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Back-to-Back House Fires

Amanda Rink, Editor

In just a few days, the Clarion Fire Department faced two devastating house fires. The fires tested their skill and teamwork. Amid freezing temperatures and obvious dangerous conditions, these firefighters didn't extinguish flames, just protected lives, rescued pets, and salvaged cherished mementos.

Early Morning Trailer

It was a calm, quiet night on January 10 when the call came in to dispatch at 3:30.

As firefighters made their way to the scene, the smell of smoke was heavy in the air. By the time firefighters arrived, the trailer was fully engulfed.

Hector Nino who is a Spanish-speaking police officer was the first to arrive. "The young man did an exceptional job responding to the call and being sure everyone was out of the house before the Fire Department arrived on scene," Assistant Police Chief Thompson shared with The Wright County Monitor.

Gene Firefighter Rosenbaum considered the immediate concern when he arrived: "The page notified us that everyone was out, which is always our first concern. On scene. it was obvious the heat was affecting neighboring homes, so the first priority was to protect them from fire spread."

The team worked for five hours, tearing through the trailer's siding to access

stubborn hot spots and prevent further damage nearby properties. Tragically, the home was lost but thankfully only one injury was reported.

Mobile homes present certain challenges, Firefighter Tim Hamilton explained to the Wright County Monitor: "The steel siding and typically lighter-weight construction make it very dangerous for us to make entry for fire suppression, especially when fully engulfed."

In the aftermath of the fire, the community, led by local nonprofit Gift of Giving, stepped forward to support the family. A special fund was set up at First State Bank in Clarion to help the family.

Gift of Giving released a heartfelt statement for the Spanish-speaking family: "Your thoughtfulness and care mean the world to this family as they work to rebuild their lives. Together we are making a difference."

A Heroic Rescue in the Northeast

Just three days later, another call came in in the northeast part of town. When firefighters arrived, the east end of the home was ablaze.

"My initial thoughts started four blocks away, seeing the heavy smoke. We were told occupants were out, I was hoping that was the case," shared Fire Chief Pat McCormick.

Thankfully, the residents had already escaped, but were devastated knowing their two dogs, continued on page 2



Clarion firefighters responded to a fully engulfed mobile home fire on January 10 at 3:30 a.m. Eight firefighters with three fire trucks worked tirelessly for five hours. Unfortunately, the home is a complete loss.



The Clarion Volunteer firefighters responded to a house fire in the northeast part of town last Monday. the second one in less than a week. They rescued two dogs from the blaze and moved the homeowner's car to safety. The Walker family escaped uninjured. (Photo:

Eagle Grove Murder Suspect Mentally Unfit for Trial

Amanda Rink, Editor

Lukouxs Brown of Eagle Grove has been ruled mentally unfit to stand murder trial.

The Iowa Supreme Court overturned a Wright County District Court choice that had deemed Brown competent to face first-degree murder charges, concluding that Brown may never be fit for trial. Court records reveal that Brown has a history of



mental health hospitalizations.

Brown is accused of fatally stabbing 50-year-old Wayne Smith in the employee locker room of the Prestage Pork Plant in Brown Eagle Grove on Feb 16, 2021.

The Iowa Supreme Court identified procedural errors in the district court's handling of Brown's competency evaluations. Prosecutors were allowed to conduct a second psychological evaluation after Brown had already been declared incompetent and begun treatment. According to the Supreme Court, such evaluations are only allowed during the first assessment phase, not after the treatment begins.

Area Headlines

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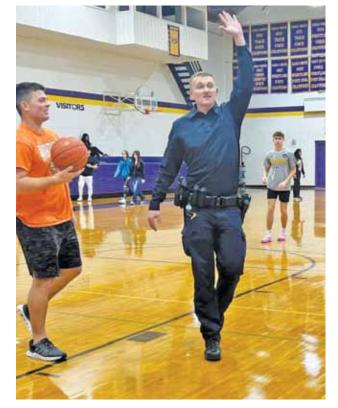
Auditor Tim McCartan from TP Anderson delivered good news for the City of Eagle Grove, reporting a clean audit for Fiscal Year 2024 and a healthy \$2.97 million boost to the city's cash balance, now at \$4.82 million. However, ne Hagged a few minor issues, including challenges with the segregation of duties, a utility billing error, and a \$3,500 discrepancy in bank reconciliation. McCartan acknowledged the staffing limitations in a small city like Eagle Grove. City Administrator Bryce Davis confirmed that steps are being taken to address the concerns.

Rowan

Rowan Library Director Josephine Miller reviewed 2024 highlights at the most recent city council meeting. She outlined goals and activities for 2025 and presented the FY26 budget, which includes a \$550 expense reduction due to a switch in phone providers. A motion by Bruns to maintain last year's funding was seconded by Park and approved.

Hampton A former Hampton-Dumont-CAL soccer coach, Ismael Rodriguez Torres, convicted of sexual misconduct with a student, has been granted a new trial after successfully arguing ineffective counsel, particularly regarding advice on his guilty plea's impact on his immigration status, which now threatens deportation. The

Former Eagle Grove Police Officer Accused of Misconduct



In early November, Richardson stopped by the Eagle Grove High School. This photo was captioned: "Officer Colt Richardson stopped by Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Olson's PE classes for some pickup basketball." (Photo: Jill Link)

2024.

Amanda Rink, Editor

A former police officer with the Eagle Grove Police Department is facing criminal charges in Wright County for alleged misconduct while on duty. Colt Allen Richardson who according to court records resides in Webster City is 27 years old and is accused of sending explicit images to a minor on December 6,

The case formally began on January 11, 2025, when a criminal complaint was filed. The complaint alleges that:

"Defendant did knowingly disseminate or exhibit obscene material to a known minor under the age of 18."

An arrest warrant was issued on January 13, 2025, and served by the Wright County Sheriff's Office the same day.

Richardson made his initial court appearance on January 14, 2025, where he applied for court-appointed counsel. His request was denied after the court found him ineligible. He was then released on his own recognizance, and a preliminary hearing is scheduled for January 30, 2025, at 1:30



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Head Coach Ryan Nail and Assistant Coach Andrew Dorage of Clarion-Goldfield-Dows attended the Iowa **High School Baseball Coaches Association Annual** Awards Banquet on January 18, where they were honored with the 2024 Central District Field of the Year Award for the State of Iowa. (Photo: Joseph Nelson)

8 Day Weather Outlook Clarion, IA.

new jury trial is scheduled for February 13, 2025.

Thursday, January 23 Mostly Cloudy 22°/6° NW 16 mph



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Saturday, January 25 Mostly Cloudy 34°/15°



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Wednesday, January 29 Sunny 32°/16° W 14 mph Thursday, January 30

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Check out Sports on page 9

Clarion Farmers' Market Prepares for 2025

January is the month to start thinking about your garden. The Clarion Farmer's Market will be held from 9 am - 11 am every Saturday starting May 31 through September 27 (except for the June 14 Festival weekend). Located at the courhouse square, the farmer's market accepts anyone who has fresh garden produce, certain home-prepared food items, and craft items.

Are you considering a garden? This is the month to start planning. Think of how much you want to plant - how big will that garden be? The internet can be your friend as you think about your plans. For instance, gardners. com offers gardening tips, including ways to layout your garden. There are a few tricks experienced gardners use to make the most of their space. This includes planting early harvest produce in between rows of late harvest For instance, radishes planted in between cucumber plants; the radishes will be done and allow the space the cucumbers need.

Advance planning your garden will also give you time to think about the tools you may need. Another great place to get information is https://www.extension.iastate. edu/. This Iowa Extension site offers a lot of free advice to gardeners, specific to growing in Iowa. It is also time to order a garden seed catalog (or two!) Save yourself sometime and visit https://www.almanac.com/content/ garden-seed-catalogs-mail, which lists 45 catalogs you can order. Speaking of almanacs, the Farmer's Almanac has dates for "best planting" for your crops. This could be another helpful item as you proceed towards a bountiful

Use January to get ready, and next month we will discuss next steps.

Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)

Free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) is again available in Hamilton and Wright counties this year, according to Barb Wollan of Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. The option is possible thanks to the efforts of dedicated local volunteers, and begins in early February.

NEW this year: a Belmond site will eliminate the need for Belmond residents to travel to Clarion for tax appointments. In addition, Wollan reports that "We're continuing the new do-it-yourself preparation option, and providing assistance to clients who choose to prepare their own returns." As a result, two VITA options are available locally: an in-person appointment, OR the "do-it-yourself" option.

Do-It-Yourself. Taxpayers can do their own federal and state tax returns free online, at a link provided by the local VITA site, while turning to the VITA program for help in choosing the right filing status and claiming the credits they are eligible for. That help will be available by phone and email. To get started, send an email to CentralIowaVITA@gmail.com, no sooner than January 23, and you will receive a response with instructions.

Preparation by Volunteers. Those who prefer to have their tax return prepared by IRS-certified volunteers must make an appointment with their local site. BE-FORE that appointment they must complete information worksheets. Clients can pick up copies of the forms at the County Extension Office (311 Bank St in Webster City OR 2302 Madison Ave in Clarion) OR they can come 20 minutes early to their appointment and fill out the forms

Many clients will come for about an hour-long appointment and leave with their completed tax return. Others will come for two separate 20-minute appointments: one to do an intake interview and collect their paperwork, and the second to review their return and sign

Wollan particularly encourages families who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to take advantage of the free tax preparation. By avoiding tax and loan fees, these families can put 100% of those funds to use in ways that build financial security and help them reach additional financial goals."

Eligibility. For the "do-it-yourself" option, the only eligibility rule is that income must be below \$79,000. Taxpayers who wish to have taxes prepared for them by a volunteer must fit certain criteria, since there are some tax issues the IRS does not allow volunteers to address. Most taxpayers with income reported on W-2 or 1099 forms can have their returns done by the volunteers. Volunteers do not prepare returns with farm or rental income, or in certain other complex situations. Taxpayers with low to moderate incomes are eligible – anyone up to \$45,000 and families with two or more children up to

Appointments Required. In Clarion call Wright County Extension (515-532-3453); in Belmond, call 641-425-9713. Appointments are also available in Webster City: call 515-297-3717. Local VITA efforts are supported by ISU Extension and by funding through the Iowa Center for Economic Success.

