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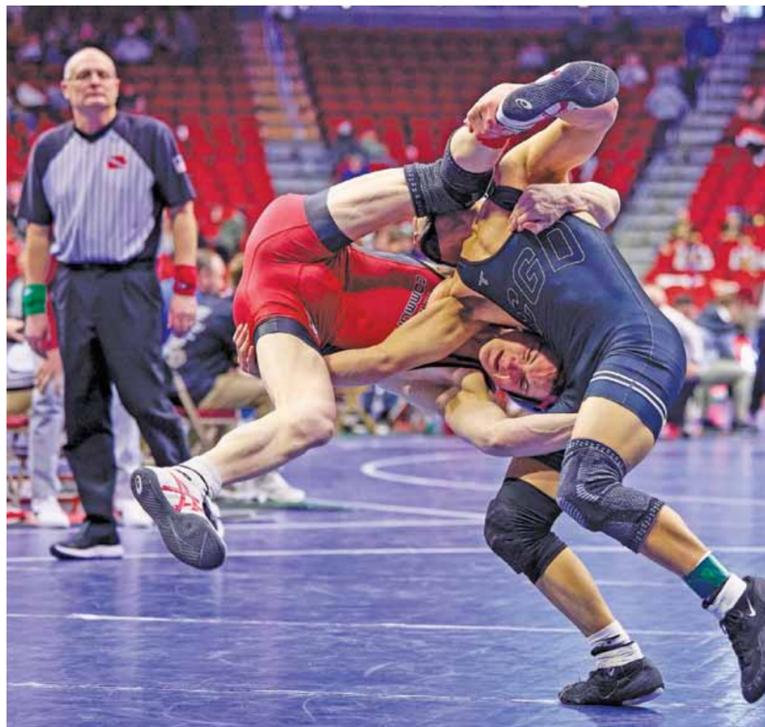
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Cowboys Battle On Iowa's Biggest Stage

Taylor Smith,
Sports Editor

Last week, nine wrestlers on the fourth-ranked Clarion-Goldfield-Dows wrestling team packed their bags for the four-day state tournament held at Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Three Cowboys brought home medals and C-G-D collected 58.5 points as a team.

The sensational Linden Phetxoumphone began the tournament with a 7-3 decision over Gabriel Schnerre of Assumption and a 19-3 technical fall against Winterset's Judah Gurwell. He was edged out 4-1 in the semifinals by Ballard's Easton Enyeart, but came back with a 6-3 decision over West Marshall's Jon Gonzalez to land himself a spot in the 3rd place match. There, Linden would lose a heartbreaking 1-0 decision to Mitchell Schmauss of Crestwood. Phetxoumphone finished continued on page 11



Adrian Phetxoumphone tosses Harlan Community's Jesse Jens. (Photo: Mitch Jones Photography)

Clarion City Council Reviews Budget, Eyes Key Upgrades for 2025

Amanda Rink,
Editor

The Clarion City Council gathered Tuesday evening for a public budget workshop, going through department requests, and hearing from Library Director Linda Llyod and Recreation Director Scott Simmons.

While discussions about salaries were kept to a minimum, other than an across-the-board 3% increase, council members plan to meet with the city employee bargaining team soon to iron out further details.

City Administrator Clint Middleton said that "everything is staying fairly on track," though a few departments have seen some necessary budget increases.

City Recreation Looks to Improve Fields and Pool The City Recreation Department led by Recreation Director, Scott Simmons, made a case for some much-needed updates to sports facilities and the community pool. According to Simmons, one top priority or "want" is upgrading the Gator utility vehicle. The vehicle is used to maintain ballfields and take equipment where it needs to be.

Another key project is addressing drainage issues at Lyons Park. After last year's heavy rains, the fields remained wet for a while, making play difficult. Plans include installing or repairing tile, grates, and field edging to improve conditions.

The ball field's layout will also be considered to ensure base placement meets safety standards. While maintenance has been kept up on the field, some of the suggested improvements have not been done since the early 80's.

As for the community pool, it continues to be a popular summer spot, especially after Belmond's pool closure. Keeping it operational comes at a cost. The deepest section of the pool is the oldest and has been

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Wright County Faces Challenges with Conservation Grants and State Mental Health Changes, But Advances Infrastructure

Amanda Rink,
Editor

The Wright County Board of Supervisors met Monday morning to discuss a range of county matters, including the loss of grant funding for conservation projects, changes to the state's mental health system, and road maintenance updates. **Lost Grant Money for Conservation Projects**

During public input, Conservation Director Eric Rector informed the board that a cooperating partner had to return a \$1 million grant that was intended for nitrogen-reducing wetlands. There was a lack of willing landowners for the project.

The county also had to turn down \$156,000 in habitat funding after failing to reach an agreement with another partner on land acquisition. Supervisor Dean Kluss acknowledged it as a missed opportunity

in the county.

Liquor License Renewal for Eagle's Nine & Dine

The Supervisors approved a liquor license for Nine and Dine in Eagle Grove, pending dramshop insurance coverage. Iowa's dramshop laws hold alcohol-serving establishments liable for damages caused by intoxicated patrons, which requires insurance. The license is valid through 2026.

Mental Health System Changes Raise Concerns

The board discussed upcoming changes to Iowa's mental health system, with Supervisor Betty Ellis providing updates on the county's participation in a regional mental health advocate program with Webster, Humboldt, and Pocahontas counties. Currently, Humboldt County acts as the employer of record,

with costs shared between the counties.

However, Iowa is transitioning to a new state-run behavioral health system under the Iowa Public Agency Consortium (IPAC), leaving questions about funding. Ellis noted that while these positions are expected to remain secure, the state did not allocate transition funding, leaving counties uncertain about how to cover costs before the state takeover in July.

"The state forgot to fund a transition period," Ellis remarked, noting that this oversight could create gaps.

In other business:

- The board, meeting as drainage trustees, approved payment of \$4,965.18 to Tile Pros for work on DD 187 in Vernon Township.

- Approved using a PPO plan under Assured Partners for county employees. The discussion about switching

to a Point of Service plan at a later date is fluid.

- Heard from County Auditor Amanda Meyer who appointed Deb Neshein as the new Deputy Auditor.

- Heard from Wright County Engineer Adam Clemons that snow removal went well last week, along with 12 other work orders, and that the concrete plant of Goldfield donated broken concrete to the county to use for spot rock, shouldering projects, and rafter. He also mentioned that crews working on the Voss Quarry bridge are working on footings on the east side.

Wright County residents can view this meeting and past on the county's official YouTube channel, YouTube.com/@WrightCountyIowa Official8312. The next Wright County Supervisors meeting is March 3, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

Area Headlines

Belmond

The Belmond City Council will review selling three unused streets and alleys, including one with a long-standing building, another sought by adjacent owners, and a third used as a driveway.

Dows

The Dows Historical Society has elected new officers: President Nancy Plendl, Vice President Chelsea Herold, Secretary Jeanne Russell, and Treasurer Matthew Trainum.

Hampton

Hampton-Dumont School Board Named Tim Felderman as their next district Superintendent. Felderman has a cumulative of 28 years of leadership experience and is the School Administrators of Iowa president-elect for 2025-2026.

Rowan

Josh Coe of Central Waste Solutions highlighted issues with septic tanks and distribution boxes freezing in Rowan. This has been triggering pump alarms. To address the problem, he jetted out about 10 systems and pumped tanks. Coe plans to begin inspections in April and will work on lowering lids to ground level to prevent future freezing.

8 Day Weather Outlook Clarion, IA.

Thursday, February 27

Partly Cloudy 50°/33°
NW 17 mph



Friday, February 28

Partly Cloudy 58°/29°
W 23 mph



Saturday, March 1

Partly Cloudy 46°/23°
NW 16 mph



Sunday, March 2

Mostly Sunny 48°/29°
SE 16 mph



Monday, March 3

Partly Cloudy 54°/ 34°
SSE 18 mph



Tuesday, March 4

Showers 49°/22°
NE 18 mph



Wednesday, March 5

Snow Showers 35°/17°
NNW 23 mph



Thursday, March 6

Partly Cloudy 35°/15°
N 14 mph



Iowa's Brushstrokes



The Iowa night sky transformed into a masterpiece last week, painted with deep blues and fiery oranges. The clouds stretched like strokes on a canvas and captured the fleeting beauty of a Winter Sunset.

(Photo: Amanda Rink)



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patched repeatedly over the years. Another round of patchwork, along with regular maintenance, is scheduled for this spring, however, Simmons would like to see a new pool floor soon.

Library Budgets for Maintenance, Keeps Costs Steady
The library is also seeing a slight increase in costs, mainly due to maintenance. A large-scale carpet cleaning took place within the last budget year, and contracts for outside library services have gone up. Despite rising costs of materials because of inflation, the library is keeping a steady budget.

In other budget discussions, the council heard the water sewage budget line will see a small increase because of the amount of water testing the city does before the treated wastewater runs into "ditch number 2". The council will continue budget talks in the coming weeks, with final decisions set to be made at the last meeting in March.

Clarion could see a REC center & a new fire station in coming years

Amanda Rink, Editor

The Clarion City Council met on Tuesday night to discuss a variety of community projects, proposed property tax levy, updates on the proposed recreational center, and the potential for a new fire station. Mayor Rod Heiden, who is up for re-election this year, led the meeting with all council members in attendance, along with Wright County Supervisor Ashley Bosch.

Proposed Property Tax
One of the key items was Resolution 25-11. This sets a date for a public hearing on the proposed property tax. City Administrator Clint Middleton noted the decision was pending the finalization of the budget line item for the city's water treatment plant. At this article's writing, the exact hearing date is yet to be confirmed.

"Plan C" for REC Center
The Rec Center Board provided an update on their ongoing project, distributing paperwork to the council detailing cost estimates and site plans.

The center has undergone extensive replanning efforts because of concerns over safety and space limitations. This led to the development of "Plan C," shared by Matt Odland, which is a single-story alternative.

Plan C eliminates the need for an elevator, reducing costs while providing two full-size basketball courts, six pickleball courts, and an expanded fitness area. The plan is estimated to cost \$8.5 million, less than the first estimate of a little over \$10 million. The council and the REC Center Board will host a Public Workshop on Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 P.M. at the Clarion Public Library. The public is encouraged to attend.

While the council and the REC Center will reach no official decision, this will allow the two entities to discuss and hear feedback from the public about the ongoing project.

New Fire Station Revisited
Gene Rosenbaum with the Clarion Fire Department addressed the council regarding the need to update the current fire station. A new fire station has been talk for years, with no official action being taken. Rosenbaum urged the council to support reinjuvenation of the project.

An unofficial estimate for a new station is around \$2.5 million, considering a similar facility that was recently built in State Center.

A site on the west side of town, across from the parking lot for The Heartland Museum, had been purchased years ago with the possibility of using it for the Fire Station. If a fire station were to be built, it would come as a debt to the city with the possibility of raising taxes for Clarion residents. However, the fire department has been successful with fundraising efforts in the past and one would assume this could bring any costs down.

In other updates the Council:
- Passed resolution 25-12, which allows City Attorney Zach Chizek to finalize the property deed of the property next to Holly Narber's State Farm building.

- Heard that Claire Anderson in Accounts Payable is doing well within her training.

The next City Council meeting will be Tuesday, March 4, 2025, at 5:00 PM in the Council Chambers.

"Take My Spare", An Unbreakable Bond is Formed in Belmond

Editor's Note

The story below was recently featured in *The Belmond Independent*. I grew up in Belmond so it may be biased of me, but I wanted to be sure to share this feel-good story coming from a friend of mine. These days the news can feel a bit overwhelming, and I always want to take a moment to remind everyone there is still so much good in the world. Thanks to Writer Connie Mattison and *The Belmond Independent* for sharing. Enjoy!
- Amanda Editor, *The Wright County Monitor*.

Connie Mattison, *The Belmond Independent*

This is the story of an unbreakable bond formed between two Belmond families. It began with shared breakfast outings at Sugarpie Bakery and resulted in a gift that would save a life.

In 2011 Keith Angell was experiencing high blood pressure. After an ultrasound and several trips to the doctor, he discovered that one of his kidneys was functioning at 17% (a defect which he learned he was born with). His 'good' kidney was functioning at 60-70%. Keith said the deficit wasn't enough to notice. Keith, who works for Hagie Manufacturing, continued working even as his health continued to decline.

The search began for a donor. Several people came forward to be tested including family members. However, no one was a match. As Keith's kidney function decreased, so did his stamina. Keith and his wife Stephanie remembered how tired and grumpy he would be by the end of each workday. In 2014 Sugarpie Bakery opened and Stephanie Angell began meeting her friends at the bakery for breakfast. She became friends with owners Rob and Melissa Arnold.

The Angell's daughter Kinlee is about the same age as the Arnold's daughter Nova and they were friends through school and Girl Scouts. While the girls grew closer and spent lots of time together, Melissa began thinking what if the tables were turned and Nova had a parent who needed help? How would Nova's life change and how would she handle such a dire situation?

