail, you don't learn. If you don't learn, you'll never change."
- Morgan Freeman

"In any profession, it gets to be a grind. It's not always glamorous and it's not always fabulous, and it's not always the script that you absolutely love. But you do it. I do it because I love it."
- Denzel Washington

"I was asked to act when I couldn't act. I was asked to sing 'Funny Face' when I couldn't sing, and dance with Fred Astaire when I couldn't dance—and do all kinds of things I wasn't prepared for. Then I tried like mad to cope with it."
- Audrey Hepburn

"Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe."
- Albert Einstein

"When I was a boy the Dead Sea was only sick."
- George Burns

"Get at least eight hours of beauty sleep a night; nine if you're ugly."
- Betty White

"I love kids. I was a kid myself, once."
- Tom Cruise

"The cool thing about being famous is traveling. I have always wanted to travel across seas, like to Canada and stuff."
- Britney Spears

The world's largest grotto, or man-made cave, is located in West Bend, Iowa. "The Grotto of the Redemption" was built by Father Paul Dobberstein and celebrates events in the life of Jesus Christ.

Snake Alley in Burlington, Iowa - which looks like it's covered in snake scales (actually bricks) — has been named the most-crooked street by Ripley's Believe It or Not! Just 275 feet in length, Snake Alley touts a total of five half-curves and two quarter-curves.

First Lutheran Food Pantry Changes Model for Goldfield Location

Effective January 10th, the First Lutheran Food Pantry closed its location at the Goldfield Legion to better provide equitable food access for Wright County residents. The food pantry has greatly appreciated the opportunity to serve Goldfield residents for two years from the Goldfield Legion in a partnership with the Goldfield Congregate Meals Program and sincerely thanks the wonderful volunteers and supporters. The First Lutheran Food Pantry board decided to part ways to ensure that both entities were able to focus on their respective organizational goals to increase food access in Wright County, provide consistent and equitable food pantry access to all who inquire on services, and to guarantee food pantry policies are correctly implemented in collaboration with the USDA and Food Bank of Iowa requirements.

The First Lutheran Food Pantry network remains committed to serving Goldfield residents. Long-term options for Goldfield are currently being explored by the board. To help meet immediate needs and bridge any gaps in food access for Goldfield residents, the First Lutheran Food Pantry will provide a mobile distribution to residents

who are not able to travel to First Lutheran Food Pantry locations or Eagle Grove food pantries, or are otherwise homebound due to physical limitations. The first distribution will occur on January 23rd, starting in February, the mobile distribution will take place on the second Thursday of the month. Community members must live in Goldfield and register by contacting the First Lutheran Food Pantry Director, Missy Loux, at 515-851-5740.

Residents who are able to travel may visit one of the four First Lutheran Food Pantry locations up to once a week per household. Locations include:

- CLARION**
First Lutheran Church
2nd & 4th Thursday of the month, 5-7pm
420 1st NW
Wright Community Connections (WCC)
Tuesday-Friday, 9am-7pm, Saturday 9am-noon
215 N Main St. (Shelf stable pantry items)
- ROWAN**
Rowan Community Center
Monday/ Wednesday, 10am-6pm, Friday, 10am-5pm, Saturday 9am-Noon
101 Main St
- WOOLSTOCK**
Woolstock City Hall
2nd & 4th Wednesday 5-7pm
101 Mission St

Monitor Memories

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE WRIGHT COUNTY MONITOR
1983 - 1948

**42 Years Ago
January 20, 1983**

The Community Memorial Hospital Board of Directors voted to formally accept an \$82,000 offer for the purchase of the former Clarion Clinic building during a joint meeting held with the Clarion City Council on Tuesday. The hospital board, which gained control of the building when the doctors from the Clarion Clinic moved into the new addition at the hospital, had put the building up for sale.

A new intern has begun a six-month term of service at the First Lutheran Church in Clarion. Steve Ruechel came to the Clarion church this past December and will be serving the congregation until his internship is

completed in June. Ruechel said he is very pleased to be in the Clarion area.

"This past year, the city of Clarion operated on a budget that was a little more than \$2 million," according to Clarion's City Administrator, W. Bruce Bierma. "Of that, however, only about one-third of the city's budget money comes directly from people's taxes." Many of the funds the city receives come from state programs.

