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It Is What It Is...And Somehow, It's Still Beautiful

Donna "The Pizza Lady" Fibikar is teaching her town how to say goodbye with courage, and how to cherish the time we still have.

Amanda Rink, Editor

In small-town Iowa, where everyone knows everyone, Donna (Yodder) Fibikar's story has always been a quiet one. But that doesn't mean she wasn't well-known in the community. Whether you knew her as the friendly face behind the Casey's pizza counter, a devoted mom, or maybe a second mom, a dependable coworker, or just the kind of neighbor who checked in when no one else did, Donna's presence has always meant something. Not the kind of something that normally makes headlines, but the kind that stays with a person.

For 27 years, Donna was "the pizza lady," serving up slices and smiles at Casey's, and she really did love that job. It was common knowledge back then that if Donna's car wasn't in the parking lot, you were better off cooking a frozen pizza.

Through that work, she met much of the community, but people will tell you she was more than just the pizza lady. She was a good friend, a kind soul, someone who remembered your order and your story.

Now, as Donna faces a terminal pancreatic can-



Donna with her son Sean, daughter-in-law Chris, grandson Tristian, and daughters Marda and Dawn, who planned a celebration of life not for after the final goodbye, but now, so she can feel just how much she has meant to everyone. In a life full of hard work, these are the people she calls her proudest legacy. (Photo: Amanda Rink)

cer diagnosis, her family and community are doing something rare and brave they're saying goodbye while she's still here to hear

"It started with this pain—like something was trying to come out of my

rib cage," Donna said. That pain turned out to be something far more serious: pancreatic and later, liver cancer. By the time the cancer was found, it had already spread to stage four, a ter-

minal diagnosis. The news was hard

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Iowa Specialty Hospital Unveils

Renovated Clinic in Clarion

for everyone to take in, but Donna took it the way she's taken most things in life. "It is what it is," she said, repeating the words she heard often from her mother, Opal (Patterson), growing up in Woolstock.

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A Seismic Standstill

Wright County's Tension Over Hydrogen Exploration



A new 2025 hydrogen prospectivity map from the USGS highlights high-potential zones around Wright County. While no wells are named, the data suggests a significant hydrogen-producing site may sit near-or within-the county's borders.

Amanda Rink, Editor

As seismic testing proposals tied to hydrogen exploration inch toward county decision-making tables, one key issue has brought things to a grinding halt in Wright County: how close is too close?

At the center of the debate is a technical distance. A setback distance, which is required of all seeking road use permits in Wright County, is meant to protect underground drainage tile. In this case, it is to protect the tile and other county assets from potential vibration damage caused by Twin River Exploration's seismic trucks, which are in the area to survey for underground deposits of hydrogen.

What was once a point of agreement among engineers and Twin Rivers has now become a source of frustration. Twin Rivers Exploration and Wright County had agreed to a 250-foot buffer from county assets, but now the exploration company is looking to shorten that distance to 50 feet to allow for a more accurate picture of underground resources.

Initially, all three engineering firms involved including one chosen by the county, Allender Butzke Engineers, and one subcontracted by them - agreed that a 0.5 Peak Particle Velocity (PPV) threshold would sufficiently safeguard infrastructure at a 50-foot distance.

However, Wright County Engineer Adam Clemons, along with other area engineers, were concerned that tests done by Twin Rivers on private Iowa property seeking information about tile damage did not account for soil shifts down the road.

Even if no immediate tile damage is observed, decades-old drainage systems made of fragile clay tiles could deteriorate or fail in future years, potentially causing major flooding and expensive repairs, Clemons shared.

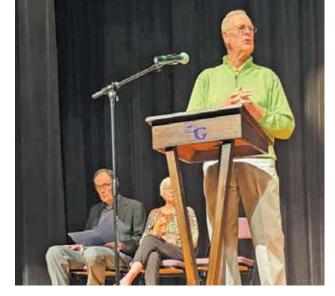
We'll be the ones named in that lawsuit because we allowed the testing," stated Clemons at an earlier Board of Supervisors meeting.

And even with a ten-year damage call back clause, counties are concerned that they, or rather the taxpayers, will be left footing the bill if damage comes down the road.

Supervisor Dean Kluss stated he was firm on the 250-foot setback at an earlier Supervisors meeting. Supervisor Betty Ellis wanted to do more research before forming an opinion, and Supervisor Rick Rasmussen didn't see an issue with allowing the closer setback.

Twin Rivers Exploration offered to pay a county employee to ensure seismic vibration did not reach over the agreed 'safe' measure of 0.5 PPV, but this did not quell county concerns, which at a recent Board of Supervisors meeting agreed to keep the setback at 250-feet. "This 250-foot buffer is not consistent with the results of the agricultural drain tile engineering study that the county's engineering firm and Twin River's engineers continued on page 2

A Legacy of **Local Generosity**



Amanda Rink, Editor

WCCF's 20th anniversary ceremony highlights the people and projects shaping Wright County's future.

The Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) celebrated its 20th anniversary Wednesday evening with a granting ceremony that honored its past, celebrated its present, and looked toward a future rooted in community collaboration.

Hosted at Robert Blue Middle School and paired with a dinner from the Wright County Cattlemen's Association, the event gathered board members, youth leaders, public officials, grant recipients, and community members to reflect on two decades of philanthropy fueled by Iowa's unique gaming revenue system.

The WCCF was formed in 2004 after the State of Iowa enabled non-gaming counties to benefit from casino revenues through community-based endowments. Wright County's Board of Supervisors stepped in as the sponsor, and by early 2005, the Foundation was officially off the ground.

Rather than become an independent foundation, the board chose to affiliate with the Community Foundation of Greater Des Moines. "We've never been disappointed," said Development Director Dwayne Asbe. "It's been a great partnership that's provided strong support and service."

Brianne Fitzgerald, representing the host foundation, celebrated Wright County's success. "Over the last 20 years, at least \$1.8 million from gaming revenue has come into your county. It's amazing to see how much the Wright County Charitable Foundation has grown and the impact you've made."

Current board members; Dennis Bowman (Clarion), Kyle Marker (Clarion), Trish Morris (Belmond), Lennea Groom (Rowan), Kevin Cahalan (Eagle Grove), Adam Vorrie (Dows), and Candi Jones (Woolstock), were thanked

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ISH's Communications Leader, Kimberly Marker, and ISH's Marketing Assistant, Nikki Conlon, welcomed guests to the open house. (Photo: Amanda Rink)

Amanda Rink, Editor

April 30, 2025 - After more than a year of extensive remodeling, Iowa Specialty Hospital (ISH) in Clarion is sharing its fresh new look. Last Wednesday, the hospital invited the public in for a tour of the updated space, offering a closer look at what's

changed. The most noticeable transformation is within the family practice clinic, a familiar stop for many. Patients arriving for wellness checks or routine care will now be greeted by a brighter, more inviting waiting and registration area. Framed photos of the doctors personalize the space, a new registration

desk streamlines check-ins, a thoughtful coffee bar offering up the same coffee patients know and love, plus a revamped children's corner offering something for even the smallest of those seeking care.

Sara Abbas, a nurse at the hospital, led the redesign of the kids' area, giving it a playful fish theme to coordinate with the popular saltwater aquarium. The new cubby is stocked with board books and toys to help make waiting a little easier for young visitors.

Other additions include a nurse visit room for quick check-ins and an expanded behavioral health department. A newly enhanced maternity suite also signals

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Area Headlines

Eagle Grove

The Utility Board in Eagle Grove has agreed to partner with the City on improving the North Lift Station.

Teachers at Belmond-Klemme School are getting a raise next year, costing the district \$151,000.

The city of Dows received a generous donation of red oak tree saplings from the Wright County Isacc Walton League, available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis.

The city of Goldfield has approved an insurance renewal totaling \$47,140.00.

Hampton

Wise Choice Detailing, a new car wash and cleaning business, celebrated its grand opening on May 3, 2025.

Woolstock

The Woolstock fire department received a \$4,000 grant from the Wright County Charitable Foundation for new lockers and a thermal imaging machine.



Check out Graduation Special Section

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Iowa Specialty Hospital has always been known for its complimentary coffee, especially since it is good coffee. Now, a new coffee bar greets patients before registration even has a chance to offer a hello. (*Photo: Amanda Rink*)

the hospital's commitment to growing families in and around the Clarion area. Every inch of the renovated space seems designed with comfort and efficiency in mind.

The tour wrapped up with something sweet, delicious treats baked by the hospital's kitchen staff.

Wright County Supervisors Hold Software Company Accountable

Amanda Rink,

Editor

May 5, 2025 - The Wright County Board of Supervisors met Monday morning to address administrative updates, contracts, and local initiatives with a focus on budget outlook and IT concerns.

Wright County I.T. Director Andy Flagge presented a petition regarding the software contract for the county's 'Solutions' program. The computer program, under the ownership of Harris Local Government since 2021, is essential to running county operations ranging from budgeting and property taxes to engineering data.

The contract proposed by the software company could "hamper how we can function as a county," according to Flagge. The board voted to support the petition, joining several other counties in a collective effort to push back against contractual issues and inadequate technical support.

Budget matters were also central to the meeting. The board reviewed Budget Amendment #2 for fiscal year 2025, with Supervisor Ellis noting the importance of confirming ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) fund allocations before final approval. "I would approve the budget amendment as presented pending the ARPA review," said Ellis. The rest of the board agreed, and a public hearing for the amendment was set for May 27, 2025

County Engineer Adam Clemons provided his regular update on secondary road maintenance. "Blades are out, doing routine maintenance," he reported, adding that dust control preparation is underway and trucks are hauling spot rock. Clemons also shared plans to pour the concrete deck for the Voss Quarry bridge next week. The curing and strength of the concrete will be tested five and seven days after the pour, before further construction can proceed.