Fast forward to April 2024. Keith's (who was now 47) only kidney was functioning at 7% and dialysis was his only option. He continued to work, even while receiving dialysis three times a week. Melissa, 36, said, "The month he started dialysis, I started testing to see if I was a match." The testing began with an hour-long conversation with a social worker. During April Iowa Specialty Hospital did lots of testing before sending her on to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester in July. In Rochester, Melissa had lots more blood tests, urine tests, an echocardiogram of her heart, CT scan, and was on a blood pressure monitor for 24 hours.

Finally, in August she was informed that she was a match and after a pap test, could move forward with her goal of donating her kidney. Melissa's husband Rob was proud of her for wanting to help but admitted he was worried about her during the process. "The entire thing was very humbling," said Rob. "What a selfless gift to be able to give the entire Angell family."

During the entire testing process, Melissa only told a few people. She didn't want to get their hopes up if she wasn't a match. Keith, Stephanie, and their family had no idea. After school one day Melissa called Stephanie and asked if she could stop by the cafe because she had something to give them. Melissa gave Steph and the girls a giant cookie she'd made that said "Take My Spare" with a picture of a kidney.

Stephanie said, "I started crying, and then my daughters started crying." She added, "Melissa handed me the letter from



Melissa Arnold of Belmond gave her 'spare' kidney to Keith Angell, forming an unbreakable bond between the two families. (Photo: Connie Mattison/*The Belmond Independent*)

Mayo Clinic that said she was a match for Keith. I called Keith at work and told him to come right home because we had big news!"

Surgery was on Tuesday, Nov. 19. Keith said, "I felt so much better right out of surgery, I couldn't believe it!" Keith remained in the hospital for several more days before he was released with the condition he stay in Rochester, close to the hospital for four weeks. He will continue to take two anti-rejection meds and a steroid for the rest of his life. Since the surgery his health continues to improve and his kidney function continues to rise.

Now at 31%, each weekly checkup shows more improvement. Melissa was released the day after surgery. "Although I would recommend donation to anyone, I didn't leave the house for the first four weeks," Melissa said. She added, "It took six weeks to get my strength back."

Four weeks after surgery Keith returned home. That day their family visited the Santa House downtown. When Santa asked what she wanted for Christmas, Kinlee said, "I already got what I wanted!" Keith has been back at work for several weeks and says he has more energy than he's had in years. He and Stephanie call Melissa their "hero" and conveyed how much they appreciate her and the entire town of Belmond.

They were showered with support from neighbors, friends, and people they didn't even know during Keith's health journey. Keith and Stephanie smiled when they said they named his new kidney Missy, "so she will always be part of our family," said Stephanie.

Melissa said, "I hope all of our kids learned from our experience. If you have the opportunity to help someone, do it, and be good people."

Renovation Completed at "Down Memory Lane Park" in Goldfield

Edward Lynn, *The Eagle Grove Eagle*

The flag area at Down Memory Lane Park has undergone significant improvements, thanks to the efforts of local businesses, community members, and donors.

The renovation addressed long-standing structural issues. "The boulders, flagpole, and bench were beginning to sink into the ground due to an old building foundation causing the ground to cave," explained Greg Schipull. Hennigar Construction managed the concrete work, pouring a large cement pad to stabilize the area. GrassMasters Landscaping, led by T.J. Stumpf, completed the surrounding landscaping.

In addition to the structural upgrades, a new sign highlighting the Bayview Club's Community Improvement awards from the 1990s will soon be displayed, with a frame crafted by Paul Sorensen. Sorensen also donated two new flower boxes in memory of his mother, Arlis Sorensen, which will be filled with red, white, and blue flowers next spring. His brother, John Sorensen, contributed funds for flowers, rocks, and soil.

Seven rose bushes will be planted around the flag area in memory of community members, including donations from the Class of '66 for Ernie Lewis and Denny Stephens, and from Greg Schipull and Dana Halvorson in honor



Schipull accepts a donation from Gold Eagle Coop. General Manager Chris Boshart and Elizabeth McCollough. (Photo: Gold Eagle Cooperative)

of former girls' basketball coach Larry Stewart. Additional dedications include Jim Johnson, Alice Ruiter, Kay Meinke, and Edward Smith.

Other enhancements to the park include birdhouses, a butterfly garden with bee habitats, eight new trees—two evergreens donated in memory of Katy Whyte and her son Loy—and expanded pathways with additional rock and mulch. A new flower garden now features peonies donated by the Class of '66 in memory of Carol Helmke and Diane Cunningham Nelson, along with a rose bush in honor of Sandy Powell. A yellow maple tree stands west of the flag area in memory of Sandy Schipull.

A bench near the parking lot entrance, donated by Dana Halvorson in memory

of Sandy and Duane Schipull, is complemented by cranberry bushes from Jim and Dave Harvey. Plans for spring include planting a Strawberry Vanilla Hydrangea tree in memory of Pam and Ernie Lewis, donated by Matt and Mark Lenning and Sue Girard.

Financial support for the renovations came from Gold Eagle Coop and Land O'Lakes, contributing

\$8,000, First Bank in Goldfield with a \$500 donation, and a \$1,000 grant from the Wright County Charitable Foundation. Schipull expressed gratitude for the widespread support: "All of these improvements are possible because of individual, business, memorial, alumni donations, fundraisers, grants, park workdays, and thousands of collected cans."



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Linda Lloyd, Clarion Public Library Director

Did you know the fourth Thursday in February is National Chili Day! One of our favorite winter dishes. Chili typically consists of tomatoes, beans, chili peppers, meat, garlic, onions, and cumin. Nevertheless, there are countless variations that people create.

Here are several cookbooks from our collection that offer exciting new twists on your chili recipe.

Chipotle: smoky hot recipes for all occasions by Leda Scheintaub

Clean & Hungry: Easy All-Natural Recipes for Healthy Eating in The Real World by Lisa Lillien

Tex-Mex: Traditions, Innovations, and Comfort

Check it Out at The Library!

Foods from Both Sides of The Boarder by Ford Fry and Jessica Dupuy
New to the shelves:

The Author's Guide to Murder by Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig, and Karen White

After the murder of a literary superstar at a writing conference in remote Scotland, three American authors join forces to clear their names and uncover a killer.

Pony Confidential by Christina Lynch

A crime-solving pony embarks on a journey to reunite with his long-lost first owner. Penny, who was merely a child when she and Pony were separated, is now an adult facing murder allegations—and Pony is

determined to prove her innocence.

Good Dirt by Charmaine Wilkerson

In her much-anticipated follow-up to the bestselling Novel Black Cake, Wilkerson delves once more into themes of grief, trauma, and social justice, all viewed through the experiences of a single family and their treasured heirloom.

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Commentary Study the Bible in public schools? OK, but pay attention to the translations.

Dianne Prichard

I have been seeing information about a bill before our Iowa legislators that suggests that the Bible, a collection of literature unique to one religious practice, could be taught in our public schools. The implication is not written but seems obvious: the Bible should be taught in public schools.

When I taught William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" in a public high school, I had the kids recite the Lord's Prayer as our first activity. Not because they needed divine help to survive the class, but because the Lord's Prayer they had grown up with was from the King James Version of the Bible. Why? King James and Shakespeare were contemporaries. That King James is the King James who organized the translation of the Bible into everyday language.

The KJV was the everyday language of King James, the translators, Shakespeare, and of anyone paying a penny to watch a play. It was neither lofty, neither elegant, nor romantic. It was certainly not sacred. It was everyday language. It was the language used at the market, in the tavern, in the home. The words of the Lord's Prayer (KJV) and of Shakespeare's plays are NOT our everyday language.

The thing about language is that it is fluid, i.e., it doesn't stand still. It is like a river, always changing. A river changes the sand, the stones; the movement of language changes the meaning of words.

When the meanings of the words change, our understanding changes the intention of the author.

Iowa Capital Dispatch published an article on Feb 13, 2025 about the "Bible bill," Senate File 138, introduced by Sen. Dennis Guth, Sen. Sandy Salmon, Sen. Doug Campbell, Sen. Lynn Evans.

Two paragraphs held my attention:

Sen. Sarah Trone Garriott, D-Waukee, said as an ordained Lutheran minister, she believes the study of Christian scripture is important for her faith community, but that "the task of the community of faith is very different than the task of our public schools." Trone Garriott said she does not support the legislation as this instruction is already allowed, but that as some advocates for the measure have called for "encouragement" for public schools to teach this material and that the measure "advocates for the Bible," which is promoting Christianity over other religions in a public school setting.

"By only featuring one religious community's scriptures, this legislation is preferencing," she said. "It's making a claim that only one is relevant for culture and history, which, in and of itself, is moved to endorse and promote one

religious community, which is not constitutional."

Like Garriott, I am an ordained Lutheran minister. Like the senator, I have read a dozen translations of the original, have learned through my own language studies, that translation is a tricky business. Like the senator, I take those translated words seriously. So?

My concern is that a "Bible course" will be limited to one or two translations, with no reference to the nuances of the words first written down by the writers of Hebrew Scriptures, by the writers of the Gospels and the Scriptures. The students will interpret first century words with 21st century meanings.

And, just to be clear, there are other writings that reflect other cultures. The Bible, KJV or RSVUE, gives a limited view of the world. A really great course would be a study of the Bible and the Quran together. Christology aside, they are rooted in the same vision of a world loved by God.

A note: back in "my day," 90% of the kids were "churched," so it was easy to get a great response to my request for them to recite (not pray) the Lord's Prayer. I wonder how many kids today have those seven petitions embedded in their memory. To be clear — it's not the school's job to teach them.

I am not asking any senators to vote against SF 138. They have, for the most part, forsaken the privilege of voting independently. I am writing merely to alert those of us who honor the Bible and the United States of America to honor, in our own practice, both the tradition and the law that have existed here for 238 years.

More on this topic:

For those who are intellectually or theologically curious, I recommend "Prayers of the Cosmos: Meditations on the Aramaic Words of Jesus" by Neil Douglas-Klotz. The scriptural examples given support my belief that our Biblical translations can be confusing at best, misleading at worst.

For Dianne Prichard, 20 years of farming (1949-1973), 33 years of teaching (1973-2006) and 20 years of preaching (2004-present) provided a framework for holding onto one resigned husband and raising three multi-talented, slightly embarrassed children. This all was accomplished within 100 square miles of the eastern seaboard of Iowa, with brief sojourns at Wartburg College, Waverly, Iowa, the Goethe Institute in Passau, Bavaria, SDSU, Brookings, South Dakota and Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque Iowa.

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IN THE SKY

David Voigts, Contributing Writer

In The Sky During March,* David Voigts

March will be an exciting month in the sky with several noteworthy events. The highlight will be a total eclipse of the Moon late in the night of March 13-14. The partial eclipse will begin at 12:09 a.m. CDT, with totality beginning at 1:26. Totality will end at 2:31, and the partial eclipse will end at 3:48. Since the eclipse happens at the same time wherever the Moon is visible, viewers only need to make an adjustment for their time zone.

The planets will also be interesting. Mercury will replace Saturn in the alignment of planets, and it will have its best evening appearance of the year early in the month. Brilliant Venus will be visible in the western sky, but it will be dropping lower each day. It will pass close to Mercury on March 11, and then it will drop quickly toward the horizon as it prepares to pass between the Earth and the Sun. It will move into the morning sky and be visible before the end of the month.

Very bright Jupiter will be high in the sky almost in line with the upper horn of Taurus (the Bull) and to the upper left of Aldebaran, the bull's bright, reddish eye. Jupiter will lead bright, but fading, Mars across the sky. Mars will start the month to the right of bright Castor (above) and Pollux (below) in Gemini (the Twins), one of the few constellations of the zodiac that has both bright stars and, with a little imagination, looks like its

name. Castor and Pollux represent the heads of the twins. Their stick-figured bodies are formed by two straggly lines of dimmer stars that extend almost to Orion (the Hunter). During March, Mars will move slowly eastward and closer to Pollux. Between Mars and the twin stars is a line of faint stars roughly parallel to them. They represent the arms of the twins, holding each other in an eternal embrace.

The twins were important in Greek mythology. As the story goes, Leda, the beautiful Queen of ancient Sparta, caught the attention of Zeus who took the form of a beautiful swan and seduced her. However, Leda also became pregnant with her husband, King Tyndareus, and she gave birth to twins. Castor, the son of Tyndareus, was mortal and Pollux, the son of Zeus, was immortal. Castor and Pollux had many adventures, including sailing with Jason on the Argo (also in the sky, but separated into three constellations) in search of the Golden Fleece. Later, when Castor was killed in battle, Pollux was so overcome with grief that Zeus allowed him to share his immortality with Castor, and both were placed together in the sky.

Observing Highlights

Mar. 1 The crescent Moon will be to the left of brilliant Venus and farther above much dimmer Mercury. Start looking about 30 minutes after sunset.

Mar. 5 The Moon will be to the right of very bright

Jupiter and above dimmer Aldebaran, the eye of Taurus (the Bull).

Mar. 8 Mercury will reach its highest point in the sky. It will then pause before following Venus back toward the Sun.

The Moon will be close to Mars and between Mars and the twin stars of Gemini (the Twins).

