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Doctor on Ice

Dr. Ahrendsen recounts his time in Antarctica

Amanda Rink, Editor

February 28, 2025 - Dr. Jon Ahrendsen recently shared his unique experience serving as a physician at McMurdo Station in Antarctica with residents and visitors at the Clarion Meadows Senior Living Community.

Journey to the Ice - How did he decide to serve as a doctor in Antarctica? Like most good ideas, it started with his wife. Becky Ahrendsen, with whom he shares two adult daughters, suggested it after Jon expressed a desire to visit the last continent on his bucket list.

After an extensive application process, including providing information on distant family members and listing references who ended up being surprised with an in-person interview, he was approved to serve at McMurdo Station. McMurdo is the largest U.S. research facility in the Antarctic, located on the southern tip of Ross Island.

Getting there was an adventure in itself. Dr. Ahrendsen described his multi-leg journey, 9,214 miles from Clarion, which involved several flights before boarding a military transport plane to Antarctica.

Upon arrival, all newcomers were issued extreme cold-weather (ECW) gear, including insulated coats and "bunny boots" designed to withstand frigid temperatures. Though the coats were returned at the end of their stay, Ahrendsen later obtained a similar one, which he displayed for the audience.

"They are extremely, extremely warm," he shared. During his time at McMurdo, he experienced temperatures as low as -34°F, with wind chills dropping even further. Ahrendsen was in Antarctica from August 2023 to February 2024, experiencing the end of winter, spring, and summer.

Living in Isolation - McMurdo Station operates as



Dr. Ahrendsen smiles in the breathtaking Antarctic landscape, complete with a penguin waddling in the distance. During his six months at McMurdo Station, he treated patients, braved extreme conditions, and made unforgettable memories in one of the most remote places on Earth.

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Wright County Board of Supervisors Hear of Potential Drainage District Damage

Amanda Rink, Editor

The Wright County Board of Supervisors met on Monday to address drainage district concerns, secondary roads, and the courthouse policies.

A-Line Pipeline Removal by DKM Enterprise - One of the key discussions was led by Drainage District Administrator Courtney Morris who gave an update on the A-Line pipeline removal project by DKM Enterprises, LLC.

For the southern portion of the county, there were no concerns with the GPS coordinates provided. The northern half of the removal project raised concerns with GPS coordinates that appeared inaccurate. Several points were marked as crossing district assets, though discrepancies in some of the GPS coordinates were also noted.

These included minor typos in the coordinates and confusion if the district tile or private tile was crossed. It was also clarified that while the pipeline was capped at some spots, there are other areas where contractors

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Clarion Farm Bureau Hosts Town Hall with State Legislators



Wright County Conservation Director Eric Rector asked Senator Dennis Guth a pointed question at the March 8 Town Hall, "You're limiting prosecution for chemical companies but at the same time, you support forcing vaccine manufacturers to waive their exemption from prosecution. Why the double standard?" (Photo: Amanda Rink)

Amanda Rink, Editor

March 8, 2025 - The Wright County chapter of the Iowa Farm Bureau hosted a town hall meeting featuring Senator Dennis Guth and representatives Shannon Latham and Mark Thompson. The event was moderated by local farmer and Farm Bureau board member Ethan Lambert. The event drew a large crowd who were eager to have their voices heard.

Throughout the meeting, tensions flared over transgender rights, school vouchers, and library funding, while common ground was found on issues like nursing home support, recorder fees, human trafficking legislation, and providing feminine hygiene products to schools.

Grain Indemnity Fund - The discussion opened with Ethan Lambert pressing lawmakers on why the House version of the Grain Indemnity Fund bill covers only 70% of

deferred payment contracts, while the Senate version offers full coverage.

Lambert expressed support for the Senate version and asked, "Why is the House where they're at, and what can we do to get to where the Senate is?"

He then explained as to how the deferred payment system helps farmers:

"We'd obviously like it to be covered completely. That's a tool that I use personally. In October, our grain was far lower than it was through the January report. So we use that pay later price later to make more money and to allow us to be sustainable and we prefer to have all the tools we can to live a profitable life."

Latham admitted she wasn't certain why the House set the 70% cap, sharing that some lawmakers opposed deferred contracts entirely.

Senator Dennis Guth emphasized that the fund is

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Uncertainty in Funding Leaves Elderly Facing Food Insecurity



Barb Tanner carefully dishes up a hot meal at Iowa Specialty Hospital, while Doug Hammel packs the meals into coolers, ready for volunteers to deliver. Though funding for Meals on Wheels was cut for two days, the hospital stepped up to make sure no one goes without a meal.

Amanda Rink, Editor

For many seniors in Wright County, "Meals on Wheels" isn't just a meal, it's a lifeline. It's a warm plate of food, a friendly face at the door, and a small but powerful connection to the outside world. But now, that lifeline appears uncertain.

Nickie Hill, who oversees nutrition services at Iowa Specialty Hospitals & Clinics' Clarion Campus, has been watching these changes unfold with growing concern.

"Previously, we were able to provide five meals a week through funding from Elderbridge Agency on Aging. That's been cut to just three days," Hill shared. Hill, along with her colleagues at Iowa Specialty Hospitals and Clinics, knew they couldn't let their senior citizens go hungry, so they've reworked their budget to cover the other two days. But how long can this be sustainable? Hill fears that eventually, there will be no funding at all.

Hill isn't the only one concerned. Across Iowa, Meals on Wheels programs are seeing state and federal dollars dwindle, leaving elderly residents, many of who rely on these meals

as their primary source of nutrition, wondering what comes next.

The funding struggle isn't new. Meals on Wheels programs across the country are funded largely by the Older American Act (OAA), which provides federal dollars for senior services. But that funding hasn't kept up with rising costs. In the 2024 fiscal year, OAA programs saw \$2.372 billion, almost \$400 million short of the authorized amount.

And unfortunately, things at the state level aren't much better. Iowa's \$8.9 billion budget for fiscal year 2025 was passed with a surplus, yet funding for critical senior services remains tight.

Elderbridge Agency on Aging plays an important role in supporting the Meals on Wheels program in Wright County. As one of Iowa's six Area Agencies on Aging, Elderbridge provides supportive services to seniors across a 29-county region.

In Wright County, Elderbridge has proactively sought funding to maintain services. Sandra Jackson, a director at Elderbridge, requested \$12,000 from the Wright County Board of

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Clarion City Council Backs REC Center

Amanda Rink, Editor

March 4, 2024 - The long-discussed Clarion REC Center project took a major step forward last week as the Clarion City Council approved a resolution declaring its commitment to the facility's future. The resolution outlines the city's role in providing land, ownership, and financial support for long-term maintenance.

Councilperson Dave Flurer, who provided an update from the Finance Committee during the meeting, made it clear that the city stands firmly behind the project. "The city is and has been 100% in favor of the REC Center," Flurer stated during the meeting, which echoed statements made by Mayor Heiden last week.

Discussions around the project have been ongoing for months, with a key issue being where the facility should be located. The White Fox Development Area is still being considered, but since that land was intended to generate revenue for the city's General Fund, city officials expressed concerns that placing the REC Center there could lead to long-term financial losses for the city.

Hanson Park has been offered as an alternative site at no cost to either the REC Center or the city's tax base. It is unclear if the REC Center Board is considering moving the proposed site after the city's official offer.

Another major discussion point the finance committee had in the past centered around the financial sustainability of the project. City leaders reviewed data from similar REC Centers in neighboring communities, which showed a concerning trend, many operate at a financial loss four out of every five years.

Adding to the concerns, a comparison of the median household incomes showed that Clarion residents earn up to \$15,000 less than those in surrounding towns.

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Area Headlines

Eagle Grove

The Eagle Grove City Council approved a 1.5 million dollar project to update the city's lift stations and associated piping. Updating the aging system will prevent system overflows and significant failures.

Dows

Brian Miller, Owner and Attorney at Law at Miller & Miller, P.C. in Hampton, was recently appointed as Dows' City Attorney.

Rowan

A citizen is considering purchasing a house that requires demolition and has a septic tank. They asked the Rowan City Council about waiving septic fees, given that a precedent has already been set for such cases. Councilman Bruns questioned their plans for the lot, preferring development over vacancy. No action was taken during the meeting.

Hampton

The Hampton-Dumont-CAL ProStart culinary team is headed to Baltimore for the National ProStart Invitational on May 2-4 after winning their fourth consecutive state championship title.



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entirely farmer-funded, not taxpayer-funded, and stated, “We don’t continually collect all these funds. If we get \$5 million we quit collecting it.”

Education Funding and Library Restrictions - Education was another major point of debate. The state, at the writing of this article and at the time of the town hall, has not yet set a number for school funding. Latham expressed her disappointment in the 2% school funding increase proposal, stating that she had pushed for 3.8%.

Franklin County resident Joslyn Stock directly challenged Latham, Thompson, and Guth with two pointed questions: What evidence do you have that public schools in your district are failing to educate all students? What evidence do you have that private schools are more successful?

Representative Thompson and Latham agreed with one another and stated that private schools are ultimately held accountable by parents, who would decide to take their children out of the private school if they are shown to be unsuccessful.

Stock and other attendees pushed back, questioning why taxpayer dollars should fund private schools that are not required to serve all students.

The trio of lawmakers defended the Education Savings Account (ESA) program, saying that “money follows the student.” Another resident countered, saying, “Public money is taxpayer money. It should go to public schools.”

Stock also raised concerns about House File 284, which would penalize Iowa public libraries that are members of advocacy organizations, such as the Iowa Library Association, with less funding. Representative Latham clarified “I don’t have a position on this bill” while Senator Guth defended his efforts to restrict obscene materials in libraries.

“We’re not trying to limit materials for adults,” Guth stated of his stance on his recent legislation.

Civil Rights Code - One of the more emotionally charged moments of the meeting occurred when a resident, a former police officer, questioned whether concerns about trans people in bathrooms were based on fact or fearmongering. She suggested the legislation was a “red herring” to more important things.

Representative Latham defended the legislation: “The problem is, when do you become trans? Hypothetically, you could have a teenage male who says, ‘Oh, I feel like a girl today’ and get access into the girls’ bathroom.”