In old business, Supervisors Ashley Bosch and Rick Rasmussen shared that they attended the Wright County Charitable Foundation dinner and awards ceremony. The pair praised the local economic development team's efforts in arranging the event.

New business centered on financial standing. Ellis briefly reviewed current fund balances provided by Wright County Treasurer Peggy Schluttenhofer. Notably, public health has not yet used its general basic funding allocation. "She's standing on her own," Ellis said, referring to Public Health Administrator Sandy McGrath.

McGrath was further commended for organizing CPR and Heart Start training for 24 county employees. Additional training sessions are being planned to accommodate more staff.

In other business, the board:

Approved First Citizens Bank's request to use the courthouse grounds on July 25, 2025

courthouse grounds on July 25, 2025.

Approved the appointment of Ryan Rupiper as a medical examiner investigator for Wright County. Rupiper currently serves Hamilton County in the same

role. "This is an attempt to get somebody on the scene

as soon as possible," explained Supervisor Dean Kluss. The Board will meet again on Monday, May 12, at 9:00 A.M. in the Wright County Supervisors' Chambers. This meeting, and past meetings, can be viewed online at youtube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312.

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Somehow, those words still help carry her through the hard days.

Last Saturday, friends, family, and neighbors gathered—not to mourn, but to celebrate... with Donna, while she's still here. It was exactly what she wanted: to see the faces, hear the stories, and feel the love around her.

At every funeral she'd ever been to, Donna said she'd always hear someone say, "I just wish I had one more hug" or "one more talk." So, she decided to give that to those she loved in life, and her kids were ready to help get the celebration together.

It was a celebration of life, a living farewell full of sacred and bittersweet moments. It was hugs and shared memories. It was tears and laughter, all happening at the same time. It was what love looks like when everyone knows this life is limited... but it's still right now.

Donna's sister Sheila LaRue said it simply: "Yeah, she's my hero." After Sheila lost her husband, it was Donna who helped her believe she could still stand alone. "She showed me that going it alone didn't have to be hard."

The two sisters sat side by side, laughing about childhood memories, especially the ones involving their mom chasing them around with scissors. "She gave worst haircuts," Donna laughed, pointing to pictures that proved it. There were so many pictures—Donna's life spread out on poster boards, full of smiles, goofy moments, the kind of

memories that only come from a life well-lived.

Donna's life started at the "old Webster City hospital" on January 17, 1953. Her dad, Grover though everyone called him Shorty-and her mom, Opal, raised her in Woolstock alongside her sister Sheila and little brother Randy. One photo showed baby Randy in Donna's arms, crying. She got better at soothing little ones. Her three kids, Shane, Dawn, and Marda, remember her as a mom who could calm or stir storms.

And if you ask Donna what she's most proud of, she won't hesitate. Her kids. And later, her grandkids: Micah, Samantha, Gage, Daniel (DJ), Draven, Caleb, Shelby, Carson, Reid, Macie, Morgan, Julie, Taylor, Tristian, Cooper, Cameron, Arlo, Ronnie, Damian, Isleighy, Greyson, Luca, and one more on the

She admitted before the event began that the day might be tough, but she was excited to see old friends. And in the end, it was harder on those around her than it was on her.

When asked if there was anything she wished she'd said before her diagnosis, Donna chuckled. "No," she said. "I probably already said it with my big mouth." That humor and honesty are pure Donna—the kind that holds a family together, even now.

Her son Shane said his mom always held him accountable and pushed him to be better. His sisters joked that he's probably still grounded. But the truth is, Donna has always helped her family see the

Surrounded by decades of memories and facing a terminal cancer diagnosis, Donna Fibikar reminded everyone what really matters: loving big, laughing often, and showing up for people. Her journey may be winding down, but her warmth still fills the room. (Photo: Amanda Rink)

good in life, even when it's hard. Her mother's saying, "It is what it is," shaped how she raised her own kids—to take things as they come and keep going, together.

Marda, the youngest daughter, echoed that strength. She shared how, just the other day, she found herself crying over things she couldn't control at the grocery store, until she stopped and thought of her mom, who never let things beyond her control break her spirit. In that moment, Marda leaned on that same quiet strength—"It is what it is"—to carry herself through.

But that is just one of the many lessons Donna leaves behind. Her daughter-in-law, Chris, talked about how Donna loved without judgment. Her grandson, Tristian, shared how she always saw people for who they could be, not just who they were yesterday. Donna raised her kids on her own. It wasn't always easy. But her love? That was

constant.

"As a single mom with three kids, she struggled," said her daughter Dawn. "We didn't have the greatest house. My sister and I would sleep on the living room floor in the winter because our room was too cold."

She paused, tears in her eyes, remembering a moment that said everything about her mom.

"One night, it must have been really cold. I already had two or three blankets on me, but I was still cold. Mom grabbed her coat—it wasn't anything special—just her burgundy winter coat and laid it on me. I have never felt so warm and so wrapped in love as I did that night."

Donna always offered that kind of warmth freely, even if you weren't her child. And while her children and grandchildren have always been her greatest joy, it's clear: to them, Donna is home. And always will be.

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for their service along with Economic Development leaders Daryl Steven Carlisle and Kim Demory, who manage the Foundation's

administrative tasks.

"They do a huge amount of work coordinating between Des Moines and our board," Bowman shared. "Nothing gets done unless it goes through

our back office." Special recognition was given to past board members in attendance as well. Wright County Supervisors Ashley Bosch and Rick Rasmussen were in attendance as well.

Rasmussen shared a few candid words: "It's been awesome to watch the foundation grow into what it is today. I want to



helped communities get projects done—though they may be 'small', they're big-picture items for our communities."

The Foundation's Youth

Philanthropy program, once allotted just \$5,000, is now responsible for distributing \$15,000 annually, giving

experience in charitable decision-making. "They go through the books exactly like the adults do," explained Bowman. "They decide what's important to them."

This year's student representatives included Nate Spencer and Kendra Huedepohl

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agreed seismic data collection does not damage agricultural drain tile," shared Twin River's Kyle Handy with The Wright County Monitor.

The setback issue has become symbolic of broader tensions around hydrogen exploration, both the promises and the unknowns.

Wright County sits in the middle of an emerging push to identify and extract natural hydrogen, a form of clean energy that could play a major role in decarbonization strategies worldwide.

Interest in the area, especially since October, has intensified.

Handy directly cleared up any assumption about Twin River's interest in carbon storage: "CO2 storage is not within" what they're interested in.

Handy explained to The Wright County Monitor that interest has grown simply because we have more roads than other exploration areas. It is easier to explore our area without disrupting fields, especially since the crop has just been planted.

But the growing attention also aligns with the release of a new national hydrogen



An image of a hydrogen well site. (Photo Provided by Kyle Handy/Twin Rivers)

prospectivity map by the United States Geological Survey (USGS) in early 2025.

While the USGS did not explicitly name individual hydrogen wells, the publicly available map shows high potential areas in and around Wright County. When roughly aligned with county boundaries, the map suggests that a well producing a significant volume of hydrogen could be located near, if not directly in, Wright County. Companies like Twin

Rivers Exploration, owned by Koloma, which is backed by Breakthrough Energy Ventures (a fund led by Bill Gates), Amazon founder Jeff Bezos, and other high-profile investors, tend to keep exploration continued on page 5

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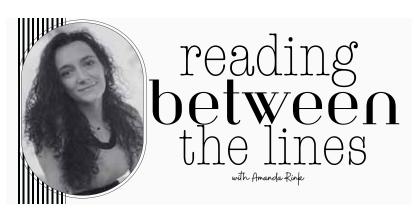
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So YoumGraduated High School, Now What?

Amanda Rink, Editor

"Success is loving life and daring to live it" -Maya Angelou

When I was 17, Facebook was just starting to take off. Back then, one of the big trends was filling out these wildly unnecessary questionnaires or joining 30-day photo challenges that required you to "post a photo of your favorite snack", "The last time you cried watching a movie." Naturally, I participated in a lot of them.

I wasn't really a social butterfly. I stuck to my main group of mostly older friends, so I wasn't exactly packing my schedule with Friday night parties once they left for college. So, I spent a lot of time on social media, it was before we knew how damaging it was to the developing mind, but hey, I turned out okay-ish.

It was where I uploaded way too many moody self-

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ies, stayed connected with my long-distance bestie, and where I discovered the kind of music that made me feel like the misunderstood main character of a coming-of-age film. So, you can see why I took part in a lot of these "challenges," like the one which required us to "post a picture of what you want to be when you grow up."

Now, 17-year-old me, full of dramatic flair and enough angst to believe I was deep, couldn't find an image that summed it all up. So, I shared a blackand-white photo with just the words: "To be happy and make a difference. Profound, right? Very Live Laugh Love, but make it philosophical.

I may have been borrowing a bit from that famous John Lennon story. Allegedly, Lennon was asked what he wanted to be when he grew up and he said "happy." That stuck with me, mostly because it made being a directionless dreamer emo kid seem wise and poetic.

Now, as a kind-of adult, I want to propose the question a little differently, especially for those graduating seniors. While I still stand by my previous advice-not writing off your hometown just because it is small (big opportunity still waits here)—there is something else I think you should consider while planning your life before your frontal cortex develops.

How do you want to feel when you grow up?

Do you want t proud? Fulfilled? Connected? Or constantly exhausted, juggling deadlines and paperwork for a career that doesn't seem to achieve anything in life. Do you want a life full of family and purpose, or just a very well-organized calendar? Do vou want to end vour day knowing you provided the food on the table that surrounds your family? Do you want a new experience every day or to stick to a schedule? Comfort or chaos?

There's no wrong answer, and I may have proposed too many, but figuring out the answer will help you as you consider your newly acquired adult life. As for me, who is still a little bit of that directionless

dreamer, I had a fullcircle moment last week, which inspired this very (good or bad, jury is still out) advice.