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there before I could even get out of the backyard," Mikayla Walker shared of

Honeybee and Leo, were

still inside. First responders,

Police Chief Steve Terhark

and Assistant Police Chief

Bret Thompson wasted no

"Steve and Bret were

the distressing event. "Bret has been the first to respond to two traumatic 911 calls from our household within the last month. He was incredible both instances and didn't hesitate to go up to the house to try to get our dogs out."

"I saw two eyes at the bottom of the basement steps and knew I had to try to save him," shared Officer Thompson. While Thompson was unable to get the terrified dog to follow him outside of the house, he knew for his conscience that he had to "try to save a dog". Thankfully, he wasn't the only one who felt that way.

Once the firefighters came onto the scene, Firefighter said Rosenbaum dogs' safety became their immediate priority. Battling smoke and flames, they located and rescued both pets, who survived with only minor injuries.

For Mikayla and Austin Walker, this act of bravery meant everything. compassion didn't end there

House Fires continued from page 1

though. The firefighters managed to salvage family photos, Austin's military uniforms, and sentimental items. The Walkers were overwhelmed by the kindness shown to them. "The fact that they did this while still literally fighting the fire speaks absolute volumes to the character and hearts of those serving on our local fire department," Mikayla shared.

While the fires presented immediate dangers, the harsh winter conditions added an extra layer of difficulty for responders.

The Challenges of Winter

Fighting fires in extreme temperatures is grueling work. Freezing temperatures can create icy hazards for firefighters and cause equipment to malfunction. "The frigid cold was freezing our air packs and creating icy patches on the ground," Rosenbaum said.

Through both of the events, teamwork kept the operation running smoothly. McCormick shared how vital coordination is in these emergency moments. "It makes my job as the chief so much easier when everyone works together for the common goal," he said.

Later in the day, the team

was called back to the Walker house, Assistant Fire Chief Brian Marker said, "We pulled more ceiling down to see [if the heat detected was a fire] and found two rafters started back up."

Whether it's firefighters swapping out teams during response, dispatch taking the first call, police officers blocking traffic, or paramedics ensuring responders and victims stay safe, every role is crucial. Community and Fire

Safety

Clarion's firefighters are grateful for the support from their community. Chief McCormick noted that residents show up year after vear to pancake breakfasts and fundraisers, even going out of their way to donate if they can't attend fundraising events.

Looking Firefighter Rosenbaum hopes the community and city can rally around a goal: "Our next goal is a new fire station. Expressing support for that project to city leaders would be very helpful. We have run out of space as the existing station is over 70 years old and was built for much smaller fire apparatus."

McCormick Chief and Hamilton stressed the importance of fire prevention. Working smoke and monoxide detectors on every level of a home can save lives. "A good rule of thumb is to change the batteries when you change your clocks," McCormick advised, "I think it is wise to have an evacuation or even an after-incident plan, should something happen."

These two fires left behind heartbreak but also revealed something remarkable: the resilience of small-town Iowa communities, standing together in times of crisis. It showed the emergency responder's remarkable ability to go above and beyond. From rescuing beloved pets to recovering treasured memories, the volunteers who responded to the last two house fires in Clarion brought hope when needed the most.

Mikavla Austin put it, "We have so many unknowns about the upcoming weeks and months, but as we begin the process of rebuilding our lives, we feel grateful and lucky to be doing so here, in the embrace of this

If you're interested in helping either family, please reach out to Gift of Giving or The Clarion Development Alliance.

Wright County Supervisors Approve Drainage Payment and Hear Community Updates

Amanda Rink, Editor

The Wright County Board of Supervisors met Monday morning to address drainage invoices, hear a revenue report from the county Recorder, and hear a presentation from the Wright County Charitable Foundation.

The meeting opened with the Supervisors acting as Drainage Trustees, where they approved payment for an ongoing drainage project to Drainage District 36, Lateral C.

As reported in previous repairs articles, Construction Hennigar were estimated at \$48,700 -

• just under the legal requirement to hire an engineer. Costs escalated to \$83,912.50 by December 2024. The total is now projected at \$96,187.50, with an additional \$24,400 estimated for hydroseeding ditch banks in the spring.

January At a landowners' meeting, Supervisor Kluss provided the landowners with a detailed timeline of the project. He acknowledged the procedural missteps. Landowners voted against hiring an engineer for the project. Kluss emphasized that he had not received complaints about the work done and expressed confidence in its quality. The Board of Supervisors, acting as Drainage Trustees, approved payment of \$83,912.50 for the project.

Following the drainage discussion, the Supervisors resumed their regular agenda, approving minutes and claims and addressing: Wright County Recorder Denise Baker shared her office's quarterly revenue update, totaling \$96,590.45 of non-county funds. Baker noted that revenue remains down because of the real estate market.

 The board approved the appointment of Kent Kirstein as Grant Township Trustee for a four-year term, replacing outgoing trustee Gary Martin.

· Amanda Meyer, Auditor, and Joan Shillinglaw, AP Clerk, were both authorized to manage and make changes to the County Visa credit cards.

Awarded Katie McCormick with a 20-year certificate for her work as a Wright County Sheriff's Jailer.

Charitable Foundation Annual Update

Duane Asbe, president of the Wright Charitable County Foundation, presented the organization's annual report. The foundation, which was established in 2004, manages 39 funds \$8,892,343.18. totaling In 2024, the foundation awarded \$379,075.78 in grants to support our community projects. Asbe detailed the role of community foundations as nonprofit entities that manage endowments to benefit local projects.

Asbe emphasized the importance of local input across all age groups determining grant distributions. Supervisors were asked to continue providing financial support to maximize the foundation's community impact.

This meeting and past



Wright County Board of Supervisors Chairman Rick Rasmussen presented Katie McCormick with a 20-year certificate at the Monday, January 20, 2025 meeting. McCormick is a valuable staff member of the Wright County Sheriff's Office, serving as a Jailer. (Photo: Kim Demory)

meetings can be found online at youtube.com/@ WrightCountyIowa Official8312.

Wright County Board of Supervisors will meet again on Monday, January 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

Bridge Replacement in Belmond

Amanda Rink. Editor

On Monday, Wright County Engineer Adams Clemons announced plans to replace the aging triple-span timber bridge southeast of Belmond, with construction estimated to begin this summer. The current bridge is a 24foot by 57-foot triple-span timber and is to be replaced by a 24-foot by 80-foot continuous triple-span

concrete slab bridge. The replacement financed through federal funds, which requires coordination with the Iowa DOT. Originally scheduled for letting in March, the timeline was pushed back to June before

being finalized for April, no detour is expected. This is just one of many projects slated for 2025, including a privately funded project which was also considered and approved.

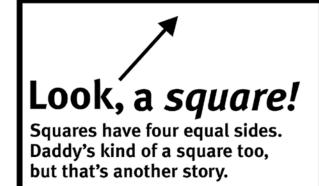
private drainage system installation was The board discussed. approved the project after Engineer Clemons shared all requirements for the project were fulfilled, including legal review, securing notarized signatures, and obtaining permits from the DNR and Corps of Engineers. The drainage tile will reach ten feet underground at the intersection of Emmett and 110th Street in Boone Township.



United Presbyterian Church Tuesday, February 4th 1:00pm - 6:00pm

219 1st Street NW

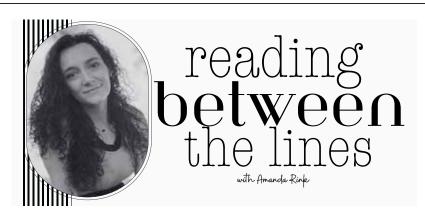




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31 Candles, Youth and the Whales

Amanda Rink,

Editor

"The weird thing is, you get more comfortable in yourself, even as time is giving you less reason for it. When you're young and beautiful, you're paranoid and miserable.

I think one of the great advantages of getting older is that you let go of certain things." - Helen Mirren

I had two very best friends in grade school, as most kids do. What made special wasn't just our secret handshakes or shared lunch table, it was something written in the stars. Our birthdays fell three days in a row, January 20, January 21, and mine, January 22. Every year, without fail, we celebrated together. Three birthdays, three cakes, three rounds of wishing and dreaming.

Even as we grew apart, pulled in different directions by cliques, hobbies, and the awkward metamorphosis of adolescence, we still acknowledged each other during those three days. A

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quick "happy birthday" in that? Why allow society passing, a knowing smile across the classroom. It was our little tradition.

But now, as I turn 31 in 2025, I find myself wondering... when did I stop celebrating? When did birthdays stop feeling like milestones and start feeling like mile markers on a never-ending road?

The older I get, the more I notice how people, especially women, talk about aging as if it's a tragedy, something to be feared or avoided. I've heard the complaints. I've felt when the candles on the cake start to feel more like a countdown than a celebration.

But why? Growing older isn't something we should dread. It is a privilege that not everyone gets. It is a sign that we've learned and loved through another year. I think back to those birthdays with my two best friends and how much we wanted to get older. Each year was a win back then, a chance to grow taller (unless you were me), run faster, and stuff our heads with a little more wisdom. Somewhere along the way, that excitement got lost.

I've decided to embrace 31. In fact, I'm ready to embrace every year that follows. My mom set a good example for me in that department. She never griped about her age, never mourned the years gone by... at least not to me. There was that one time she was 47 for two years in a row, but I think that was less about denial and more about her general tendency be forgetful. But the point is, aging was never presented to me in a bad light growing up.

Depending on what magazine or Instagram post you read, women are told we hit our prime at some arbitrary age. Our worth is often measured by how young we look. But why should we buy into

Letter to the Editor

I read the recent article about Dr. Jon Ahrendsen. I have known DR "A" for many years, having had multiple FAA Medical exams done by him. He has always been extremely thorough and detailed and has gone above and beyond the call of duty to assist me. Most Doctors are not FAA-certified. The Clarion area citizens and

Iowa Specialty Clinic are fortunate to have DR "A", not only for the excellent medical care he provides but also for the many things he does in the community to help others. Very few, if any, communities have had a person of any profession do so many things to help so many.

Larry Clement Sioux Falls, SD





lowa's chief justice asks lawmakers for magistrate system changes, judicial pay increases

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collecting memories, scars,

laugh lines, and stories.