Representative Thompson did as well: “Frankly, it was a lot about protecting our girls and our and our ladies.”

Several attendees pushed back, questioning the actual number of reported incidents and accusing lawmakers of targeting marginalized groups.

Senator Guth stated: “What we’d really like to see is getting rid of the entire Civil Rights Code and going back to ‘all people are created equal’. Every time we carve something out where somebody gets special rights, everybody else has less rights.”

Healthcare and Nursing Homes - Resident Jane Turner raised concerns about nursing home funding, noting that her mother’s care costs \$9,000 per month.

She also highlighted CNA training costs, which can reach \$3,000 for just two months of education along with the issue of travel nurses being used more so than full-time local nurses in our area.

Representative Latham acknowledged the issue, stating that a bill to regulate travel nurse costs died last year, but she remains open to revisiting it. Representative Thompson added that he has been in discussions with the Humboldt hospital which sees a need to add video monitoring in nursing homes.

Recorder Fees and County Revenue - Wright County Recorder Denise Baker spoke about proposed legislation affecting county recorder fees, urging Thompson, Latham, and Guth to support Senate File 371 and House File 633, backed by the Iowa County Recorders Association. She, along with two other area Recorders, emphasized that fees haven’t increased in 40 years.

Human Trafficking Legislation - Representative Mark Thompson passionately addressed human and labor trafficking, calling for the creation of a large task force to tackle the issues, regardless of cost. “This county has been in documentaries for its high level of labor trafficking,” Thompson stated of Wright County.

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This raised questions about whether membership fees would generate enough revenue to cover the center’s operating costs.

Despite concerns, the council moved forward with its commitment to support the project. Resolution 25-24 includes five supporting factors:

Land Contribution: The city will offer Hanson Park as a location for the REC Center through an economic development grant, “if Clarion Rec so wishes to use said real estate”.

Ownership: The city will take ownership of the facility once the building is complete, treating it like any other city-owned building by covering insurance costs, an expected \$45,000 annually, according to City Administrator Clint Middleton.

Management: The city will lease the building to a third-party operator to handle daily operations.

Financial Commitment: A dedicated fund will be created for major repairs and the city will contribute \$15,000 annually with a maximum cap of \$100,000.

This support from the city addresses concerns from the financial committee. The motion to approve the resolution was made by Flurer and seconded by Shayne Hennigar.

With this approval, the city and REC Center organizers will move forward with finalizing the project’s details, including securing funding, and location, formalizing a management agreement, and preparing for construction. It appears the REC Center is one step closer to becoming a reality for Clarion area residents.

In other business the Council:

- Approved pay request #23 from Peterson Construction for the Water Treatment Plant for \$161,500.

- Approved a Development Agreement with White Fox Holding LLC for 124 N Main

- Heard the final Property Tax Levy proposal, \$17.76, from City Administrator Clint Middleton.

The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, March 18 at 5:00 P.M.

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In 2016, Dr. Ahrendsen, a family physician in Clarion, adventured to Mount Everest. In many ways, that journey served as preparation for his next great expedition, braving the tundra of Antarctica.

a small, self-sufficient town, complete with dormitories, a cafeteria, a clinic, and a wastewater treatment plant. The population varies throughout the year, from around 250 people in winter to nearly 950 during peak research months.

Despite its town-like setup, McMurdo is not a tourist destination, only workers, researchers, and the occasional congressional visitors are permitted.

Daily life at the station included long working hours, communal dining, and recreational activities like hiking Observation Hill. Dr. Ahrendsen hiked it so many times that his total distance was equivalent to climbing Mount Everest, a place he has also visited in 2016.

He also attended Ice Stock while practicing medicine in Antarctica, a New Year’s Eve music festival for McMurdo residents. The event, created by two Iowans in 1989, has become a station tradition and is known as “the world’s most exclusive music festival.”

While events like Ice Stock and Halloween celebrations helped boost morale, the isolation and

harsh conditions could be mentally challenging.

“There were at least a couple of people who had to leave due to mental health reasons,” Ahrendsen shared.

Medicine in Antarctica - As one of the station’s doctors, Ahrendsen led a small medical team responsible for treating minor illnesses to small dental issues. The clinic was equipped with an exam room, a trauma bay, an X-ray machine (which occasionally made the lights flicker), and a small hospital ward.

If a case required more advanced care, like a broken bone requiring surgery or a pregnancy, patients were flown back to New Zealand for treatment. One of the unique aspects of medical care in Antarctica is the necessity for self-sufficiency.

“We did everything, saw the patient, took blood pressures, drew blood, ran lab tests, took X-rays, dispensed medicine, swept the floors, and even did the laundry,” Ahrendsen said. The medical team also trained volunteers to assist in mass casualty incidents, preparing for potential emergencies like aircraft



McMurdo Station, Antarctica - Dr. Ahrendsen’s home for six months. During a presentation at The Meadows, he shared stories of his visit to one of the most remote places on Earth.

crashes.

Research and Responsibility - McMurdo Station primarily exists to support scientific research and is one of 70 permanent research stations in Antarctica. Research that takes place there include

- Drilling ice cores to analyze climate history
- Astronomy research using the GUSTO balloon, which gathers data on interstellar gases
- Meteorite collection through the Antarctic Meteorite Search Program

Environmental responsibility is also a top priority at McMurdo. All waste, including human, is processed and shipped back to the U.S. “Part of the Antarctic Treaty is that you can’t just go outside and relieve yourself,” Ahrendsen explained with a chuckle.

An Extraordinary Experience - Though Antarctica is largely without wildlife, Dr. Ahrendsen shared stories of encounters with emperor penguins and Weddell seals. Visitors must maintain a 15-foot distance from animals, as required by the Antarctic Treaty, and Ahrendsen noted that

people would back away even when eager to see them up close to maintain distance.

One of the most awe-inspiring sights the good doctor saw was Mount Erebus, the southernmost active volcano on Earth. “It has a constant lava lake at its base, which helps release pressure, so it’s not in danger of a major eruption,” he explained.

When asked if he would return, he admitted that six months was a long time to be away from family, but he remained open to a shorter assignment. According to Dr. Ahrendsen, those who visit McMurdo Station go the first time for the adventure, the second time for the money, and the third time because “you don’t fit in anywhere else”.

Dr. Ahrendsen’s six-month stay at McMurdo Station was both demanding and unforgettable. From tackling medical challenges to braving Antarctica’s extreme conditions, his journey offered a rare window into a world few will ever experience.

But he’s not the only one with a story to tell about the icy frontier, read more in the next issue of The Wright County Monitor.

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Supervisors for the 2025/26 budget year. Jackson emphasized challenges stemming from stagnant state and federal funding to the Board of Supervisors.

“Our budget this year is significantly less. We’ve not received any significant increase for 10 years,” she explained, adding that Elderbridge provided \$29.99 in services for every dollar funded by the county. Elderbridge also applies for grants and uses fundraisers to close gaps in funding for the service that is really about more than a meal.

For many seniors, Meals on Wheels isn’t just about a hot plate, it’s about connection. The volunteers who deliver the meals aren’t just dropping off lunch; they’re checking in, making sure everyone is well, offering a smile and a few minutes of conversation.

“For some of these recipients, it’s not just about the food. That short visit from a volunteer means everything,” Kim Marker, Communications Leader with Iowa Specialty shared with The Wright County Monitor.

That is why Elderbridge and other local organizations are asking the community for help.

A Legislative Day, March 27, is being planned. Organizers are urging residents to contact their state representatives and demand action.

“This year we are requesting additional funding for our meal programs as demand and food costs continue to rise with stagnant funding from the Federal and State governments,” wrote Shelly Sindt, CEO of Elderbridge.

How You Can Help - If you’re concerned about funding and want to help, here is what you can do:

- **Contact your state legislators.** Tell them to support increased funding for senior nutrition programs.

Contact local Representative Mark Thompson by phone at 515-281-3221/515-851-7017 or email at mark.thompson@legis.iowa.gov

Contact local Iowa Senator Dennis Guth by phone at 515-281-3371/641-430-0424 or email at dennis.guth@legis.iowa.gov

Volunteer. If you have a little time to spare, consider helping with meal deliveries. Sometimes, that brief check-in means the world to someone living alone. In Clarion,

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were already doing work which allowed DKM Enterprises, LLC to remove the pipeline that ran through the open ditch so that it did not interfere with their work.

This raised obvious concerns about potential damage to the drainage system that would not be evident until Spring or years later. The board discussed creating a comprehensive list of affected districts to track issues in the future, ensuring that any future drainage concerns could be linked back to the A-Line pipeline project.

Courthouse Grounds Use Policy - The Wright County Safety Committee presented its proposed policy for the use of the Wright County Courthouse grounds. This aims to regulate the use of the grounds, particularly in light of increased events and functions.

A key aspect of the policy is the regulation of the electrical outlets on the grounds. It has been noted in past articles that the Clarion Development Alliance (CDA) had a part in paying for the electrical upgrades. The suggested policy stated

that users will be required to apply for approval for using the grounds, including obtaining permission for electrical outlet use. The Safety Committee is to meet with the CDA for their agreement before the policy is brought before the Board again.

Secondary Roads Update - Wright County Engineer Adam Clemons provided an update on the county’s secondary roads, which had seen significant disruptions due to recent weather events. The county experienced a major snowstorm, leading to efforts from road crews to clear roads and repair signs that were damaged by high winds.

Despite the challenges posed by heavy snow, road crews were able to complete nine work orders and make adjustments for two ambulance calls from Eagle Grove. The board will meet again on Monday March 17 at 9:00 A.M. This meeting, and others, can be viewed online at youtube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial312.

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

It is time to *reinvigorate and rebuild* the
Wright County Democratic Party
 with an
Organizational Meeting
 Tuesday, March 18
 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 Pizza Ranch 102 S. Main Street, Clarion

Officers from local Democratic parties will be on hand to answer questions. Hear from Ryan Melton and Kyle Kruse on how we can make our voices heard.