Mar. 11 Brilliant Venus and much dimmer Mercury will pass each other low in the western sky. Start looking about 45 minutes after sunset.

The Moon be close above Regulus, the brightest star of Leo (the Lion).

Mar. 13 There will be a total lunar eclipse from 1:26 to 2:31 a.m. CDT. The partial eclipse will begin at 12:09 and end at 3:48 a.m. CDT.

Mar. 15 The Moon will rise above Spica, the brightest star in the constellation Virgo (the Maiden) at about 10:00. The Moon will move in its orbit and follow Spica into the sky on the 16th.

Mar. 20 The Moon will rise close above Antares, the brightest star in Scorpius (the Scorpion) at about 2:00. It will lead Antares across the sky until dawn.

This is the day of the vernal equinox that ushers in spring in the northern hemisphere. The sun will rise straight in the east and set straight in the west, and everyone will have 12 hours of daylight (except at the poles).

Mar. 27 The Moon will be to the right of Venus very low in the sky. Start looking about 30 minutes before sunrise.

Moon Phase	Date	Rises	Highest Point	Sets	When Visible
First quarter	Mar. 6	Noon	Sunset	Midnight	P.M.
Full moon	Mar. 14	Sunset	Midnight	Sunrise	All night
Last quarter	Mar. 22	Midnight	Sunrise	Noon	A.M.
New Moon	Mar. 29	Sunrise	Noon	Sunset	Not visible

*Dates and times are approximate.

Source: StarDate, Jan-Feb 2025. Vol. 53, No. 1.

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Wright County Fair Board Seeks Sponsors for 2025 Fair

Edward Lynn,

The Eagle Grove Eagle

The Wright County Fair Board has unveiled its sponsorship packages for the 2025 Wright County Fair and is seeking community support to build on last year's record-breaking fundraising success.

After overcoming unexpected flooding in 2024, the fair saw sponsorships reach an all-time high, raising over \$124,000. With financial challenges lingering, the board is calling on local businesses and individuals to continue their support.

The 2025 fair, scheduled for July 8-13, will carry the theme "Home-Grown," celebrating the county's agricultural roots and community spirit.

"Last year was a character builder for all of us, and our sponsors played a crucial role in making the fair happen despite the challenges," the board stated in a fundraising

letter sent out recently. "We're looking forward to another great fair and need your support to make it possible."

The board has announced several grandstand events, including the Wright Rodeo, the NTPA Truck & Tractor Pull, a performance by hypnotist Jerry Frasier, and a concert. The lineup will also feature a free stage, a carnival with daily wristbands, livestock shows, food vendors, commercial exhibits, and a county-wide farmers market.

Sponsorship opportunities range from the \$10,000 Grandstand Main Stage Sponsor package to the \$100 Family Pack, offering various levels of advertising and promotional benefits. The Grandstand Main Stage Sponsor will receive a center-stage banner, multiple announcements, 50 grandstand buttons or 150 single-event tickets, and other perks.

Lower-tier sponsors will still benefit from grandstand banners, ride ticket packs, carnival game vouchers, and newspaper recognition. Individual grandstand buttons (which get their wearers into most events for free) sell for \$50 each; indicating what a great deal the sponsor packs are for families and organizations.

Sponsorships must be secured by June 15, 2025. Those interested can contact Fair Manager Tricia Rosendahl at (515) 448-3351 or email wrightcofair@wmtel.net.

"The Wright County Fair is recognized across the state for its strong community backing," the board's letter read. "We can't wait to see everyone at the fairgrounds in July!"



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January 2025 Claims	
General Basic Fund	
Access Systems, Copier contract...	\$133.94
AgVantage, Fuel.....	\$3,433.57
Ahlers & Cooney, Labor relations...	\$1,500.00
Jon Ahrendsen, Med. exam.....	\$600.00
Amazon, Off. supp.....	\$638.63
Arnold's, Oil/Battery.....	\$477.38
Auxiant, Insurance.....	\$209.00
Independent, Publication.....	\$288.63
Benchmark Agribus., Appraisal.....	\$2,250.00
Blue Ribbon Pelham, Water.....	\$104.00
Bomgaars, Seed, etc.....	\$285.25
Ashley Bosch, Lodging/Meals/Mileage.....	\$503.70
Brothers Market, Hot deli.....	\$3,143.36
Build A Better Belmont, Refund.....	\$100.00
BOA, Credit Card.....	\$786.70
CDW-G, Toner.....	\$476.85
Central Iowa Detention, Detention.....	\$7,560.00
Central Iowa Dist., Cust. supp.....	\$1,546.50
Central Iowa Water, Pump/Testing.....	\$1,039.00
Central Lock, Cloud fee.....	\$960.00
City of Clarion, Water & sewer.....	\$252.74
CJ Cooper, Drug test.....	\$45.00
Clarion Distributing, Cust. supp.....	\$202.90
Column, Publication.....	\$948.02
Comm1, Phone.....	\$2,317.88
Greg Crowl, Contract carrier.....	\$700.00
Culligan, Water.....	\$98.40
Doug's Small Engines, Mower clutch.....	\$685.33
Eagle Building Supply, Boards.....	\$833.40
Betty Ellis, Lodge/PerDiem/Mileage.....	\$345.48

Christine Oliver, Mileage.....	\$151.20
Angela Petersen, Mileage.....	\$30.82
Michelle Phillips, Transcript.....	\$11.00
Prairie Energy, Utilities.....	\$1,424.52
PSI, Bus. Cards/forms.....	\$267.91
Rick Rasmussen, PerDiem/Mileage.....	\$290.98
Eric Rector, Shipping.....	\$90.65
Region V HazMat, Contribution.....	\$4,853.62
River City Comm., Repair.....	\$650.00
James Russell, Mileage.....	\$248.57
Sadler, Mini Split.....	\$777.63
Peggy Schluttenhofer, Mileage.....	\$21.00
Schumacher, Maintenance.....	\$195.85
Dustin Smith, MD, Med. Ex.....	\$300.00
State Hygienic Lab, Testing.....	\$517.50
T & S, Disposal.....	\$1,056.00
T-Mobile, Phone.....	\$801.90
Thrifty White, Meds.....	\$2.79
True Value, Cust. supp.....	\$239.41
UDMO, Contribution.....	\$4,000.00
U/LINE, Desk.....	\$2,180.12
Urness, Supplies.....	\$595.32
US Cellular, Phone.....	\$129.13
Verizon, Phone.....	\$320.08
VISA, Credit Card.....	\$341.38
Visual Edge, Copier contract.....	\$94.79
W & H, Tank rent.....	\$55.00
West Payment Center, Law Library.....	\$1,005.00
Wr. Co. Aud., Postage.....	\$991.35
Wr. Co. Fair, Grant.....	\$5,000.00
Wr. Co. Eng., Veh. Maint.....	\$264.36
Public Health Basic Fund	
Amazon, Cups/chickpeas.....	\$20.90
Elizabeth Bernal, Mileage.....	\$212.39
CDW-G, Memory.....	\$37.89
Carrie Covington, Mileage.....	\$212.39
Culligan, Water.....	\$75.40
Fareway, Cups/snacks.....	\$23.62
Monica Figueroa, Mileage.....	\$127.30
Naomi Rothman, Mileage.....	\$127.30
Denise Schumacher, Mileage.....	\$247.23

Wells Fargo Fin., Copier.....	\$466.04
Angela Wesselink, Mileage.....	\$163.48
American Rescue Plan of 2021	
Urness, Paint.....	\$353.47
LG Opioid Abatement Fund	
Independent, Publishing.....	\$300.00
Mid-America, Publishing.....	\$721.50
General Supplemental	
Gerald Burmeister, Grand Juror.....	\$44.00
Crittendon, County bed.....	\$1,446.15
Leroy Cuneo, Grand Juror.....	\$47.00
Sarah Hill, Grand Juror.....	\$45.00
Jessica Nail, Grand Juror.....	\$31.00
Molly Schaefer, Grand Juror.....	\$47.50
Dawn Sherman, Grand Juror.....	\$30.50
Joshua Smock, Grand Juror.....	\$44.00
Gary Venner, Grand Juror.....	\$42.50
Joseph Vote, Grand Juror.....	\$45.00
Christina Whipple, Grand Juror.....	\$45.00
Wr. Co. Employees Side Fund	
Auxiant, Insurance.....	\$54,000.39
Clarion Health, Memberships.....	\$310.00
ISAC Group Benefits, Insurance.....	\$166,028.30
Rotary Senior Living, Memberships.....	\$105.00
Jail Commissary	
Hewett, Meals/Comm.....	\$133.57
Rural Services Basic Fund	
Belmond Library, Apport.....	\$2,683.67
CDW-G, Tablet.....	\$3,672.41
Clarion Library, Apport.....	\$2,571.83
Dows Library, Apport.....	\$1,229.92
EG Library, Apport.....	\$3,019.08
Rowan Library, Apport.....	\$1,677.33
WCC, Contribution.....	\$23,863.67
Sanitary Landfill, Apport.....	\$18,056.25
K-9 Fund	
BOA, Credit Card.....	\$65.00
Secondary Road Fund	
AgVantage, Fuel.....	\$11,134.51
Airgas, Weld supp.....	\$304.41

Alliant Energy, Utilities.....	\$1,487.81
Amazon, Supplies.....	\$877.63
Arnold's, Parts.....	\$3,006.96
Independent, Publication.....	\$148.00
Bomgaars, Batteries/etc.....	\$394.85
Boot Barn, Boots.....	\$186.99
CINTAS, Coveralls.....	\$198.04
City of Belmont, Utilities.....	\$97.13
City of Clarion, Utilities.....	\$552.07
City of Eagle Grove, Utilities.....	\$75.17
CJ Cooper, Drug testing.....	\$165.00
Clarion Distributing, Shop Supp.....	\$174.00
Comm1, Phone.....	\$279.40
Culligan, Water.....	\$159.00
Don's Truck Sales, Repairs.....	\$3,612.00
Force Filters, Apparel.....	\$249.80
Hanson & Sons, Tires.....	\$1,009.96
Hawkeye West, Pest control.....	\$60.00
Iowa DOT, Repair.....	\$150.00
ISAC, Registration.....	\$210.00
Kinzler, Repair.....	\$4,265.50
Lawson Products, Helmets/Parts.....	\$1,022.27
Mid-America, Publishing.....	\$180.60
Northland Products, Oil.....	\$2,643.78
Prairie Energy, Utilities.....	\$353.12
Skyline Salt, Road salt.....	\$21,813.90
Spencer, Steel.....	\$876.16
Stratford Gravel, Road sand.....	\$4,848.88
T & S, Disposal.....	\$323.00
T-Mobile, Phone.....	\$254.31
The Iowa Outdoors, Blade/Saw eq.....	\$402.85
Truck Center, Parts.....	\$402.85
Urness, Supplies.....	\$308.41
US Cellular, Phone.....	\$1,663.04
VISA, Credit Card.....	\$1,197.51
Visual Edge, Copier contract.....	\$89.06
W & H, Fuel.....	\$1,075.65
Wr. Co. Aud., Plat books.....	\$915.22
Wr. Co. Recorder, Rev. stamp.....	\$92.00
Sanitary Landfill, Apport.....	\$95.00
Ziegler, Engine etc.....	\$58,089.42

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PUBLIC NOTICE Wright County Supervisors Feb. 19, 2025 Minutes

February 10, 2025
Chairman Pro Tem Kluss called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:01 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Bosch and Loux with Rasmussen, and Ellis present via zoom. Motion by Bosch and seconded by Loux to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.
Minutes of the previous regular meeting of February 3, 2025, were read and approved.
Approved claims for payment.
Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on Secondary Roads department.
Motion by Bosch and seconded by Loux to receive the January monthly revenue report from the Wright County Sheriff. Motion carries.
The Wright County Treasurer, Sheriff, and Recorder all requested wage increases for certain employees within their offices. The Treasurer is requesting \$1,000 for Amy Krueger bringing her annual salary to \$49,313.39, the Sheriff is requesting \$2,600 for Office Manager, Brenda Majerus bringing her annual salary to \$53,947.56 and the Recorder is requesting \$1,500 for Jennifer Hogrefe bringing her salary to \$51,500.00. Motion by Ellis and seconded by Bosch to approve wage increases as presented effective immediately. Motion carries.
Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Loux approve the liquor license for Oak Ridge Recreation in Goldfield. Motion carries.
Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Bosch to approve Resolution 2025-08, Treasurer naming depositories. By roll call: Ayes – Ellis, Loux, Rasmussen, Bosch, and Kluss; nays – none. Resolution 2025-08 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution 2025-08
RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa approved the list of financial institutions.
The Wright County Treasurer is hereby authorized to deposit the Wright County funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below.