**77 Years Ago
January 15, 1948**

Meet Linda Catherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Conlon, born at the Clarion hospital New Years day at 5:26 p.m. She weighed five pounds one ounce at birth. She is the first baby of 1948, and is therefore the winner of all the gifts offered by the Clarion business firms in the Monitor two weeks ago.

This week marks the end of the first semester in the Clarion school system. Four changes will be made in the high school, commencing Monday. Advanced algebra, commercial law, grammar and economics which have been studied in the upper grades during the first semester will be replaced by trigonometry, sociology, health and government during the second semester.

"Coffee, please!" - That's said over 3,000 times a day in Clarion restaurants and lunch rooms, according to a survey made recently by the Monitor reporter. That represents more than 21,000 cups a week—and that is a lot of coffee. Which proves what Clarion eating house proprietors have known for a long time, that coffee is Clarion's favorite drink.

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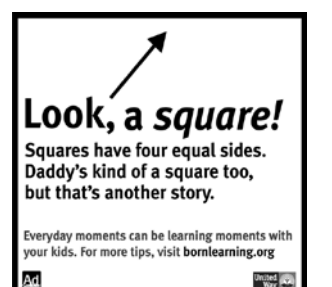
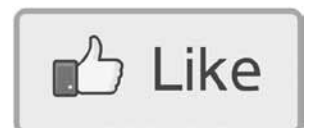
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SPORTS

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Hall of Famer Honored At Youth Wrestling Tourney

Taylor Smith,
Sports Editor

On Sunday morning, about 50 young wrestlers from Clarion-Goldfield-Dows and plenty more from other area schools gathered at the high school for the annual Dan McCool Tournament.

McCool, who passed away in 2020, was a Clarion High School graduate who worked for the Des Moines Register as a sports

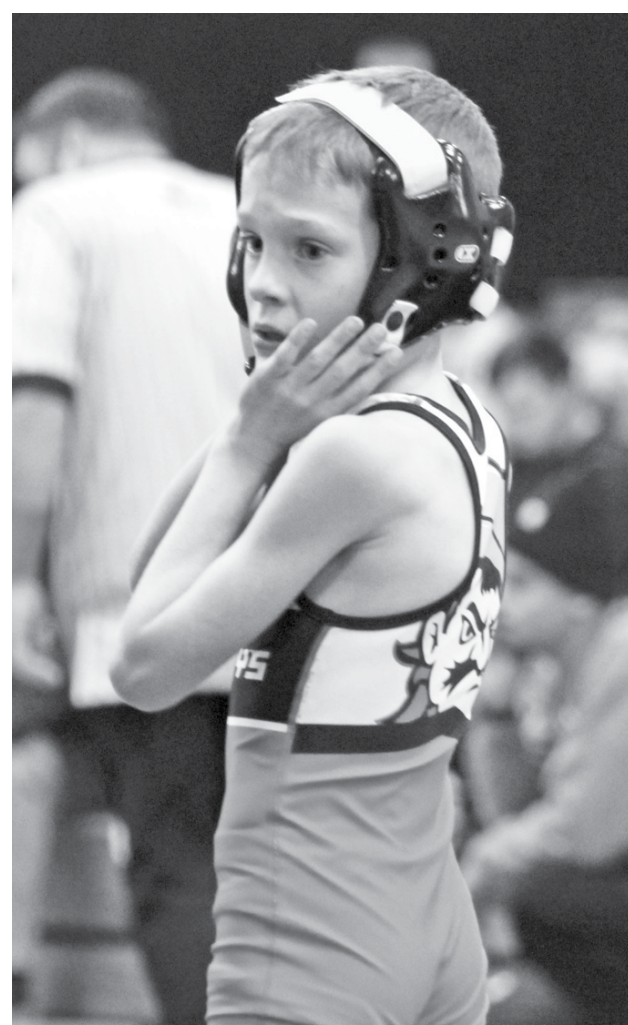
journalist and photographer for 30 years. According to iowawrestlinghalloffame.com, he was posthumously inducted into the Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame for his "dedication to the sport as both a journalist and author." McCool covered wrestling at the high school, college, and international levels, earned many national wrestling awards, and even has a media award named in his honor.