Questions about the meeting may be directed to info@humboldtcountymocrats.org

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newspapers in the classroom

The COVID-19 pandemic had a profound impact on communities across the globe. No individual, household or industry was unaffected by the pandemic, and the ripple effects of the virus may be felt for years to come.

Though many effects of the pandemic have been devastating, one unforeseen and potentially positive consequence of the spread of COVID-19 was a growing recognition of the invaluable role played by local newspapers. Responses to the virus and strategies regarding how to combat it varied greatly, and local newspapers were a go-to resource for citizens who wanted to learn about rules and regulations in their towns. For example, in England the Bishop's Stortford Independent, a local weekly paper in Hertfordshire, experienced a significant monthly web audience growth during the pandemic. Prior to the global outbreak in January 2020, the paper's monthly web audience was 260,000. By October, that number had spiked to 360,000, reflecting a growing need for local news outlets as readers across the globe sought to learn about the pandemic within their own communities and how local officials were responding to the threat posed by COVID-19.

If the pandemic illustrated the vital role lo-

cal newspapers can play, it's important that readers recognize that role won't be any less valuable when COVID-19 is in the world's rearview mirror. Educators can help the next generation of readers recognize the importance of local newspapers by taking various steps to incorporate newspapers into their lessons.

1. Employ newspapers when teaching current events. Everyone was directly affected by the COVID-19 virus, making the story of the pandemic one of the most unique in modern history. Though children are often sheltered from global news stories about conflicts or economic crises, no such sheltering was possible during the pandemic, as kids were forced to learn from home and confront life with little or no access to extracurricular activities. Educators can show how local newspapers reported on the pandemic when teaching current events, using that example as the foundation for teaching current events in the future.

2. Utilize the newspapers when teaching ESL. Students who do not speak English at home or as their primary language can benefit greatly from their local newspapers. It might be easy to learn how to say certain words in English, but reading them in a newspaper gives ESL students

a chance to see the words they've learned in context. And because local newspapers feature sections on everything from news to sports to entertainment, ESL students are sure to find a few articles that appeal to their existing interests.

3. Use newspapers to encourage a love of reading. Just like ESL students are bound to find something that interests them in the local newspapers, their English-speaking classmates are sure to find a recap of their favorite team's most recent game or a review of the latest superhero movie or a local news story about their town to pique their interest. Students may not realize it, but they're learning when reading such stories by developing their vocabularies, fine tuning their comprehension skills and catching up on current events.

The valuable role played by local newspapers was on display during the pandemic. That role won't be any less valuable in a post-pandemic world, and it's a lesson teachers can apply in their classrooms.

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Check it Out at The Library!



Linda Lloyd, Clarion Public Library Director

March is Women's History Month.

The 2025 theme is "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations." This theme, designated by the National Women's History Alliance, will recognize women of past and present who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership. The colors of Women's History Month are purple, green, and white. White represents equality, truth, and freedom. Green represents hope and growth. Purple represents women's fight for suffrage.

How can we celebrate Women's History Month?

Letter to the Editor

This Saturday I attended a public meeting with several of our elected legislators, including Representatives Shannon Latham and Mark Thompson and Senator Dennis Guth. I want to thank our representatives for coming to our city to hear our concerns. With 65 in attendance, there was a limited number of citizens who were able to ask a question. Unfortunately, a few individuals got the floor and asked multiple questions. That is unfortunate. Perhaps the manner of conversation should be more limited so more individuals could express their concerns.

While there was some heated discussion about trans people losing their rights Mark Thompson stated that the House bill simply kept male-born individuals out of female bathrooms/locker rooms and out of female sports.

Another subject I was not aware of until I read the

Hoopla has put together a collection of films and music highlighting women who have shaped history and inspired change. A few of Hoopla's Movies include U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Variety's Power of Women - The Changemakers, The Codebreaker, Frida: Viva La Vida, Harriet Tubman: Visions of Freedom, and Flying in the Dark. Music from Hoopla: Gratitude - Mary J. Blige, The Collection - Pat Benatar, Forever Fan - Cher, Rockstar - Dolly Parton, and The Very Best of Roberta Flack. They offer many more.

Read books about women's rights.

The Agitators: Three Friends Who Fought for Abolition and Women's Rights by Wickenden, Divided We Stand: The Battle Over Women's Rights and Family Values That Polarized American Politics by Spruill, The Six: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts by Grush, The Book of Gutsy Women: Favorite Stories of Courage and Resilience by Clinton.

Explore the Library of Congress for several great resources: womenshistorymonth.gov

We have put together displays of books and DVD's celebrating women artists and stories. Stop in and check them out.

Des Moines Register was a pay raise for our legislators. I did not know they are paid only \$25,000 a year and have not received a pay raise for 20 years. An often thankless job for not a lot of compensation.

After the forum was over many stayed to talk to our legislators. Apparently, at one point a member of the public accused one of the elected officials as being "mean-looking". I sat through the entire meeting and thought our officials showed an abundance of patience and grace in addressing the concern raised by the public. This included times when it seemed some public members were baiting the legislators. I think that showed a lack of respect and think someone should apologize. We are "Iowa Nice" and should stay that way.

Denny Mraz, Clarion



The Historical Viewpoint Roanoke and the Lost Colony

Casey Jarmes,

Sigourney's News-Review

The year was 1590. John White, governor of the British colony located on Roanoke Island, in what is now North Carolina, returned to the colony bringing supplies. He followed a fresh track of footprints from the beach, into the village, discovering it was deserted. The homes of the colonists had been dismantled and their possessions were gone. The colonists had disappeared, leaving behind only a single clue as to what had happened to them: the word "CROATOAN," which was carved into the palisade surrounding the village. The story of the Lost Colony of Roanoke has, for centuries, been the subject of speculation and intrigue, despite the mystery not actually being that big of a mystery.

Our story begins in the late sixteenth century. The Spanish Empire controlled large portions of the "New World," including Florida, several Caribbean islands, and large chunks of Central and South America. Queen Elizabeth I, ruler of the British Empire, ordered the colonization of Northern America to shut down Spanish dominance. In 1578, she granted a charter to Humphrey Gilbert to explore and conquer "heathen and barbarous lands." In 1583, Gilbert claimed what is now the city of St. John's in Newfoundland, Canada, then was quickly lost at sea before he could set up a permanent settlement. Gilbert's charter was split in half, with the claim to things north of Newfoundland going to his brother Adrian Gilbert, and the claim to everything south going to his half-brother Walter Raleigh. In 1584, Raleigh was given seven years to establish a colony or lose his right to colonize.

Raleigh planned to use his new colony as a base to launch privateering raids against Spain. Privateering, for context, is when a government pays sailors to do piracy against the countries they are at war with. Raleigh ordered a scouting mission, which found a potential location at Roanoke Island. The scouts returned to England with two natives: Wanchese, from the Secotan people that lived on Roanoke, and Manteo, whose mother was the chieftain of the Croatan, a people living on the nearby Croatoan island. The natives fascinated the people of London, earning Raleigh investors for a potential colony, and provided detailed information on the area. Wanchese grew distrustful

of the British and cut ties with them after returning, but Manteo worked as a guide, mediator, and translator for them until the infamous disappearance.

Raleigh named what is now the east coast of the United States Virginia, named after the fact that Queen Elizabeth was unmarried and presumably a virgin, something 16th century Britons were really, really obsessed with. In 1585, Raleigh sent seven ships, carrying 600 soldiers and sailors, to establish the first British colony at Roanoke. The fleet encountered a storm while crossing the Atlantic, sinking one ship and damaging a few others, forcing them to stop in Puerto Rico for repairs. While there, the sailors spent time attacking Spanish ships, delaying their arrival at Roanoke and wasting precious time to prepare for winter. As they approached North Carolina, the ship carrying most of their food supplies crashed into a shoal, destroying most of their provisions. Instead of leaving 300 men behind to build a colony, as originally planned, there were only enough supplies to leave 100 men, who got to work building forts and searching for gold. The rest of the fleet sailed back to England.

The colonists, struggling to farm in Roanoke, were forced to rely on trading with the Secotan to avoid starving. Unfortunately, shortly after arriving, a silver cup went missing. The colonists decided it must have been stolen by natives from the Secotan village of Aquascogoc and marched to the village, demanding it be returned. When the natives did not produce the cup, the Englishmen destroyed Aquascogoc, burning the town and their crops.

The relationship with the Secotan continued straining, as the colonists over-relied on Secotan food and Secotan chief Wingina became ill from smallpox. After recovering, Wingina came to the conclusion that the colonists were responsible for the disease rampaging through Roanoke, which wasn't inaccurate. Wingina renamed himself Pemisapan, meaning "one who watches" and cut off food from the colonists. The colonists responded by taking his son Skiko hostage, who informed them that Pemisapan was planning an ambush. The colonists met with the Secotan, claiming it to be there to discuss freeing Skiko, then attacked. Pemisapan was killed. His severed head was impaled outside the colony's fort.

Shortly after killing Pemisapan, the colonists contacted British sailor Francis Drake, hitching a ride with him back to England. The resupply ship arrived a few days later and found the colony empty. They left behind 15 men, to maintain Raleigh's claim, then returned to England. In 1587, Raleigh sent a group of 118 civilians, led by artists from the first failed colony John White, to reestablish the colony. The 15 men who had left the colony were gone, with only a single skeleton remaining.

Relations with the natives quickly broke down again. A colonist was killed by Secotan men while crab hunting. The colonists retaliated by attacking what they thought was a Secotan village. It turned out to be a Croatan village, forcing Manteo to step in and calm down relations between his people and the colonists.

A few weeks after arriving, White's daughter Eleanor gave birth to Virginia Dare, the first white baby born in North America, something a lot of really weird people obsess about; for example, in the 1920s, white supremacists in North Carolina fought against suffrage because they believed it would allow black women to vote, urging that this could not happen because it would insult the memory of Virginia Dare, somehow. Shortly after Virginia was born, White returned to England to beg for help. Unfortunately, England was about to go to war with Spain, leading Elizabeth to prohibit any ship from leaving England. White attempted to send supplies in 1588, but the ships were looted by French pirates. White finally returned in 1590, making landfall on his granddaughter's third birthday.