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

Dated at Clarion, IA this 10th day of February 2025.
Motion by Rasmusen and seconded by Loux to receive the Budget Amendment documents for FYE2025. Motion carries.
Motion by Loux and seconded by Rasmussen to set the Budget Amendment Hearing for March 3, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carries.
Motion by Loux and seconded by Bosch to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.
Dean Kluss, Chairman Pro Tem, Wright County Board of Supervisors
Deb Nesheim, Wright County Deputy Auditor

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PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of Drew P. Trusty

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DREW P. TRUSTY, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR017680 NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Drew P. Trusty, Deceased, who died on or about on October 13, 2024:
You are hereby notified that on 02/10/2025, the last will and testament of Drew P. Trusty, deceased, bearing a date of September 25, 2024, was admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
Dated on 02/10/2025.
Terri Trusty, Proponent Attorney for estate:
Philip M. Johnson, ICIS#: AT0014857
216 North Commercial Ave
PO Box 109
Eagle Grove, IA 50533
Phil@johnsonlawfirm.com
Date of second publication 6th Day of March, 2025.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of Todd S. Hilpiper

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TODD S. HILPIPRE ESPR017683 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To all persons interested in the Estate of Todd S. Hilpiper, deceased, who died on or about January 28, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on 02/17/2025, the undersigned was appointed Administrator of the estate.
Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above-named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated this 19th day of February, 2025.
Attorney for the Administrator THE JOHNSON LAW FIRM, PLC BY: Philip M. Johnson Attorney for Estate 216 N. Commercial Ave, PO Box 109 Eagle Grove, IA 50533 Administrator of the Estate Angela Hilpiper 2129 Hancock Ave Clarion, IA 50525 Date of Second Publication 6th day of March, 2025

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PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of Pauline M. Turner

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAULINE M. TURNER ESPR017677 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To all persons interested in the Estate of Pauline M. Turner, deceased, who died on or about January 1, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on 01/28/2025, the undersigned was appointed Administrator of the estate.
Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above-named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated this 28th day of January, 2025.
Attorney for the Administrator THE JOHNSON LAW FIRM, PLC BY: Philip M. Johnson Attorney for Estate 216 N Commercial Ave, PO Box 109 Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533 Mary Janek 34 Blair Park Rd., Ste 104 #185 Williston, VT 05495 Date of Second Publication 27th day of February, 2025

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PUBLIC NOTICE Plaintiff vs Estate of Richard D. Taylor

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY CITIBANK, N.A., NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE NEW RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2019-4, Plaintiff, vs. THE ESTATE OF RICHARD D. TAYLOR, BARBARA SMITH, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, PARTIES IN POSSESSION, AND All Unknown claimants, and all Persons Unknown Claiming any Right, Title or Interest in and to the following described real estate situated in Wright County, Iowa, to wit: LOTS 1 AND 2, IN BLOCK 11, TOWN OF ROWAN, WRIGHT COUNTY, IOWA, AND ALL KNOWN AND UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND ALL PERSONS KNOWN OR UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST AND ALL OF THEIR HEIRS, SPOUSES, ASSIGNS, GRANTEES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES AND ALL OF THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS, Defendants.
CASE NO. EQCV025347
ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court, naming you as a defendant in this action, for foreclosure of the property legally described as: LOTS 1 AND 2, IN BLOCK 11, TOWN OF ROWAN, WRIGHT COUNTY, IOWA (Mortgaged Premises) due to a default in making contractual payments on a promissory note; for judgment in rem against the mortgaged premises for the principal amount of \$16,057.28 plus interest as provided in the Note and as may have been subsequently adjusted thereafter, fees, costs, and attorney's fees, for a declaration of the sum due as a lien on the premises, a declaration that the mortgage is prior and superior to all of the other liens on the property, for a special execution to issue for sale of the Mortgaged Premises at sheriff's sale, for the issuance of a writ of possession, for an appointment of a receiver upon plaintiff's application, and for such further relief the Court deems just and equitable.
FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS SEE THE PETITION NOW CONTAINED IN THE COURT FILE NOTICE THE PLAINTIFF HAS ELECTED FORECLOSURE WITHOUT REDEMPTION. THIS MEANS THAT THE SALE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY WILL OCCUR PROMPTLY AFTER ENTRY OF JUDGMENT UNLESS YOU FILE WITH THE COURT A WRITTEN DEMAND TO DELAY THE SALE.
IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN DEMAND, THE SALE WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL THREE MONTHS FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS YOUR RESIDENCE AND IS A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING OR UNTIL TWO MONTHS FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS NOT YOUR RESIDENCE OR IS YOUR RESIDENCE BUT NOT A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING. YOU WILL HAVE NO RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AFTER THE SALE. THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE WILL BE ENTITLED TO IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY. YOU MAY PURCHASE AT THE SALE.
IF YOU DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN DEMAND TO DELAY THE SALE AND IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS YOUR RESIDENCE AND IS A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING, THEN A DEFICIENCY JUDGMENT WILL NOT BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU. IF YOU DO FILE A WRITTEN DEMAND TO DELAY THE SALE, THEN A DEFICIENCY JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU IF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY ARE INSUFFICIENT TO SATISFY THE AMOUNT OF THE MORTGAGED DEBT AND COSTS.
IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS NOT YOUR RESIDENCE OR IS NOT A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING, THEN A DEFICIENCY JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU WHETHER OR NOT YOU FILE A WRITTEN DEMAND TO DELAY THE SALE.
You are further notified that unless you serve and, within a reasonable time thereafter, file a motion or answer on or before April 2, 2025 in the Iowa District Court for Wright County, Iowa, at the Courthouse in Clarion, Iowa, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.
This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. Please review Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for general rules and information on electronic filing and division VI of Chapter 16 regarding the protection of personal information in court filings.
If you need assistance to participate in court due to a disability, call the disability coordinator at 641-421-0990. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY (1-800-735-2942). Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.
IMPORTANT: YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.

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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Clarion Feb. 18, 2025 Claims

CLAIMS REPORT	AMOUNT	KANSAS CITY LIFE INSURANCE CO	134.6
VENDOR	186.34	KRUEGER, STEVE	514.33
AFLAC	1,952.50	LAKOTA PUBLIC LIBRARY	692.58
AGSOURCE COOP SERVICES	142.83	LANGUAGE LINK	37.75
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	600	MENARDS FORT DODGE	750.14
AUTOMATED SYSTEMS OF IOWA	785.29	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	923.02
BAKER & TAYLOR	1,187.11	MIDWEST ALARM SYSTEMS	1,596.00
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	278.29	OUR IOWA	39.98
BROTHERS MARKET	95.88	PARADIGM BENEFITS	200
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	395.96	PATRIOT CRITICAL POWER	1,638.77
CITY OF CLARION	395.96	PETERSON CONSTRUCTION	427,500.00
CLARION DISTRIBUTING	150.25	POLICE LEGAL SERVICES INC	864
CLARION HEALTH & FITNESS	180	PRAIRIE ENERGY	74.74
CLARION HEALTH INS.	1,375.97	QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC.	52.75
CLARION VISION INS	696.15	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC.	500
CLARION VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY	901.18	RELIABLE HEATING AC & PLUMBING	800
CLARION WATER & SEWER	40	SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON, INC	2,925.00
COBRAHELP	369.23	SIoux CENTER PUBLIC LIBRARY	18
COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER	94.35	SMALL CITY RESEARCH INST	900
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	728.6	STERICYCLE, INC	103.03
COMM1	123.49	T & S SANITATION	304
CORE & MAIN	476.17	THE IOWAN MAGAZINE	38
COUNSEL OFFICE AND DOCUMENT	104.53	LINDA A ALLEN	191.59
DEMCO	14,524.15	THE TRASH MAN	30.5
FED FICA ELECTRONIC	65.83	THOMPSON	130
GALLS, LLC	1,940.52	TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	14.22
GOLD-EAGLE COOP	57	TRUCK CENTER COMPANIES	45,350.68
GORDON FLESCHE COMPANY	959	UNIFIED CONTRACTING SERVICES	384
GPM ENVIRONMENTAL	668.2	UNITYPOINT HEALTH	89.37
HACH COMPANY	1,062.72	US CELLULAR	692.58
HANSON AND SONS	1105	VISUAL EDGE - DALLAS	47.99
HAWKEYE WEST PEST CONTROL	8,212.92	VISUAL EDGE IT	4,262.00
HSA PERSONAL	1105	WRIGHT CO LANDFILL	885.5
I & S GROUP, INC	30	WEX BANK	542,042.27
IA CENTRAL COMM COLLEGE	300	Invoices: Paid	541,714.32
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY	300	Invoices: Scheduled	327.95
IMAGINE THAT	50	GENERAL	79,299.17
IOWA MEDICAID ENTERPRISE	2,029.71	ROAD USE	6,327.66
IOWA HISTORY JOURNAL	35.95	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND	1,978.47
IOWA SPECIALTY HOSPITAL	438	Fire Equip Repl Fund	4,652.34
IOWA SPECIALTY HOSPITAL	187.7	WATER	3,423.29
IPERS	1,953.52	WATER PLANT PROJECT	435,712.92
KANSAS CITY LIFE INS CO	4,652.34	SEWER	10,554.07
KARL CHEVROLET		INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	94.35
		TOTAL FUNDS	542,042.27

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PUBLIC NOTICE City of Clarion Feb. 18, 2025 Minutes

The Clarion City Council met in regular session Tuesday February 18th, 2025, at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Heiden presiding. Present were Council members Dave Flurer, Dan Hennigar, Shayne Hennigar, Nick McOllough and Mike Ennis. Also, in attendance City Administrator Clint Middleton, Attorney Zach Chizek, PWD Jon DeVries, and Chief Steve TerHark.
Mayor Heiden called the meeting to order and polled the council for any conflicts of interest with the agenda, there was none. Mayor Heiden asked if there were any citizens listed to address the council, there were none.
Motioned by Flurer seconded by McOllough to approve consent agenda consisting of Minutes- 2025.02.04; Financial report- approve checks; Licenses/Permits- (Building, Liquor, Tobacco, Sign, Peddler, Street Closure) Liquor: Crowe Smoke'n Vape; Building: Sepulveda - Dog House & Fence (Motion passed 5-0).
Motioned by McOllough seconded by Flurer to approve Resolution (25-12) Development Agreement - City- Pelico (Motion passed 5-0).
Matt Oldland gave a quick update on the work The REC Board has been doing. He proposed a 3rd revised plan now on one level as the option going forward. The Board requested there be an Open Forum/Workshop to be held to discuss possibilities. (date suggested will happen before the paper is published. Clarion Library Feb 25th @ 6:00pm)
Gene Rosenbaum spoke quickly to the Fire Dept wanting to reopen the discussion on building a new fire station. Middleton gave an example of a town that is doing a project that could be in the range of available funding. City and FD officers will keep this discussion going.
Motioned by

Courthouse news

Births

Tyler John Kockler was born on January 22, 2025, to Kirsten and Jacob Kocklet of Clear Lake.

Noah Oliver Kramer was born on January 23, 2025, to Kari and Nicholas Kramer of Humboldt.

Malachi James Moore was born on January 23, 2025, to Terri Moore of Mason City.

Grayson Alexander Wallace Chambers was born on January 24, 2025, to Jessica and Steffen Chambers of Webster City.

Oak Wilder Lindquist was born on January 24, 2025, to Paige and Zachary Lindquist of Clear Lake.

Miles Antoni Luna was born on January 25, 2025, to Selena and Nathaniel Luna of Hampton.

Stormi Ann Schall was born on January 26, 2025, to Nicole Schall of Hampton.

William Eugene Hager was born on January 27, 2025, to Emily Klinginsmith of Latimer.

Wyatt Eleanor James Putney was born on January 27, 2025, to Amanda and Jacob Putney of Goldfield.

Isabella Lilieth Anguino Gonzalez was born on January 27, 2025, to Eunice and Josue Zavala of Latimer.

Benaiah David Gonzales was born on January 28, 2025, to Jessica and Jeremy Gonzales of Humboldt.

Gentry Jo Pringnitz was born on January 28, 2025, to Gentry and Jacob Pringnitz of Garner.

Ivory Mae Martin was born on January 28, 2025, to Taylor Hammersland of Fort Dodge.

Dominik Cameron Gillespie was born on January 28, 2025, to Sophia Martinez of Hampton.

Arlo Israel Canan Garcia was born on January 30, 2025, to Angela and Israel Dawson Canan Garcia of Webster City.

Luca Michael Kerlin was born on January 30, 2025, to Kaitlin Mohring of Mason City.

Odesa Jane Thorsbakken was born on January 30, 2025, to Caroline and Eric Thorsbakken of Boone.

Timothy Eldon Stewart was born on January 31, 2025, to Karen and Noland Stewart of Britt.

Forrest Robert Marsh was born on January 31, 2025, to Kara and Keegun Marsh of Clare.

Arlo John Wagner was born on January 31, 2025, to Breana and Aaron Wagner of Eagle Grove.

Jett Christian Servantez was born on February 1, 2025, to Kyla and Justin Servantez of Mason City.

Cecilia Consuelo Aguilar was born on February 2, 2025, to Consuelo Banelos and Emmanuel Aguilar of Eagle Grove.

Princess Blessing Shabani was born on February 3, 2025, to Marie-Therese Kahnido and Christophe Shabani Kumbelu of Fort Dodge.