At end of the Sunday's tournament, the Cowboys and Cowgirls brought home plenty of medals and honored McCool's legacy by winning the 1st place team trophy.

Local grapplers competed in a beginners division (Pre-K), a super pee wee division (1st-2nd), a pee wee division (3rd-4th), and a junior division (5th-6th).



Dan McCool covered wrestling at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta. (Photo: Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame)



A wrestler checks the score at the Dan McCool Tournament.



A young wrestler cracks a smile during his match.



Local grapplers competed in four divisions at Sunday's youth tournament.

Hoopers Win Second In A Row

Taylor Smith,
Sports Editor

After a narrow Friday victory over Webster City, the Cowboys basketball team traveled to Estherville for a non-conference Saturday matchup against the 2-8 Estherville-Lincoln Central Midgets.

The Cowboys led 22-18 at halftime and eventually defeated

Estherville 51-47. Sophomores Chaz Lane (14 points), JD Morrical (12 points), and Huxley Lingenfelter (10 points) all scored in double digits. Lane had a team-high seven rebounds to go along with three blocks and two steals.

Junior Johnny Lomeli added 10 points and two steals in the win.



Jared Burres took this photo of the "Little Cowboys", the youth City REC basketball team, meeting the "Big Cowboys", the CGD Basketball team, last Friday. "Fun for them to see the W," shared Megan Lingenfelter.

Farm Bureau Ag Trivia BK vs CGD Basketball Game

Wright County Farm Bureau is sponsoring Ag Trivia at the Belmont-Klemme vs Clarion-Goldfield-Dows basketball on January 20 in Belmont. The game begins at 7:15.

Everyone attending the game will receive a free bag of popcorn from Wright County Farm Bureau. Upon entering the gymnasium, adults may register for an Ag Trivia contest. Four lucky winners will be given a chance to win \$75 in gift cards during halftime of the basketball game. During the half-

time intermission, the contestants whose names have been drawn will stand at different locations on the basketball court and attempt to answer multiple-choice agriculture-related questions. Contestants will be given "lifelines" if they are uncertain of the answer. They may either ask the crowd or call a farmer (the farmer will be a WCFB board member at the game).

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SPORTS

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Lingenfelter Helps Lead Cowboys Past Lynx

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

C-G-D's familiar foes from Hamilton County were in town last Friday for what turned into a "can't miss" night of North Central Conference basketball. The two teams were deadlocked after a quarter of play, but the Cowboys controlled the pace in the next two quarters and quelled a late Lynx comeback attempt.

Huxley Lingenfelter and Johnny Lomeli both converted from distance in the 2nd quarter to give the Cowboys a 20-15 lead. C-G-D's interior shots weren't falling, but Tristan Kakacek shooting prowess gave the boys a huge boost off the bench. The guard netted a three-pointer, stole the ball from Webster City, and hit another triple thanks to a favorable bounce. Just before halftime, Kakacek made the Lynx defense pay for leaving him open. He buried a corner three and C-G-D hit the locker room with an eight-point advantage.

Chaz Lane dialed up the

intensity in the 2nd half. The lanky forward scored six quick points and boldly rejected a Webster City shooter. The Lynx began to cut into their deficit, but a Lomeli three made it 46-41 after three quarters.

Lingenfelter had a putback and corner three early in the 4th, but Webster City stayed within two. The game was closer than it needed to be, but Clarion-Goldfield-Dows played hard till the final buzzer and walked away with a 57-56 victory in front of their home fans.

Lingenfelter finished with 15 points, eight rebounds, and two steals. Lane dropped 14 points, grabbed nine rebounds, and recorded two steals and a block. Lomeli hit three triples on his way to 13 points, and Kakacek added nine points and a team-high four steals.

Bryce Lindaman scooped up 14 rebounds for the Cowboys. Sophomore JD Morrical dished out six assists in the win.



Huxley Lingenfelter had a team-high 15 points vs. Webster City.



Chaz Lane takes a breather at the charity stripe.



JD Morrical crosses over a Lynx defender.



Junior Tristan Kakacek provided a huge offensive spark in the second quarter.

Wrestlers Demolish Competition at Glen Brand Dual



Caleb Seaba pinned Steven Munoz of Decorah for career win #100!