The colony was empty, with "CRO" carved into a tree and "CROATOAN" carved into the palisade around the village. Before leaving, White had instructed the colonists to carve a cross into a tree if they were in duress. There was no cross, meaning they were likely fine. The fate of the colonists was not a mystery to White. He assumed that they had gone to Croatoan Island. But, when he attempted to sail there, a heavy storm forced him to instead return to England. In 1595, Raleigh claimed to be sailing across the Atlantic to find the lost colonists, as a cover for his hunt for El Dorado. Raleigh was later executed for violating a treaty with Spain after attacking a Spanish outpost.

We don't know what exactly happened to the Roanoke colonists, but if I were to take a guess, I'd say they probably went to Mateo's people, the Croatans, given the fact that they said they did. Afterward, they either assimilated with the natives, were killed by the natives, or both. Unfortunately, the Croatans were wiped out by smallpox, although there are modern Native American groups that believe themselves to be descendants of the Croatans and the Roanoke colonists.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Dows Proposed Property Tax Levy

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF DOWS - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
DOWS
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
CITY #: 99-950

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/24/2025 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM Meeting Location: Dows City Hall

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available)

City Telephone Number (515) 852-4327

Table with 4 columns: Iowa Department of Management, Current Year Certified Property Tax 2024 - 2025, Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2025 - 2026, Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2025 - 2026. Rows include Taxable Valuations, Consolidated General Fund, Operation & Maintenance, etc.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current: increase electric costs, increase LP costs

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CGD Proposed Property Tax Levy

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
Proposed CLARION-GOLDFIELD-DOWS (CLARION-GOLDFIELD) Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Location of Public Hearing: Clarion-Goldfield-Dows CSD District Office 120 Central Ave E Clarion, Iowa 50525

Date of Public Hearing: 3/27/2025

Time of Public Hearing: 04:00 PM

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present oral or written objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed budget.

Table with 4 columns: Current Year Final Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2025, Budget Year Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2026, Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026. Rows include General Fund Levy, Instructional Support Levy, etc.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current: The district's reason for the increase in the proposed Management Tax Levy is due to the increase cost of property, liability, and health insurance for the district.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Clarion Proposed Property Tax Levy

CITY NAME: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF CLARION - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY
CLARION
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026
CITY #: 99-949

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/1/2025 Meeting Time: 05:00 PM Meeting Location: Council Chambers - City Hall

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available) www.clarionia.gov

City Telephone Number (515) 532-2847

Table with 4 columns: Iowa Department of Management, Current Year Certified Property Tax 2024 - 2025, Budget Year Effective Property Tax 2025 - 2026, Budget Year Proposed Property Tax 2025 - 2026. Rows include Taxable Valuations, Consolidated General Fund, etc.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current: Property Tax increased. Debt Service decreased.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of Thomas King

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS KING, Deceased. CASE NO. ESPR017675 NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Thomas King, Deceased, who died on or about December 2, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on January 24, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Thomas King, deceased, bearing date of April 27, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that SheRee Wharton, appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will should be brought in the district court of said 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.

Notice is further 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 the 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.

SheRee Wharton, Executor of Estate 301 S Garfield St Dows, IA 50071 Lynn Collins Seaba, Attorney for Executor Seaba Law Office PLC 503 N Main St PO Box 68 Goldfield, IA 50542

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Clarion March 4, 2025 Claims

Table with 2 columns: CLAIMS REPORT VENDOR, AMOUNT. Lists various vendors and their amounts, such as AFLAC, AIRGAS USA, LLC, etc.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Clarion March 4, 2025 Minutes

The Clarion City Council met in regular session Tuesday March 4th, 2025, at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Heiden presiding. Present were Council members Dave Flurer, Shayne Hennigar, and Mike Ennis (absent: Dan Hennigar & Nick McOllough). 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 S. Hennigar to approve consent agenda consisting of Minutes-2025.02.18 & 2025.02.25 Special; Financial report- approve checks; Licenses/Permits- (Building, Liquor, Tobacco, Sign, Peddler, Street Closure) Nick McOllough (Motion passed 3-0, D. Hennigar & McOllough absent).

Motioned by S. Hennigar seconded by Flurer to open public hearing to dispose of Real Estate - Narber Properties (Motion passed 3-0). No comments were made. Motioned by Flurer seconded by Ennis to open public hearing

Motioned by Mike seconded by Shayne to approve Resolution (25-13) approving Pay Request #23 with Peterson Construction for WTP Project for \$161,500.00 (Motion passed 3-2, D. Hennigar & McOllough absent).

Councilman Flurer gave an update from Finance Committee on REC discussions. Covering topics: City support, location options, projected memberships and facility size. Financial topics comparing similar facility's success and town's median household average income.

Motioned by Flurer seconded by S. Hennigar to adjourn. All Ayes. (Motion passed 3-0). Respectfully Submitted, Clint Middleton City Administrator

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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 a 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 WILL 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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Representative Thompson introduced two house files, 463 and 669, one dedicated to creating and maintaining a human trafficking task force and the other expunging criminal records for trafficking victims who committed crimes while being trafficked. This was a topic much of the crowd was able to agree on.

Conservation, Eminent Domain, and Land Use Debates - One of the more contentious discussions involved a Senate Joint Resolution which would have repealed the constitutional amendment creating the Iowa Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund. Wright County Conservation Director Eric Rector challenged Senator Guth, questioning why he would support a bill that went against the 2010 vote of the people that established the fund.

The bill did not make it past funnel week and it is 'dead.' Rector also brought up the 500,000 acres of Iowa farmland that has been lost to urban sprawl in the past eight years, which he feels poses a bigger threat to agriculture than conservationists purchasing land.

"This argument that buying land for conservation hurts farmers doesn't hold up," they said. "The average farmland suitability rating for DNR ground is 32 CSR. Do you really expect a young farmer to succeed on land with a 32 CSR rating?"

The conversation then shifted to eminent domain, with some residents supporting South Dakota's recent ban on carbon dioxide pipelines and pushing for similar protections in Iowa.

EPA Regulations and Chemical Labeling - Senator Guth also addressed concerns over chemical labeling and liability for pesticide manufacturers. He acknowledged concerns about rising cancer rates in Iowa but stated that holding chemical companies legally liable under current laws is problematic.

"The EPA determines what can be put on a label," Guth explained. "Right now, they say companies cannot put on the label that a product is a carcinogen unless their studies show it. I don't agree with that—I believe some of these chemicals are carcinogens—but I also believe in the rule of law."

Wright County Conservation Director Eric Rector pushed back again, pointing out the contradiction in Guth's stance: "You're limiting prosecution for chemical companies but at the same time, you support forcing vaccine manufacturers to waive their exemption from prosecution. Why the double standard?"

"I have no desire to give chemical companies a pass," Guth said.

Other Notable Discussions - Denise Endriss of Wright County questioned who is paying for menstrual products now required in public schools and brought up support for limiting food stamp purchases to healthy foods. "I now work with processing Medicaid claims, and I look at X-rays all day, and your people who are on Medicaid tend to be on Food Stamps."

She argued that recipients buy junk food, create cavities, and then rely on Medicaid for dental care. "My tax money is paying for these people who are buying the stuff with food stamps and getting the treatment with Medicaid."

Moderator Ethan Lambert stressed that Food Stamps and Medicaid are funded at a federal level.

Although it was not made clear how the products would be paid for during the town hall, schools will be reimbursed for the full cost of purchasing menstrual products for the first three years of the program. In the 2028-29 academic year, the schools will then use school foundation aid for purchasing. Much of the crowd expressed support for the program.

The Wright County Monitor only asked one question of the politicians which was "what are you doing to lower the cost of living in Iowa?"

Representative Latham answered: "We've done numerous tax cuts." In a separate statement, she added: "We've been very supportive of rural broadband. I think that that is a great equalizer to supporting some of these small businesses."

Representative Thompson shared his thoughts that Iowans can better support themselves if they go into business for themselves. He shared of local community colleges offering job training for in-demand positions, like HVAC and welding. Thompson stated: "Bringing in more small businesses in these communities and making them welcome here, and getting people into that environment."

Final Thoughts - The town hall covered a range of contentious and practical issues, from education to human trafficking. The topics discussed in this article reflect the statements made by residents during the public meeting and have not been independently verified by The Wright County Monitor. The views expressed are those of the individuals who participated in the discussion.

It is unclear when the next town hall meeting will be held but feedback from attendees suggested that the next meeting should be more formal with questions fielded beforehand.

While some discussions grew heated, legislators expressed appreciation for public input.

As Representative Latham put it, "It's great to see a big turnout here today. We need to hear from you."

South Dakota governor signs eminent domain ban on carbon pipelines

Joshua Haiar, Iowa Capital Dispatch March 6, 2025 -

South Dakota Republican Gov. Larry Rhoden announced Thursday that he signed a bill banning the use of eminent domain for carbon dioxide pipelines, delivering a victory to property-rights activists who spent several years advocating for the bill.

Eminent domain is the right to access private property for projects that benefit the public, with compensation determined by a court. It's commonly used for projects such as electrical power lines, water pipelines, oil pipelines and highways.

The legislation passed the state Senate on Tuesday after passing the House in late January. It prohibits carbon pipeline developers from using eminent domain to acquire land. The issue has been at the center of a contentious debate over Iowa-based Summit Carbon Solutions' proposed \$9 billion carbon capture pipeline.

The project would transport carbon dioxide from more than 50 ethanol plants in five states, including eastern South Dakota, to an underground storage site in North Dakota. It would qualify for billions in federal tax credits incentivizing the sequestration of heat-trapping greenhouse gas emissions.

In a letter explaining his decision, Rhoden, a western South Dakota rancher and former legislator, emphasized his longstanding commitment to property rights and framed the bill as a means to restore trust between landowners and developers.

"I am no stranger to discussions about eminent domain and property rights," Rhoden wrote. "I've fought for private property rights in this Capitol for over 20 years. When I was a legislator, I was the prime sponsor of legislation that reformed eminent domain to protect

property rights. I don't just care about landowners — I am a landowner."

