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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 just extinguish flames, they protected lives, rescued pets, and salvaged cherished mementos.

Early Morning Trailer Fire

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.

Firefighter Gene 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 to nearby properties. Tragically, the home was lost but thankfully only one injury was reported.

Mobile homes present certain challenges, as 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 they 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. (Photo: CVFD)



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: CVFD)

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

Eagle Grove

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, he flagged 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 new jury trial is scheduled for February 13, 2025.

8 Day Weather Outlook Clarion, IA.

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



Friday, January 24
Partly Cloudy 30°/20°
SSW 17 mph



Saturday, January 25
Mostly Cloudy 34°/15°
NW 15 mph



Sunday, January 26
Partly Cloudy 31°/15°
NW 15 mph



Monday, January 27
Mostly Sunny 36°/20°
WSW 17 mph



Tuesday, January 28
Partly Cloudy 35°/14°
WNW 18 mph



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



Thursday, January 30
Mostly Sunny 36°/21°
SW 15 mph



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)

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, 2024.

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 P.M.



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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)



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 courthouse 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, gardeners.com offers gardening tips, including ways to layout your garden. There are a few tricks experienced gardeners use to make the most of their space. This includes planting early harvest produce in between rows of late harvest produce. 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 harvest.

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. BEFORE 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 on site.

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 it.

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 \$63,000.

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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Wright County Veterans
Free Coffee and Rolls
Friday, January 31
8:00 - 10:00 a.m.
Wright County Veterans Affairs
120 1st Ave NW Clarion
515-602-6208
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Community Health Center of Eagle Grove
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Call 515-293-8111

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House Fires continued from page 1

Honeybee and Leo, were still inside. First responders, Police Chief Steve Terhark and Assistant Police Chief Bret Thompson wasted no time.

"Steve and Bret were there before I could even get out of the backyard," Mikayla Walker shared of 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 Rosenbaum said the 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. The compassion didn't end there

though. The firefighters managed to salvage family photos, Austin's military uniforms, and other 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 Fires

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 a 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 year to pancake breakfasts and fundraisers, even going out of their way to donate if they can't attend fundraising events.

Looking ahead, 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."

Chief McCormick and Hamilton stressed the importance of fire

prevention. Working smoke detectors and carbon 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.

As Mikayla and 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 community."

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 articles, repairs by Hennigar Construction 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.

At a January 13 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 County Charitable Foundation, presented the organization's annual report. The foundation, which was established in 2004, manages 39 funds totaling \$8,892,343.18. 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 in 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/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312](https://youtube.com/WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312). The 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 24-foot by 57-foot triple-span timber and is to be replaced by a 24-foot by 80-foot triple-span continuous concrete slab bridge.

The replacement is 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.

A private drainage system installation was discussed. The board 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.

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Legal notices

WRIGHT COUNTY DECEMBER 2024 CLAIMS

Table listing December 2024 claims for Wright County, including categories like General Basic Fund, Public Health Basic Fund, Jail Commissary, and various vendors and amounts.

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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.

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 Issuance Compliance Regulation for Tax-Exempt Obligations; 704.0-Gifts, Grants, Bequests; 704.06-R(1)-Fundraising Within the District-Regulation; 706.01-Payroll Periods; 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 School Program Transportation Service; 711.05-Transportation of Nonresident and Nonpublic School 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 Policies 605.02-Student Promotion Retention Acceleration; 603.02-Summer School Instruction; 603.08-Teaching About Religion; 603.08-R(1) Teaching About Religion Regulation Religious Holidays; 603.09-Academic Freedom; 603.09-(1) Academic Freedom-Teaching Controversial Issues; 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 fundraiser for the trip; Approve Winter Sports Overnight Request for State qualifying events. Motion carried 5-0.