At the Wright County Charitable Foundation grant award ceremony, someone told me that the work I do makes a difference. Those were words I really needed to hear, as I left my crazy kids with their equally crazy dad for the night while I covered two events for The Wright County Monitor.

I realized that, somewhere between those ridiculous social media questionnaires and adult responsibilities, I actually landed in the place 17-yearold me dreamed about.

I'm happy. I have a wonderful husband, a gaggle of amazing kids, a roof over my head, and a few fourlegged freeloaders. Most importantly, I have love... and a life that feels meaningful.

So, graduates, as you head out into the world, here is some advice from someone who chased meaning instead of a job title (and still ended up with deadlines anyway): don't just chase a title, a salary, or someone else's definition of success. Ask yourself the bigger question... How do I want to feel at the end of the day? Then build a life that

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

Check it Out at The Library!



Linda Lloyd, Clarion Public Library Director

The Clarion Public Library is a source of pride in our community and contributes to the overall quality of life. With access to education and job training resources, libraries help individuals develop skills that can lead to better employment opportunities. Which all leads to increased property values and contributes to local economic activity.

Did you know when people come to Clarion to interview at one of our area businesses, they will likely

stop at the library. It's fun for us to give them a tour while letting them know what our library has to offer. We also love giving suggestions for eating establishments and sharing with them what is currently happening in our area.

the State Through of Iowa, we Library were able to join Big Ideas Book Discussion on building communities with continuing education classes. Here are some available at the library:

Palaces for the People: How Social Infrastructure Can Help Fight Inequality, Polarization, and Decline of Civic Life by

Eric Klinenberg. Walkable City: How Downtown Can America, One Step at a Time by Jeff Speck.

13 Ways to Kill Your Community by Doug and Griffiths Kelly Clemmer.

Our Towns: A 100,000-Mile Journey into the Heart of America by James and Deborah Fallows. New Fiction:

Variation: A Novel by Rebecca Yarros. A new contemporary romance about the summer a celebrated dancer returns home and unearths years

swimmer she never forgot. A Beauty Queen's Guide to Murder and Mayhem (A Dakota Green Mystery) by Kristen Bird. Stable hand

of family secrets with the Coast Guard rescue

Memories Of A Former Kid. **Eying Governor run, Auditor Rob Sand**

questioned on court debt misallocation

Robin Opsahl Iowa Capital Dispatch

The House Government Oversight Committee questioned Auditor Rob Sand about his office's work on the misallocation of \$27.5

million in court debt funds. The committee had brought Iowa Judicial Branch and State Court Administration officials in a meeting earlier in April to learn more about the programming issue that caused seven state funds to be underfunded between fiscal years 2021 and 2024. During that period, money that should have gone to those funds was erroneously sent to the state's general fund and two other funds, but remained with the state government.

The errors were introduced when legislation passed in 2020 and 2021 made changes to the state's court debt collection and distribution systems. The state auditor's office was first alerted of financial irregularities by the Iowa Department of Transportation in 2022, but did not release an audit on the subject until December 2024.

House Speaker Pat Grassley and Iowa Department of Management Director Kraig Paulsen have criticized Sand for not taking action sooner — and for the issue not being mentioned in audits of the judicial branch for fiscal years 2021 and 2022. But Sand, the sole Democrat to hold statewide elected office in Iowa, told the committee Tuesday that an audit did not take place on a quicker timeframe because the issue was identified as a coding error, which is not a subject his office has employees to address.

Dakota Green would rather compete in the Hunger Games than Aubergine's annual beauty pageant. But her late mother's last wish is about to see her trading her muck boots for Jimmy Choos – and uncover a decades-old mystery of a missing beauty queen.

Kill for Me, Kill for You: A Novel by Steve Cavanagh. Two ordinary women make a deadly pact to take revenge for each other after being pushed to the brink in "unguessable and this unputdownable" (Alex #1 Michaelides, New York Times bestselling psychological author) thriller, perfect for fans of Gillian Flynn and Alfred Hitchcock.

Summer Reading will be here before you know it! This year's theme is "Level Up At Your Library". Watch for upcoming information.

Some GOP lawmakers on the committee criticized the auditor's office not being more involved in the process of correcting and identifying the misallocated court debts. Rep. Judd Lawler, R-Oxford, said "the auditor's office allowed the problem that has presented itself in 2022 to be farmed out to a third party that has no responsibility to Iowa taxpayers," referencing the judicial branch's work with NCSC.

Sand disputed this characterization, saying the auditor's office has "no capacity to tell the judicial branch that they cannot hire an outside expert," but that lawmakers have the ability to limit that ability or to appropriate funds for the auditor's office to hire a coding expert if they believe these are the correct steps to prevent similar, future problems from arising.

The auditor also said the way the judicial branch approached the issue was not necessarily a sign of wrongdoing or abuse.

"Let me put it this way: it's not uncommon for entities to dig in an issue and answer some questions first before they notify us," Sand said. "Now do I wish that everybody told us right away on day one? That would be great. Immediate notification be great. The trick of that would then become, how many times do we get notified about something and then it turns out to be an issue that actually has a very similar answer, that we don't need to be dialed in on?"

However, some legislators argued the state auditor's office should have been more involved — and aware of the issue earlier — because it involved the misallocation of state funding. According to the auditor's report, the error caused an under-allocation of \$10.4 million for the Road Use Tax Fund and \$7.2 million for the Victim Compensation Fund.

Rep. Charley Thomson, R-Charles City, released a statement after the committee meeting criticizing Sand's comments, saving the auditor "continued to downplay the significance" of the court debt misallocations.

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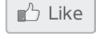
misallocation "This has had significant consequences," Thomson said in a statement. "Victims of crime have been denied timely compensation owed to them. infrastructure projects such as bridge repairs and road improvements have been delayed, and community safety programs have been underfunded."

Criticisms by Iowa Attorney General Brenna Bird in October 2024 tied the auditor's office not catching the coding issue to crime victims not being able to access services and support through the Victim Compensation Fund.

'No domestic violence victim should have to stay with their abuser because they cannot afford to leave," Bird said in the statement. "The State's self-proclaimed 'taxpayer watchdog' failed at the most basic job of being an auditor: conducting an audit. Crime victims should not have to worry about whether victim services will be there when they need them."

The focus on Sand in the government oversight committee meeting comes as the auditor is expected to run as a Democratic candidate for governor in the 2026 general election. Some of the Republicans who have made statements criticizing Sand over the court debt misallocation issue, like Bird and Speaker Grassley, have also indicated they are considering a gubernatorial run after Gov. Kim Reynolds announced she will not seek reelection in 2026.

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Local Students Recognized By Governor Reynolds For Academic Excellence

Tate Jackson of Clarion, Ashley Deleon-Andrade of Eagle Grove, and Quinn Gabrielson of Belmond were recognized by Gov. Kim Reynolds and Lt. Gov. Chris Cournoyer for outstanding academic achievement at the 23rd Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony on April 27 at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines.

The statewide program, sponsored by the Iowa Governor's Office, Iowa School Athletic High Association

(IHSAA) and its title sponsor, the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF), honored 424 high school seniors from across Iowa.

"Iowa Farm Bureau has a long history of supporting students in their educational journey knowing they

represent the leaders of tomorrow," said IFBF President Brent Johnson. "From providing more than a half-million dollars in college scholarships

annually to our long-time title sponsorship of the Annual Governor's Scholar Recognition Ceremony, we're honored to support celebrate Iowa's outstanding students."

Each high school was invited to select a senior student with the highest academic ranking their first seven semesters. Students selected for the award also had the opportunity to recognize their favorite/most influential teacher and will receive a photo plaque of their meeting with Governor Reynolds.

"The principles learned through academic success, like those learned from participation in educationbased activities, help develop outstanding leaders and citizens, said IHSAA Executive Director Tom Keating. "The partnership between the IHSAA and the Iowa Farm Bureau, along with the great cooperation of



Ashley Deleon-Andrade

the Governor's Office, has made this event possible for many years."

Ninety-eight percent

recognized participate extracurricular school activities,



Quinn Gabrielson

with more than 82 percent participating in at least one interscholastic sport.

More than 63 percent of the group plan to continue their education in Iowa.

Executive Branch Withheld Public Records from Legislator

Auditor of State Rob Sand released a report in response to a legislative request pursuant to Iowa Code 11.5. This review shows that Executive Branch Officials withheld multiple relevant public records from the legislator that should have been produced.

In early November 2024, the legislator requested communications between Governor's Office and the Departments of Education (IDOE) and (DOM) Management related to the audit or potential audit of the Educational Savings Accounts (ESA) program. The request also included communications engagement regarding letters between DOM and the Office of the Auditor of

Examination of the produced records made clear that DOM withheld several documents from the legislator. At the request of the legislator, the Auditor of State reviewed the produced records and determined that at least twelve documents were not provided as part of the open records request.

Regarding compliance with Iowa Code Chapter 11 and auditing rules, the withheld emails and memos indicate:

DOM encouraged state agencies to withhold information required for audits.

DOM ignored warnings that its actions delayed audit work and placed the state's finances at risk.

Despite no legal basis to do so, DOM considered "alternative approaches to meeting the audit needs of the state," attempting to circumvent the elected Auditor of State from auditing the state.

The head of DOM attempted to "rescind consent" to have the State Auditor audit the state, as though a bureaucrat could choose to declare state law would not be followed.

The documents showing these violations or attempted violations of Iowa law and auditing rules were withheld from the legislator. A copy of the report is available for review on the Auditor of State's website at https:// www.auditor.iowa.gov/ reports/file/80821.pdf

Elderbridge is gravely concerned by early reports of President Trump's Fiscal Year 2026 proposed budget plan

Which breaks apart the coordination and delivery of Older Americans Act (OAA) programs and services. Thousands of older Iowans and caregivers rely on these programs and services to support their ability to remain in their homes and communities.