It is about the privilege of

waking up each morning

and realizing, "I'm still

here. I'm learning. I'm still becoming." This year, as I

turn 31, I want to celebrate

not just my birthday but my

journey. I want to reclaim

the joy I felt as a kid,

blowing out candles and

dreaming about the future.

I want to remind myself,

and maybe the women

reading this, that aging isn't

something to apologize for.

It is something to celebrate.

growing older means we've

been given the gift of time.

And that is the greatest

Editor of The Wright

Author of Hoppy. When she

isn't caring for her family,

writing for the newspaper,

or avoiding laundry, she

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Iowa Capital Dispatch Iowa Supreme Court Chief Justice Susan Christensen called for a "modernization" of the state's magistrate system, increasing state district court judge pay and addressing the lack of contract attorneys in the state as top goals for the 2025 legislative session.

During her Condition of the Judiciary address, Christensen said many of the goals she put forward during her 2024 address — like the 5% increase to judicial officers' salaries were delivered by lawmakers in the previous session. She thanked the Legislature and asked those gathered Wednesday to imagine "more than 400 men and women in black robes hooting and hollering." But she said that even with this increase, Iowa judges and magistrates still ranked 41st in the nation for judicial

When adjusted for inflation, Christensen said, district court judges are currently earning 16.5% less than they were 15 years ago, which she said contributed to applications for judgeship vacancies falling by 56% in the past 20 years.

To address the need for district court pay increases, she called for the implementation of "the Kansas plan," modeled after a measure implemented by Kansas that went into effect Jan. 1, 2025. The proposal would set the salary for Iowa district court judges at 75% of a federal district court judge's salary, and would determine salaries for other classes of judges as a percentage of state district court judge's salary. The program would be phased in over four years.

The chief justice said Iowa district court judges earned 68% of federal district court judges' salaries.

"I recognize this would represent a significant change in how judicial salaries are determined," Christensen said. "But, like my dad used to say, 'You get what you pay for.' If judicial salaries remain uncompetitive, we risk attracting a pool of applicants who may not have the right qualifications or proper temperament to serve effectively. ... While our judiciary is strong today, we cannot afford to let these challenges become tomorrow's reality."

Christensen said there are also areas where the judicial branch can become more efficient, calling for significant changes to the state's magistrate system. Magistrates are part-time judicial officials serving the county they reside in or a neighboring county. They preside over cases that include simple misdemeanors, evictions, small claims as well as county and municipal infractions - and have the authority to conduct preliminary hearings and issue search warrants.

These officials, who serve four-year terms after being appointed by county magistrate appointing commissions, serve vital roles in Iowa's judicial system, Christensen said, but many magistrates, "through no fault of their own," are not devoting as much time to their magistrate workload as intended by the law.

Iowa Code currently requires each of the state's 99 counties have at least one magistrate. Christensen proposed the state reduce the number of magistrates required by Iowa law and allow some magistrates to serve multiple counties when needed, a change she said could save the state \$2 million annually.

Christensen said there has been pushback on this proposal from within the judicial branch, with concerns about the change's impacts on rural communities. She argued that this effort does not mean she believes Iowa doesn't need magistrates - "I don't want to read that in the paper" — but that she believes the change will help ensure the state uses its resources most effectively.

She said the branch would take the same approach to the magistrate system as it did with changes made to the judicial clerk system, pointing to the "Workshare" program that allowed for the redistribution of work across an entire judicial district based on available staffing and existing workloads. She said the program helped rural counties play a more significant role in judicial districts by taking up needed work.

"I am confident the modernization of our magistrate system has the potential to be just as successful," she said. "Much like the Workshare program for clerks, this approach ensures magistrates in rural counties stay relevant by extending their service beyond their home county's borders. If one magistrate can serve multiple counties, that magistrate is going to hail from a rural county like Ringgold, Palo Alto or Audubon."

There was another compensation area Christensen asked Iowa lawmakers to focus on in 2025: the pay for contract attorneys. The chief justice said she has repeatedly brought up the need to increase pay for attorneys who provide indigent defense — and specifically highlighted how

a lack of available contract attorneys has put a strain on the state's judicial system.

She said Iowa currently has roughly half the number of contract attorneys compared to a decade ago. As the U.S. and Iowa constitutions guarantee a criminal defendant's right to counsel, not having attorneys in these cases lead to missed deadlines and a defendant getting to avoid prosecution entirely. She said the lack of contract attorneys not only causes major problems for criminal defendants, but also for the children and families going through the juvenile court system.

"While their numbers may not be as high as criminal defendants requiring court-appointed counsel, their cases are often the most resource intensive," Christensen said. "Every child in a child welfare or delinquency proceeding is entitled to court-appointed counsel. So is every parent or guardian of a child within the child welfare system if they are unable to afford private counsel. And unlike criminal proceedings, these cases are rarely one and done. Juvenile cases often span months or even years and require frequent hearings, demanding significant judicial resources. Without a healthy stable of contract attorneys, we cannot adequately protect the fundamental rights, well-being and safety of our most vulnerable population."

Christensen said she is "committed to talking about this issue until it is adequately addressed" in increasing pay for these attorneys. She thanked contract attorneys currently working in Iowa for their work, where they often take on increasing workloads despite stagnant pay.

'We need to throw these attorneys a life ring," Christensen said. "Just like the judicial pay issue, our contract attorneys are paid at a lower rate in comparison to every other state that touches Iowa. I know our state public defender is doing what he can to make the work as attractive as possible. And our chief judges across the state are imploring Iowa attorneys to sign up for court-appointed work with little success because, we are told, attorneys won't work at our low state rate when they have clients who can pay a competitive hourly rate.'

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CenturyLink, Circuit Pay \$242.91

Frontier Comm., E911 Circuits .

Legal notices

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Joe Corrow, Mileage\$22	0.00
CPI, Maintenance\$19	0.41
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Culligan, Water \$11	0.20
DM Stamp, Supplies\$26	3.50
First Citizens Bank, Deposit tic	kets
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Hawkeye West, Pest control
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Karl Helgevold, Mileage \$125.96
Hewett, Meals/Comm \$337.93
Terry Hilpipre, Contract carrier
\$200.00
Holiday Inn, Lodging\$515.20
HSB, Rent and phone\$3,012.93
ICAA, Registration\$370.00 ILEA, Training\$150.00
Indeed, Advertising \$675.00
IP Pathways, IT support\$2,139.62
ISAC, Registration \$225.00
ISACS, Training \$300.00
ISSDA, Membership\$500.00
K.C. Nielsen, Filters\$61.60
Language Link, Interpreter\$22.23
LSA, Code Supplies \$125.00
LexisNexis, Online research
\$338.00
LiftOff, License\$115.00
Maasdam Constr., Tile \$570.32
Mail Services, Print/postage\$758.59
Craig Martin, Well closure\$285.01
Mid-America, Publications\$122.00
MidAmerican, Utilities \$3,410.56
Modern Marketing, Pens/clips
\$2,190.21
Courtney Morris, Mileage\$270.68
NACO, Membership \$450.00
NSA, Dues\$250.00
Oaks Garden Spot, Weed control
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ODP Bus. Sol., Paper\$198.87
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\$2,995.50
Panoramic, License\$520.00
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PSI, Sticky Notes\$1,660.13
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James Russell, Mileage \$480.39
Sadler, Door latch \$1,250.56
Katie Schlichting, Med. ex., \$636.92
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WRIGHT COUNTY DECEMBER 2024 CLAIMS

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PUBLIC NOTICE CGE January 9, 2025 Minutes

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows CSD Board of Directors held their Regular Meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2025. In attendance were Troy Seaba, Megan Ring, Kelly Kirsten, Craig Warnke, Beth Severson, Joe Corrow, Alison Marshall, LeRoy Jensen, Elem Principal Jared Carder, Superintendent Jos Nelson, and Board secretary Anita Frye.

President Seaba Called the Meeting to Order at 4:02 P.M. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Open Forum: No one addressed

the board Motion by Ring to Approve the Agenda. Second by Warnke. Motion approved 5-0. CGDEA Initial Proposal: Post-

poned until February. Education Report: Jared Carder gave an overview of things happening in the Elementary. There was a large group of teachers that finished LTRS2 training, and this fits extremely well with the reading curriculum. There is a group of teachers that are looking into Cursive Writing curriculum to be used in the future. Transition of fifth grade to well. Carder thanked the efforts of the Elementary and Middle School staff for all their hard work in this process. The Elementary will begin Winter Screener Testing next week and they have started Special Olympic Basketball practice.

Superintendent's Report: Supt Nelson updated the board with the HS Principal and Athletic/Activities Director search process. Applicants for both positions are starting to come in. All applications are due by Wednesday, January 29 th, with formal interviews held on Wednesday, February 5 th , 2025, for Principal position, and AD position to be held after the hiring of the principal. FY26 Calendar survey for FY26 will be sent out to all district staff for input. The Auditorium Committee continues to meet and tour area auditoriums. The plan is to give the board a presentation of their findings later in the summer. Mr. Katz and Mr. Dahlke have been working hard throughout the school year to install security cameras around the buildings. This will provide better visual security for the perimeter of our buildings. Shoutout to Dan McCool Family, as this weekend the first annual Dan McCool Youth Wrestling Tournament will be held in Clarion to honor Dan. Congratulations to Ryan Nail and the Cowboy Baseball Team as they will play Bishop Garrigan at Target Field after the Rangers/Twins game on June 12, 2025, roughly staring at 4:00 P.M.