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On Saturday, the #4 (2A) Cowboy wrestling team hosted and defeated five other schools at Clarion-Goldfield-Dows High School. The tournament, named in honor of Clarion native and Olympic champion Glen Brand, began at 10 a.m. and featured three varsity mats.

The Cowboys swiftly defeated West Marshall 43-26 in their first dual, before going on to win 49-29 over Decorah. Next, they dismantled AP-GC (68-12) and outlasted Hampton-Dumont-CAL (40-32). Finally, C-G-D knocked off Earlham 57-19.

Cowboy senior Caleb

Seaba (157) went 2-1 on the day with a win by technical fall and a pin. The win by fall over Decorah's Steven Munoz was Seaba's 100th career win. Read more about Seaba's journey to 100 wins in an upcoming edition of the Monitor.

Linden Phetxoumphone pinned three opponents and beat Gavin Knutson of Decorah by technical fall at 120. Adrian Phetxoumphone (132), Colin Sesker (144), and Charlie Campbell (175/190) all finished the day 5-0.

Ryan Hartwig (132) and Paxton Redenius (113) both went 4-0. JT Kelso (285) recorded two pins, a decision, and two wins by forfeit.



Charlie Campbell



Adrian Phetxoumphone



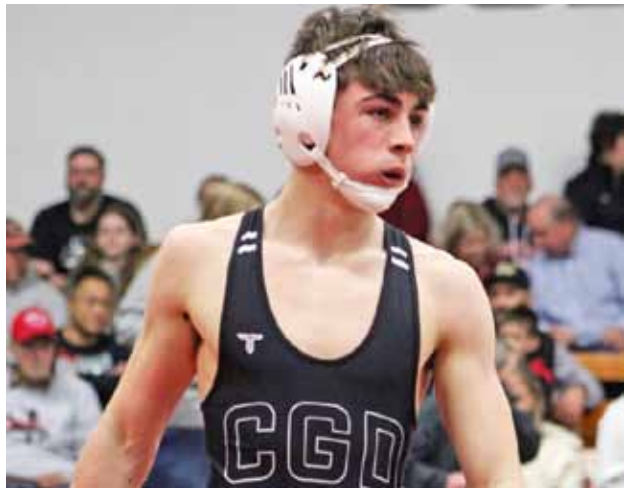
Paxton Redenius



Ryan Hartwig



JT Kelso



Colin Sesker



Jaime Steffenson



Congratulations Caleb Seaba! (Photo: Joe Nelson)

Strong Performances Highlight Cowboys' Tough Week

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Early last week, the Cowboys basketball team hit the road for a non-conference contest vs. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura and a conference game against Algona. Both games were decided in the 4th quarter, but Clarion-Goldfield-Dows couldn't overcome either team. They lost 45-42 to the 4-4 Cardinals on Monday and fell 56-52 to the 2-4 Bulldogs on Tuesday.

Against Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, Chaz Lane led CGD with 14

points, seven rebounds, and two steals. Junior Johnny Lomeli drained three triples and finished with 13. Ethan Hasty made two three-pointers, and Huxley Lingenfelter added three blocks and five rebounds.

The next night in Algona, Lane had another 17 points, 10 rebounds, and three steals. Sophomore JD Morrical chipped in with 12 points, three assists, and two steals, and Tristan Kakacek shot 50% from long range on his way to 11 points.

Cowboys Wrestle In First Conference Triangular of New Year

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Two ranked North Central Conference boys wrestling teams squared off last Thursday night in Humboldt. The dual between #4 (2A) Clarion-Goldfield-Dows and #7 (2A) Humboldt came down the final few lightweight matches, but the Wildcats picked up two wins by fall and squeaked out a 40-35 team victory.

After Paxton Redenius, Adrian Phetxoumphone, and Charlie Campbell all won by fall in a 48-26 domination of the Clear Lake Lions, the Cowboys were raring to match up against the Wildcats.

Linden Phetxoumphone (120) pinned Humboldt's Henry Kramer in the 2nd period for the Cowboys' first win of the night. Adrian Phetxoumphone followed that up with a 13-2 major decision over Owen Mayall.