The recent Department of Health and Human Services reorganization eliminated the Administration for Community Living (ACL) agency, which has administered the Older Americans Act for the past 13 years. The President plans to split the OAA programs between two federal agencies. The meals programs are to be moved to the Administration for Children and Families, and the remainder of the programs will be transferred to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

The Older Americans Act should remain intact and be moved to the Administration for Children and Families to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the coordination of the OAA programs and services.

The leaked proposed budget also indicates the Trump Administration will be eliminating several key programs currently being provided through the aging network. Healthy aging programs to prevent falls and manage chronic diseases will be eliminated, as well as assistance to navigate Medicare, find aging and disability resources, ensure good nursing facility care, and prevent or address elder abuse.

If the proposed breakup of the programs and elimination of major initiatives goes forward, it will severely impact the ability of older adults and caregivers to get the services and supports they need to remain home putting them at risk of more costly institutional

Please call your Federal Legislators today to share your concerns with the proposed restructuring of the Older Americans Act. Senator Joni Ernst (202) 224-3254

(202) 224-3744 Representative Randy Feenstra (202) 225-4426 Representative Ashley Hinson (202) 225-2911 [Mason

Senator Charles Grassley

City Area] Representative Zach Nunn (202) 225-5476 [Greene & Guthrie Counties]

Contact Shelly Sindt or Stacia Timmer at 800-243-0678 with any questions you may have.

USDA to Issue \$1.3 Billion to Specialty Crop Producers

Secretary Agriculture Brooke Rollins today announced a second round of payments coming this week for specialty crop producers through the Marketing Assistance for Specialty Crops (MASC) program, providing up to \$1.3 billion in additional assistance. program Department U.S. Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) already delivered just under \$900 million in first round payments to eligible producers.

"President Trump is again putting farmers first. After a thorough review of USDA funding for certain programs to ensure they align with the President's policies and uphold our commitment to responsible distribution of American taxpayer dollars, USDA resumed MASC payments. to help specialty crop

I am happy to announce this second round support for specialty crop producers today and we are thankful for the work they do to produce the safest, most abundant food supply for our families and the world," said Secretary Rollins.

About MASC

First announced in December 2024, MASC authorized \$2 billion in Commodity Corporation funds to assist specialty crop growers with rising input costs and aid in the expansion of domestic markets. In January 2025, in response to stakeholder feedback and program demand, funding MASC was increased to \$2.65 billion. The MASC application period closed on Jan. 10, 2025.

MASC is designed

producers meet higher marketing costs related to:

- perishability of specialty crops like fruits, vegetables, floriculture, nursery crops and herbs;
- · specialized handling and transport equipment with temperature and humidity
- packaging to prevent damage;
- moving perishables to market quickly; and
- higher labor costs. MASC covers the following commercially marketed
- specialty crops: • fruits (fresh, dried);
- vegetables (including dry edible beans and peas, mushrooms, and vegetable
- tree nuts;
- and other specialty crops. Amanda Hartman Public Affairs & Outreach Specialist Iowa State Office

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Legal notices

PUBLIC NOTICE Wright County Supervisors 4/21/25 Minutes

April 21, 2025

The Board of Supervisors met as Drainage District Trustees. To view the minutes from the drainage meeting, see the Drainage District minutes on the County website.

Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:10 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux, and Ellis.

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

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Loux to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2025 with two corrections. Motion

Approved claims for payment.

Landon Beck with Text My Gov.

presented services what the company can offer to Wright County. This allows the Government Entities to connect with citizens via text messages. Beck will send estimates for the Board to review. Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to approve the Liquor Li-

cense for Top of Iowa Lucky Wife, gust 28th, 2025 to September 2nd, 2025. Motion carries.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Loux to appoint Savannah Schnetzer to be a Medical Examiner Investigator per Dr. Jon Ahrendsen's email. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to have County Engineer create a job posting for a Heavy Equipment Operator in the Bridge and Sign Maintenance Facility with a base pay of \$29.46. Motion car-

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on the Secondary Roads.

Chairman Rasmussen congratulated Eric Rector, Wright County Conservation Director, for 30 years of service to Wright County.

Motion by Kluss and seconded

by Loux to adjourn the meeting. Mo-Rick Rasmussen, Chairman, Wright County Board of Supervisors Amanda Meyer, Wright County PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

Prairie Energy Cooperative plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities". The storm water discharge will be from construction activities associated with the Prairie Energy Cooperative Headguarters & Warehouse/truck Bay facility located in the NE 1/4 section, Section 6, Township 91, Range 24 W. Wright County. Stormwater will be discharged directly into an unnamed drainage ditch on the property's north side, which flows into White Fox Creek to the East of the City of Clarion. Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Services Division, 502 E 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

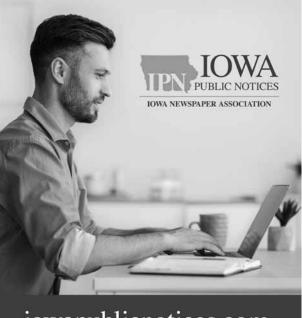
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Notice of Storm Water Discharge







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Auditor

The View From Here

Senator Dennis Guth, R-Klemme

May 2 is our scheduled last day of session. We will be headed into overtime this week as we pass some final bills and settle on budgets.

The Senate debated on Monday and Tuesday this week to either send bills already passed by the House to the Governor for her signature or send bills to the House for their consideration.

One of the bills we passed this week was House File 835, which would help students who face the risk of seizures in school. This bill will require at least one employee at each school be trained to administer or assist self-administration of rescue medication should a seizure occur during school.

We also passed Senate 639, establishing a business court for the purpose of resolving complex commercial and business litigation. Many states already have such courts and adding one in Iowa, along with many other pro-business policies, will help us attract more businesses to Iowa.

A bill I mentioned in previous newsletters deals with pharmacy benefit manager reform. PBMs establish how much a pharmacy gets paid for the

drugs they dispense under insurance. Senate File 383 implements protections for Iowa patients, cost savings measures, and reforms to help rural pharmacies. This is similar to measures passed in many other states and supports transparency of reimbursements and actual costs of drugs. SF 383 was sent to the House for their consideration.

The controversy over

eminent domain's continues with 12 senators pledging not to vote for budget bills until HF 639 is given a chance on the Senate floor. We believe addressing eminent domain must be done this session. The 12 senators signing this public statement are: Senator Alons, Senator Campbell, Senator De Witt, Senator Evans, Senator Guth, Senator Lofgren, Senator Pike, Senator Rowley, Senator Salmon, Senator Sires, Senator Taylor and Senator Westrich.

I find that the majority of my vast constituents, the County Board of Supervisors in my district, most Republican Central Committees in my district, and the Republican Platform all support limiting eminent domain to projects of public use. This is a question of Constitutional rights and

should not be influenced by possible profit.

On Tuesday night most of the Senate gathered for a dinner to honor our pages. Pages are high school students that serve the Senate by running online conferences committee meetings, help in the well when we are in debate, make copies of bills and run a hundred different errands. always interesting getting to know these students and I find the session never provides enough time to really get to know them. The page dinner gave us a little more time to see them as individuals.

It was obvious they have been paying attention while they sit at the back of the Senate chambers. At the dinner they acted out a Senate debate over a bill to increase pay for pages and include hazardous duty pay when committees get contentious. They not only had the process well learned, but they represented the personalities of several prominent senators very well. We all laughed when they announced that "Democrats will caucus in room 24 for 24 hours." This gathering is something we try to do every year and it blesses me to get together as legislators with no agendas for a night of fun.

The Thompson Times

Representative Mark Thompson, House District 56

This past week Iowa students joined Governor support Reynolds to the signing of the no cellphones during class time legislation. It became this week. communities that started the policy in the last couple of years have seen profound changes as grades rise, students are more engaged in the classroom and also with each other. I am very glad we were able to get this legislation passed.

By statute, our last day of pay was May 2. The House is in a pause waiting on some Senate business to finish and to work on budget negotiations. Those negotiations revolve around, among other things, para-educator pay. While the majority of the House were at home on standby I continued to travel to the Capitol to work on legislation with the Senate. The Justice Appropriations which I am vice-chair met to discuss the funding of our courts and state law enforcement agencies. During those meeting I learned we have 2 Department of Public Safety (DPS) officers dedicated to human trafficking, and 65 DPS officers dedicated ensuring rules governing casinos are enforced. Those numbers have grabbed my attention and I will continue to research.

This week, the House, Senate and Governor all released their targets for the Fiscal Year 2026 budget. This is an important step toward reaching final budget agreements.

The House are moving forward with a state budget of \$9.453 billion for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. The proposed budget is an increase of \$506 million over the current year's spending level of \$8.947 billion. This amount is an increase of 5.65 percent over Fiscal Year 2025.

The Governor agree on an overall budget number of \$9.417 billion, about \$36 million lower than the House budget.

The Iowa House has built our reputation on passing responsible budgets that have allowed us to lower the tax burden while funding Iowans' budget priorities. This budget is fiscally responsible while following through on the commitments we have made and properly funding

the priorities of Iowans. The House fighting for a budget that uses Iowans' taxpayer dollars wisely to fund important priorities like caring for elderly Iowans in nursing homes, maintaining our commitment to increased paraprofessional pay, and providing support for human trafficking victims.

House Releases Health Human Services Budget

This week, the House and Senate both released FY2026 Health and Human Services Budgets.

budget The House appropriates \$2.47 billion of state general fund to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Health and Human Services. This is a \$253 million increase in general fund compared

to FY2025. In total with federal matching funds, the House budget appropriates over \$6 billion towards Medicaid, childcare, child welfare, public health, aging and veteran services in Iowa.