Supporters of the bill have argued that private companies like Summit should not be able to access land against the will of its owners. Opponents, however, contended that the measure could harm the ethanol industry, which is seeking ways to lower its carbon footprint as some states and countries limit sales of carbon-intensive fuels.

Rhoden said voluntary land-access agreements known as easements should be the path forward. He said his signature of the bill "does not kill the proposed project."

"I encourage Summit and others to view it as an opportunity for a needed reset," he wrote. "Voluntary easements for this proposed project will still be able to move forward."

Summit, in a statement, said the ban "changed the rules in the middle of the game."

"This kind of regulatory uncertainty creates real challenges — not just for our project, but for the ethanol plants in South Dakota that now face a competitive disadvantage compared to their counterparts in neighboring states," Summit said. "While this presents obstacles, our project moves forward in states that support investment and innovation, and we will have more news on that soon."

In response to a question from South Dakota Searchlight about whether the company might challenge the new law in court, Summit provided a statement that said "all options are on the table but we remain focused on working with stakeholders to support the long-term success of the ethanol industry and support the president's goals of American energy dominance."

"It's unfortunate that a piece of legislation has been framed around a single company rather than addressing broader infrastructure and economic policy," the company added.

Summit has not yet received a permit from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. The company's initial application was denied in 2023, largely due to the route's conflicts with local ordinances that mandate minimum distances between pipelines and existing features. The company has since made some adjustments to its route and reapplied, and that application is pending.

The project has received permits in Iowa, Minnesota and North Dakota, while Nebraska does not have a permitting process, and some of the permits have been challenged in court. The company's Iowa permit does not allow construction to begin until it receives permits in the Dakotas.

The bill's passage follows a shift in the South Dakota's political landscape, with opponents of eminent domain gaining influence in the Legislature. Last year, lawmakers passed a compromise bill that imposed new restrictions on carbon pipelines and implemented new protections for landowners and counties, but did not ban eminent domain. That measure faced fierce opposition. It was referred to the ballot in November and defeated, and 14 Republican incumbents lost their legislative seats in the June primary. This legislative session, some prominent critics of eminent domain were elevated into leadership positions.

Sen. Joy Hohn, R-Sioux Falls, is among the new crop of legislators who supported the eminent domain ban.

"The use of power of condemnation by a private company for the benefit of potential future markets is not worth the dangerous president it sets for future generations," Hohn said. "On behalf of South Dakota citizens and property owners across our great state, we are so grateful to Governor Rhoden."

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PUBLIC NOTICE Wright County Supervisors February 24, 2025 Minutes

February 24, 2025
The Board of Supervisors met as Drainage District Trustees. To view the minutes from the drainage meeting, see the Drainage District minutes on the County website.
Chairman Pro Tem Kluss called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:02 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Bosch, Loux and Ellis with Rasmussen 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 18, 2025 were

read and approved.
Approved claims for payment.
In open forum for public input, Eric Rector, Wright County Conservation Director, informed the board that there was a cooperating partner that received a million dollar grant for development and construction of nitrogen reducing wetlands, but due to unwilling landowners the cooperating partner had to take that back. He also explained that we had to turn down \$156,000 on habitat stamps due to unfavorable terms on a land acquisition.
Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Ellis to approve the

liquor license for Nine and Dine in Eagle Grove pending dram. Motion carries.
The Board discussed the county health insurance. Bob Powers with Paradigm Benefits recommended that the County stay with the ISAC Plan 11C, which is a PPO plan rather than switching to a POS plan. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Loux to proceed with health insurance ISAC Plan 11C with Assured Partners for FY 2026. Motion carries.
Amanda Meyer, Wright County Auditor, requested Deb Nesheim be

appointed Deputy Auditor. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the Auditors appointment of Deb Nesheim as Deputy. Motion carries.
Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on Secondary Roads department and the current bridge construction.
Motion by Ellis 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 Wright County Proposed Property Tax Levy

COUNTY NAME: WRIGHT COUNTY	NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	COUNTY NUMBER: 99
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The County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year County tax asking as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/7/2025 Meeting Time: 09:00 AM Meeting Location: Wright County Board of Supervisors Chambers
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed county budget.

County Website (if available) <https://www.wrightcounty.iowa.gov/> County Telephone Number (515) 532-2771

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2024/2025	Budget Year Effective Tax FY 2025/2026	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2025/2026
Taxable Valuations-General Services	1,083,670,876	1,105,703,605	1,105,703,605
Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates Except Debt Service	7,626,344	7,626,344	7,548,273
Taxable Valuations-Debt Service	1,192,844,485	1,219,641,621	1,219,641,621
Requested Tax Dollars-Debt Service	238,306	238,306	236,781
Requested Tax Dollars-Countywide Rates	7,864,650	7,864,650	7,785,054
Tax Rate-Countywide	7.23729	7.09267	7.02081
Taxable Valuations-Rural Services	774,079,858	790,910,518	790,910,518
Requested Tax Dollars-Additional Rural Levies	2,902,799	2,902,799	2,965,914
Tax Rate-Rural Additional	3.75000	3.67020	3.75000
Rural Total	10.98729	10.76287	10.77081

Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2025/2026	Percent Change
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000			
Urban Taxpayer	335	366	9.25
Rural Taxpayer	509	562	10.41

Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed	Current Year Certified Property Tax FY 2024/2025	Budget Year Proposed Tax FY 2025/2026	Percent Change
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000			
Urban Taxpayer	1,480	1,637	10.61
Rural Taxpayer	2,247	2,511	11.75

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year.
Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
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PUBLIC NOTICE L.G. Falconer Trust

TRUST NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST: L.G. Falconer Trust dated March 27, 2012

To all persons regarding Lavonne G. Falconer, deceased, who died on or about October 25, 2024. You are hereby notified that the trustees listed below are the trustees of the L.G. Falconer Trust dated March 27, 2012. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Wright County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to the spouse of the decedent settlor, and to all heirs of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred. Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim

against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied. Dated on 02/10/2025.
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Church news

CLARION AREA

CLARION FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
201 3rd Ave. NE, Clarion, IA 50525
Pastor Craig Luttrell
515-532-2845
website: www.clarion.church
Church Office
Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon
• Sunday, March 16
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
• Sunday, March 23
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL
121 3rd Avenue N.W., Clarion
• Sunday, March 16
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, March 12
Youth Faith Formation
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis, Belmont
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis, Belmont
6:30 p.m. Communal Penance at St. John, Clarion
6:30 p.m. Adoration at St. John, Clarion
• Thursday, March 13
8:00 a.m. Sewing at St. John, Clarion
11:00 a.m. Fatima Rosary at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
Lenten Activities
5:30 p.m. Stations, Mass Soup Supper at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
5:30 p.m. Stations, Soup Supper at St. John, Clarion
• Friday, March 14
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. John, Clarion
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John, Clarion
• Saturday, March 15
Lent II Haiti Collection
3:15 p.m. A/B at St. Francis, Belmont
4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis, Belmont
5:00 p.m. Irish Stew Dinner at St. Francis, Belmont
7:15 p.m. A/B at St. Francis, Belmont
8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass, St. John, Clarion
• Sunday, March 16
Lent II Haiti Collection
7:15 a.m. A/B at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
9:45 a.m. A/B at St. John,

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

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

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

GOLDFIELD AREA

Rejoice Church: A Word and Spirit Church
Pastors Cris and Jennifer Decious
Sunday worship 10:30 am
www.Rejoicechurchiowa.com or watch us on facebook
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220 E. Oak St., Goldfield, IA 50542
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goldfield.upc@gmail.com
Facebook@goldpres
"A Church for the Community"
Office M-F 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.
• Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Goldfield
Pastor Ron Rasmussen
• Sunday, 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 16
9:30 a.m. Praise and Worship

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

WRIGHT CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
1730 130th Street, Kanawha
641-762-3947
• Sunday, March 9
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
• Tuesdays March 4, 11, 18 & 25
1:30 p.m. Bible Study
• Wednesday March 19
10:00 a.m. Council
11:00 a.m. Property, Maintenance and Memorial
• Thursday, March 20
2:00 p.m. United Church of Rowan Women
• Tuesday, April 1 & 8
1:30 p.m. Bible Study
• Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday
• Sunday April 20
7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service followed by breakfast
10:00 a.m. Easter Worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod
Jct. Highway 69 & 3
Pastor Mark Eichler
• Sunday, March 16
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 16
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 16
9:00 a.m. Conf/SS/Coffee
10:00 a.m. Worship
• Wednesday, March 19
5:30 p.m. Lenten Meal
6:30 p.m. Lenten Worship

UNITED METHODIST & PRESBYTERIAN
• Sunday, March 16
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 16
10:30 a.m. Worship

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
304 W. Main, Latimer
Travis Berg, Pastor
• Sunday, March 16
9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. ABC/Sunday School

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Morgan, Lee Center, Bradford
Erling Shultz, Pastor
• Sunday, March 16
8:30 a.m. Worship (B), 9:30 a.m. Worship (LC), 10:30 a.m. Worship (M)

MISSIONARY ALLIANCE CHURCH
3rd & Lake Streets, Blairsburg, IA 50034
• Sundays
8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Café is open serving donuts, smoothies and coffee beverages
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Nursery available for children up to age 2
10:00 a.m. Kids Church for children 2 years to grade 5
• Wednesday
5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Café Open
6:30 p.m. Youth
6:30 p.m. Kids Club for children grades 1-5

NAZARETH LUTHERAN
Coulter
Pastors Tom Dettmer and Stanley Peterson
• Sunday, March 16
9:30a.m. Joint Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion, Coffee to follow
• Dinner is the first Sunday of the month

Heartland Museum Celebrates 25 Years

Heartland Museum continues their 25 year celebration this month by giving away two free admission tickets. Visit their website, www.heartlandmuseum.org and at the bottom of each page is a box that says "Click here to email us". This will bring up an email on your computer. Type "I want to win" in the body of the email and send. Winner will be selected from emails received.

Melody Lager, President of the Heartland Museum Foundation, is editor of the website. Lager said, "Changes are made to our website frequently. We like to post different pictures of the museum. We also have a blog, in which different newsletter

articles are reprinted. Plus we recognize our large donors and grants received. We would not have this museum without a lot of Wright County residents volunteering their time and talents."