The Wildcats earned two wins by fall at 132 and 138, but Colin Sesker won a 14-2 major decision at 144. Mason Warnke lost a 17-7 major decision at 150.

Senior Caleb Seaba (157) overcame Braden Downs and won a 4-1 decision, and Ryland Morgan pinned his man in the 2nd period at 165.

Sophomore Santiago Deleon lost by fall at 190, but Charlie Campbell pinned his 215 lb. opponent in less than a minute to help the Cowboys regain momentum.

The Cowboys led 35-28 after sophomore JT Kelso pinned Jack Guy in 3:28. Unfortunately, the last two matches wouldn't go CGD's way, and Humboldt escaped with a five-point win.



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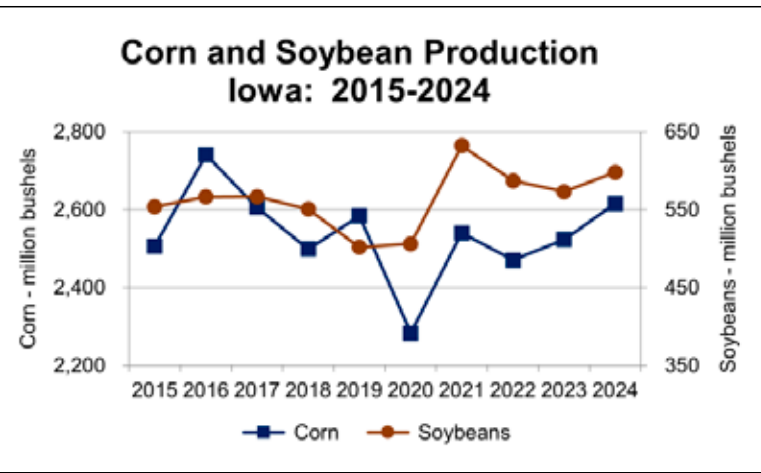
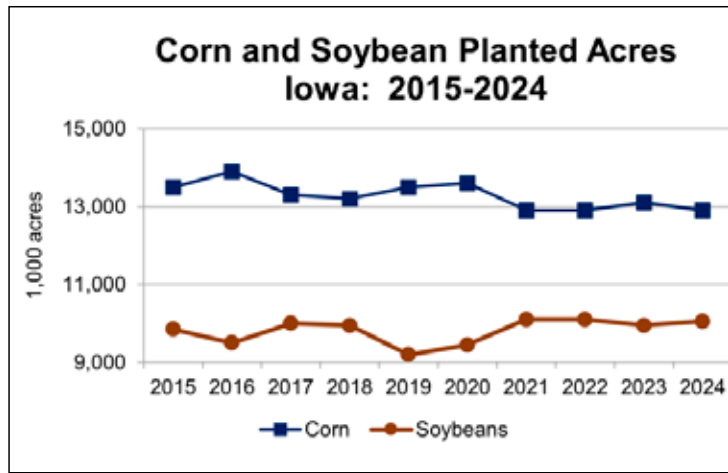
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Greg Thessen

Corn for grain production in Iowa for 2024 was estimated at 2.63 billion bushels, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service – Crop Production 2024 Summary. Current year production was up 4 percent from the previous year's 2.52 billion bushels. Iowa's corn for grain yield was estimated at a record 211.0 bushels per acre. Area harvested for grain was estimated at 12.5 million acres, 100,000 acres below 2023. Corn planted for all purposes in 2024 was estimated at 12.9 million acres.

Corn for silage production was estimated at 8.16 million tons, up 7 percent from 2023. The silage yield estimate of 24.0 tons per acre was up 4.0 tons per acre from 2023. Producers



harvested 340,000 acres of corn for silage, down 11 percent from 2023.

Soybean production was estimated at 598 million bushels in 2024. This was up 4 percent from last year's 573 million bushels. The Iowa soybean crop yielded 60.0 bushels per

acre in 2024. The harvested acreage of 9.96 million was up 80,000 acres from 2023. Soybean planted acreage, at 10.1 million, was up 100,000 acres from 2023.

All hay production for the state was estimated at 3.49 million tons, up 19 percent from the 2.95 million tons

produced in 2023. Producers averaged 3.49 tons per acre, up 0.57 tons per acre from 2023. All hay harvested acres were estimated at 1.00 million acres, down 10,000 acres from 2023.

Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for hay production was estimated at 2.74 mil-

lion tons, up 14 percent from 2023. Producers averaged 3.80 tons per acre, up 0.60 tons per acre from 2023. Harvested acres were down 30,000 from last year, to 720,000 acres. Iowa producers seeded 80,000 acres of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures in 2024, up 14 percent

from 2023. Other hay production was estimated at 756,000 tons, up 38 percent from 2023. Producers averaged 2.70 tons per acre, up 0.60 tons from the 2023 yield. Harvested acres of other hay, at 280,000, were up 20,000 acres from 2023.

Don't Let Grain Spoiled Grain Take You Down

UNMC, Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health, Omaha, NE

Preventing grain spoilage is the best way to avoid grain bin entrapment and death

That's the message Bill Field, a Professor at Purdue University's Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department, is sharing with constituents and agricultural safety leaders.

Field and his colleagues have studied over 1,400 grain entrapment cases since the 1970s. He estimates that 30% of these incidents go unreported.

"Most of these incidents occur on small farms, and a very low number of those cases are documented," Field says. "About 75% of cases occur in the corn belt, with Indiana and Iowa reporting the most grain bin entrapment cases. Corn is the primary grain involved, and all our documented cases involved males."

Field, a principal in Liberty Rescue Systems, Inc., which developed the first commercial grain rescue tube sold in the United States, believes that a greater focus on keeping grain in good condition would significantly reduce the number of grain

entrapment incidents in America.

"Millions of dollars have been spent on grain entrapment safety," Field says. "But the average number of incidents remains the same, about 30 per year. Indiana and Iowa are where the core number of cases occur. We need to ask whether we are conducting the right ag safety and health programming to reduce the frequency and severity of grain-related incidents. I believe we aren't addressing the core issue we see in our research data."

The simplest solution to reducing the risks associated with out-of-condition grain is to prevent it from spoiling by adopting the best grain storage management practices. Field notes that it takes too much work to produce high-quality grain from the field and then allow excessive moisture or insects to spoil it while it is in storage.

"Damaged grain will also result in a substantial value loss or rejection at the elevator if sold," Field says. "For details on maintaining grain quality, check with your local County Extension Office or search online resources using the

term 'grain quality.'"

Monitoring the air from a bin ventilation system is one way to detect the onset of grain spoilage. If the air is warm or smells sour or moldy, the grain is likely deteriorating.

"In some cases, just opening the roof hatch will help identify spoilage from the odor and appearance of the grain," Field says. "There's no need to enter the structure to know whether or not there's a problem."

If grain bin spoilage is detected, Field recommends immediately addressing the problem.

"Grain in a bin that has begun to spoil will never improve by itself," Field says. "Failing to respond quickly can result in a significant crop loss and even damage to the bin structure. Your investment is too great to ignore."

Field advocates for changes in bin engineering design. In recent years, grain bin safety groups and leaders, such as Field, have brought grain bin manufacturers together to implement design changes that improve grain bin safety. Bin manufacturing standards now require an anchor point bin workers can use to fasten a safety



harness. Grain bin doors have enhanced safety features, such as Sukup's design, with new hardware that ensures inner panels are closed before the outer door closes correctly with both latches engaged.

"If attempts to remove spoiling grain become difficult or impossible due to plugging of floor wells, use of a professional grain salvage company might have to be considered," Field says. "Their crews are trained and equipped to salvage as much grain as possible while minimizing damage to the structure."

Field advises that exposure to air-borne grain

dust and mold generated by spoiled grain when it is disturbed poses an additional hazard for workers who enter a grain bin.

"All workers exposed to dust during salvage operations should be equipped with appropriate respiratory protection such as properly fitted N-95 respirators," Field says. "If dust concentrations are high, respirators must be replaced frequently to be effective. Care should be taken to avoid transporting toxic dust home on contaminated clothing. The use of disposable coveralls might be appropriate."

"In summary, there is no easy solution to removing spoiled grain from storage," Field says. "But difficult should not translate into life-threatening. The key is storing the grain at appropriate moisture levels, continued monitoring, and acting quickly if spoilage is detected."

Find more information on grain handling and resources at www.agconfinedspaces.org.

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