Consent Agenda : Discussion was held on the Consent Agenda. Warnke requested a form be used for Policy 711.03-Student Transportation for Extracurricular Activities that is standard for the district and that all coaches would be instructed to use this form when allowing students to leave events or activities with their parents. Motion by Severson. Second by Ring. Approve December 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes; Approve Payment of Bills Paid in Between Meetings; Approve Payment of January 2025 Monthly Bills; Approve Early Retirement Applications/Resignations from Jay Klaver - MS Teacher effective in of FY 25 school year, Paul Hansch HS Principal, and Jeff Nelson Custodian effective June 30, 2025; Approve Lane Movement Requests from Rebecca Anderson BA+20 to MA upon transcript verification by Board Secretary; Approve FY26 MS Volleyball Coach Step 3; Approve FY25 Route Driver Contract for Carey Rothman – Step 1 pro-rated for remainder of school year, Julie Schmidt FY25 MS Secretary Contract - Step 2, \$18.58 an hour;

Approve 1 st Reading of Policies 700-Purpose of Noninstructional and Business Services; 701.01-Depository of Funds; 701.02-Transfer of Funds; 701.03-Financial Records; 701.04-Governmental Accounting Practices & Regulations; 701.05-Fiscal Management; 701.05-R(1)-Fiscal Management-Financial Metrics; 702-Cash in School Buildings; 704.02-Debt Management; 704.02-R(1)-Debt Management-Post Compliance Regulation for Tax-Exempt Obligations; 704.0-Gifts, Bequests; 704.06-R(1)-Fundraising Within the District-Regulation; 706.01-Payroll Peri-706.02-Payroll Deductions; 707.01-Presentation and Publication of Financial Information; 707.04-Audit; 707.05-Internal Controls; 709-Insurance Program; 710.02-Free or Reduced Cost Meals Eligibility; 710.03-Vending Machines; 710.04-Meal Charges; 711.01-Student School Transportation Eligibility; 711.03-Student Transportation for Extracurricular Activities; 711.04-Summer Service; 711.05-Transportation of Nonresident and Nonpublic Students; 711.06-Transportation of Non-school Groups; 711.0-School Bus Safety Instruction; 711.10-School Bus Passenger Restraints; Approve 2 nd Reading of Policies505.02-Student Promotion Retention Acceleration;603.02-Summer School Instruction: 603.08-Teaching About Religion; 603.08-R(1) Teaching About Religion Regulation Religious Holi-603.09-Academic Freedays; 603.09-(1) Controversial Freedom-Teaching Cor Issues; 603.10-Global Education; 604.01-Private Instruction; 604.03-Program for Talented and Gifted Students; 604.05-Regious Based Exclusion from A School Program; 604.06-Instruction at a Post Secondary Educational Institution; 604.11-Appropriate Use of Online Learning Platforms; 606.02-School Ceremonies and Observances; 606.03-Animals in the Classroom; 607.01-Student Guidance and Counseling Program; 903.02-Community Resource Persons and Volunteers; Approve FFA Request to travel to Kosovo during Spring Break 2026, and fundraise for the trip; Approve Winter Sports Overnight Request for State qualifying events. Motion carried 5-0. New Business: Motion by Kirstein

to Approve FY26 SBRC Modified Supplement Amount for At Risk/ Dropout Prevention in the amount of \$380,344.00 with local match of \$126,781.00 for a total budget of \$507,125.00. Second by Severson. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ring to Approve Principal Search Contract with Grund-meyer Leader Search LLC in the amount of \$7,560.00. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ring to Approve AD Search Services with Grundmeyer Leader Search LLC in the amount of \$2,000.00 with the district responsible for the interview process Second by Severson. Motion carried 5-0.

Facility Report: Facility Committee needs to set a meeting date to discuss the preliminary FY26 Facility

Financial Reports: Reports may be viewed at the CGD District Office during normal business hours. The next Regular CGD Board

Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 4:00 P.M. Motion by Ring to Adjourn. Seconded by Kirstein. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:32

Anita Frye, Board Secretary

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Wright County Annual Salaries for 2024 As per the Iowa Code Chapter 349.18, the salaries of persons employed by the County shall be published annually showing the total amount of the annual salary. Employee Name...... Gross Wage Jeremy D Abbas 92019.36 R E Lee Aldrich...... 100.00 Alec Amonson..... .200.00 Alec Amonson..... .50712.32 Carlie Arens..... Alvin Bailey. 100.00 McKinley Ď Bailey...... .63696.26 Denise D Baker. .86427.57 Jane E Bangs43781.20 53524.11 Jared Beecher Jarika Beecher.. .67524.53 Nesha C Benton . . 14528.99 Rhonda M Benton...... . 100.00 .65040.74 Cindv M Berger... Elizabeth Bernal .45084.73 David P Bonin..... . 63452.89 Dylan Bosch Zachary C Boyer..... . 58147.48 Marty Brandt..... Bradley L Brinkman57134.00 Timothy E Brooks 50.00 Brady Brott.. .85144.36 Dustin L Brott .57969.26 John D Campbell 150.00 Aaron Carda . .92373.71 Darrel Steven Carlyle. .98494.60 Caleb Carmichael 55251.61 49227.26 Tess K Carrigan. Heather Chambers .59358.53 Michael J Chase. 57533.13 Dalton Chipp. 57928.89 Levi Chipp .56813.38 Heather D Christensen. . 53875.42 Kevin Clabaugh. 57403.65 Brvan Claude. . 150.00 Adam W Clemons.. 145828.00 Emily Cook 100.00 71674.60 Sheila Cordero.. Kelly Corkill. 25605.15 Joseph E Corrow 70205.59 Mark Cramer. . 150.00 Carrie Cruz-Covington.... .44527.68 Braden Deal..... 19965.16 David D Demory .60903.04 Kim Demory.. 50047.70 Marion Denger. . 50.00 57894.41 Brandon DePuew Jeremy D Dodge. 100501.97 .50.00 Elizabeth H Ellis. 86452.57 Davanna Fedkenheuer .22608.17 Jeremiah Feltz. 100.00 87496 04 Jeremiah J Feltz Vicki J Fenske . 70475.14 Monica L Figueroa Juarez....8075.51 Ella Fineran .. .48.00 Andrew J Flagge. 93941.42 Aimee J Frohling. 100.00 Gary C Funnell . .50.00 Dustin D Gangstead. .61029.29 14242.62 Brady M Gose .. Matthew A Grimsley. 58221.27 Kelton D Gross. 3252.00 Mark C Grundmeier 50.00 Timothy D Hamilton. 450.00 Tamie J Harrison. 150.00 Carol A. Haupt. 400.00 Karl A Helgevold Kristyn M Hennigar 44434.47 71099.19 Alan Hodson... 56662.40

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WRIGHT COUNTY BOS • JANUARY 6, 2025

January 6, 2025

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 Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at

9:19 a.m. Members present were Rasmussen, Kluss, Bosch, Loux and Ellis. Motion by Ellis and seconded by

Bosch to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of January 2, 2025 were read and approved contingent on

correcting Board of Health member from Karl Helgevold to Ashley Bosch. Approved claims for payment. Motion by Kluss and seconded by

Bosch to receive the Sheriff monthly revenue report. Motion carries Ryan Berven with Assured Partners gave a health insurance update. The base medical premium has gone down by three percent for FY2026 renewals. Avesis, vision insurance, will be increa by three percent for FY2026. The Accident, Critical Illness and Voluntary AD&D coverages are in a rate guarantee and will not be changing. Berven continued to go through the Wellness Program structure, Care-

bridge Employee Assistance Program, Experience and Large Claim Adjustments, Claims Summary, renewal summaries for Medical and Vision, and the ISAC Accident coverage through Voya. Adam Clemons, Wright County En-

gineer gave an update on Secondary Roads department. Julie Edwards, Executive Director

of UDMO, gave an annual update explaining what funds donated gets used for. UDMO is requesting Wright County's continued financial support of \$16,000.00. The funds donated by Wright County will only be used to support individuals within our County.

Supervisor Rasmussen then presented a letter from Crisis Intervention Services requesting funds. The letter will be considered at a later

Darrel Steven Carlyle, Economic Development Director, informed the Board that he was requested to fill a vacant position on the Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund to represent Wright County. This will be put on next weeks agenda. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to adjourn the meeting. Mo-

tion carries. Rick Rasmussen, Chairman Wright County Board of Supervisors Deb Lukes, Wright County Deputy

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PUBLIC NOTICE Axel Lee Cain Case No. JVJV500960

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CALHOUN COUNTY IN THE INTEREST OF **AXEL LEE CAIN,** Minor Child. Case No. JVJV500960 ORIGINAL NOTICE

TO: LARRY RAYMOND KLING III and ALL PUTATIVE FATHERS OF A CHILD BORN ON THE 21ST

DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022 IN FORT DODGE IOWA: You are notified that there is now on file in the office of the clerk

of court for Calhoun County, a petition in case no. JVJV500960, which prays for a termination of your

parent-child relationship to a child born on the 21st day of September 2022. For further details contact the clerk's office. The Petitioner's attorney is Ryan A. Kehm whose post office address is 706 First Avenue North, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501, phone (515) 573-2191.

You are notified that there will be a hearing on the petition to terminate parental rights before the lowa District Court for Calhoun County, at the Courthouse in Rockwell City Iowa at 10:30 A.M. on the 7th day of March 2025

CLERK OF THE ABOVE COURT

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Mark Thompson Takes Oath as Iowa Representative



Amanda Rink, Editor

With his hand on the Bible, Mark Thompson was sworn in as an Iowa House of Representatives member

on Monday, January 13, 2025. The Wright County native, a lifelong public servant, is beginning his second term representing House District 56.

Thompson shared in an online statement: "I was privileged to be sworn in as Iowa Representative for District 56 again today."

The Thompson Times

Representative Mark Thompson, House District 56

With the start of the 91st Legislative Session, the Condition of the State, Judiciary and Guard are completed; the legislature is in full swing. Bills are being submitted and discussion on each bill has begun.

Many in the state see a need to address our taxes. Both the legislators and the Governor are looking for economic relief for all Iowans due to inflation and other factors. Due to last year's legislation, on January 1st, lower income taxes were implemented in Iowa, down to 3.8%... making Iowa the sixth lowest income tax in Reducing America. property taxes will also be part of our discussions during this legislative session. This will not be an easy task when property taxes are spent by our local governments, schools, counties, and cities, not by the state legislature. The legislature cannot craft laws that account for the needs in every one of

the different counties, all school districts, and the hundreds of cities in Iowa. The legislature can lay down guidelines, but it is up to each local government entity to decide what their needs and priorities are.

Another issue we consistently hear from Iowans is safety, including additional steps to help ensure our wellbeing and root out the crimes related to illegal drugs. will There

\$3.4 million in new apprenticeship grants to help Iowa school districts create new education careers in Iowa. An additional \$102 million is going to our schools raising our K-12 funding to \$3.89 billion yearly. That equates to \$7,983 per student.

There are also proposed major changes in the incentive programs to attract and retain health care providers in Iowa.

This year the Rural Innovation Grants will focus on independently owned grocery stores and small food producers to assist in getting their products to new markets.