Fully Funding 1. Medicaid - This budget appropriates an additional \$20 million on top of the March Medicaid estimate for FY26. The House is dedicated to fully funding Medicaid and have always provided that commitment vulnerable Iowans. Allegations that Medicaid is not being funded are inaccurate.

Provider adjustments - This budget provides necessary increases to the following Medicaid providers:

• Nursing Homes - The House has fully funded Iowa's nursing homes at the rate developed through cost reporting. This \$25 million of state funding amounts to almost \$70 million increase to Iowa's nursing homes to care for Iowa's elderly.

• Home and Community-Based Services - The House budget provides a \$3 million increase to care for Iowa's disabled population in their communities, which amounts to \$8.5 million in total funding increase.

 Maternal Health – Increases rates for prenatal, delivery and postnatal care

• Dentists - Provides \$3.1 million to increase dental rates to the 85% Medicare benchmark • Pharmacy - Provides

a \$1 million increase to the Medicaid dispensing fee • Prosthetics – Increases

prosthetic and orthotic provider rates by \$295,000 3.Mental Health -

 Autism Coverage – fully funds adding autism coverage to the hawk-i program ensuring over 600 youth have access to autism

 Commitment Discharge - adds in the majority of House File 385 that requires discharge responsible planning fo individuals committed for substance abuse or mental health.

• Commitment Hearing Testimony – adds in House File 313 that allows PAs and ARNPs to testify at committal hearings if they witnessed the examination, reviewed the report, and the professional that examined the individual is unable to attend the hearing.

4. Adoption and Foster care - This bill increases foster care and adoption subsidy rates by 5%

5. Emergency Medical Services - Funds House File 977 to expand federal support for Iowa's EMS providers. This bill will enable additional tens of millions of dollars to come to the state to support rural

6. Personal Allowance - increases the monthly allotment for Medicaid individuals in nursing facilities to retain \$65 per month to pay towards personal needs.

7. SNAP - Double Up Food Bucks - Fully funds the \$1 million in House File 970. This bill importantly provides a \$1 million appropriation to the Double Up Food Bucks Program if Iowa receives federal approval to include healthy food based on necessary nutrition for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

8. Veterans - Fully funds House File 1000, which \$250,000 appropriates to the veterans service organization grant program to provide matching funds for employing new staff to assist veterans with federal claims.

Government Oversight Meeting

This week, the House Government Oversight Committee met another hearing on the misallocation of court debt funds by the Iowa Judicial Branch.

The committee heard testimony from Iowa State Auditor Rob Sand on his office's attempt to catch the misallocations in a timely manner. In the meeting, Auditor Sand continued to downplay the significance of the at least \$27 million that was misallocated. Auditor Sand says that those funds were not lost and instead were redirected to the general fund, but we have yet to see satisfactory documentation to verify whether that is true.

This misallocation had significant has consequences. Victims of crime have been denied timely compensation owed them, infrastructure projects such as bridge and repairs road improvements have been delayed, and community safety programs have been underfunded. One of the biggest issues we here is the lack of timely communication to the Legislature from both the Judicial Branch and the Auditor once they were made aware that there was an issue.

The House Government Oversight Committee is committed to a thorough investigation to uncover the full scope of this misallocation, ensure accountability, and prevent future errors. The people of Iowa deserve a government that prioritizes transparency, safeguards public resources, holds public entities accountable when funds are improperly dispersed, and delivers on its promises to support victims, infrastructure, and community safety.



plans under wraps. The reasoning is strategic, echoing the early days of oil and gold rushes: the less attention drawn, the less chance competitors will move in on the same ground.

In Iowa, seismic testing data becomes public one year after collection. Once released, the race is on. It's safe to assume this won't be the first or the last time companies like Twin Rivers show up in Wright County.

"Right now, no one in Iowa knows if they have the value of the farm immediately increases... just knowing that your property is more valuable is good for a lot of people in the area."

Beyond land value, or mineral right payouts, which Handy described "highly material.", hydrogen operation could mean long-term job creation and infrastructure development.

"You would need electricians, you would need engineers, you would need field folks... under their you'd have people driving property," said Handy. "If trucks, you'd have people discover hydrogen, operating equipment. You

would have welders... a very diverse and large amount of jobs that would be required to build and maintain a hydrogen and related operation industries," Handy said.

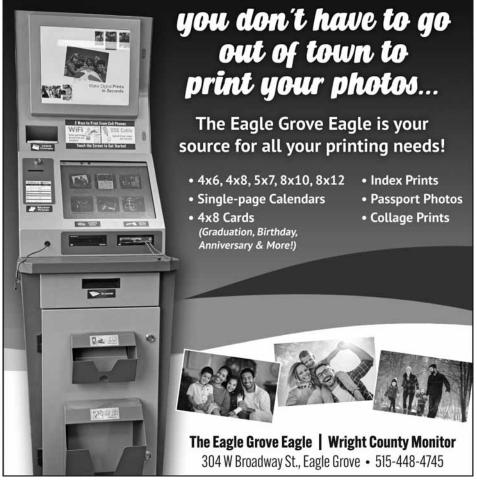
opportunities Those would range from whitecollar to blue-collar jobs. And with production comes revenue, not just for individuals, but for the county.

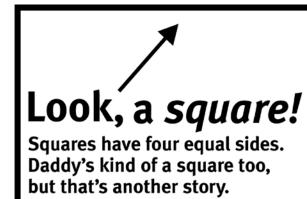
"Typically, when there's established production, the counties have a tax on that production... they invest these taxes straight into the local infrastructure and education systems, it can be life-changing for some folks," Handy shared. "We're still very early in the exploration process, and we don't want to overpromise economic results of hydrogen without a discovery."

Yet the company insists it is not pushing blindly forward. Twin Rivers Exploration and parent company, Koloma, agree that gaining the community's support is important to them.

Still, without clarity on basic regulations like the setback distance, progress remains uncertain. And in a state where farmland is both livelihood and legacy, the tension between potential and preservation of what is working isn't just academic... it is personal.







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is open on the second and

fourth Thursdays of each

month, from 5 - 7 p.m. Next

** Looking ahead to Me-

morial Day: Rowan Lions

Memorial Day pancake

breakfast will be held Mon-

day, May 26, serving from

7:30 until 9 a.m. pancakes

eggs and sausage. Free Will

offering. Basement of the

old Rowan schoolhouse.

901 East Broadway Rowan.

** "Bingo at the BRU" the

4th of each Tuesday. Next

one is Tuesday, May 27 at 6

p.m. \$20 for 3 cards and 10

rounds of Bingo; \$ for com-

** Beginning next month:

2025 Farmers' Markets in

Clarion; west side of Court-

house Square beginning

weekly on Saturday, May

31 from 9 - 11 a.m. Always

looking for new vendors

- \$3 for each week or 11

punch care for \$20. For in-

formation, contact Billie at

515-851-0567. Garden pro-

duce; crafts; whatever you

** Get ready for Clarion's

Festival in Park! Set for

** AT THE CLARION

"Thunderbolt"" on Friday

- Sunday, May 9 - 11 @ 7

p.m.; Sunday Matinee at

2:30 p.m. - May11! (2nd of

** MONEY \$AVING TIP:

For our gift giving season,

purchase \$50 worth of gift

cards from Pizza Ranch;

get a \$10 bounce back cou-

** FOCU\$ ON BU\$INE\$\$:

Mothers' Day and Gradu-

ations are coming! Good

time to select gifts items

locally - gift cards, gifts,

greeting cards! Don't forget

** THANK YOU: To ev-

eryone who is making im-

provements to their homes

where they live - new roof-

ing, siding, sidewalks, etc.

Keep up the good work!

dining out together, too!

Showing

can think of selling!!

Saturday, June14!

THEATRE:

2 weeks!)

pon for FREE!

munity fundraising!

The Clarion Wire

Graduation Day weekend

** Eagle Grove Memo-

rial Library's annual spring

book sale will begin on Fri-

** Sam's Chinese Kitchen

in Clarion is OPEN for its

Mothers' Day BUFFET on

Sunday, May 11 beginning

** "SUNDAY BUFFETS"

at Clarmond - every Sun-

day through October - from

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Open to the

** "Easy Going Senior Ex-

ercises" at the Clarion Se-

nior Citizens Center every

Monday and Thursday af-

ternoon, beginning at 1:30

** Sally's Sewing Room,

110 N Main, Clarion, is

offering a class on Plush

Self-binding Baby Blanket

Tuesday, May 13, 6:30 pm.

\$15.00 plus supplies. Limit

** SPRING SALAD LUN-

CHEON at First Luther-

an Church in Clarion on

Wednesday, May 14. Serv-

ing from 11 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. Tickets - \$10; Dine in

** Clarion Fire Depart-

ment is hosting a recep-

tion for Terry Howieson to

celebrate and thank him

for 40 years of service to

CFD. Come and go and

open to the public. At the

fire station on Sunday, May

18 from 12-4. Please join

them to recognize this in-

** CO-ED BEACH VOL-

LEYBALL (6V6) @ THE

BRU on Wednesdays from

May 21-June 25. \$120 entry

fee per team. Register today

at 515-851-2029 (text only)

or clarion.thebru@gmail.

** Clarion's Senior Citizens

Center, Play '500 cards', the

first and third Wednesdays

(and on the 5th Wednesday

of the month when there are

5!) of each month. Next one

is on Wednesday, May 21

from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

credible achievement!

4. 515-602-6186.

or carry out!!

day, May 9 at 10 a.m.

in Clarion!

at 11 a.m.