Ainara Merlo Guerrero was born on February 3, 2025, to Arianny Guerrero Cordero of Eagle Grove.

Esther Shannon Soder was born on February 4, 2025, to Amanda and Ian Soder of Boone.

Hayes Tucker Golden was born on February 5, 2025, to Tara and Benjamin Golden of West Bend.

Abigail Kore Gutman was born on February 5, 2025, to Serenity and Gabriel Gutman of Boone.

Deaths
Edna Mae Willey (Trager), 98, of Belmond, died on January 31, 2025.

Donald Denton Reed, 77, of Eagle Grove, died on January 24, 2025.

Oliver James Egesdal, 78, of Eagle Grove, died on January 29, 2025.

Randall James Banning, 68, of Belmond, died on February 3, 2025.

Todd Sterling Hilpiper, 57, of Clarion, died on February 9, 2025.

Marion Lois Carpenter (Meints), 91, of Belmond, died on February 3, 2025.

Marriage
Debra Lukes (Eggert) 46 of Goldfield was wed to Paul Nesheim 56 of Goldfield on February 5, 2025.

Small Claims
Greenstate Credit Union v. Alexis Marie Etter Harrington, case dismissed without prejudice.

LVNV Funding LLC v. Brooke Powgnas, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$1,123.37 plus 7.22% interest from 12/09/24, and \$95.00 in court costs.

OneMain Financial Group, LLC vs. Shannon L Johnson, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$6,485.50, and \$95.00 in court costs.

MCM V. Brooke Chamberlin, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$716.13 plus 7.22% interest from 12/16/24, and \$95.00 in court costs. To be paid in \$50 monthly installments.

LVNV Funding, LLC V. Melissa Adams, judgment for the plaintiff

in the amount of \$502.67 plus 7.22% interest from 12/23/24, and \$95.00 in court costs.

Civil
STATE OF IOWA EX REL VS DOUGLAS JR, EDDIE L, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$207.00, plus court costs of \$125.00.

DISCOVER BANK V. MELISSA CLAUSEN, judgment for the plaintiff in the amount of \$8,921.57 (less \$335.00 in credits) plus interest at the statutory rate from 1/29/25, and \$260.00 in court costs.

Tickets
Virginia Mae Malanaphy of Hardy, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over).

James Aaron Janke of Cary, IL, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Jorge Celestino Melendez Rodas of Belmond, no valid drivers license.

Gregg Cary Hyster of Chisago City, MN, speeding over 55 zone (16 thru 20 over).

Jessica RaeLynn Duran of Fort Dodge, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Gabriel Thomas Rhoads of Eagle Grove, no valid drivers license.

Jacob Ali Hernandez of Webster City, speeding 55 or under zone (16 thru 20 over).

Shawn Lynne Jetkins of Saint Paul, MN, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru 15 over).

Gabriel Thomas Rhoads of Eagle Grove, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Gage William McCoy of Ames, failure to maintain or use safety belts – Adu.

Osmer Manuel Aponte of Chicago, IL, no valid drivers license.

Chloe a Fortier of Janesville, WI, speeding over 55 zone (11 thru 15 over).

Dylan Noel Morales of Clarion, speeding 55 or under zone (21 or over).

Ivan Ruiz Blanco of Eagle Grove, no valid drivers license.

Ivan Ruiz Blanco of Eagle Grove, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Ivan Ruiz Blanco of Eagle Grove, failure to use child restraint device.

Jordan Daniel Hubka of West Des Moines, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Gabriel Earl Craighton of Klemme, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Reyna Skarlett Alonzo Figueroa of Goldfield, leave scene of accident – property damage ONL.

Bryce Austin Rasmussen of Goldfield, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Feliciano Magdaleno Gonzalez Ordonez of Belmond, failure to use child restraint device.

Feliciano Magdaleno Gonzalez Ordonez of Belmond, fishing and hunting – violation of revoked or suspended.

Juan Eliseo Cifuentes Villatoro of Clarion, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Kailei Shannon Valdivia of Russell Springs, KY, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Carlos Leyva Jr of Clarion, failure to use child restraint device.

Carlos Leyva Jr of Clarion, failure to use child restraint device.

Carlos Leyva Jr of Clarion, speeding 55 or under zone (16 thru 20 over).

Carlos Leyva Jr of Clarion, failure to use child restraint device.

Carlos Leyva Jr of Clarion, fail to use seat belt – minor.

Stevanie Michelle Jonas of Lu Verne, speeding 55 or under zone (1 thru 5 over).

Sara Lee Garcia of Del Valle, TX, speeding over 55 zone (21 or over).

Tiffany Ann Larson of Webster City, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Garrett Allen Quintus of Eagle Grove, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Chanse Brady Berneman of Belmond, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Kyra Lyn Heithoff of Garner, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Nicholas Mark Stahl of Clarion, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Jeronimo Douglas Romero Ramirez of Clarion, speeding 55 or under zone (16 thru 20 over).

Justin Thomas Ogden of Milo, speeding over 55 zone (16 thru 20 over).

Theresa a Aguilar of Grand Island, NE, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over).

Sarah Ann Robinson of Altoona, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Jeronimo Douglas Romero Ramirez of Clarion, no valid drivers license.

Landon Breon of Dayton, dark window or windshield.

Robert Alan Engh of Goldfield, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Joshua Stephen Wallace of Amery, WI, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over).

Brandon Raymond bank of Black River Falls, WI, speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over).

Ava Helen Brigham of Plymouth, MN, speeding over 55 zone (16 thru 20 over).

Nathan Donnie Russell of Fort Dodge, speeding 55 or under zone (1 thru 5 over).

Keyli Odalis Ambrocio Lopez of Clarion, fail to use seat belt – minor.

Robin Kristina Myers of Woolstock, operation without registration card or plate.

Luis Nolberto Bano Salazar of Chicago, IL,

speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Jonathan Juarez Zaldivar of Eagle Grove, careless driving.

Jonathan Juarez Zaldivar of Eagle Grove, no valid drivers license.

Cameron Albert Simaz of Brookings, SD, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Alex Gonzales of Webster City, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Alex Gonzales of Webster City, no valid drivers license.

Joseph Peter Goche of Titonka, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Elimay de la Caridad Pestana Rosales of Fort Dodge, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Korey James Avery of Des Moines, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Alexey Kalinin of Easley, SC, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Geneva Joann Friedow of Huxley, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Kylee Renee Lamb of Belmond, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Alex M Hanna of Goldfield, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Jorge Melendez Rodas of Belmond, no valid drivers license.

Jorge Melendez Rodas of Belmond, failure to maintain control.

Sean Michiel Kenneally of Grimes, speeding over 55 zone (1 thru 5 over).

Piper Kassidy Schlichting of Belmond, dark window or windshield.

Tulip Ann Pertuis of Klemme, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Eliza Monique Garcia of Eagle Grove, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Eliza Monique Garcia of Eagle Grove, allow operation of device w/ expired Reg – 1st.

Eugenio a Najera Fonseca of Philadelphia, PA, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Joel Patrick Jackson of Des Moines, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Steven A Schwarz of Franklin Grove, IL, failure to maintain or use safety belts – Adu.

Brandon Albert Bird of Hampton, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Kadeyn Allen Johnson of Council Bluffs, speeding 55 or under zone (1 thru 5 over).

Esniel Garcia Hernandez of Houston, TX, fail to obey stop sign and yield right of WA.

Cody Robert Tobin of Charles City, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Amanda Behnke Johnson of Hudson, WI, speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over).

Rosendo Moraflores of seaside, CA, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Amy sternal of Fort Dodge, parks and public lands – littering.

Karen Acabal of Clarion, speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over).

Ronald Lee Kuhlbers of Meservey, failure to maintain or use safety belts – Adu.

Lara Anne Wasmoen of Saint Paul, MN, speeding over 55 zone (21 or over).

Tanner J Schwichtenberg of Galt, dark window tint

69% or less – 22%.

Richard Alan Carr Jr of Houston, MN, official traffic control.

Vilma Dianey Ordonez Lopez of Clarion, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Ismael POAC Ochoa of Clarion, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Leonardo Alexander Ordonez Gomez of Clarion, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Rony Gomez of Eagle Grove, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Jorge Melendez of Belmond, failure to have valid Licenseor permit while.

Jorge Melendez of Belmond, failure to obey traffic control device.

Francisca Cordero of Eagle Grove, no drivers license.

Sergio a Montufar Marroquin of Eagle Grove, no drivers license.

Connor Jon Chase of Otho, speeding 6 thru 10 over.

Chase Edward Quintus of Humboldt, head lamps on motor vehicles.

Colton Johnathan Tishkau of Ames, speeding 6 thru 10 over.

Jose Andres Perez Perez of Fort Dodge, speeding 1 thru 5 over.

Gustavo Marinez Roque of Fort Dodge, driving while license denied, suspended, or cancelled.

Michael James Giese of Eagle Grove, driving while license denied, suspended, or cancelled.

Criminal
State of Iowa vs Hinrichs, William Dean, aggravated misdemeanor assault on persons in certain occupations – bodily injury.

Defendant pled guilty and was jailed for 30 days (23 days suspended), fined \$855.00 (suspended) plus \$638.78 in court costs and a \$128.25 surcharge, required to submit a DNA sample, and placed on probation for 2 years.

State of Iowa vs Paxtor, Martin Gonzalez, serious misdemeanor assault causing bodily injury or mental illness. Defendant pled guilty and was jailed for 60 days, and fined \$430.00 plus \$830.00 in court costs, and a \$64.50 surcharge.

State of Iowa vs Fuentes Garcia, Leobardo, class C felony controlled substance violation. Defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to 10 years in prison (suspended), fined \$1,370 (suspended) plus \$600 in court costs, required to submit a DNA sample, and placed on probation for three years.

State of Iowa vs Frink, Kyle David, Simple misdemeanor disorderly conduct – loud raucous noise. Defendant pled guilty and was fined \$105.00 plus \$660.00 in court costs and a \$15.75 surcharge.

State of Iowa vs Thompson, Cassie Ann, scheduled violation leave scene of accident – property damage only. Defendant pled guilty and was fined \$135.00 plus \$100.00 in court costs and a \$20.25 surcharge.

State of Iowa vs White, Cayci Dawn Ruth, serious misdemeanor assault causing bodily injury or mental illness. Defendant pled guilty and was jailed for 2 days, and fined \$430.00, plus \$130.00 in court costs and a \$64.50 surcharge.

State of Iowa vs Torales, Alexis, serious misdemeanor possession of controlled substance – marijuana 1st offense. Defendant received a deferred judgment, was ordered to pay a \$430.00 consent decree, plus \$100.00 in court costs, and placed on probation for one year.

City of Eagle Grove vs Shpley, Gayle Morgan, dog at large. Case dismissed without prejudice.

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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, March 2
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
• Wednesday, March 5
7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
• Sunday, March 9
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA
420 1st St NW, Clarion, IA 515-532-3440
www.firstlutheranclarion.com
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• 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL
121 3rd Avenue N.W., Clarion
• Sunday, March 2
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:00 a.m. Fellowship

CHURCH OF CHRIST
420 North Main, Clarion
Pastor Warren Curry
515-532-3273
http://clarionchurchofchrist.weebly.com
Facebook Clarion Church of Christ

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Worship, also live each Sunday on Facebook
6:00 a.m. Tuesday Iron Man, Fellowship Hall, Church Building
10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Weekly Prayer Time Fellowship Hall, Church Building
Ongoing Bible Studies – times and locations vary; check for more information at the church office week.