Our first week back in the capital also included a human trafficking rally in the rotunda. The rally helped highlight the issue, but we know that making progress will include providing the necessary resources to investigate, prosecute and care for the victims/survivors. below pictures illustrate the numerous meetings I had with proactive citizens who are "getting in the arena." Nothing of this magnitude is defeated by simply studying the problem, and our meetings demonstrated we are on the same page. I learned a great deal from their perspectives they provided and will incorporate much of what I learned into upcoming legislation. Iowa Works of Fort Dodge have asked me to speak during this Slavery and Human Trafficking Month on January 24, 2025, at ICCC, 3 Triton Circle at 11 am.

The next 110 days of session will be busy as many bills are considered.

Senator Guth sworn in for fourth term in **Iowa Senate**



Last Monday, Senator Dennis Guth, R-Klemme, was sworn in for his fourth term in the Iowa Senate.

"As your senator, I will continue supporting a strong foundation for a prosperous economy to create jobs, and protect Iowa's sovereignty and states' rights," said Senator Guth. "I am proud to continue to serve the great state of Iowa, and I look forward to continuing working on behalf of the people of my district."

Senator Guth serves on the Agriculture, Appropriations, Health and Human Services, and Local Government committees.

Senator Dennis Guth was born and raised near Klemme. After graduating from high school and earning an Ag Mechanization degree at Iowa State University, he returned to work on his

family's farm.

Senator Guth has served on church boards as well community boards including: Hancock Co Pork Producers, Hancock Farm Bureau, and Family Leader/ Iowa Family Policy Center.

Senator Guth and his wife, Margaret (Campbell) have been married for over 40 years. They have five adult children and many delightful grandchildren.

The View From Here

Senator Dennis Guth, R-Klemme

The legislative session for 2025 began on January 13th. For me, this has become a familiar event, but for the newly elected legislators, it marks a change of lifestyle for the next 110 days. I look forward to the fresh ideas that come from new members of the Senate and helping them become a part of the team working to make Iowa a great place to

live with righteous laws. The Governor sets the tone for the session with her annual Condition of the State speech, which she delivered on Tuesday evening. Governor Reynolds began her speech by telling us Iowa is the number one state in the nation for retirement, millennial home ownership, and is ranked number one for the third consecutive year for fiscal responsibility. Iowa ranks high in many other important metrics like being second in cost of living, third for opportunity, and fourth for health care and educational choice nationwide.

Because of tax cuts over the past several years, Iowa is making significant strides to become one of the most prosperous states in the country. As Governor

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Reynolds put it, "Iowa is a state with endless opportunity, and timeless charm." There is much left to do, but Iowa stands as a beacon of freedom and opportunity for Iowans to enjoy and for the world to see.

I saw signs of this leadership in opportunity as I knocked doors during my election campaign this summer. I met people who moved to Iowa from California, Hawaii, Minnesota, Maine and West Virginia because of our policies. Just the week before the session, I met a recent graduate from Iowa State University who came to Iowa from Illinois because Covid had eliminated his opportunity for in-person education there. He liked what he found in Iowa so much he decided to stay.

Education is always key to the future of any society and I am dismayed at the decline in educational achievement test scores since 1963. It is not surprising that the 1960s marked the time when we banned prayer and the Bible from our schools. Since then, not only has our school achievement declined, but the moral core of our society has collapsed.

I am promoting two

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things that I hope will help reverse that trend. The first is including an elective in our public schools to teach the Bible as it relates to social studies. American history and its government were based on Biblical principles, and we cannot understand our current system unless we know what it is based on.

The second is promoting release time during school hours when a student may go off campus for an hour to receive religious instruction. Current law allows for this and there is a great organization called LifeWise that has produced a curriculum and an easily reproduced system to organize release time in any school. Two LifeWise programs are operating in Iowa now, and six more programs are organizing in our state. If you would like to get involved, go to lifewise.org to find out more. You can even search for your local school district and sign a petition to start a local chapter.

I will be setting up forums in district communities over the next few weeks. If you would like to have me come to your location, please contact me at dennis.guth@legis.iowa.

VERIZON Director Cell Phone51.59

Legal notices

PUBLIC NOTICE CGE January 9, 2025 Claims

Clarion Goldfield Dows Community School District January 9 2025 Claims Vendor Name . Vendor Description

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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 26 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all

10:00 a.m. Worship Service Sunday, February 6

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

420 1st St NW, Clarion, IA 515-532-3440 www.firstlutheranclarion.com "YOU are love, YOU belong, YOU are called, and YOU are

• 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

Services

121 3rd Avenue N.W., Clarion • Sunday, January 26 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

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 22 7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis,

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis, Belmond 2:00 p.m. Mass at Clarion Care

Center 7:00 p.m. Youth Faith Formation Teachers in-service at

St. John, Clarion • Thursday, January 23 11:00 a.m. Adoration, Rosarv at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove

11:45 a.m. Benediction at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove 12:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove

• Friday, January 24 7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. John, Clarion

8:00 a.m. A/B, Mass at St. John,

Clarion, IA • Saturday, January 25

8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Archdiocesan Women's Virtual Conference: Beauty of Christ 3:15 p.m. A/B at St. Francis, Belmond

4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis, Belmond 7:15 p.m. A/B at St. John,

Clarion 8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. John, Clarion Sunday, January 26

7:15 a.m. A/B at Sacred Heart.

Eagle Grove 8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove

9:00 a.m. KC Omelet Breakfast at St. Francis, Belmond

9:45 a.m. A/B at St. John.

10:30 a.m. Mass at St. John, Clarion

• Monday, January 27 8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis, Belmond

6:30 p.m. K/C at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove 6:30 p.m. OCIA at St. John,

Clarion Wednesday, January 29 Youth Faith Formation

Belmond 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis, Belmond 6:30 p.m. Youth Faith Formation

7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis,

at all Parishes 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 Decious

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

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 26 10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Fellowship Coffee in the Fellowship Room.

GOLDFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

No Sunday School

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 26 9:30 a.m. Worship & Communion

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 26 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 Thursday, January 23 10:00 a.m. Clergy Cluster

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

CHURCH Missouri Synod Jct. Highway 69 & 3 Pastor Mark Eichler

 Sunday, January 26 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 26

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 26 9:00 a.m. Conf/SS/Coffee 10:00 a.m. Worship Annual Meeting Follows

UNITED METHODIST & PRESBYTERIAN

 Sunday, January 26 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 Joe Dunnwald

• Sunday, January 26 10:30 a.m. Worship

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN 304 W. Main, Latimer Travis Berg, Pastor

• Sunday, January 26 9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. ABC/Sunday School

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Morgan, Lee Center, Bradford Erling Shultz, Pastor

• Sunday, January 26 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 26 9:30a.m. Joint Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion, Coffee to follow

· Dinner is the first Sunday of the



The Clarion Wire

** Keep playing! 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. **The Goldfield FOOD CLOSET remains open (no longer part of the Clarion First Lutheran Church). At the Legion Hall, 509 North Main. Hours are Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8 a.m.

- Noon. Questions? Call 515-825-3360. New church affiliation. ** "TAILS & ALES", a

fundraiser for our local Human Society on Thursday, January 30 at 6 p.m. Location: The Bru. Play Bingo and Other Games! Join the fun!!

** 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.

** Wright County Conservation invites us to its Winter Festival on Saturday, February 1 from 11 a.m. -3 p.m. Enjoy hayrides, ice skating, snowshoeing, cross country skiing (depending on weather!). All near Lake Cornelia.

** 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.

** American Legion in Dows; their next meals on Main Street in Dows - Sunday, February 9 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Riders soup lunch. And the Legion's Spaghetti dinner. Same times!

** 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 events are February 13 and 27! (may visit ONE of its four locations once a week per household):

** AT THE CLARION THEATRE: Showing "A Complete Unknown" (R) on Friday - Sunday, January 24 - 26 @ 7 p.m.; Sunday matinee, January 26 @ 2:30 p.m.

** FOCU\$ ON BU\$INE\$\$: 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 \$AVING TIP: CDA has organized 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! ** MONEY \$AVING TIP #2: Lots of discounts on clothes at Italics Boutique! (North Main in Clarion).A

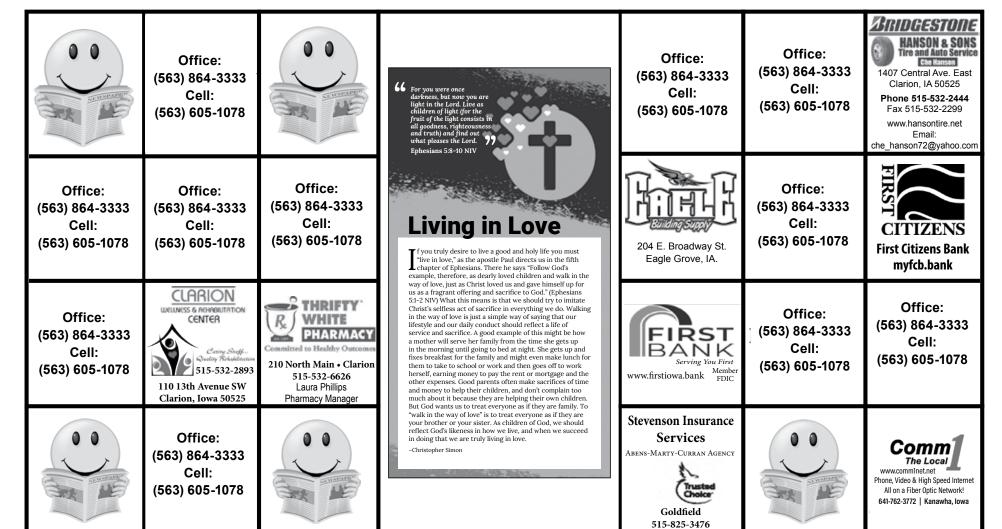
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Words of Wisdom

Last week's trivia questions: What two actors have co-starred in movies including A Bronx Tale, Casino, Raging Bull, and Goodfellas? Answer: Robert De Niro and Joe Pesci. What two actors have co-starred in movies including Meet the Parents,



Night at the Museum, Starsky & Hutch, and Zoolander? Answer: Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson

This week's trivia questions: What actor starred in movies including American Gangster, Cinderella Man, 3:10 to Yuma, and Gladiator?