**It's Mothers' Day and FOOD PANTRY in Clari-

Church news

CLARION AREA

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Pastor Craig Luttrell 515-532-2845 website: www.clarion.church

Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00

- a.m. Noon
- Sunday, May 11 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Sunday, May 18 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Sunday, May 25 10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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• 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Services

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL

121 3rd Avenue N.W., Clarion • Sunday, May 11

9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Fellowship

CHURCH OF CHRIST

420 North Main, Clarion Pastor Warren Curry 515-532-3273 http://clarionchurchofchrist. weebly.com

Facebook Clarion Church of 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship, also live each Sunday on Facebook 6:00 a.m. Tuesday Iron Man,

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.

Fellowship Hall, Church Building

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC

608 2nd Ave. N.E., Clarion Father Jerry W. Blake, Pastor

• Wednesday, May 7 7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis,

Belmond 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis, Belmond

7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima Novena in Spanish at St. John,

• Thursday, May 8

8:00 a.m. Sewing at St. John, Clarion 11:40 a.m. rosary at Sacred

Heart, Eagle Grove 12:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove

7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima Novena in Spanish at St. John, Clarion • Friday, May 9

7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. John, Clarion

8:00 a.m. Mass, Addoration and Benediction at St. John, Clarion 7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima

Novena in Spanish at St. John, Clarion • Saturday, May 10 3:15 p.m. at A/B at St. John,

4:00 p.m. Mass at St. John,

Clarion 7:15 p.m. A/B at St. John,

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

• Sunday, May 11 Mother's Day, Baby Needs

7:15 a.m. Rosary, A/B in St. Francis, Belmond

8:00 a.m. Mass at Francis, Belmond 9:45 a.m. Rosary, A/B at Sacred

Heart, Eagle Grove 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove 7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima

Novena in Spanish at St. John,

Clarion

Monday, May 12 8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis,

6:30 p.m. CDA Rosary and Meeting at St. Francis, Belmond 6:30 p.m. OCIA St. John.

7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima Novena in Spanish at St. John, Clarion

 Tuesday, May 13 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting Yearly Planning (Office Closed) 9:00 a.m. Bible Study at St. Francis, Belmond

11:00 a.m. Fatima Rosary at Sacred Heart

7:30 p.m. Our Lady of Fatima Novena in Spanish at St. John, Clarion Wednesday, May 14

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

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis, Belmond

5:30 p.m. Finance at Sacred

Heart, Eagle Grove Thursday, May 15

11:40 a.m. Rosary at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove 12:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove

7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. John, Clarion 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John, Clarion

• Friday, May16

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

219 First Street N.W. Clarion

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Sunday School Class • Wednesdays 6:00 a.m. Men's

Bible Study • Saturdays 8:00 a.m. Men's Group

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Dana Wendel, Pastor 1010 2nd Street SW; Clarion 515-293-3003

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9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship Tuesday

11:00 a.m. Prayer Time Iglesia del Nazareno 6:00 p.m. Sabado 6:00 p.m. Domingo Lay Minister Mynor

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Pentecost

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• Sunday, May 11 10 a.m. Dows Joint Worship at Untied Methodist

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children 2 years to grade 5

NAZARETH LUTHERAN

Coulter Pastors Tom Dettmer and Stanley Peterson

• Sunday, May 11 9:30a.m. Joint Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion,

Coffee to follow • Dinner is the first Sunday of the











Baby Girl

Rachaeel Jordahl-Saavedra and Christopher Saaverda of Forest City, IA would like to announce the birth of their daughter Ruby Jean Jordahl -Saavedra. She was born Sunday, April 27, 2025 at the Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion, IA. She weighed

8 pounds 8 ounces. Proud Grandparents are: Jennifer and Jeremy Jordahl of Forest City, IA and Fernando Saaverda Big Lake IA. Proud Great Grandparents are: Loren and Louvaine Jordahl of Leland, IA and Elanor Sheldahl of Manley, IA.

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Church Comins

Words of Wisdom

Last week's trivia questions:
What country singer had hit songs
in the late 70s and early 80s with
"Every Which Way But Loose",
"Drivin' My Life Away", and "I Love
a Rainy Night"?
Answer: Eddie Rabbitt.



What female country duo had hit songs in the 1980s with "Mama He's Crazy", "Why Not Me?", and "Girls Night Out"? Answer: The Judds.

This week's trivia questions:
What band, named after their lead singer, had hit songs in the 1970s including "Fly Like an Eagle", "Take the Money and Run", and "Jet Airliner"?
What band had hit songs in the 1970s with "More Than a Woman", "Jive Talkin', and "Stayin' Alive"?

May is National Barbecue Month, National Blood Pressure Month, Building Safety Month, Brain Cancer Awareness Month, National Egg Month, National Foster Care Month, National Hamburger Month, Healthy Vision Month, National Inventors Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, Military Appreciation Month, National Pet Month, National Salad Month, National Strawberry Month, National Dental Care Month, National Stroke Awareness

Month, Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, National Water Safety Month, National Photography Month, National Bike Month, and American Cheese Month.

May 7 is School Nurse Day, and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Day; May 8 is National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, and Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for those who Lost their Lives during WWII; May 9 is National Public Gardens Day; May 10 is Archery

Day, National Golf Day, and National Small Business Day; May 11 is Mother's Day, and National Technology Day; May 12 is National Hospital Day; May 13 is Tulip Day, and National Apple Pie Day.

This week is National Small Business Week, Children's Book Week, Sun Awareness Week, Drinking Water Week, Teacher Appreciation Week, National Pet Week, and National Nurses Week.

Hit songs by famous singers that were actually written by other famous singers

"I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston, written by Dolly Parton.

"My Way" by Frank Sinatra, written by Paul Anka.
"My Girl" by the Temptations, written by Smokey
Robinson.

"Islands in the Stream" by Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton, written by the Bee Gees.

"I'm a Believer" by The Monkees, written by Neil Diamond.

"Respect" by Aretha Franklin, written by Otis Redding.

"Crazy" by Patsy Cline, written by Willie Nelson.

"Manic Monday" by the Bangles, written by Prince.

"Red Red Wine" by UB40, written by Neil
Diamond.

The Kentucky Derby marks the oldest continuously running sport event in the U.S., dating back to 1875. The race, which is one-and-a-half miles long, kicks off the Triple Crown, including the Preakness Stakes in Baltimore and the Belmont Stakes in New York. Only 13 horses have won the Triple Crown, the last being "Justify" in 2018.

This past Saturday, May 3, racehorse "Sovereignty" won the 151st running of the Kentucky Derby, narrowly defeating the favorite "Journalism." The winning time on the muddy track was 2 minutes 2.3 seconds. "Secretariat", the horse who won the Kentucky Derby in 1973, still holds the record for fastest winning time at 1 minute 59.4 seconds.

Norway Day To Be Special This Year

Rodger Tveiten

Various ethnic groups in America have their own traditions and celebrations such as Saint Patrick's Day or Cinco de Mayo. The big, ethnic holiday for Norwegian-Americans is May 17. In Norway, it is their national holiday. They have parades with marching bands and thousands of flag-waving school children. Red, white and blue banners are everywhere and they picnic on hot dogs and ice cream.

Some American cities with many Norwegian-American residents have parades. street fairs, ethnic dancing, special music and ethnic food. Spring Grove in southeastern Minnesota and Decorah in northeastern Iowa are two communities with long-standing Norway Day celebrations on or around May 17th.

This year's celebrations are special as 2025 is the 200th anniversary of the start of the mass migration

of 800,000 Norwegians to North America. On July 4, 1825, the first boat-load of Norwegians left from Stavanger en route to the Port of New York. It took Their wind-98 days. powered sloop did not get to the United States. until October. This first group came to escape religious persecution. The thousands that followed came mostly for economic reasons and the promise of free land through the Homestead Act, which was signed by President Lincoln in 1862.

Many NorwegianAmericans in Iowa and across the country will fly their U. S. flags and their Norway flags on May 17th. Many without a Norwegian flag will fly the American flag to mark this day. Many may take time to think about the hardships endured by their immigrant ancestors. After all, 200 hundred years is a very long time.

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Chaplain Pastor Curry

Karen Weld

Iowa State Patrol is in the process of celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2025. Pastor Warren Curry of Clarion has been part of that legacy for the past 14 months, serving District #7 as its chaplain.

Serving as Clarion Church of Christ's minister for the past nearly seventeen years, Curry applied for the volunteer chaplain position about two years ago. "I consider it a privilege to be part of the Department of Public Safety," he said. "In this position, I do ridealongs with individual troopers of this district." He said currently the district has fourteen troopers, three sergeants, and a lieutenant serving the local post, which is based in Fort

Curry's task is to support the troopers and build relationships with them. "I contact individual troopers to learn of their schedules and make something work into my schedule." He said typical ride-alongs are from 3 to 8 hours; his best times are evenings and weekends.

As a chaplain, Curry does not have a number of hours or days he must work. The word 'available' is one Curry mentioned more than once. "We become like a family," he said. "Troopers see some pretty significant things. So it is nice to be there to support them." He needs to be available to bring information of death notices to families; he likes the fact that it isn't something he has had to do yet. He has the email addresses and phone numbers of all the troopers and stays in touch with all



Pastor Warren Curry (left) chats briefly with Iowa State Patrol Seth Bean. Curry has served as District #7 patrol Chaplain for the past 14 months. Seth Bean has served as a trooper for the past eight years. Both men and their families live in Clarion. Iowa State Patrol is celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2025. Curry works to build relationships with the troopers in our district and to be an encouragement to them.

of them through the district office.

Recently, Iowa State Patrol had a 90th anniversary publicity 'photo op' on the steps of the State House in Des Moines. Curry had the opportunity to ride there with local trooper Seth Bean.

According to Trooper Paul Gardner, Public Relations Officer for District #7, the Iowa patrol began in 1935, which was during the Great Depression. "The 'original' 50 patrolmen were sent to the roads with the mission of protecting

Iowa highways," he said. "Criminals and reckless drivers were now mobile. Iowa joined the trend to create a highway patrol agency in each state."