WRIGHT COUNTY 2024 ANNUAL SALARIES

Table listing Wright County 2024 Annual Salaries for various positions, including Dean W Kluss, Amy Krueger, Nathan Lahr, Sheryl D Larson, Tiffany A Larson, Kathy Lehman, Mindy Loats, Debra M Lukes, Michele Lund, Michael R Magee, Brenda Majerus, Katie M McCormick, Sandra L McGrath, Jordan McLaughlin, Nathan J McVey, April Meier, Colleen G Meier, James C Mewes, Amanda M Meyer, Barbara L Meyer, Jacob Moore, Courtney E Morris, Dennis Mraz, Michelle D Murphy, Adam M Nerlien, Tonee Nicholas, Daniel Odland, Christine Oliver, Laura L Olson, Martin Osterman, Wendie M Palomino, Eugene H Pals, Kevin Pals, Charles Peil, Angela D Petersen, Jennifer Peterson, Anthony E Pieczko, 96926.74 Tiffon Pohlman, James Radke, Blake Rasmussen, Larry R Rasmussen, Eric D Rector, Jacob Reed, Logan Reed, Ashley Regnier, Gloria M Reiter, Brian Ring, Matthew A Ring, Robert Ritter, Ross M Roberts, Darren K Robinson, Jeff Rosenkilde, Naomi K Rothman, Eric J Russell, James Russell, Jason T Schluttenhofer, Peggy L Schluttenhofer, Denise M Schumacher, Mindy R Sherman, Joan E Shillinglaw, Eric R Simonson, Peter R Smith, Joshua A Smock, Kim L Spangler, Marcus A Spangler, Bret E State, Brian State, Hannah L Stensland, Michael Stevens, Debra K Stewart, Raymond A Stockseth, Jon N Swenson, Bret C Thompson, Scott A Thompson, William Thompson, Todd J Timm, Heath R Tulp, Larry R Turner, Dave Vanderheiden, Nathaniel Vento, Aaron Wagner, Dana E Wanken, Angela Wesselink, Mike Wibholm, Andrew L Yackie, Raymond Zeien, Daryl Zweifel, Grand Totals.

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January 6, 2025 The Board of Supervisors met at 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 Helgevoid 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 increasing 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 Engineer 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 time. Darrel Steven Cartlyle, 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. Motion carries. Rick Rasmussen, Chairman Wright County Board of Supervisors Deb Lukes, Wright County Deputy Auditor

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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 America. Reducing 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 schools wellbeing and root out the crimes related to illegal drugs.

There will be \$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. The 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 ICCG, 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 as 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

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

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.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICE CGE January 9, 2025 Claims

Table with 4 columns listing various claims such as Clarion Goldfield Dows Community School District, Des Moines Performing Arts TAG Admissions, Miller, Jackson Basketball Official, etc.

2025 Confinement Site Manure Applicator Training Scheduled in Franklin County

Traci Kloetzer
ISU Extension & Outreach

Confinement site 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, IA. 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 applicators to attend 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.”

Each year, nearly 300 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 must be 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 site 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. This 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 at www.IowaDNR.gov/MAC. Applicators will need to sign-in and create a Workday account.

Applicators are 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-site-applicators> 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 Iowa Department of 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 for confinement site and commercial manure applicators who primarily apply dry or solid manure.

“The information in this workshop will 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 and Outreach office, Washington. Call 319-653-4811 to register.

- Feb. 11, Adair County: Greenfield City Hall, Greenfield. Call 641-743-8412 to register.

- Feb. 13, Buena Vista County: ISU Extension and Outreach office, 701

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

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

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

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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

Chad Hart,
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 farm.

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 pro-

duction, 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, 2025.

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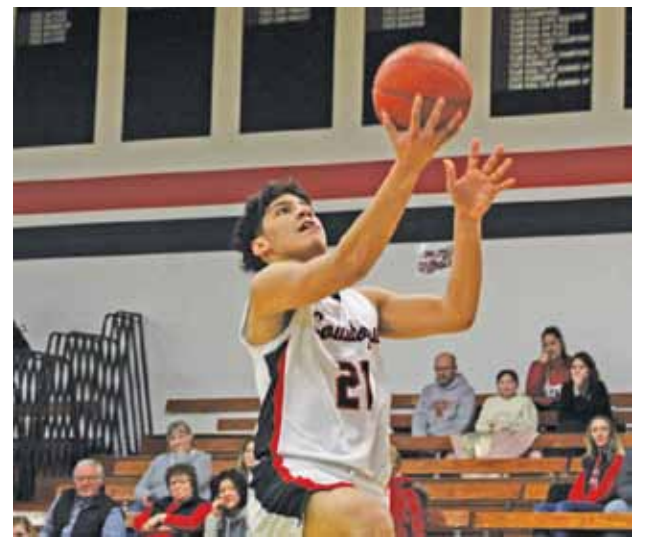
Lane and Lomeli Lead Cowboys in Rout of Poky



A Pocahontas defender tried to guard Chaz Lane.



JD Morrical handles the rock in transition.