Heartland Museum is also inviting Clarion businesses to offer discounts or free items to visitors of Heartland. This is a way Heartland can promote the businesses and encourage visitors to shop. Watch for other specials during the year.

If you are interested in being involved in our history, please contact us at heartlandclarion@gmail.com or call 515-602-6000 for more information. Heartland is located at 119 9th St. SW in Clarion.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

The 22nd annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Celebration in Rowan will be Saturday, March 22, instead of March 15th.

Recent blizzards and stormy forecasts are reasons for the date change.

Rodger Tveiten
Rowan is named after its Irish founder, Robert E. Rowan. In honor of Robert Rowan and Saint Patrick, an Irish Stew lunch will be served from 11:30 to 1:00. About 150 diners are expected. An alternate hot dog and chips meal will be available. It is a free-will affair and Irish and non-Irish are welcome. Feel free to wear green. The site is the United Church of Rowan at 811 Pesch Street. A bake sale, of course, will



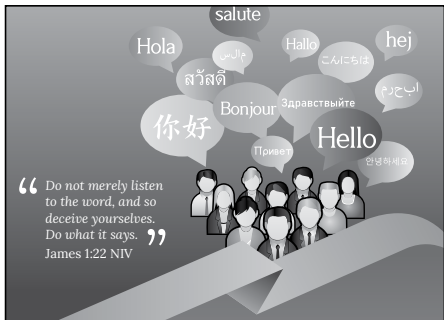











happened at the same time as the noon meal. Proceeds will go to Rowan Historical Society.

Seventy-nine year old Michael (O'Connor) Thompson will again lead the parade in his green Leprechaun costume. Anyone interested in participating in the parade is asked to meet on east side of the school. Parade line-up begins at 1:00. For more information, call 515-293-1657.



Baby Girl
Adam and Madalyn Vorrice of Dows, IA would like to announce the birth of their daughter Iris Mae Vorrice. She was born Saturday, March 1, 2025 at the Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion, IA. She weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces. Proud Grandparents are: Duane

and Deanna Vorrice of Humboldt, IA and Bryce and Joan Loring of Des Moines, IA. Proud Great Grandparents are: Betty Vorrice of Fort Dodge, IA; Marylin Hippen of Humboldt, IA and Charlie and Rosalie Dunham of Van Meter, IA.

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Monitor Memories

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE WRIGHT COUNTY MONITOR
1983 - 1948

42 Years Ago
March 17, 1983

March 17 is St. Patrick's Day, and Clarion will mark the occasion with special events to be held in the afternoon, highlighted by the largest St. Patrick's Day Parade in Wright County. The parade will begin promptly at 3:45 p.m., and will form in the parking lot south of the fire station. It will end at Conlon's Bakery. Everyone is encouraged to join in the parade.

Clarion High School will be well represented this Saturday as three students will attend the Individual State Speech Contest, to be held throughout the day in Rockwell City. Representing Clarion at the event will be Lance Stewart, Pam Reiland, and Lori Fleener. All three students advanced to the state competition after receiving superior ratings at the district level two weeks ago.

During the weekend of March 19-20, nine families at the First United Methodist Church in Clarion will be hosting foreign students from Iowa State University. Each family will have one or two students from Latin America, Southeast Asia, and the Arab world.

77 Years Ago
March 11, 1948

February was the month of cold weather. The low mark of the winter was recorded by George Reeder, official observer, Feb. 8 when a cold wave pushed the mercury down to 16 below. But the whole month went with very little precipitation until Feb. 27 when an all-day rain marked up 1.5 inches. If that had come in the form of snow, it would have doubtless amounted to about 18 inches.

Both resolutions pertaining to the merger of the Congregational churches with the Evangelical and Reformed denomination were rejected in the vote taken at the Clarion Congregational church in connection with the morning service Sunday. It is of interest historically that each of these negotiation fellowships is itself the result of an earlier merger.

Plans are being set in motion in Wright county for conducting the annual financial campaign of the American Cancer society in April. R.W. Courson and George C. Hansen are co-chairmen of the campaign, and the county quota has been set at \$2,709.

Prairie Energy Cooperative is pleased to announce that Kate Garner has joined the team as the Business and Community Development Manager.

Kate Garner, a native of Iowa, was raised in Kanawha and attended West Hancock High School and NIACC. She spent 12 years living in Clear Lake, where she worked in finance as a banker and served as a director with Zion Clear Lake. During her time in Clear Lake, Kate was actively involved with the Chamber of Commerce, contributing to various committees including Lake Leadership, Harvest Festival, and TRI Clear Lake, among others. She also engaged in numerous volunteer and community development initiatives.

After a brief time in the Mason City area working with First Citizens Bank, Kate relocated to Clarion in 2024. She currently serves on the Clarion CDA's Festival Committee and is beginning to immerse herself in other local activities and organizations. Kate has one son in the CGD school district, a lively blue heeler dog, and her mother and sister who live nearby. In her free time, Kate enjoys traveling, hiking with her dog, and appreciating



Iowa's natural beauty. She finds joy in exploring the outdoors and taking in all that the state has to offer.

Kate is excited to bring her experience in community involvement and customer service expertise to Prairie Energy Cooperative as their newest employee. In her role as Business and Community Development Manager, she looks forward to working closely with the communities and members that the cooperative serves to foster growth and positive impact.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to Kate Garner as she begins her new role at Prairie Energy Cooperative.

Obituaries

Paul D Waters 1943 - 2025

Paul D Waters, 82 of Galt passed away on Saturday March 1 at his home in Galt.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday April 6th at the Convention Center in Dows, Iowa from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Per Paul's wishes no gravesite services will be held.

Paul Dean, son of Raynard and Vernetta (Knuths) Waters was born on February 28th, 1943, in Clarion, Iowa. Paul grew up in Dows and graduated from Dows High School in 1961. While in high school Paul was active in sports. He played quarterback for the football team. After high school Paul enlisted in the Marines and served from 1961 to 1965.

Paul married Mary Ann Wehrheim in March of 1967. To this union 2 sons were born, Michael and David. They later divorced.

Paul drove a truck for Ennis Trucking, worked for Wright County Elevator (later Cargill) and farmed with his father Raynard. In retirement he drove a school bus for the CGD school district. He especially enjoyed driving

sports teams to their games and meets.

On June 18, 2016, Paul was united in marriage to Vicki Davis. They made their home in Galt, where they lived happily until his death.

Paul is survived by his wife Vicki of Galt; sons Mike (Kelly Leu) of Clarion; David of Dows Iowa. Grandchildren Ryan and Katie Waters of Adel, Kenton (Sydney Wright) Waters of Hiawatha Iowa, and Nicole (Kamren Jergenson) Waters of Cedar Falls Iowa. Great Grandson Carter Dean Waters of Adel Iowa. Sisters; Patricia Schmidt and husband Karl of Ankeny Iowa, Mary Ellen Patterson of Dows Iowa and brother Donnie and wife Harriet Waters of Dows Iowa. Stepson Troy (Teri) Oberender, Step-Grandchildren Adelaide, Tristyn, Kane, Mason and Cole Oberender, several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Raynard and Vernetta, Brother's in-law Estel Gumm, Boyd Patterson and Stepson Blaine Oberender.

Robert Dean Schmidt 1946 - 2025

Robert Dean Schmidt, age 79, of Goldfield died Wednesday, February 26, 2025, at Kanawha Community Home in Kanawha after a long and hard fought battle with Leukemia.

Robert was born February 24, 1946, in rural Williamsburg, Iowa, the son of Orville and Flora (Latscha) Schmidt. He grew up on the family farm West of Williamsburg with his parents and four siblings. He attended St. Paul Lutheran School and graduated from Williamsburg High School in 1964.

After graduation, Robert took over farming the family land. He helped his mother with the crops, hogs, cattle and the upkeep of the farm until the age of 50. He then moved to Goldfield, Iowa in 1995 to work for Iowa Select Farms in farrowing until his retirement in 2013.

In Bob's younger years he enjoyed playing sports, especially volleyball, basketball and bowling, spending time with his friends and family, and doing activities with the Singles Club, where he met his wife, Diana.

Robert was united in marriage to Diana Mae Bird on June 27, 1975 at Saint Ludmila Catholic Church in Cedar Rapids. Robert taught the city girl how to be a farm girl. They spent the first 16 years of marriage surrounded by many nieces and nephews. In 1991 they were blessed with their only child, a daughter Theresa. Robert and Diana spent 48 years together, until her passing in 2024.

Robert was a quiet man until you got to know him; he was then quick with a smile and a joke. His passions in life were sports, farming and family.

Robert was a HUGE Iowa Hawkeye fan. He never missed watching or listening to an Iowa football or men and women's basketball game. He enjoyed cheering for the underdogs, so the Detroit Lions and Chicago Cubs were his other favorite teams.

He loved driving his tractor around and working the land. Taking care of the livestock was something he enjoyed as well, except for the chickens. Even after his

"retirement" he still found a job working with piglets.

Most of his time was spent with family. During Childhood he was always with cousins and siblings. As a young adult, there were always nieces and nephews around. One of his greatest accomplishments was being an amazing father. Family gatherings were always his favorite. When family was around there was always a card game going on. If Robert was playing Pinochle or Euchre, he already knew what you were going to play and was two steps ahead of you.

In Bob's spare time he enjoyed his vegetable garden, volunteering for meals on wheels, watching TV (Westerns and sports), completing Sudoku puzzles, smoking his cherry vanilla tobacco, enjoying a craft beer, going to concerts, going for long walks, sitting on the patio, talking on the phone with family, eating any cookie or dessert he could find, playing card games, cheering on the Hawks, playing with pets and most of all spending time with Diana and Theresa.

He is survived by his daughter, Theresa Schmidt of Goldfield; siblings Joanne Corey, Dale (Deb) Schmidt; sisters-in-laws Shirley Schmidt, Linda Schmidt and Janet Kline; brothers-in-law Ron, Mike and Alan (Susan) Bird; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Diana, parents and brothers Allan and Ronald.