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC
608 2nd Ave. N.E., Clarion
Father Jerry W. Blake, Pastor
515-532-3586
• Wednesday, February 26
Youth Faith Formation
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis, Belmont
11:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis, Belmont
6:30 p.m. Adoration at all Parishes
• Thursday, February 27
11:00 a.m. Adoration, Rosary 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
7:00 p.m. cluster Pastoral Council
• Friday, February 28
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. John, Clarion
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John, Clarion
• Saturday, March 1
Food Pantry and SCRIP Cards
3:15 p.m. A/B at St. Francis, Belmont
4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis, Belmont
4:30 p.m. Middle School Lock-in-Webster City
7:15 p.m. Rosary, A/B at St. John, Clarion
8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. John, Clarion
Sunday, March 2
Food Pantry and SCRIP Cards
7:15 a.m. A/B at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
9:45 a.m. A/B at St. John, Clarion

10:30 a.m. Mass at St. John, Clarion
• Monday, March 3
8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis, Belmont
6:30 p.m. OCIA at St. John, Clarion
• Wednesday, March 5
Ash Wednesday and Youth Faith Formation
12:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Francis, Belmont
7:15 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. John, Clarion

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

THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Dana Wendel, Pastor
1010 2nd Street SW; Clarion 515-293-3003
FREE Dinner will be on the first Sunday of the month.
• Sunday
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
• Tuesday
11:00 a.m. Prayer Time
• Iglesia del Nazareno
6:00 p.m. Sabado
6:00 p.m. Domingo
Lay Minister Mynor
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220 E. Oak St., Goldfield, IA 50542
515-825-3581
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"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, March 2
10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Fellowship Coffee in the Fellowship Room.
No Sunday School

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

HOLMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor George Lautner
412-874-9878
• Sunday, March 2
9:30 a.m. Worship and 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, March 2
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

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod
Jct. Highway 69 & 3
Pastor Mark Eichler
• Sunday, March 2
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, March 2
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, March 2
9:00 a.m. Conf/SS/Coffee
10:30 a.m. Worship/
Communion

UNITED METHODIST & PRESBYTERIAN
• Sunday, March 2
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, March 2
10:30 a.m. Worship

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
304 W. Main, Latimer
Travis Berg, Pastor
• Sunday, March 2
9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. ABC/Sunday School

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Morgan, Lee Center, Bradford
Erling Shultz, Pastor
• Sunday, March 2
8:30 a.m. Worship (B), 9:30 a.m. Worship (L), 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, March 2
9:30a.m. Joint Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion, Coffee to follow
• Dinner is the first Sunday of the month

The Clarion Wire

** Congratulations to the CGD wrestlers for representing Clarion well at last weekend's state wrestling meet!
** Listen to Dr. Jon Ahrendsen as he tells about his experiences as a doctor in Antarctica; Meadows Community Room on Friday, February 28 at 2:30 p.m.
** Goldfield United Methodist Church will be having a Chili Fundraiser on Saturday, March 1st from 5 - 7 pm. Dine in only. Free will offering.
** Breath of My Beloved Ministries will be hosting a women's night of worship on Saturday, March 1 @ 5:30 pm, located at its new location, 1204 Central Avenue East-Clarion. A light supper will be served with worship following. There is no cost to those attending but a free will offering is welcomed. More information on the event can be found at Breath of My Beloved Ministries Facebook page. (Rescheduled due to bad weather!)
** Celebrate "Mardi Gras with Friends & Music" with Iowa River Players on Saturday, March 1; at its playhouse in Rowan. Social begins at 6:30 p.m.; live music begins at 7:30 p.m. Freewill donations accepted!
** "Easy Going Senior Exercises" at the Clarion Senior Citizens Center every Monday and Thursday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 p.m.
** Clarion's Senior Citizens Center, Play '500 cards', the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Next ones are on Wednesday, March 5 and 19 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
** From Hagie Manufacturing: Please join us for a come-and-go retirement party honoring Bill Speirs, who is celebrating an incredible 54 years of dedicated service at Hagie Manufacturing! On Thursday, March 6 from 1:30 to 3:30 .m. at The Red Shed Event Center, 908 2nd Street NW, Clarion.
** Wright County Farm Bureau hosts a Town Hall meeting on Saturday, March 8 at the Clarion library. Senator Dennis Guth

and Representatives Mark Thompson and Shannon Latham have been invited to meet with citizens at 10 a.m.
** It's Coming: Community Impact Night at Pizza Ranch on Monday, March 10 from 5 - 7:30 p.m. with Clarion's M & Ms, as the group embarks on raising \$ for pool passes to be given away for 2025!
** 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 March 13 and 27!
** "Down Memory Lane: Park Soup Supper & Silent Auction" - Saturday, March 22 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Goldfield Community Center, in Goldfield. Freewill offering. Lots of delicious soups, cinnamon rolls, cornbread. Silent auction winners, need. not be present (will be notified).
** Thinking ahead to 2025 Farmers' Markets in Clarion; west side of Courthouse Square beginning weekly on Saturday, May 26 from 9 - 11 a.m. Always looking for new vendors - \$3 for each week or 11 punch care for \$20. For information, contact Billie at 515-851-0567. Garden produce; crafts; whatever you can think of selling!!
** AT THE CLARION THEATRE: Showing "Paddington in Peru" (PG) on Friday - Sunday, February 28 - March 2 @ 7 p.m.; Sunday matinee, March 2 @ 2:30 p.m.
** MONEY SAVING TIP: Remember, senior citizens, all drinks are 69 cents at Hardee's - sodas, teas, coffees, hot chocolate. Fish sandwiches return to the menu in March!
** FUN: Looking for a Prom Dress? "Gown & More" can be found at Wright Community Connections, 215 North Main in Clarion! Stop by during its normal hours. Check out the dresses and the details!!
** THANK YOU: To everyone involved in moving snow in the last few days! City and county employees; volunteers; neighbors; friends; home owners!

Sunday Services

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With Your Church Community

Well, it may be the Devil or it may be the Lord But you're gonna have to serve somebody. -Bob Dylan

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To serve is the essence of what it means to be fully human. If you think about what every job and every vocation has in common, it is that they serve others. And in our service to others, we are ultimately serving God. Unless, that is, we are serving the Devil. What kind of job or activity serves the Devil? Anything that harms others or appeals to our baser instincts. Someone who sells illicit drugs, for instance, is clearly not serving humanity's best interests. Instead, they are selling poison to people who have become addicted or who are otherwise uninformed about the hazards of illicit drugs. Most legitimate jobs or careers are not like that. The carpenter, the plumber and the electrician are all serving mankind in their work, no less than doctors, nurses and teachers. We all have to serve somebody. Who are you going to serve? -Christopher Simon

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Monitor Memories

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42 Years Ago
March 3, 1983

It's not how many wrestlers a team takes into the state tournament that counts. It's what they do when they get there. The Cowboys did little except win last weekend to bring home the beautiful Class 2A state championship trophy from Veterans Auditorium in Des Moines. Clarion's four entries stepped on the mat 17 times, and introduced an impressive 15 victories against the state's best.

All four entries played key roles in the title with high place finishes. Twin brothers Marty and Murray Anderson won titles at 126 and 132 respectively, Eric Willim lost only in the championship match, and finished in second place. Dave Bossard lost his quarter-final match, but battled back through the consolation competition for third place at heavyweight.

Results are now available for the 1982 Clarion FFA Master Grower Contest. In the corn division, George Disney's Pioneer 3541 recorded a high yield of 180.11 bushels per acre. In the soybean division, Watne Farms, Inc. of Galt had a high yield of 52.53 bushels per acre.

77 Years Ago
February 26, 1948

A car with a gas tank which leaked very badly called for some emergency attention on the part of the fire department Saturday night about 9 o'clock. The gasoline had accumulated in a large puddle in the parking lot near the sidewalk across from the Clarion theatre. Officers moved cars out of the danger zone and the fire department then took charge. The gasoline was ignited and it flared up in a big blaze for a few minutes while the firemen and officers stood by. After a few minutes everything was back to normal.

When Lois Wilson, 13, daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. Roy E. Wilson, in a moment of prankishness wishes to startle people with whom she is only slightly acquainted, she says: "I was born in jail and have been in jail all my life." Such a declaration seldom fails to bring a gasp of surprise. But when she explains that her father has been sheriff of Wright county all her life, then a bit of enlightenment begins to trickle through.

Cooper Named to Mercy College of Health Sciences Dean's List

Leslie Cooper of Clarion, Iowa, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2024 quarter and semester terms at Mercy College of Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa. To qualify for this academic recognition, students must attain a grade point average (GPA) between 3.50 and 3.749 for a minimum of six semester credit hours or four quarter credit hours in

their most recent term.

To learn more about the health science programs offered at Mercy College, visit our website at <http://www.mchs.edu>. Mercy College is the only Catholic college in Central Iowa and is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Warm up with a good breakfast



Breakfast has long been touted as the most important meal of the day. After individuals spend several hours sleeping, breakfast refuels their bodies and prepares them to tackle the day ahead.

People on the go may not have a lot of time to enjoy breakfast, which means they may grab something quick and not always so healthy. But a filling, hot breakfast provides enough sustenance and nutrients to last until lunch. Such is the case with "Green Chile Breakfast Burritos" from "Taste of Home Healthy Cooking Cookbook" (RDA Enthusiast Brands, LLC) by the Taste of Home Kitchens.

Green Chile Breakfast Burritos

Makes 6 servings

- 6 eggs
- 3 egg whites
- 1 jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced
- Dash cayenne pepper
- 4 breakfast turkey sausage links, casings removed
- 3/4 cup shredded reduced-fat Mexican cheese blend
- 1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chiles, drained
- 6 whole wheat tortillas (8 inches), warmed
- 6 tablespoons salsa

1. In a small bowl, whisk the eggs, egg whites, jalapeño and cayenne; set aside.
2. Crumble sausage into a large skillet; cook over medium heat until no longer pink. Drain. Push sausage to the sides of pan. Pour egg mixture into center of pan. Cook and stir until set. Sprinkle with cheese and chiles. Remove from the heat, cover and let stand until cheese is melted.
3. Place 1/3 cup mixture off center on each tortilla. Fold sides and end over filling; roll up. Top with salsa.

CLIP AND SAVE

Words of Wisdom

This week's trivia questions:
What NASCAR driver, nicknamed "the King," won a record 200 races during his career, including seven wins at the Daytona 500?

Answer: Richard Petty.

What NASCAR driver, nicknamed "the Intimidator" for his aggressive driving style, is the only driver to win races in four consecutive decades (70s, 80s, 90s, and 2000)? Answer: Dale Earnhardt.

This week's trivia questions:
Which U.S. president said, "Speak softly and carry a big stick." ?
Which U.S. president said, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." ?

Which U.S. president said, "Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country." ?

Which U.S. president borrowed words from Jesus when he said, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." ?

Feb. 26 is National Pistachio Day, and Carnival Day; Feb. 27 is National Chili Day, National Retro Day, and National Strawberry Day; Feb. 28 is National Pancake Day, National Tooth Fairy Day, and National Science Day; March 1 is National Pig Day, and Peace Corps Day; March 2 is Read Across America Day; March 3 is World Hearing Day, World Wildlife Day, and National Anthem Day; March 4 is Mardi Gras, National Marching Band Day, and National Sons Day.

"George Washington was the only president who didn't blame the previous administration for his troubles."

— Unknown

"I'm not a member of any organized political party. I'm a Democrat."

— Will Rogers

"Politics is just like show business. You have to be really smart and a good entertainer."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

"The only time my advice has been followed is when I had a firearm in my hand."

— General Douglas MacArthur

"In America, anyone can become president. That's the problem."

— George Carlin

"I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have."

— Thomas Jefferson

"The two happiest days of my life were those of my entrance upon the office, and my surrender of it."

— Martin Van Buren

"In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress."

— John Adams

U.S. president James Madison (1809-1817) was the shortest president at 5'4" and weighed barely over 100 pounds.

U.S. president John Tyler (1841-1845) fathered 15 children, the most of any president.

Norwegian Kumla Returns To Thor!

Rodger Tveiten, Kanawha

Last year's Kumla Feed at the Ullensvang Lutheran Church was the first Kulma Feed In Thor in ten years. It went so well that church members are doing it again on Thursday, March 13. Besides Kumla & Ham, diners may also select the Baked Potato & Ham option. Sides include green beans, relish tray, dinner roll and ice cream for dessert. Serving is from 4:30 to 6:30 with an auction at 5:30. There will, of course, be a bake sale with many Scandinavian delicacies. Proceeds will go to fund repairs for the heating and cooling systems at the church.

For tickets, call Marion Dencklau at 515-378-3231 or Lois Nerem at 515-

378-3144. Take-outs are available. This year's ethnic meal is special as 2025 is the bi-centennial year for Norwegian immigration to the United States. On July 4, 1825, the first boatload of Norwegians left Stavanger for the port of New York City. There were 52 passengers and crew members on the sail-powered sloop Restauration. No one died on the 12 week voyage. During the 1800s, hundreds of other ships would follow. Hundreds of thousands of Norwegians would make the crossing. Thousands of these would come to Iowa and hundreds would settle in the Wright County area.



Thank You from the Food Pantry



The Eagle Grove Food Pantry, at 510 S. Jackson, has been helping members of our community for many years. And in return, members of our community have been helping the food pantry.

In the past year, corporations, area churches, and families or individuals have made generous financial donations to the food pantry. Some were in the thousands of

dollars, such as those given from Gold Eagle Cooperative, Land'O'Lakes, and other businesses. One local bank made a game of it, with employees making a donation to the food pantry for the privilege of wearing comfortable jeans to work one day. One church gave nearly \$16,000, not counting their regular food donations. Other area churches gave regularly but in smaller amounts. Two different trust accounts – the Jim Johnson Trust and the Mabel Saverude Trust – each donated \$1,000. Even some families gave over \$1,000 in the last year. Others gave much smaller amounts, even just a few dollars, a little cash. All of it helped our community of families. All donations were greatly appreciated by those who manage the food pantry, and those who benefited from their generosity.

Other gifts to the food pantry came in the form of food donated. The scouts and the postal carriers gather large amounts of food and other products for the food pantry in their annual food drives. A generous individual makes sure that the food pantry has eggs to give out – a great source of protein and vitamins for those with food insecurity. Some regularly bring in cereal, or canned goods, or paper products. In the summer, fresh garden produce is most welcome – again a vital source of nutrition and a welcome addition to empty plates. Many anonymous people donate food and other products through their church or other organizations. In the gospels, Jesus points out a woman who gave just a little bit, but she gave it willingly and with great generosity from the little she had. Giving to the food pantry is giving to the most needy in our community.