Ola Babcock, then Iowa's Secretary of State, who was termed as the 'Mother of the Iowa Highway Patrol,' had a family friend who was killed in an automobile accident. She was passionate about creating a highway patrol to combat the increasing wave of traffic deaths in Iowa. When asked how the organization might be funded, she was quoted as saying, "Save lives first,

money afterwards".

Gardner said, "Today, troopers continue to carry out our motto of 'Courtesy, Service, Protection' as we enforce Iowa's traffic laws, respond to traffic collisions, assist motorists in need of help, provide assistance to local law enforcement agencies, and educate the public to ensure our roadways are safe."

Curry said, "Troopers see some pretty significant things. I hope to serve them this way and be an encouragement in any way that I can. I want to lighten the loads for them when things are pretty heavy."

Monitor Memories

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE WRIGHT COUNTY MONITOR
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42 years ago May 10, 1984

It's the newest addition to the equipment used by the Clarion Volunteer Fire Department. The new fire truck was recently purchased at a cost of \$54,000. The 1984 chassis came from C and R Buick, while the body of the truck was bought from Smeal Fire Equipment Co. in Snyder Nebraska. The new rig is capable of pumping 1000 gallons of water per minute and can carry 750 gallons. It replaces a 1956 pumper that had a 500 gallon per

minute capacity. Trespassing and criminal mischief charges are pending against two Clarion men as the result of an egging incident Friday night. According to statements to police, the men had "had some beers" and decided to egg the car of Mark Dow. The pair, allegedly went to his resident and now finding his car, decided to egg his motorcycle. Trespassing charges are pending against the group for entering a garage

to egg the motorcycle. Anyone willing to take off their sweat suits should have been awarded a medal in Britt on Tuesday and Forest City on Monday. The brutal wind seriously distracted from the joys of track and field on both occasions. But on Tuesday, the Clarion Cowboys made it somewhat worth the struggle as they ran to victory in the Class A division of the Britt Eagle Relays. A victory in the mile relay gave the Cowboys 96.5

points and the win overall.

77 Years ago
May 12, 1949

Dugan's café, which has operated in Clarion for the past 18 months, will close Saturday in compliance with an order from the state fire marshall. Mr. and Mrs. Russ Dugan, who operate the café have been in the restaurant business for about two and one-half years. Officials who inspected the café recently said that the basement location constitutes a fire hazard in that there is no exit from the front of the café to the street.

Atomic research has given agricultural scientists an effective new "measuring stick" to determine how plants make us of fertilizer. Iowa State College, which was one of four places in the U.S. where the "measuring stick" was tried last year, issued a report on the results this week. Experimental work carried on last year at Iowa State was done on Clarion soils.

Approximately 1,400 tulips and a host of other flowers are in bloom now at the residence of Rev. Albert R. Rice, 515 North Main Street. The entire flower garden was moved to Clarion by the Rev. Mr. Rice from Rowan where they were in bloom last year. Hundreds of persons made the trip to that town last spring tot see the impressive display. Rev. Rice said Wednesday that the public is invited to stop by his home and view the flowers.

Heartland Museum Awards Local Scholarship



Congratulations to Landen Kakacek, who picked up his first semester scholarship. The Board of Directors at Heartland set aside personal money to give a scholarship each year. Landen is attending Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge and is shown here with Vice President Doug Riley. (*Photo: Heartland Museum*)





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Job Opportunity Heavy Equipment Operator

Wright County Secondary Road Department has one opening for a full-time road maintenance employee at the Clarion Maintenance Facility. Primary job classification is Heavy Equipment Operator. Primary job duties include assistance with county repair work orders, removal of snow, and may be called upon to assist in other operations within Wright County Secondary Roads.

CDL is not required to apply but chosen applicant must obtain Class A CDL with air brakes learners permit before starting work with the County. County will provide assistance with acquiring full CDL if needed.

Starting pay is \$28.96/hr. with increases at six and twelve months with satisfactory performance review. Wright County's benefit package includes health, dental and life insurance along with paid vacation, sick leave, and holidays (9). Applicant must show the ability to work with a team as well as accomplish tasks alone.

Application form and job description is available at the Wright County Engineer's Office, 416 5th Ave SW St, PO Box 269, Clarion, IA 50525,

telephone 515-532-3597 or at www.wrightcounty.iowa.gov, click on "Employment" or find us on Facebook, Wright County Secondary Roads.

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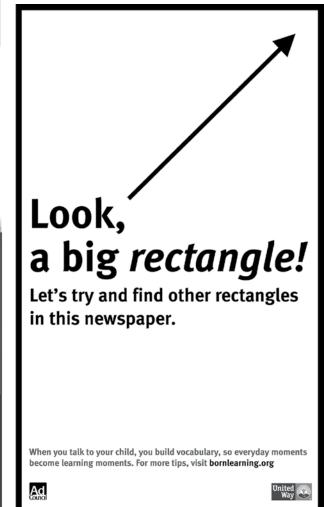
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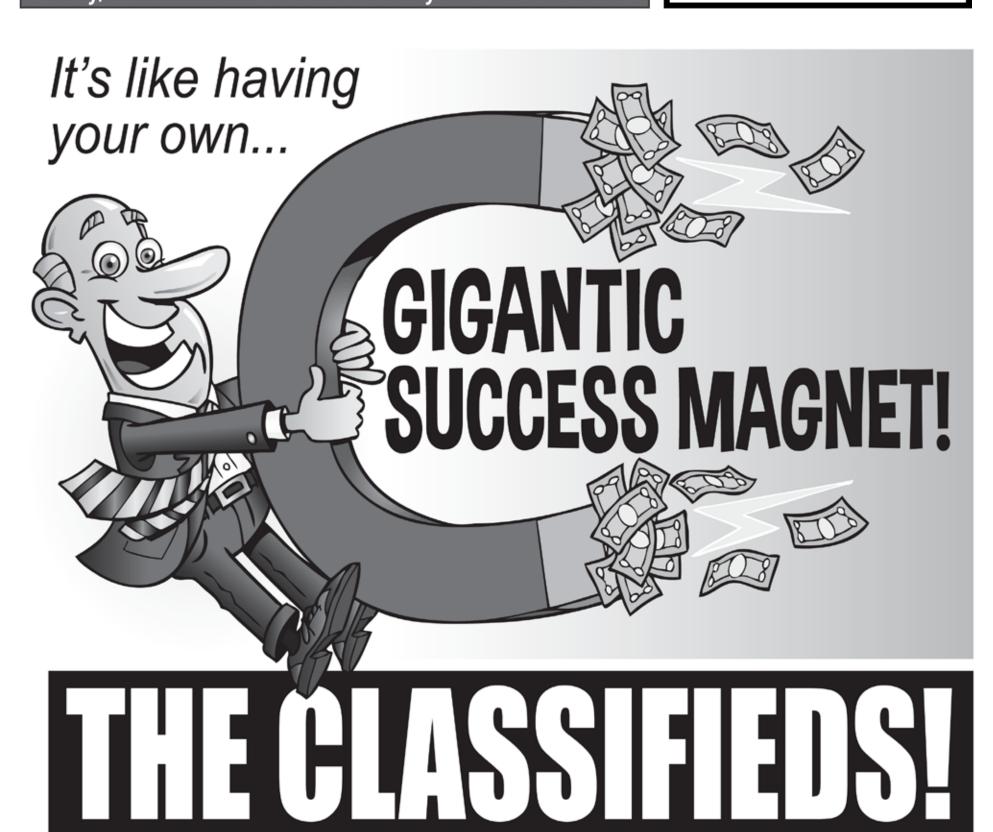


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(Photos: Taylor Smith)

Beisel Wins Two Events In Jewell



Senior MaKayla Beisel placed top-5 in all four of her events on Tuesday.

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The Cowgirls were in Hamilton County for a track meet against six other area schools.

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows placed 6th with 46 points. Roland-Story earned team gold with 171, followed by South Hamilton (100) and Webster City (93).



Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The Cowgirl golf team had two meets late last week against conference

opponents.
On Friday at River
Road Golf Club in Algona,
C-G-D faced off against
Humboldt and Algona.

Blaire Askelsen was the top Cowgirl performer with a score of 54 for 9th overall. Senior Jordyce Duncalf finished 12th with a score of 60, and Claire Kirstein came in 14th with a 62 through 9 holes. Sophomore Quinn Brooks shot a 74 to bring the team's final score to 250.

score of 188, followed by Humboldt with 213.

On Saturday morning, the Cowgirls hosted Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, Eagle Grove, and Lake Mills at Clarmond Country Club.

The girls golfed 18 holes, and Askelsen was once again C-G-D's top player. The sophomore tied for 8th with a score of 105. Maddie Askvig (13th/113), Duncalf (17th/122) and Kirstein (19th/131) all scored for the Cowgirls and brought the team total to 471. G-H-V (385), Eagle Grove (410), and Lake Mills (414) took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd at the tournament.



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2025 AFTER PROM

Thank you to all who donated to or helped with the 2025 CGD After Prom. Your support helped us have a fun and safe event!

From, the After Prom Committee

100m Dash –	
10 - Kennedy Jackson	14.38
100m Hurdles –	
2 – MaKayla Beisel	15.82
7 – Aleena Schaffer	18.01
200m Dash –	
11 – Daphne Tijull	30.99
400m Dash –	
11 – Savana Savov	1:34.47
400m Hurdles –	
1 – MaKayala Beisel	1:07.56
Discus –	
9 – Elliott Ennis	77' 1"
High Jump –	
1 – MaKayla Beisel	5'0"
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5 – Adelynn Howell4' 6"
Long Jump –
10 – Kennedy Jackson
Shot Put –
7 – Elliott Ennis29' 10 ½"
4x100 -
5 – K. Jackson, A. Schaffer,56.38
E. Egland, M. Beisel
4x200 –
5 – K. Jackson, E. Engstrom2:03.5
A. Howell, A. Egland
4x800 -
4 – H. Charlson, J. Perez12:33.54
K. Hoesing, Y. Bobadilla

Lane Earns Bronze At Cardinal Relays

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On Tuesday, April 29, the Cowboy track and field team took a trip to Garner for the annual Cardinal Relays.