What actor starred in movies including The Perfect Storm, From Dusk Till Dawn, O Brother Where Art Thou?, and Ocean's Eleven?

Jan. 22 is National Grandpa Day, and National Polka Dot Day; Jan. 23 is National Pie Day, and National Handwriting Day; Jan. 24 is National Peanut Butter Day, and International Day of Education; Jan. 25 is National Irish Coffee Day, and National Fish Taco Day; Jan. 26 is International Environmental Education Day; Jan. 27 is National Chocolate Cake Day, National Geographic Day, and International Holocaust Remembrance Day; Jan. 28 is National Pediatrician Day, Pop Art Day, and National LEGO Day.

This week is National Fresh Squeezed Juice Week, and International Snowmobile Safety and Awareness Week.

"I feel sorry for short people, you know. When it rains, they're the last to know." Rodney Dangerfield

"Some people have a way with words, and other people ... oh, uh, not have way." - Steve Martin

"Isn't it a bit unnerving that doctors call what they do "practice"?

 George Carlin "Why do dogs always race to the door when the

doorbell rings? It's almost never for them."

- Norm Macdonald "I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter.

Each time I enter a room, I wonder what I'm here after."

Tim Conway

"Do you know what I love most about baseball? The pine tar, the resin, the grass, the dirt. And that's just in the hot dogs.'

David Letterman

"Two fish in a tank. One says: 'How do you drive this thing?" Peter Kay

"I saw a documentary on how ships are kept together. Riveting!" Stewart Francis

"I'm reading a horror story in Braille. Something bad is about to happen... I can feel it."

"Thanks for explaining the word "many" to me, it means a lot."

Martin Luther King Jr. was named after Protestant reformer Martin Luther - King was born Michael King Jr. on Jan. 15, 1929. But in 1934, his father, a pastor at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church also named Michael King, went on a religious trip around the world and was inspired by Germany's Protestant

Reformation figure Martin Luther. After returning to the U.S., his father made the decision to change his five-year-old son's name—and his own—in honor of the Protestant reformation leader.

Martin Luther King Jr. started college at age 15 -King was a gifted student who skipped grades 9-12, and by the age of 15 was admitted to Morehouse College, a prestigious historically Black college in Atlanta that both his father and grandfather attended. Despite being part of a lineage of Baptist ministers, King was initially resistant to a career in the ministry due to his discomfort with the emotionality of Black church congregations. But the Morehouse college president and his philosophy teacher, both ordained ministers, persuaded him to reconsider.



Monitor Memories

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE WRIGHT COUNTY MONITOR 1983 - 1948

42 Years Ago January 27, 1983

A recent graduate of Creighton University Law School has joined attorney Robert Brinton at the Brinton Law Office in Clarion. Richard Bordwell and his wife, Janet, have purchased a home in Clarion, and he started his new duties as the new year opened.

Wright County farmers began to sign up to take part in the federal government's plan to idle millions of acres of the nation's farmlands, as the registration period for the "crop-swap" program got underway last Monday. The United States Department of Agriculture hopes that the PIK program will help deplete the nation's huge of surplus agricultural products.

over-heated An boiler was the cause of a fire at Clarion Ford, late Tuesday, January 18. The Clarion Fire Department was called to the scene at approximately 10:45 p.m., and when they arrived, they discovered a fire was burning in the building's boiler room, along the east wall. The fire department able to quickly extinguish the fire before it had the opportunity to spread to other parts of the building.

77 Years Ago January 22, 1948

and difficult start, the community chorus is now gaining in numbers and growing in enthusiasm. At the rehearsal Monday night, 20 singers were on hand, almost equally divided among the four parts. The chorus, which is a part of the adult education program carried on by the Clarion public schools this winter, meets every Monday night at 7:30 under the direction of Wayne Cross, high school vocal music instructor.

wedding The Princess Elizabeth London

Wartburg students named

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to Fall Term Dean's List

Wartburg College has

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who were named to the

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of Kanawha.

of Belmond.

Jennah Meyer,

Mack Morgan,

of Eagle Grove.

Those honored include:

The list honors students

who earned a cumulative

GPA of 3.5 or above in at

least four course credits

during the term. Three

of the four course credits

have to be graded with a

traditional letter grade.

After a very slow

The number of motor vehicles registered in Wright county for the year 1947 was 8,877, according to the records in the office of County Treasurer H. E. Sullivan. This total includes the following: Cars, 5,439; trucks; 1,082; trailers, 2,239; motorcycles and scooters, 117.

in gained world wide attention, and so the Clarion theatre feels most fortunate to book the technicolor picture of the royal wedding, which will be shown Sunday and Monday. Every party of the event is included in this special picture, which will be shown in connection with the Bob Hope picture.

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An exciting 2025 indoor season is about to start for the members of the Karl L. King Municipal Band of Fort Dodge. Three concerts have been scheduled for Sunday, February 16th; Sunday, March 23rd; and Sunday, April 27th. concerts begin at 3:30 p.m. and are held in the Fort Dodge Middle School Auditorium, located at 800 North 32nd in Fort Dodge. is no admission charge, with these concerts being provided by the City of Fort Dodge.

There have only been five conductors of the band in the past 124 seasons. Carl Quist was the first, having directed from 1901 until 1920. When Quist left for the West Coast. band members ran an advertisement in a national music magazine seeking applications from interested conductors. Two men from Ohio were named as finalists and Karl L. King was the band member's choice. King directed for 50 seasons from 1921 until his death in 1971.

W.B. Green was chosen next to be the 3rd conductor, starting in the summer of 1971. Green had been a long-time player with the band. He suffered a fatal heart attack in June 1977, and five band members were interested in becoming the next conductor, so each took a concert to finish out the summer. band members ultimately selected Reginald R. Schive as the 4th conductor to begin the 1978 season. Schive was also a longtime player and Fort Dodge native.

conductor in 2002 and Jerrold P. Jimmerson, also a Fort Dodge native and longtime player with the band, was chosen as only the 5th conductor to begin the 2003 season. Jimmerson retired as last July after a 43-year playing career and then 22 seasons as conductor. Dan Cassady has now become the interim conductor while a search is on for the next leader of the band.

Karl King Band To Celebrate 125 Years

Jerrold P. Jimmerson Street

Schive retired conductor

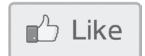
This February concert will be the Band's annual tribute to former Conductor Karl L. King in honor of his birthday. A special afternoon of band music is being planned to include some of King's best-known and popular compositions, including "Barnum and Bailey's Favorite March". King's masterpiece. In addition, there will be a salute to "The Golden Age of Broadway", featuring several well-known Rodgers and Hammerstein classics.

The March 23rd concert will be the Band's annual Irish Concert to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. This concert dates back to the early days of the Band under King's direction. A wide variety of music is being planned, and will include everyone's favorite Irish tune, "MacNamara's Band", along with an audience sing-along led by Roger Netz, Manson. Guest soloist for this

concert will be Paul Bloomquist on trombone. Bloomquist, a native of Dayton, is Director of Bands at Iowa Central Community College, and also the band's announcer. He will be featured on two selections, the beautiful Irish classic, "Londonderry Air", and Arthur Pryor's technical showcase, "Razzazza Mazzazza".

The April 27th concert is the Band's annual Scholarship Concert, where talented high school seniors and college freshmen audition three scholarships that the Band annually administers. More information will be released later about that exciting conclusion to the band's indoor season.

For additional information and pictures about Karl King or the Municipal Band, or any weather cancellations, visit the band's web site at www. karlking.us, or the band's facebook page at https:// www.facebook.com/ karlkingband/.



Wartburg College, Yard and Garden: Caring for Sansevieria

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Aaron J. Steil,

ISU Extension & Outreach Sansevieria, also known

as snake plant, St. George's sword or mother-in-law's tongue, is a resilient houseplant that is grown for its striking appearance and low maintenance needs. Its tall, sword-like leaves and unique variegation make a beautiful addition to most indoor spaces. This hardy plant is known for its ability to thrive in a variety of conditions, making it an ideal choice for both novice and experienced gardeners. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach horticulturists answer questions on these highly adaptable indoor plants.

What types of sansevieria are commonly grown indoors?

Dracaena trifasciata.The group of plants known as sansevieria is comprised of the species and cultivars formerly classified in the genus Sansevieria. Despite being reclassified to the genus Dracaena, this group of plants is still widely called sansevieria.

The most common species in homes is the snake plant (Dracaena trifasciata), a species native to tropical West Africa. The long sword-like leaves grow from the ground in rosettes and come in a variety of colors and patterns. One of the most popular varieties, laurentii, has striking gold bands running vertically along the leaf edge. Other varieties have unique patterns and colors in dark green, light green, white and silver. Popular varieties include 'Black Gold,' 'Moonshine,' 'Metallica,' 'Silver Queen,' 'Futura Robusta' and 'Bantel's Sensation.'

Bird's nest types, such as 'Hahnii,' have rosettes of much shorter leaves, typically less than 8 inches long, forming a funnel shape.

Other species of sansevieria found at well-stocked garden centers include the African spear (Dracaena angolensis, syn: Sansevieria cylindrica) with long, stiff cylindrical leaves that grow in a fan pattern. Whale fin (Dracaena masoniana) has wide (8+ inches), stiff, dark green leaves. This species is often found in garden centers with just one or two large leaves.

How do I care for sansevieria?

prefers Sansevieria bright, indirect light. This is light bright enough to cast a shadow but not directly in the sun's rays. Plants tolerate low light levels very well, although this can lead to muted leaf coloration and patterns.

Plant in a well-drained potting soil, such as cactus mix or potting soil amended with perlite. Water plants only after the soil has completely dried out. The quickest (and sometimes the only) way to kill a sansevieria is to overwater it. Plants can go weeks, sometimes months, without water, but if plants stay wet, root rot develops, causing leaves to turn yellow and collapse, eventually leading to plant death. Wet conditions can be caused by frequent watering, using containers that don't have drainage holes or allowing water to sit in saucers or outer pots.

Grow plants in average home temperatures, although they prefer it a little warmer (70-90 degrees Fahrenheit is ideal). Avoid cold drafts, especially in winter. Frequent fertilizing is not necessary, but using an all-purpose fertilizer at half or quarter strength in the spring promotes healthy growth.

How do I propagate sansevieria?