With those welcome donations of food and other products, why does the food pantry need the financial donations? To buy more food! The donated food is necessarily in irregular amounts and variety. To be sure there is a staple supply of nutritious and useful foods on the shelves, the donated food is supplemented by purchases from our local Fareway store. One of the most frequently ordered foods is frozen meats. That's something that can't be left in the church collection basket, but is essential for growing children and others. The monthly bill from Fareway varies, but has been as high as more than \$4,000 for a single month in the last year. By the grace of God, the need to purchase food and the donations have not outpaced one another, but provide a steady balance in the food pantry bank account.

One area of need that the financial donations do not meet is the need for volunteers. None of the people who give their time to the food pantry are paid. Some serve for a couple of hours once or twice a month, others every week. The scouts of Troup 159 regularly respond to the need for strong arms to pick up the food ordered at Fareway and deliver it to the Food Pantry. Besides the need for helpers to greet and register those requesting food, and gather that food from the shelves, there is a need for someone to schedule the volunteers, assess the shelves and order the food, make sure the light bill is paid, and other routine duties. None of these people is given a salary-- each of them does it as a gift to our community families.

Because the Eagle Grove Area Ministerial Association (EGAMA) oversees the food pantry, the EGAMA members join with the food pantry personnel and so many others in thanking all those who have contributed in any amount and in any way. Making sure every family in our community is getting the food they need is a vital service. Feeding the hungry was a virtue demonstrated by Jesus and urged by the Apostle Paul and others. As is so often said, we couldn't do it without you! Thank you from the depths of our hearts.

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Thank you to Rep. Shannon Latham for helping with the photo since I was in Committee meetings. L-R Joe Roberts, Belmont, Corey Tweeten, Woolstock, Austin Keller, Clarion Rep. Latham

Representative Mark Thompson, House District 56

This past week was filled with so many subcommittees that every room and space was scheduled outside of standing committee meeting times. The first deadline is approaching to get individual bills through committees for a chance to move forward for a full House vote. I was pleased to see the Agriculture Committee passed the Grain Indemnity Program Update. This program is now nearing 4-decades old and needed updating. Since its creation in the 1980's the production of grain has nearly doubled as have grain prices. Additionally, the rise of special grain sales, such as for organic grain, has created unforeseen risks in the program. In part, this precipitated the reinstatement of indemnity fees in 2023 when the Indemnity fund was drawn down by the bankruptcy of several specialty grain purchasers. Additionally, new ways of selling grain have proliferated with some having significant risks. (HF 508)

This week Farm Bureau representatives visited the Capitol along with the Community Colleges. I look forward to a tour of NIACC in the near future. This past Saturday I attended the Eggs and Issues forum in Fort Dodge with several other legislators.

I believe District 56 could benefit from a bill brought forward by the House Economic Growth and Technology Committee (HF133 now HF517). The bill creates a vacant school building demolition grant program to be administered by IEDA for the demolition of vacant buildings owned or proposed to be owned by a local government. To qualify for the program, the building must have been used as a school or school administration building and must have been vacant before January 1, 2021.

Under the bill, IEDA is required to provide grants using a competitive scoring process. A grant shall only be approved if a building is in a city with a population less than 2,500 and within a county that is among the 88 lowest population (wholly

or partly).

House File 133/ HF517 is contingent on an appropriation and will now be referred to the House Appropriations Committee.

A Step Toward Stopping Illegal Transportation of People and Human Trafficking

House Republicans are again trying to address the pressing issue of human smuggling with the introduction of House Study Bill 15. This legislation aims to combat the illegal transportation of people for profit, particularly when it involves evading law enforcement or facilitating unlawful entry into the United States. By clearly defining the actions that constitute smuggling and imposing strict penalties, this bill seeks to protect vulnerable individuals and enhance public safety across the state. (Passed 2/20/25)

House File 318 – Breast Imaging Cost Sharing

House File 318 builds on previous legislation by requiring the health insurance companies to provide the same cost-sharing requirements for supplemental breast examinations and diagnostic breast examinations as they do for mammograms. This bill will help ensure that for more women, cost is not a barrier from getting them the care that they need. (Passed 2/20/25)

House File 180 – Increasing Penalties for Grooming

Last session, the Iowa House led the effort to define Grooming in Iowa code and made it a Class D felony. This bill builds upon that legislation by requiring anyone convicted of grooming to be added to the Tier I sex offender list for 10 years. This additional monitoring of individuals who have been convicted of this predatory behavior may help prevent additional abuse. (Passed 2/20/25)

House File 312 – Psychiatric Deterioration

House File 312 aims to address mental health issues and get the treatment that's needed before reaching a point of serious mental impairment. HF 312 allows courts to order treatment for individuals experiencing psychiatric deterioration. Psychiatric deterioration is defined as a condition where a person cannot understand the need for treatment and is unlikely to seek it. This will allow for earlier intervention to get Iowans access to the treatment they need before their condition worsens. This proactive approach can lead to better outcomes and hopefully reduce the need for more intensive care later on, as well as take a burden off law enforcement. (Passed on 2/20/25)

The list of bills waiting to come to the floor continues to grow. This coming week will be fast paced and busy.

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The View From Here

Senator Dennis Guth, R-Klemme

There was a time when I had absolutely no interest in being involved in politics. Obviously, that has changed and now I try to encourage all citizens to be engaged in making our society work better. Young people, for example, can find out more about our government and be engaged by becoming a page. Here are some comments from one of our pages.

In the summer of 2024, I had the opportunity to give a presentation where Senator Shipley was attending. Afterward, he asked about my future plans following high school. I shared that I planned to attend the University of Iowa in the fall of 2025 to study political science, and it was at that moment that Senator Shipley suggested I apply to become a page. At the time, I had no idea what the program was, but I went home that evening and started researching it.

As I learned more about the page program, I became intrigued, though I was unsure if it was going to be the right fit for me. I realized that applying for and being selected would mean leaving home, which also meant possibly missing out on the second semester of my senior year. This caused me to hesitate, and I spent a lot of time weighing the pros and cons of making such a big decision.

Despite my uncertainty, I decided to move forward with the application process in October. The application was straightforward, consisting of questions that gave me a chance to share why I wanted to be a page. A few weeks later, I received an invitation to schedule an interview for a position as a House or Senate page. To prepare, I researched possible

interview questions and thought about how to present myself confidently. The interview was intimidating at first, but I felt good knowing I had prepared thoroughly and was committed to giving honest answers.

A few days after the interview, I received the exciting news that I had been selected as a Senate page. In November, I, along with six other pages, attended orientation. During orientation, we were fitted for uniforms, given a tour of the Capitol, and introduced to the ins and outs of the program. We learned about the Zoom meetings we would run during subcommittees, the recording process for committee meetings, and how to navigate the bell system, which is used to alert us when a senator needs assistance with a task.

The bell system quickly became one of my favorite parts of the job. It gives pages like me the chance to interact with senators on a personal level and engage in conversations about the legislative process. It's also exciting because you never know what task you'll be asked to complete, and each task presents a unique opportunity to learn more about the Capitol and its workings.

At first, I was nervous that I might not have made the right decision. Leaving home, missing part of my senior year, and stepping into an unfamiliar environment made me second-guess myself. However, from the very first day, it became clear that I had made the right choice. I've had the privilege of meeting incredible people, including Senator Guth, and I've been able to watch the legislative process unfold firsthand.

Watching bills get

debated and understanding the work behind shaping decisions has been eye-opening. The experience has deepened my passion for political science and reinforced my desire to pursue a career in government. The opportunity to witness the inner workings of the government and to be involved in the legislative process has been invaluable.

My name is Olivia Kathikar and I am a senior at Southwest Valley High School in Corning, Iowa, and becoming a page has been a rewarding experience that has provided me with hands-on learning while also allowing me to make meaningful connections. If you are interested in learning more about the legislative process and gaining a better understanding of government, I highly encourage you to apply to become a page. This is a unique opportunity you won't want to miss! To apply and find out more about the program, visit the official page program handbook online at legis.iowa.gov.

I was present on Monday and met with the Secretary of State, the Department of Revenue and the Department of Management to discuss how the bill we passed two years ago that combined some departments is working. I have heard many good things about how duplicity between agencies was reduced, communication between departments is being improved, and millions of dollars are being saved.

The forum originally planned in Webster City on Feb. 15 was rescheduled to March 1. It will be held at the Central College Campus at 11:00.

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"Reading is Sweet" at CGD



By Reagan Hill,
Leah Simmons,
and Lauren Murphy

Leader in Me Night on February 4th was about building leaders and spending time with your family for the elementary. The theme was "Reading is Sweet".

Things we liked included: the gym station and the cookies station. We played six corners and jump rope. We decorated sugar cookies in the lunchroom. We also made bookmarks and listened to stories. In the library, there were reading games to play with your family. We had a prize drawing to guess the number of lollipop suckers and the closest number won.

They got to keep the lollipops. We also drew people's names for mini gumball machines. And let's not forget The Taco Shack where we could get food. We had a fun time.

Poem

By Tretyn Solis

If you look up.
What do you see?
Do you see the sky?
Do you see space?
Or do you see something
to explore
Something to
discover new and
exciting things.
Do you see endless
possibilities?
Or do you see
the clouds?
What do you see?

Many adults feel there's no better way to relax than curling up with a good book. Though a relaxing afternoon of reading may appeal to adults, kids could prove a little more reluctant to crack a book.

Children have much to gain from reading and being read to. According to the Children's Bureau of Southern California, a nonprofit organization devoted to strengthening vulnerable children, their families and the communities where they live, reading aloud to children supports their cognitive development; improves their language skills; prepares them for academic success; increases their discipline and ability to concentrate; and improves their imagination and creativity. Many of those same benefits apply to kids who read on their own, which may be more appealing as kids advance through elementary school and aspire to become more independent.

Since children have so much to gain from cuddling up with a good book, parents can try these strategies to encourage kids to read more.

Allow kids to read the same book. Parents of young readers or children learning to read undoubtedly know how much children like to read the same book over and over again. Though that might not engage moms and dads, experts note that allowing kids to read the same books again and again is an effective way to foster a love of reading in children. Researchers have linked reading the same books again and again to greater vocabulary acquisition and improved reading comprehension, among other benefits. Kids are more likely to enjoy reading if they recognize more words and can better understand the stories, so parents can encourage kids to read the same books again and again.

Take a book along when running errands or traveling. The Children's Book Review notes that books can be just as handy in cars as tablets and other devices kids use to watch movies while on the go. Though some children may get car sick when reading while a car is in motion, those who don't have plenty of time to read while in the backseat. On long road trips, promise a movie after kids have read for an hour. When running errands with the



Ella with her dog, Remi, reading through a stack of books. (Photo: Alison Clabaugh)



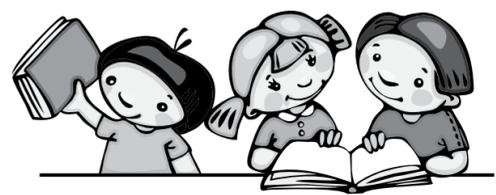
Waiting in line at State Wrestling. Reading is the best way to pass time! (Photo: Jill Campbell)

kids in tow, encourage them to read by keeping a couple of books or magazines in the backseat at all times.

Practice positive reinforcement with emerging readers. Another way to encourage young readers to pick up a book more often is to praise their efforts even if they struggle with words. Patience can go a long way toward instilling a love of reading in children. If kids are struggling with a word or words, read the sentence aloud with them. Reading also has a tendency to pique readers' curiosity, so parents can encourage kids to ask questions about the books they read and help them find answers to those questions if necessary.

Enroll kids in library reading programs. Summer reading programs sponsored by local libraries have been found to be conducive to promoting reading in young children. In its report titled "The Role of Public Libraries in Children's Literacy Development," the Pennsylvania Library Association indicated that preschool and summer reading programs encourage children to spend significant amounts of time with books and also encourage parents to play a greater role in their children's literacy development. Participation in such programs is typically free of charge, so there's no reason why families cannot take advantage of these highly effective programs.

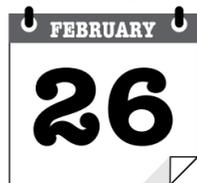
Reading benefits children in myriad ways. Parents can look to various strategies to foster a love of reading in their children.



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Grant Winner Lea Charlson Hops Toward a Bigger Future in Agriculture



By Audrey Eglund

Lea Charlson had said that her grant was 1,000 dollars to use on her supervised agricultural experience (SAE). Her SAE includes selling rabbit cages and making them; she earned it by filling out the national FFA application for the grant and she was one of the members who got picked out of over 1000 FFA members who applied.

She plans to build more cages and carriers with her grant to build up her business. In the future she hopefully sees her business expand in the rabbit industry and 4-H. Lea ended the conversation with whom it will impact, she said that it would impact her business, herself, and the future customers to come.