Celebration of Life Service was held 10:00 am Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at Powell Funeral Home in Williamsburg. Visitation was held Monday from 5:00-7:00 pm at the funeral home and Tuesday from 9:00 am until service time. Robert would like everyone to wear an Iowa Hawkeye shirt or black/gold. Burial was held in the St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery in Williamsburg. A General Memorial Fund has been established. Powell Funeral Home in Williamsburg is caring for Robert and his family. Messages and tributes may be left at www.powellfuneralhomes.com



Not All Superheroes Wear Capes

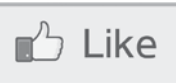
Generous, volunteer blood donors do more in one hour than most people will do in their entire lives. They are true heroes for people facing heart surgery, cancer, organ transplants, and other critical health conditions that require lifesaving blood transfusions.

- Clarion Community Blood Drive, 04/01/2025 from 1-6 PM at United Presbyterian Church of Clarion-Fellowship Hall (219 1st Street NW).
- Eagle Grove High School Blood Drive, 04/29/2025 from 9 AM-2 PM in the Gym at 415 NW 2nd Street.

You can be a superhero by being a blood donor and positively impacting up to three people's lives with just one donation. To schedule your lifesaving appointment, visit lifeservebloodcenter.org or call 800.287.4903.

LifeServe Blood Center

is a non-profit, community-based blood center that has served the needs of local hospitals and patients in our region since 1947. As one of the 15 largest blood centers in the country, LifeServe provides blood products to 175 hospitals primarily in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, and Illinois. LifeServe is committed to saving lives by providing premier service to volunteer blood donors and access to a safe, quality blood supply for hospitals and patients. Your donation with LifeServe will help save your neighbor, a friend or family member or a stranger on the street. YOU make a difference in YOUR community. For more information about blood donation or to schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 800.287.4903 or visit lifeservebloodcenter.org.



Wright Soil & Water Conservation District Has Scholarships Available

The Wright County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) awards scholarships annually to area students. There are 5 scholarships available to graduating high school seniors that reside in Wright County. The candidates should be pursuing goals in natural resources; conservation; agriculture technology; agricultural business; agriculture education; business management; administrative assistant; biofuels or biotechnology programs; sustainable energy technology; environmental science, studies, or law; wind energy; or turbine technology.

The scholarship recipients should also be conservation oriented; have a 3.0 high school grade point average; present a reason why the scholarship is deserved; plan to attend any accredited college, trade school, or vocational school after high school; maintain a full-time status while enrolled in college; and continue to make

satisfactory progress while enrolled in college.

Each scholarship is in the amount of \$250 and will be awarded after the recipient successfully completes the first semester in college. The student will need to submit their first semester transcripts and spring class schedule to receive the scholarship money.

More information and the application forms for these scholarships can be obtained from your high school guidance counselor or contact the Wright SWCD office at 1133 Central Ave West, Clarion. You can also call the soil and water conservation district office at 515-532-2165, ext 3 to request an application.

The scholarship applications are due into the Wright SWCD district office by April 9, 2025.

The board of commissioners will choose the scholarship recipients and the students will be recognized at their respective school senior awards night.



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GABBY'S GROUND RULES

Hey folks, CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!



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If you plan to landscape or do any home improvements that require digging, please follow Gabby's Ground Rules. Call Iowa One Call at least 48 hours in advance to have your underground utilities marked. Then avoid digging within 18" on either side of flags or paint markings. Know what's below - call Iowa One Call. It's fast. It's free. It's the law.

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Mark Thompson,
House District 56

This past week was funnel week. It is a self-imposed deadline for bills brought forward by individual legislators to get through a subcommittee and a full vote in its assigned committee. Roughly there were about 300 House Study Bills and 850 House File Bills. After discussion in committee meetings and chairman, there were approximately 360 bills that will be eligible for debate in the House. The next stage is for delving into the bills, discussing them in detail and deciding if the bill needs amendments or if it should come to the chamber for a floor vote. Below are a few of the bills which have survived the funnel.

HSB 99 – Pharmacy Benefit Managers - This bill includes the following additional regulations of PBMs in Iowa:

- Prohibits a PBM or insurer from discriminating against a pharmacy if the pharmacy is acting within its license and all laws.
- Prohibits the removal of pharmacy choice or imposing any monetary advantages or penalties that result in removing pharmacy choice (including unnecessary specialty drug designations and requiring use of mail order pharmacies)
- Prohibits additional cost-sharing on the insured based on where they choose to have their prescription filled
- Requires all rebates to benefit the insured
- Requires any amount paid by the insured for the prescription drug to be applied to their deductible
- Requires PBMs to reimburse pharmacies based on acquisition cost
- Prohibits spread pricing unless all cost differential is provided to the insured
- Requires pharmacies have an appeals process if not reimbursed at acquisition cost

HF 303 – Prior Authorization - This bill sets up timelines for response from health insurers on prior authorizations, requires insurers to review health care services that require prior auth, requires a prior

auth exemption program with each health insurer and a report submitted to the Insurance Division on the effectiveness of their program.

HF 318 – Breast Imaging Cost Sharing - This bill requires insurers to provide the same cost-sharing requirements for supplemental breast examinations and diagnostic breast examinations as they do for mammograms.

House Study Bill 200-Age-Appropriate Firearms Safety Instruction

House Study Bill 200 mandates that by July 1, 2026, all Iowa school districts must implement age-appropriate firearm safety instruction for students in grades K-12. The program for younger students (K-6) will be based on the Eddie Eagle GunSafe program, while the curriculum for grades 7-12 will follow the National Rifle Association's hunter education course. School districts are required to offer this instruction to all students, including those in nonpublic schools, and can conduct classes off school property. The bill also specifies that instructors do not need to be licensed teachers.

House Study Bill 266 - Cancer Screening Benefits for First Responders

This week the State Government Committee passed a monumental piece of legislation to further protect the first responders across Iowa who protect and rescue Iowans every day. HSB 266 was reported out of State Government Committee unanimously. The bill would amend Iowa Code to ensure that all types of cancer are covered for Iowa's firefighters. Currently there are only 14 types of cancer that are covered under the presumption that it was contracted while on active duty because of the job. There are over 200 types of diagnosable cancers.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, cancer is the leading cause of death among firefighters. Research shows that due to the carcinogenic materials and the significantly greater exposure to chemicals, gases, vapors, and particles that firefighters are 9% more likely to be diagnosed

with cancer than the general population and 14% higher risk of dying of cancer than the general population. If enacted this legislation would provide coverage to all cancers and alleviate concern when a firefighter gets a life altering diagnoses that they must wonder if their cancer treatment will be covered.

Obviously with well over 300 pieces of legislation making it through funnel, it is not possible to list them all. I put forward 5 separate bills. Each of them has strong bipartisan support. HF463 is to create an enhanced multidisciplinary force to combat human trafficking, prosecute the criminals and find care and protection for the victim. Because this proposal has a significant price, it is being combined with another bill I created to help with the funding. HF601 is being combined with HF463 and moved to the Ways and Means committee. HF669 is referred to as expungement. Victims of trafficking are forced into behavior under force, fraud and coercion. Often their credit and criminal record will not allow them to move on after being rescued. Iowa was one of only three remaining state that did not have laws regarding expungement. HF 458 is the Sexual Assault Forensic Exam (SAFE) bill. It standardizes the process to do these exams. There have been multiple times a criminal has been let go and are out walking the streets again due to the process of exam being found at fault and thereby not allowing the criminal prosecution to proceed. My final bill is HF 751 – Restitution. If you recall, there was a murder of one of our policemen, Mark Cram, in Algona in 2023. Our state has no enforcement mechanism to pay restitution to a murder victim's family. This bill will correct this significant deficiency.

The next big bill getting rolled out by Ways and Means is HSB 313. It is a property tax reboot. As of now, the drafters are looking for input from county, local governments, and citizens to help draft the best legislation possible to address property taxes.

Woodland Treasures

The hunt for discarded antlers is on as legions of enthusiasts scour the Iowa timbers

Lowell Washburn

The white-tailed deer is Iowa's only species of big game wildlife. One of the traits that sets white-tails apart from all other Iowa wildlife is their noteworthy ability to grow antlers. Generally speaking, the longer a buck lives, the larger and more impressive his antlers become -- with the annual growth usually peaking at five or six years of age. Antlers have but one purpose. They are deadly weapons; designed for battling and defeating competing males during the fall breeding season.

But once the annual rut is concluded, white-tails have no further need for their magnificent weaponry. So, what do deer do with something they don't need? Same as us, they downsize. Bucks annually accomplish this task through an involuntary process called shedding -- a time when used antlers simply drop off and fall to the ground.

During recent years, the search for discarded antlers -- commonly referred to as shed hunting -- has become an increasingly popular form of outdoor recreation. Late winter marks the shed hunter's annual Call to Arms -- a time when an ever-growing legion of enthusiasts take to the Iowa woodlands in a quest for what many regard as treasured natural artwork.

As public interest in shed hunting continues to rise, demographics have shown a radical shift during recent years. Traditionally the domain of deer hunting males, the times are changing. Today, a surprising number of dedicated, next generation antler hunters do not even hunt deer. Some do not hunt or fish at all, and a growing number are female. For many, shed hunting is just one more good reason for getting outdoors -- especially at a time when other activities are at low ebb. One thing that hasn't changed is that, once it gets in your blood, the search for discarded antlers can border on obsession. Some enthusiasts even go so far as to schedule annual vacations around shed hunting; logging in hundreds of miles -- by foot and by vehicle -- in hopes of finding an antler that is bigger, better, or more unique in design than one they've ever found before.

Enjoy more wildlife tales online at Washburn's Outdoor Journal at iawildlife.org/blog



Iowa Whitetail – Whether viewed from an economic or a recreational perspective, Iowa's only species of big game wildlife is one of our most valued natural resources. (Photos: LW)



Shed Buck – By winter's end, most bucks will have dropped [shed] their antlers.



Shed Buck – Although the majority of bucks have already shed their antlers, a few are still carrying their headgear. This young buck is halfway there.