Sansevieria is easily propagated by leaf section cuttings and division. To propagate by cuttings, cut a leaf into 3-inch to 4-inch sections, dip the lower cut end in rooting hormone, and insert the leaf piece into perlite or other rooting media. Place in a warm, bright, indirect light location with high humidity. Use a plastic dome or bag to maintain humidity. Check frequently and moisten the media as needed. New roots will form, followed by a small plantlet after about two months. When the new plant is several inches tall, pot it in regular potting soil.

Cultivars with variegated leaf edges, such as laurentii, lose their interesting coloration when propagated by cuttings. The variegation in these cultivars is created from a chimera, which is an uncommon way for variegation to form. To maintain the leaf pattern, propagate by division. Separate clumps or rosettes of leaves



by cutting the thick underground rhizome, making sure each section has both roots and shoots. Pot up the new plants immediately and give them good care until fully re-established. While sansevieria doesn't mind being a bit crowded in its container, division helps manage excessively potbound plants.

Is sansevieria toxic to pets or people?

Sansevierias are mildly toxic to humans and pets. Plants contain saponins, which cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and gastrointestinal discomfort. All species of sansevierias should never be ingested and should be kept out of reach of children, dogs and Do sansevierias flower?

It is rare for sansevieria to flower when grown as a houseplant. When provided with abundant light and good fertility, sansevieria may produce flowers. Flowers form along a long stalk that arises from the base of the rosette. The creamto-greenish-white tubular flowers have strap-like petals that curl back to reveal prominent stamens. The flowers typically have a sticky texture and a pleasant scent, especially at night, that is similar to vanilla or jasmine.

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2025 Confinement Site Manure **Applicator Training Scheduled** in Franklin County

Traci Kloetzer ISU Extension & Outreach

Confinement manure applicators should plan to attend a two-hour workshop offered by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to maintain or renew their confinement site manure applicator certification. The Franklin County workshop will be offered on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in the 4-H Foodstand, 1008 Central Ave W, Hampton, Pre-registration is required. Please email Traci Kloetzer, tkloetze@ iastate.edu or call 641-456-4811, press 1, to register for this training.

"Iowa law requires confinement site manure attend applicators to two hours of continuing education each year of their three-year certification period or take and pass the exam once every three years," said Dan Andersen, associate professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering and extension agriculture engineering specialist at Iowa State University, and coordinator of the manure applicator certification program. "If applicators fail to attend the two hours of continuing education each year, they will be required to pass a written exam to be eligible to recertify."

nearly Each year, confinement site applicators fail to attend

training and must pass the remedial exam prior to being eligible to renew their certification for the following year.

The workshop serves as initial certification for those applicators not currently certified, recertification for those renewing licenses, and as continuing education for those applicators in the second or third year of their license.

The 2025 confinement

site program will include rules for applicators, as well as land-application and setback distance requirements, soil compaction, cereal rye affecting nitrogen cycling, a national manure nutrient database, and viable rate systems.

Operators be must certified to handle, transport, and apply manure if the confinement livestock operation has more than a 500-animal unit capacity, unless the manure is applied by a commercial manure applicator. The certification fee is \$100 for a three-year certificate. This fee is paid when applicators initially get certified and then every three years thereafter when they re-certify to apply manure.

Confinement applicators are also required to pay an annual education fee of \$25. All fees and application forms must be sent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to complete certification requirements.

ISU Extension and Outreach will charge a \$10 fee to applicators choosing to view the certification materials on a non-scheduled reshow day at the county office. For this reason, all applicators are encouraged to attend the workshops or to plan to view training materials on the scheduled reshow date at their local county extension office. fee will not apply to workshops or scheduled reshow dates. Contact the county extension office to determine which days are scheduled for the manure applicator certification programs.

Applicators have another online certification option. Applicators can take their training at the DNR MAC Workday site www.IowaDNR.gov/ MAC. Applicators will need to sign-in and create a Workday account.

Applicators encouraged to complete certification requirements annually prior to March 1 to meet certification deadlines and avoid being assessed a \$12.50 late fee for re-certification.

For more information about meeting dates and locations, or to schedule an appointment to attend training, contact Traci Kloetzer, Office Manager at the ISU Extension and Outreach - Franklin County Office at 641-456-4811 or visit https://www. extension.iastate.edu/ immag/confinement-siteapplicators to see the 2025 workshop schedule.

Dry Manure Applicator Certification Workshops Offered by Iowa State **University Extension and Outreach**

Alondra Perez Wright County

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, in cooperation with the Department Natural Resources, will offer manure applicator certification workshops for dry/solid manure operators on five different dates and locations in February 2025. These workshops meet manure applicator certification requirements confinement and commercial manure applicators who primarily apply dry or solid manure.

"The information in this workshop benefit not only those needing certification but anyone using dry or solid sources of manure as a nutrient resource," said Dan Andersen, associate professor of agricultural and biosystems engineering and extension agriculture engineering specialist at Iowa State University and coordinator of the manure applicator certification program.

The workshops are free to attend and open to all. Applicators will be required to submit certification forms and fees to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to meet manure applicator certification requirements.

Pre-registration is required. No walk-ins are permitted. Register for any of the workshops below by calling the selected site. All workshops begin at 1 p.m.

- Feb. 10, Washington County: ISU Extension Outreach and office, Washington. Call 319-653-4811 to register. • Feb. 11, Adair County:
- Greenfield. Call 641-743-8412 to register. • Feb. 13, Buena Vista County: ISU Extension

and Outreach office, 701

Greenfield City

Seneca Street, Suite 1 Storm Lake. Call 712-732-5056 to register.

• Feb. 24, Sioux County: Extension Outreach office, Orange City. Call 712-737-4230 to

register. • Feb. 25, Wright County: ISU Extension and Outreach office, Clarion. 515-532-3453 register. Contacts:

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Crop Production Estimates Available for 2025 Growing Season

Tools are available to help farmers estimate cost of production, select appropriate farm bill program for their operation

Ann Johanns

ISU Extension & Outreach Farmers can estimate the cost of producing various crops in 2025 by using

data published in the January edition of Ag Decision Maker.

The article "Estimated Costs of Crop Production" includes average production costs for corn, corn silage, soybeans, alfalfa and pasture maintenance. Decision tools, as well as web-based calculators, are available that allow farmers to enter their own numbers, so they can estimate production costs on their own

Filling planter in field. Production costs are always important to know in advance of the planting season, but even more so during a period of tighter profit margins in the crop market.

"The economic outlook for 2025 continues the pattern we ended 2024 with, where prices have fallen below production costs and any opportunities for profits will be limited this year, barring significant changes with either smaller production or greater usage," said Chad Hart, professor in economics and economist with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach.

Hart said the report shows a 2% to 3% decline in the cost of corn production, driven mainly by lower fertilizer and chemical costs compared to 2024, whereas soybean costs are 1% higher. Total cost per bushel is impacted by higher trend yields used in the budgets, resulting in 1% to 6% declines overall. Land cost is projected to be stable, with increases in labor and machinery costs.

The report provides estimates for common crop rotations, including corn following corn, corn following soybeans and corn following silage. The report lists specific costs commonly associated with each crop, including seed, fertilizer, machinery use and labor. Budgets for various production methods are also included, such as low-till and strip-till budgets for corn and soybeans. Machinery costs reflect both new and used equipment and are up 3% to 4% in the 2025 projections.

Due to differences in soil condition, the quantity of inputs used and other factors, production costs will ultimately vary from farm to farm. Labor is treated as a fixed cost in the report, because most labor on Iowa farms is supplied by the operator, family or permanent hired labor.

Historical estimates of Iowa crop production costs are also available at Ag Decision Maker, dating back to 2000.

Farm bill decisions

Other important tools are also available in the January Ag Decision Maker update, including decision tools to help farmers select the appropriate farm bill program. Options include Price Loss Coverage and Agricultural Risk Coverage, with options for individual farm coverage or county-level coverage. The tools help farmers analyze and select the best option for their own operation.

The current farm bill has been extended through Sept. 30. Ann Johanns, extension program specialist in farm management, said with price changes in the projections for ARC-CO and PLC, it is a good time for producers to consider if their current enrollment best fits their operation's risk management needs. USDA's Farm Service Agency dates to make changes to program enrollment for ARC and PLC for the 2025 crop year are open from Jan. 21 to April 15,

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SPORTS

(Photos: Taylor Smith)

Lane and Lomeli Lead Cowboys in Rout of Poky



A Pocahontas defender tried to guard Chaz Lane.



Senior Ethan Russell takes the ball.



JD Morrical handles the rock in transition.

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On January 14, the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows boys basketball team improved to 4-8 after a resounding 78-47 win over the Pocahontas Area Indians.

Chaz Lane got things going with an oldfashioned three-point play and fastbreak layup right out of the gate. JD Morrical scored a quick four points, and Johnny Lomeli drained three 1st quarter triples to give the Cowboys a 28-6 advantage on their home

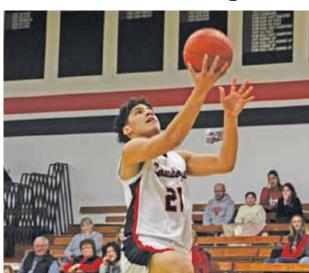
The C-G-D defense forced Pocahontas into turnovers left and right throughout the game. Huxley Lingenfelter. Lomeli, and Lane all scored

in double digits in the 1st

With a 66-39 lead after the 3rd, Coach Berning rested his starters and allowed his bench to play out the game. Center Cesar Rosales converted on both of his shot attempts, and Owen Sweeney cashed in on a 4th quarter three-

pointer. Lane shot 64% from the field and finished with 24 points. The team captain also had seven rebounds, five steals, and four steals. Lomeli dropped 20 points and shot 50% from beyond the arc. Lingenfelter scored 12 points, and Morrical added eight points, five steals, and four assists.

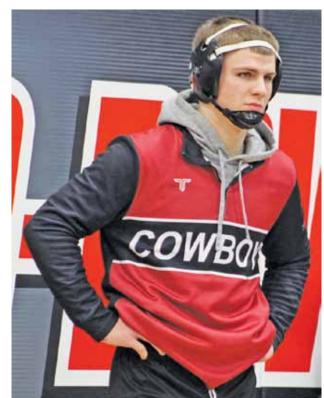
As a team, the Cowboys recorded 22 steals and shot 50% from the field.