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Leadership is Sweet

By Nic Curry

February 17, 2025, the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows student council went on a trip to North Polk High School. This trip included a keynote speaker, 4 break-out sessions, and a lot of fun activities for the students to do.

Dereck Lewis, CEO of Thelma's Ice Cream Sandwiches was our keynote speaker for the day. He started off the leadership retreat with a bit of background on his life, and how entrepreneurship and running your own business takes immense leadership skills. He would teach us how he would help his coworkers with their day-to-day lives as a better mental health status leads to improvement in work.

Not only that, but he spoke of how he would work every job that his floor workers would work just to get a feel to change things. These facts about his leadership were inspiring and showed us how leaders don't just work at the top, but do the difficult things with the floor workers to maximize their productivity. After this speech, we shifted into small breakout groups. The first break-out session was decorating cookies to fit the theme.

You were paired with another member of a different student council and would have to decorate each other's cookie designs with other challenges added to it. This taught us how teamwork is crucial even when working on different projects. The next breakout session was a fun candy land-like game that included answering questions on how different people's student councils would handle different scenarios.

The third breakout session includes listing the different types of groups and events in your school and connecting lines to them to try and promote general participation in the activity. The final breakout session was another small speech by our keynote speaker letting us have a Q&A. This breakout session was quick and ended with a delicious Snickerdoodle ice cream sandwich.

At the end of the day, we had a small closing ceremony and our student council group went to Pancheros which was a great ending to a sweet leadership retreat.



High School Honor Roll

Name:	Grade:				
Berning, Tara	9	Myers, Olivia	9	Mewes, Jillian	10
Castillo Gonzales, Iris	9	Nel, Manie (MJ)	9	Morrical, John (J.D.)	10
Charlson, Lea	9	Nerlien, Harper	9	Munoz, Landon	10
Chavez, Gabriela	9	Ordenez Matias, William	9	Noh Mejia, Ricardo	10
Cope, Traesyn	9	Paxtor Vasquez, Lesly	9	Nosbush, Cooper	10
Duncalf, Daven	9	Perez, Johanna	9	Santiago, Elideth	10
Eglund, Audrey	9	Poac-Gomez, Ruby	9	Savov, Savana	10
Farnum, Ryan	9	Redenius, Paxton	9	Smith, Ashlynn	10
Fineran, Ella	9	Reyes, Brianna	9	Solis, Matheu	10
Fouts, Damon	9	Rink, Hayden	9	Torsell, Logan	10
Garcia, Judy	9	Roberts, Tristan	9	Warnke, Mason	10
Garcia Villatoro, Johana	9	Rodriguez, Miguel	9	Weets-Morris, Jace	10
Glade, Lydia	9	Routh, Maverick	9	Woodley, Alyna	10
Hoang, Roy	9	Ruba, Jacob	9	Becerra Tevalan, Kristel	11
Johnson, Emily	9	Sarat-Oxlaj, Liliana	9	Cariilo, Adrian	11
Johnson, Taylor	9	Sesker, Colin	9	Coldiron, Ruby	11
Juarez Romero, Elverantonio	9	Sturgeon, Caitlyn	9	Cramer, Meah	11
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Melendez, Armando	9	Watts, Quincy	9	DelaTorre, Kyler	11
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		Yackle, Theodore	9	Gonzalez, Selvin	11
		Askelsen, Blaire	10	Hartwig, Ryan	11
		Barrett, Calvin	10	Hasty, Ethan	11
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		Brooks, Quinn	10	Holmes, Henry	11
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		Campbell, Charles	10	Kirstein, Claire	11
		Cayler, Lucas	10	Kirstein, Jacqueline	11
		Chapman, Kenna	10	Krueger, Quinn	11
		Durham, Madison	10	Lara Book, Gabriela	11
		Engstrom, Ella	10	Lewis, Ava	11
		Frantz, Greydon	10	Linn, Mason	11
		Hauenstein, Caden	10	Lopez, Estuardo	11
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		Howell, Adelynn	10	Mejicanos Lopez, Madeline	11
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		Lane, Chazden	10	Ordenez Oxlaj, Caty	11
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				Van Wyk, Makenna	12
				Velasquez, Inelda	12
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SPORTS



Cowboys Battle On Iowa's Biggest Stage



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his junior season with a 4th place medal and a record of 35-4.

Sophomore Adrian Phetxoumphone placed 7th at 126 pounds in his first trip to The Well. He won by technical fall over Gavin Knutson of Decorah, but lost a 4-3 decision to Emmitt Newton of Davis County in the quarterfinal. Adrian bounced back with a pin in the consolation and went on to defeat a 50-5 Harlan Community wrestler in the 7th place match.

Charlie Campbell was another Cowboy sophomore enjoying his first trip to state. The 175-pounder placed 7th after securing a 5-3 decision over Blake Mather of West Delaware. Campbell lost two narrow decisions in the quarterfinals and consolation round, but

still fought his way to the podium and ended his year with a record of 43-5.

Angel Cortes (113) delivered a 17-1 technical fall in his first match of the tournament, but lost by major decision and fall in his next two bouts.

Freshman 144-pounder Colin Sesker downed North Central Conference opponents from Hampton-Dumont-CAL and Algona to open his tournament with a bang. Sesker was beaten by decision later on in the quarterfinals and fell to Chase Krantz of Assumption in his wrestleback to finish his season with a record of 34-10.

Caleb Seaba (157) had a 16-1 technical fall over Chayton Snethen of Harlan Community and dismantled Benton Community's Elias

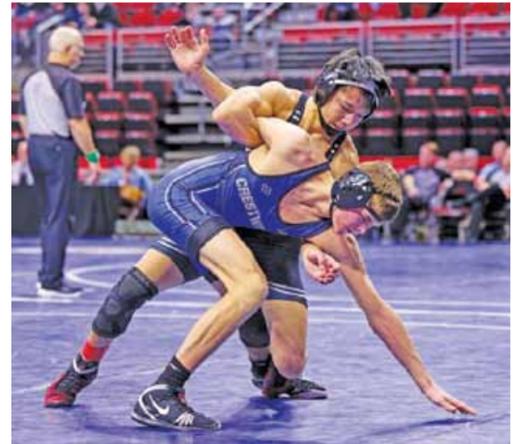


Charlie Campbell had a strong showing in his first trip to state. (Photo: Mitch Jones Photography)

Bieschke 15-0 before losing by sudden victory to Eagle Grove's Hayden Schafer.

Ryland Morgan lost his first match 8-0, but

came back with a major decision and a decision at 165. Burlington's Blake Wilson eventually defeated Morgan, but the Cowboy freshman wrapped up his



Linden Phetxoumphone is now a three-time place winner. (Photo: Mitch Jones Photography)

year with a 28-20 record.

JT Kelso represented C-G-D at 285. He pinned Kuemper Catholic and Knoxville wrestlers in the consolation rounds,

but his season came to an end at 39-7 after Maxwell Azzaline of Assumption squeaked out a 1-0 victory.

Sophomores Guide Cowboys In Final Game of Season



Huxley Lingenfelter (Photos: Taylor Smith)



Chaz Lane

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows boys basketball season came to end on Monday, February 17 at Belmond-Klemme High School.

Facing the Broncos in the first round of Class 2A, District 1 action, the Cowboys led 16-13 after a quarter of play. The 11-11 Broncos would score 23 points in the 2nd, but C-G-D managed to tie things up at 39 heading into the 4th.

B-K, led by 16 points from Kysen Lamb, would win 58-47 and advance to face Spirit Lake in the next round.

Chaz Lane finished with 13 points and game-highs of 18 rebounds and five blocked shots. The 6'4" forward wrapped up his sophomore campaign with

averages of 18 PPG (6th in the NCC), 9.5 RPG (2nd in the NCC), 1.7 SPG (7th in the NCC), and 1.1 BPG (2nd in the NCC).

Huxley Lingenfelter scored 13 to go along with six boards. The 6'3" forward averaged 9.1 PPG, 6.3 RPG, and 1.4 SPG for C-G-D.

Sophomore JD Morrical had seven points and a steal against the Broncos. He averaged 8.5 PPG, 3.5 APG, and 1.5 SPG game this season.

Johnny Lomeli added five points and five assists, and finished his junior season with 9.1 PPG.




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Fred Reese (Middle) from Legion Riders Lawton Iowa, attended the Soup Supper. He is the regional and state director of Brothers of the Third Wheel Trike Organization from the Sioux City area .

The Legion Riders held their Soup Supper on February 9th had a good turnout. (Photos: Barb Chambers)

Aerial views

Bruce Voigts, Aerial Photographer (Photos taken February 23, 2025)
After a two week break because of extreme weather conditions, Bruce Voigts is back in the plane!



North side of Lake Cornelia is a popular place to set up for ice fishing.



Looking west to Clarion, the cemetery is on the left center of picture. With warm weather and no snow in the forecast, the snow is sure to melt soon.

Certified Handlers Course Set for March 12

Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Wright County will host a

Certified Handlers Continuing Instruction Course (CIC) for Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

The program, provided by the ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program (PSEP), is available at office locations across Iowa.

The local attendance site is at the Wright County Extension office. Preregistration may be required. Walk-ins on the day of the program are not guaranteed admission. The course runs

from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$45. There will be one reshuffle date available, at no extra charge, on Tuesday, March 18, 2025. This course runs from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.

To register or to obtain additional information about the CIC, contact Alondra Perez at the ISU Extension and Outreach Wright County office at 515-532-3453.

The course will provide continuing instruction credit for certified handlers.

Topics covered will include pesticide use and the environment; pesticide la-

bels and comprehension; and pesticide container handling and disposal.

Additional information and registration forms for this and other courses offered by the PSEP program can be accessed at <http://www.extension.iastate.edu/PSEP>.

Contact: Betsy Danielson, ISU Extension and Outreach Pesticide Safety Education Program, 515-294-1122, betsydan@iastate.edu and Alondra Perez, Office Assistant and Program Coordinator, 515-532-3453, alopez@iastate.edu

Oldest Son Returns to Complete Your "Honey Do" List

Richard Echelberger, Dows, IA.

Matthew Echelberger, the oldest son of Mary and Richard Echelberger, Dows, returned home to help take care of his aging family members. He recently moved from South Carolina, where he had a successful handyman business. Richard recently retired from HAGIE Manufacturing and ended up in the hospital for several days due to AFIB and a severe case of the HMPV illness that causes serious breathing issues. Matthew, 45, is currently residing with and assisting his parents and has also been helping take care of his Grandfather Dick Echelberger and Great Uncle Gary Echelberger.

Matthew has completed all his paperwork and has obtained an Iowa Business license and insurance to restart his Handyman services locally. He is working under the name HONEY DONE, LLC. So far in just the past several weeks he has replaced the water heaters in his Aunt Diana's house, and his brother's house Mark Franklin Echelberger. He has also helped remodel several other houses that were damaged by bad weather and installed garage storage shelving. He is excited with the Spring coming soon where he can do additional work outside.

Richard tells the story that several years ago, Matthew

was visiting and while he was at work, Matthew tore out the whole bathroom down to the studs. So, Richard was completely shocked when he returned from work to find the bathroom gone. Mary wanted to make sure that the bathroom was going to be remodeled. Within just a few days, the bathroom was completed. Matthew also repurposed a dresser into a bathroom vanity, complete with running water. Additionally, he also installed a handicap-accessible ramp and replaced the siding on his parents' house. Finally adding an outdoor addition to the garage where the family gathers outside.

Matthew has also been working with the Dows American Legion to remodel their Membership wall and helped remodel outdated decorations. He has also assisted with their community meals. He is an active member of the Dows Sons of the Legion. Matthew plans on purchasing a house with a large garage. His passion for helping others and his knowledge



of home repair will be an added addition to the Wright County and the surrounding area.

Matthew has over 26 years of experience in Bathroom and Kitchen remodeling, wood and ceramic flooring, window and door replacement, siding and rotten wood replacement, and interior and exterior painting. He has exceptional organizational skills. If you need help with any small or large remodeling tasks or just need assistance, just contact Matthew to see if he can help you. His number is 904-305-7688.



Beef Quality Assurance Session scheduled for Clarion on March 13

The Iowa Beef Center and Iowa State University Extension are cooperating with the Iowa Beef Industry Council to help educate producers in the Beef Quality Assurance program. A training and certification session will be held on Thursday March 13 from 6:00 – 8:30 pm at the Wright County Extension office at 2302 Madison Ave in Clarion. The Wright County Cattlemen will provide a light meal at 6:00 pm followed by the BQA certification. Please RSVP

for the meal by contacting Mitchell Meinke at 515-368 0369 or the Wright County Extension office at 511-532-3453 alopez@iastate.edu by Tuesday March 11. If you have questions about BQA certification, contact Russ Euken ISU Extension Livestock Specialist at 641-923-2856.

BQA is a nationally coordinated, state implemented program that raises consumer confidence through assuring proper management techniques

and a commitment to quality within every segment of the beef industry.

BQA certification is increasingly being encouraged, and in some cases required, by market outlets for finishing cattle and this expected to increase. BQA is a voluntary program and the Iowa BQA Program is funded by the IBIC and the Beef Checkoff.

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