The shuttle hurdle team of Chaz Lane, Eduardo Rivera, Daven Duncalf, and Bryce Lindaman would bring home 5th with a time of 1:11.92. Huxley Lingenfelter threw the discus 121 '4" for 6th place, and Chaz Lane's leap of 5' 8" in the high jump was good enough for C-G-D's

lone bronze of the evening.

The boys would rack up 35 total points for 8th place out of eleven teams.

Garner-Hayfield won the meet with 155, followed by West Hancock (142) and





High jumper/hurdler Chaz Lane continued his stellar sophomore season at Tuesday's Cardinal Relays.

12 – Tate Jackson 5:25.45	
3200m Run –	
6 – Christopher Greenfield11:26.18	
7 – Tate Jackson11:30.31	
110m Hurdles -	
5 – Chaz Lane17.44	
11 – Daven Duncalf18.49	
400m Hurdles –	
9 – Daven Duncalf 1:08.20	

CGD Students Celebrate Fundraising Success for Fine Arts Program



Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Fine Arts students proudly display a check for \$5,500 raised during the 2nd Annual Mattress Fundraiser, held on March 22. The event was hosted by the CGD Fine Arts Boosters to support local arts programs. (*Photo provided by CGD Fine Arts Boosters*)





United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service Iowa Ag News - Crop Progress & Condition



Periodic rains throughout the week resulted in just 2.3 days suitable for fieldwork during the week ending April 27, 2025, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service. While needed, the precipitation slowed or stopped fieldwork and cool temperatures hampered crop emergence.

Topsoil moisture condition rated 3 percent very short, 11 percent short, 75 percent adequate and 11 percent surplus. Subsoil mois-

short, 67 percent adequate and 8 percent surplus.

Corn planted reached 34 percent, 2 days ahead of the 5-year average. Statewide,

ture condition rated 4 per-

cent very short, 21 percent

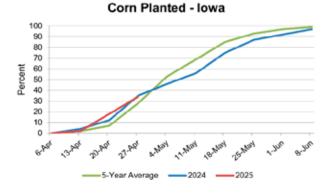
corn emerged was 2 percent. Twenty-five percent of the expected soybean crop has been planted, 1 day ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the 5-year average. Oats seeding reached 81 percent

complete, 4 days behind last year but 2 days ahead of the 5-year average. Forty-one percent of the expected oat acreage has emerged, 3 days behind last year but 4 days ahead of normal.

Pastures and grass continue to green up. Apart from some muddy feedlots, no livestock issues were reported. Some cow calf pairs were being turned out to pas-

Crop Condition as of April 27, 2025

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Pasture and range .	2	7	36	48	7	



The complete report can be found on the USDA NASS website at www.nass.usda.gov/Publications.

Crop Progress as of April 27, 2025

	Districts										State			
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	С	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year avg	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)											
Corn planted	50	23	14	39	30	34	38	42	45	34	18	35	28	
Oats planted	96	83	66	80	76	86	93	87	78	81	68	88	78	
Oats emerged	68	47	26	33	46	39	42	51	31	41	23	50	29	
Soybeans planted	29	11	12	19	26	34	27	36	35	25	11	23	13	

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Condition as of April 27, 2025

	Districts										State		
Item	NW	NC	NE	WC	С	EC	SW	SC	SE	This week	Last week	Last year	
	(days)	(days)											
Days suitable	3.2	1.4	0.9	3.2	0.8	3.1	3.4	3.3	2.5	2.3	5.5	4.2	
	(percent)	(percent)											
Topsoil moisture													
Very short		0	0	7	1	5	12	0	1	3	6	5	
Short		6	2	14	2	19	17	5	11	11	22	17	
Adequate	72	73	70	75	79	73	67	88	81	75	69	68	
Surplus	3	21	28	4	18	3	4	7	7	11	3	10	
Subsoil moisture													
Very short		0	0	10	1	5	13	0	2	4	7	14	
Short		11	6	39	6	28	21	33	20	21	30	27	
Adequate	63	74	71	43	84	65	65	60	74	67	61	53	
Surplus	2	15	23	8	9	2	1	7	4	8	2	6	

Iowa Preliminary Weather Summary Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

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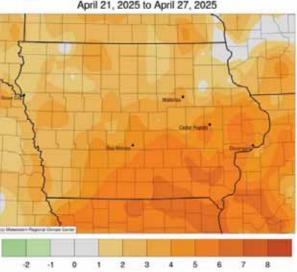
Reports from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and maps from the Midwestern Regional Climate Center reflect data collected from 7:00 A.M. Central Time April 21, 2025 through 7:00 A.M. Central Time on April 27, 2025.

Most of Iowa experienced an unseasonably wet reporting period with the passage of several rounds of showers and thunderstorms. The wettest conditions were reported across central to northeast Iowa with positive departures on the order of two to four inches. Warmer than normal temperatures persisted with the statewide average temperature of 55.7 degrees, 2.2 degrees above normal.

A low pressure center moving northeast through Iowa on Sunday (20th) brought widespread, moderate showers over much of the state. More than 200 stations reported at least 1.00 inch of rainfall with nearly 25 eastern Iowa stations at or above 2.00 inches; the statewide average rainfall was 0.99 inch. Clouds gradually cleared over western Iowa into Monday (21st) morning with lows in the 40s statewide. Winds gradually shifted southerly with sunny skies and daytime highs in the upper 70s west to upper 50s east. A complex of showers and a few thunder-

storms crossed the Nebraska border and pushed across central and northern Iowa before expanding over eastern Iowa toward sunrise on Tuesday (22nd). Light showers moved over southern Iowa through the day as high temperatures rose into the 60s statewide. Isolated strong thunderstorms with some hail and heavier rain popped overnight in north-central Iowa; moderate rainfall held on in eastern Iowa through late morning on Wednesday (23rd) with two gauges in Tipton (Cedar County) registering 1.83 to 2.05 inches at 7:00 am. Conditions remained unsettled through the day with mid to upper 70s at most locations. Severe-warned thunderstorms fired later in the afternoon in southwestern Iowa and then over north-central Iowa into the nighttime hours. There were several reports of larger hailstones with 1.50-inch hail observed in Fort Dodge (Webster County) and Tama (Tama County). Waterloo Municipal Airport (Black Hawk County) measured 2.48 inches of rainfall from stronger cells. A swath of rain totals above 0.50 inch was also found from southwest to northeast; Sidney (Fremont County) collected 1.16 inches, Webster City (Hamilton County) hit 1.52 inches, while Elkader (Clavton County) observed 1.49

Thursday (24th) saw more widespread rain across the April 21, 2025 to April 27, 2025



state, particularly western Amounts tailed off in east-Iowa as another disturbance ern Iowa to a few tenths of an inch with an overall statewide pushed through. Daytime average at 0.54 inch. Northtemperatures varied from the upper 50s north to mid erly winds and overcast skies 70s south An unstable atremained through the day as mosphere over southwest temperatures remained in Iowa supported severe thunthe 50s. Starry skies were derstorms that crossed the visible overnight into Saturday (26th) with morning Iowa-Nebraska border during the early evening hours; lows in the mid 30s northwest to mid 40s southeast. a brief tornado was spotted in Council Bluffs (Pottawat-Temperatures warmed into tamie County). The aerial the low 60s in southwestern coverage of moderate rain-Iowa as winds returned to a southerly direction. Winds fall increased into the nightwere easterly into central and time hours and pushed across the state into Friday (25th) eastern Iowa with upper 50s morning. Rain amounts were over the state's northern half. above an inch at more than Sunday (26th) dawned cloudy 50 stations with the highest with southeasterly winds and totals in west-central Iowa: readings in the mid 40s to Kirkman (Shelby County) low 50s. registered 1.99 inches while

Weekly precipitation totals ranged from 0.28 inch in Sioux Center (Sioux County) to 5.46 inches in Cedar Falls. The statewide weekly average precipitation was 2.06

Accumulated Precipitation (in) April 21, 2025 to April 27, 2025

inches while the normal is peratures were in the low 50s 0.93 inch. Donnellson (Lee County) and Muscatine Sunday. (Muscatine County) reported the week's high temperature of 81 degrees on the 24th on average 16 degrees above

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average. Spencer Municipal Airport (Clay County) reported the week's low temperature of 30 degrees on the 26th, nine degrees below normal. Four-inch soil tem-

north to upper 50s south as of Temperature and Pre-

2.5

cipitation Maps, courtesy of the Midwestern Regional Climate Center, are available at: https://mrcc.purdue.edu/CLIMATE/

Additional soil moisture data are available at: https://nassgeo.csiss.gmu. edu/CropCASMA/

Dows Legion Fish Fry



Dows Legion had their April Fish Fry and there was a good turn out! (Photo: Barb Chambers).

Menu

Monday, May 12, join the Dows Senior Citizens for a delicious meal at noon. The cost is \$10.00. Everyone is welcome. Carry-outs are available. Menu: Ham Balls, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salads, Dessert.

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2.03 inches was reported in

Jefferson (Greene County).

Aerial views

Bruce Voigts, Aerial Photographer (Photos taken April 29, 2025)



Former site of chicken barns no longer there south of Clarion. The removal was a result of a Derecho wind.



Spring grass burning northwest of Clarion. In the afternoon flight, one could see smoke plumes from about 3 areas of burning occurring.