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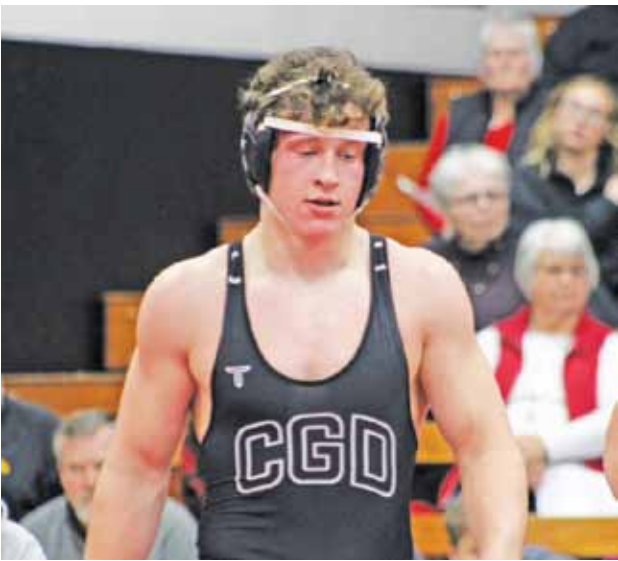
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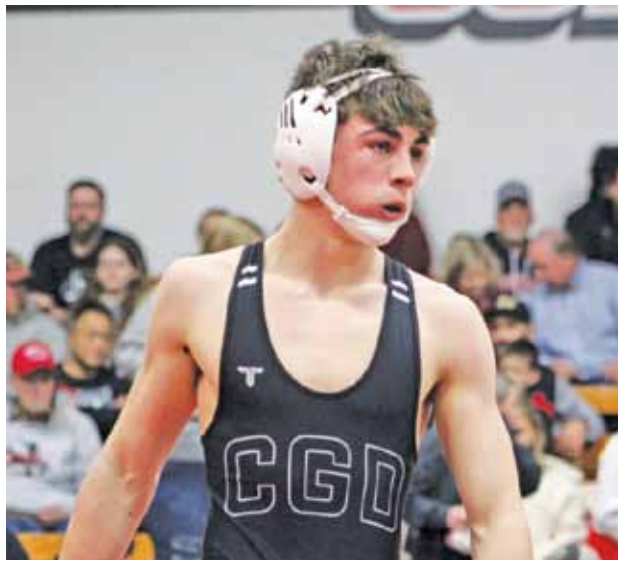
SPORTS

(Photos: Taylor Smith)

Trio of Cowboy Wrestlers Recognized



Charlie Campbell



Colin Sesker



Ryland Morgan

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Last week, three Clarion-Goldfield-Dows underclassmen were named to IAWrestle's 2025 All-Freshmen and All-

Sophomore teams. Colin Sesker was chosen for the All-Freshmen 3rd Team after a stellar season at 144-pounds. Sesker went 34-10 on the year and

earned a conference and district title on his path to the state meet.

Ryland Morgan was also a pick for the All-Freshmen 3rd Team. The 165-pounder

placed 4th at the North Central Conference meet and later secured a district title in Webster City. Morgan was triumphant in two matches at state

and finished his first high school year with a 28-20 record.

Charlie Campbell got the nod for the All-Sophomore 3rd Team after bringing

home a 7th place medal from Wells Fargo Arena. At the NCC meet, Campbell was runner-up at 175. He was also a district champion and ended the season at 43-5.

Fundraiser Supports Your Back AND Clarion-Goldfield-Dows

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Fine Arts Boosters Hosts 2nd Annual Mattress Fundraiser

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows, Iowa - If you are looking to replace a bed in your home, now is the time. Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Fine Arts Boosters are excited to announce they will be hosting their 2nd annual one-day Mattress Fundraiser on Saturday, March 22nd, from 10am-5pm. For one day only, the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Middle School Cafeteria will be transformed into a mattress showroom. For information about the sale, go to: <https://www.facebook.com/events/650979257379423>

or scan the QR code below. There will be 30+ different mattress styles on display, in all sizes, for customers to try, priced below retail. Adjustable power bases, premium pillows, luxury sheets, bed frames, and mattress protectors will be available as well. The brands, including Therapeutic, Helix, and Purple, come with full factory warranties, are made to order, and will be available 3-5 weeks after the fundraiser. Delivery and financing options are available. Best

of all, the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Fine Arts program benefits from every purchase. The company, Custom Fundraising Solutions (CFS) first introduced The Mattress Fundraiser in 2005. The company now has over 80 locations and works with more than 3,000 schools nationwide, year after year. The unique business model helps schools raise thousands of dollars in just one day, and to date, the company has given back over \$60 million.



What: Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Fine Arts 2nd Annual Mattress Fundraiser

Where: Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Middle School Cafeteria

When: Saturday, March 22nd 10am-5pm

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/650979257379423>

Watch this quick video that explains how the Mattress Fundraiser works! <https://vimeo.com/637591323>

Contact Erich.Schmidt@cfsbeds.com or call 515-718-9822 for more information.



Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up Dates Announced...

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Preschool Round Up for 3 and 4-year olds.

Attention all parents of children who are considering 3 year old or 4 year old preschool for the 2025-2026 school year at Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Elementary. The school will be hosting Pre-School Sign-Up! Parents of children turning 3 or 4 by September 15, 2025 should come to the Elementary Building anytime on Tuesday, March 25th from 2:00 PM – 8:00

PM, Wednesday, March 26th from 2:00 PM - 4 :00PM, Thursday March 27th from 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM or by appointment during the school day the week of March 25th to sign up their child for preschool. If these dates do not work for you, please contact the office. You will also receive a packet of information from the school. As a requirement of the preschool funding, the

school will be scheduling home-visits at Registration in August for ALL our preschool students. Since they will be scheduling the home-visit times for your child to meet his/her teachers, you will not need to bring them with you to the Sign-Up. This is a parent event. Please contact the school office if you have any questions. (515-532-2873)

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Kindergarten Round-Up.

Attention all parents of children who are considering Kindergarten or Prep-Kindergarten at Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Elementary for the 2025-2026 school year. The school will be hosting Kindergarten Sign-Up! Parents should stop by the Elementary Building on anytime Tuesday, March 25th from

2:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Wednesday, March 26th from 2:00 PM - 4 :00PM, Thursday March 27th from 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM or by appointment during the school day the week of March 25th to sign up their child for Kindergarten or Prep-Kindergarten. There will be a packet of information and a short

registration form to fill out. Kindergarten and Prep-Kindergarten are for children who will be 5 years old by September 15, 2025. If your child's birthday falls after this date, they encourage you to consider 4-year-old preschool. Please contact the school office if you have any questions. (515-532-2873)

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National FFA Week

(Photos: Angela Charlson)



Angela Charlson, CGD FFA Advisor

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows FFA chapter celebrated National FFA Week through many activities. The week started out with members traveling to the middle school to share with the 8th graders the many opportunities that FFA can provide. They also hosted team building activities as well. Everyday had a dress up day with

the following; Monday-Gold, Tuesday -Flannel, Wednesday- rep a tractor, Thursday FFA apparel and Friday Blue to celebrate National Blue Day. On Tuesday the FFA hosted a breakfast to recognize the teachers, administration and sponsors that support the FFA chapter throughout the year. We recognize the endless support and flexibility of the many FFA activities hosted

throughout the year. Wednesday included Seek the Emblem which was highly interactive with the entire high school student body. On Thursday with the help of Wright County Farm Bureau the chapter hosted its annual Ice Cream Degree Social to recognize the Greenhand and Chapter Degree recipients. On Friday the members wrapped up the

week with handing out prizes for the elementary coloring contest and High Five Friday welcoming the elementary to school. Our final activity included a member luncheon to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Pizza Ranch.

New this year to the sponsorship program. This sponsorship program allows 100% of your funds

donated go directly to the chapter. These donations help with monthly chapter expenses, traveling to contests, state and national conferences and our community projects. Thank you to the 2024-25 sponsors that include: American Level- Summers Insurance, State Level -AGP, Chapter Level - First Bank, Sports Graphics, Grand View Beef, Greenhand Level

- Hair by Brenda, Hair Studio, Leah Jean Salon, Leah Jean Boutique and Annie Kappelman, Discovery Level includes House of Treasurers. If you are interested in the 2025-26 Sponsorship program to support directly to the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows FFA chapter please reach out to chapter advisor Angela Charlson at acharlson@clargold.org.

District FFA Convention Results



Gold Day



Angela Charlson, CGD FFA Advisor

Congratulations to the CGD FFA chapter and members receiving all gold's at the district competition in Charles City. Five members participated in a team event called Experience the Action. This event encourages members to make an 8-15 minute presentation to recruit new members. The team members included Armando Melendez, Audrey Eglund, Traesyn Cope, Gabriela Chavez and Caleb Sweeney. The team received Gold. Adelynn Howel advanced from sub districts to compete in Extempora-

neous Speaking. This contest is creating a 4-5 minute speech in just 30 minutes. Adelynn received Gold and Alternate to State. Finally Lea Charlson advances from sub-districts to the district competition in the area of Creed Speaking. This contest includes reciting the five paragraph FFA Creed and answering questions. Lea received Gold and Alternate to State.

Two members, Shyann Rink and Harley Charlson served as Chapter Delegates at the district convention. These girls listened to the officer candidates speeches and selected the



next District FFA Officer team.

Three members were recognized for Academic Excellence at the district level including Tate Jack-

son, Jordyce Duncalf and Harley Charlson. Congratulations to all of our students for their exemplary accomplishments at the district level.



Greenhand Degree



Chapter Degree



Coloring Contest

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Farm Bureau



Apparel

Aerial views

Bruce Voigts, Aerial Photographer (Photos taken March 8, 2025)



Wetland area in the shape of a Valentine heart surrounded with a touch of snow.



It has only been a few days since one of the largest snowstorms hit our area for quite a while with snow and winds close to 60mph. Wright County has really flat topography and the land is unobstructed by trees, corn stalks, shrubs, grasses etc. The snow blows until it has something to slow it down which is usually a farm place or a town. This is where the snow builds into large drifts. This photo demonstrates this phenomenon.

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