Johnny Lomeli scores on the fastbreak.



Senior Ethan Russell takes the ball.

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 old-fashioned 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 court.

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 half.

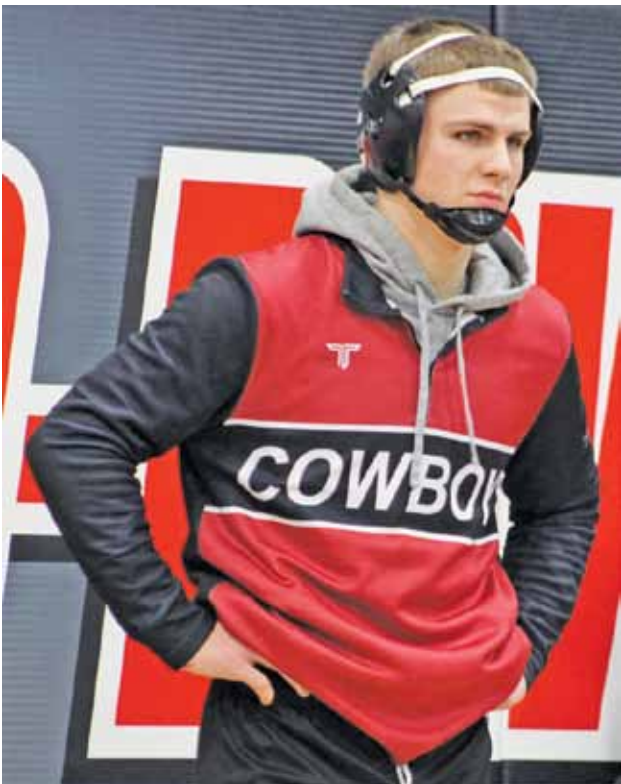
With a 66-39 lead after the 3rd, Coach Berning rested his starters and allowed his bench to play out the game. Center Cesar Rosales converted on both of his shot attempts, and Owen Sweeney cashed in on a 4th quarter three-pointer.

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.

After besting his opponent from West 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.

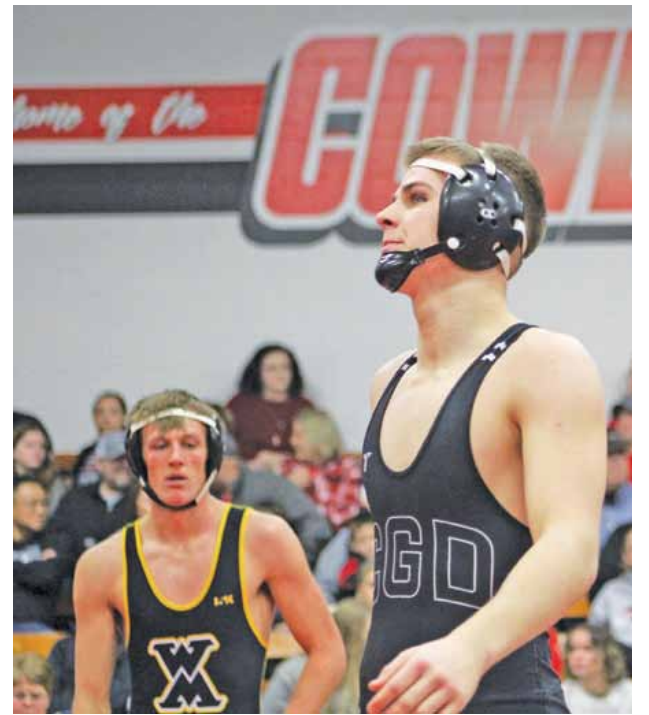
"It meant a lot to get the 100th win," he said proudly. "I've been working for that for four years and it's really a big achievement that I can carry with me the rest of my life."

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 a 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

Last Tuesday, St. Edmond hosted a 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 (132) 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 63-18 rout.

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 celebration, Hartwig, 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 win.

Cowboys Top Bulldogs To Finish Week 2-1

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

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 with 24 points and 12 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 five boards, and senior Bryce Lindaman had four points and five rebounds.



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Aerial views

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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?

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 and explored how 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 practiced measuring with

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 to be prepared for severe

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

Visit <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/disasterrecovery/winter-weather> 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 hands-on 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 year, Farm Bureau members from every 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 session.

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 for recent 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 policy process, our 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 to advance policies 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.iowafarmbureau.com





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