Cesar Rosales keeps the ball out of a defender's reach.

The First Hundred Wins Are The Hardest



"We had a lot of younger kids coming in that are doing really well," Caleb Seaba said when asked about this year's #4 (2A) C-G-D wrestling squad. "We're a young team, but that doesn't stop us. Everyone came in during the offseason to help build the team and make it really good all around. Our whole lineup is solid."

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

At the Glen Brand Dual Tournament earlier this month, Caleb Seaba needed just two wins to achieve a goal that only a handful of high school wrestlers are able to reach.

besting After West opponent from Marshall in his first match of the morning, Seaba says he wasn't aware that he had 99 career wins to his name. However, a few suspicious signs in the home crowd tipped him off before he took the mat against Decorah's Steven Munoz.

"I didn't know where I was exactly," Seaba admitted. "But since there were "100" signs in the crowd, I knew I was close.'

74 seconds and one pin later, Seaba joined some elite company.

"It meant a lot to get the 100th win," he said proudly. "I've been working for that for four years and it's really a big achievement that I can carry with me the rest

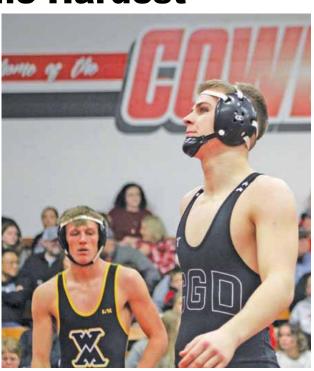
of my life."

Seaba, a Goldfield native, has been at it for much longer than four years. The senior started out as a kindergartener in club wrestling at Team Valley and credits Coach Valley, Dr. Dan Gabrielson, Coach Anderson, and Coach Morgan for their parts in his growth and success.

"Growing up, I've always been around the Clarion wrestling crowd," said Seaba. "That's had huge impact on my life."

Another driving force in the 157-pounder's will to win came from being raised in a wrestling family that he described as "really competitive." At the end of the day, though, Caleb is competing against himself and just trying to top what he accomplished a year ago at the state's highest level.

'Stepping on that podium last year, I got 8th place and that meant a lot to me," Seaba reminisced. "I'm looking forward to going back to the state tournament and hopefully placing higher than that."



Cowboy wrestler Caleb Seaba defeated Wade Weuve of West Marshall via tech fall for career win #99.

Wrestlers Sweep Competition in Ft. Dodge

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Tuesday, Last Edmond hosted wrestling quad that featured the #4 (2A) Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Cowboys, Forest City, and Don Bosco. The Cowboys rolled over the field, and Adrian Phetxoumphone finished the night with two pins and a tech fall.

C-G-D would face NCC opponent St. Edmond to kick off the quad. The Gaels forfeited 11 weight classes, and C-G-D breezed to a 78-6 win. JT Kelso (285) and Adrian Phetxoumphone both had 1st period falls.

Against Forest City, Colin Sesker (150), Jaxen Engstrom (157), Ryland Morgan (175), Charlie Campbell (190), Paxton Redenius (113), and Ryan Hartwig (138) all enjoyed wins by fall. Mason Warnke earned a major decision at 150, and Caleb Seaba (157) and Adrian Phetxoumphone both won via technical fall to propel the Cowboys to a 68-11 team victory.

Finally, C-G-D would prevail over #2 (1A) Don Bosco by a score of 42-36. Sesker and Cole Wibholm (106) won decisions, and Seaba pinned his man in just 21 seconds. Adrian Phetxoumphone pinned Zander Youngblut in 1:29.

Boys Conquer All Comers At Doc Carr Duals

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On Saturday, the #4 (2A) Clarion-Goldfield-Dows wrestling crew swept the field again at the Doc Carr

Duals in New Hampton.

In their first dual against

Aplington-Parkersburg/ Grundy Center, Paxton Redenius (113), Linden Phetxoumphone (120),Adrian Phetxoumphone (132), Jaime Steffenson (138), Caden Hauenstein (150), Charlie Campbell (190), and Cole Wibholm (106) all recorded falls. Ryan Hartwig (126), Caleb Seaba (165), and Ryland Morgan (175) enjoyed wins via technical fall in the 63-

The Cowboys dominated again vs. Waterloo West,

winning 66-15 as a team. Linden Phetxoumphone, the #1 (2A) ranked wrestler in the state at 120-lbs., pinned Sylvester Kotoe in 1:47 for his 100th career victory. After a short Hartwig, celebration, Adrian Phetxoumphone, Colin Sesker (144),Seaba, Morgan, Campbell, Traesyn Cope (215), JT Kelso (285), Wibholm, and Redenius all won their matches via fall.

New Hampton/Turkey Valley would lose 57-23 to the mighty Cowboys. Linden Phetxoumphone, Sesker, Morgan, Campbell, Kelso, and Redenius all pinned their Chickasaw opponents. Hartwig, Seaba, and Adrian Phetxoumphone won via tech fall.



Read more about Linden Phetxoumphone's journey to 100 wins in next week's Monitor.

In the final dual of the day, Lucas Cayler (132) pinned Denver's Cannen Beaumont in 2:36. Sesker, Morgan, Wibholm, and the Phetxoumphone brothers

would also win by fall. Hauenstein and Kelso both came out on top in narrow decisions to help lead C-G-D to the 48-28 team

Cowboys Top Bulldogs To Finish Week 2-1

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

18 rout.

After defeating Pocahontas Area handily on Tuesday night, the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows boys basketball hit the road for a Thursday evening conference feud against 3-7 Hampton-Dumont-CAL.

C-G-D outscored the Bulldogs 30-26 in the 1st half and exploded for 20-points in the 4th quarter to take the 63-54 victory. As of January 20th, the Cowboys sit at 5-8 overall and 2-5 in conference action.

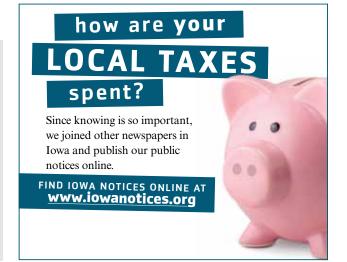
Chaz Lane led the team

rebounds. Johnny Lomeli shot 50% from distance and finished with 12 points.

Tristan Kakacek added eight points and four steals in the pivotal win. The junior also dished out a team-high six assists.

Huxley Lingenfelter scored eight and grabbed with 24 points and 12 five boards, and senior Bryce Lindaman had four points and five rebounds.





Aerial views

Bruce Voigts, Aerial Photographer (Photos taken January 16, 2025)



The ice on Lake Cornelia has neat contrasts and shapes. The open spot on the lake below shows that the ice is not all the same thickness.





Field "art" at Holmes. This could be the "Holmes Rorschach Test"? Duck? Horse? Are we sane?

The Chronological Gospels The Life and 70 Week **Ministry of the Messiah** www.ARoodAwakening.tv Watch Shabbat Night Live

Menu

Monday, January 27, join the Dows Senior Citizens for a delicious meal at noon. The cost is \$10.00. Everyone is welcome. Carry-outs are available. Chicken Menu: Noodles, Green Beans/ Bacon, Salads, Dessert.



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January Clover Kids Focuses on Winter Safety



Paige Roberts

K-12 Program Coordinator This month's Clover Kids was about winter safety! Clover Kids learned about blizzards explored meteorologists use tools to forecast weather and help people prepare for severe weather. They enjoyed a book about a blizzard in a small town in Rhode Island that lasted 6 days and accumulated 40 inches of snow in 1978! Each Clover Kid made a snowman measuring stick to measure snowfall amounts. They instant snow and are now prepared for the next snowstorm in Wright County! Clover Kids exercised their body and mind during the emergency kit relay race where they worked as a team to construct an emergency kit with necessities not luxuries.

"Wright County residents are no stranger to a strong snowstorm! Winter weather brings a range of challenges, from snow and ice to extreme cold, impacting daily life and safety. It is important practiced measuring with to be prepared for severe

weather like blizzards with emergency kits in vehicles and place of residency.

https://www. extension.iastate.edu/ disasterrecovery/winterweather to view more winter weather resources provided by Iowa State Extension and Outreach." -K-12 Program Coordinator Paige Roberts

Clover Kids fosters positive relationships and builds valuable life skills through a variety of handson activities. Clover Kids is free to youth in Wright County thanks to the Wright County 4-H Endowment.

Iowa Farm Bureau Sets 2025 Legislative Priorities

Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF), the state's largest grassroots farm organization, will address key priorities including the modernization of the state's Grain Indemnity Fund, protecting property taxpayers and other important policies impacting Iowa's farmers and rural communities during the 2025 legislative session.

Throughout the past Farm Bureau every members from county provided input on policy important to Iowa agriculture. Critical issues were voted on and prioritized to shape the organization's efforts for the 2025 Iowa legislative

Farm Bureau will work

toward the modernization of the Grain Indemnity Fund to adequately protect farmers affected by a grain elevator failure through no fault of their own. The Grain Indemnity Fund is a participant-funded safety net and an important risk management tool for farmers, but efforts are needed to adequately reflect modern grain prices and crop production. Among neighboring states with an indemnification fund, Iowa has the smallest fund level and is the only state not covering credit sale contracts, which represent nearly 40% of commercial sales in the state.

IFBF applauds the legislature recent for successes on property tax reform and highlights the

importance of not shifting any state budget obligations onto the backs of property taxpayers.

As tax reform is prioritized by the Iowa Legislature, members strongly support efforts to slow the growth of property taxes which have doubled over the past 18 years. Other property taxpayer protection policies include the state continuing to fund the Homestead Property Tax Credit and Ag Land/ Family Farm Tax credits and rejecting proposals to change credits into exemptions.

"Through our grassroots process, policy members have provided clear direction on legislative priorities for the upcoming session," says Iowa Farm Bureau President Brent Johnson. "We look forward to working with lawmakers and Governor Reynolds advance supporting the vitality of Iowa agriculture and our rural communities."

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



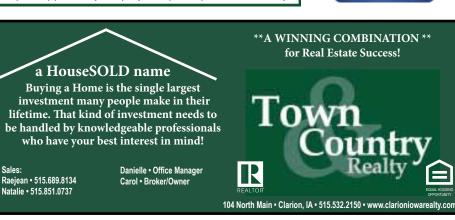


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