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## Sand Brings Reform Message to Clarion Town Hall

Amanda Rink, Editor

September 2, 2025 - The folding chairs filled quickly at the Clarion Public Library on Tuesday morning as Iowa State Auditor Rob Sand stepped to the front of the room, sleeves rolled, speaking with the urgency of a man who wants to “flip tables” in Des Moines.

But before the town hall began, Sand sat down with the Wright County Monitor for a brief interview. When asked how he would approach unity in a statehouse dominated by Republicans, he leaned into his independent streak. “There’s more than two ways to pay. And I always say I was a red shirt independent before I registered as a Democrat, but when I switched to vote in the primary, I didn’t leave my independent mind behind. There are some Democrats that are upset with some of the things that I believe — that’s too bad, but I’m always going to say what I think is the right thing, and not pretend that something else is going on.”

Sand continued: “When it comes to unity, I think actually that having divided government for the first time in 10 years would help provide [unity], because right now, in the state of Iowa, what we’re seeing is Iowans getting left behind. Our economy is 49<sup>th</sup> in the country. Our cancer growth rate is number one. So I look at that, and I think, you know, the only people they’re serving down in Des Moines right now are insiders and special interest groups. I think a lot of us — Democrats, Republicans,

and Independents — have a lot of unity as outsiders who look at Des Moines and think it needs a little bit of shaking.”

Pressed on Iowa’s rising cancer rates, particularly in rural counties, Sand didn’t hesitate.

“Number one, I think there’s some things that we know that we can do now. One of our leading cancers is lung cancer. We know that we have a tremendous amount of radon in the state of Iowa. The state of Iowa should be doing more to help diagnose and help prevent that. Number two, we know that alcohol consumption is a leading cause. We drink a lot of alcohol in Iowa. We should do more on that. And then I think we should be really carefully studying what’s going on with water quality and figuring out how we can best improve our water quality.”

That focus on accountability carried into his town hall remarks. From the start, Sand set the tone by calling Iowa’s political system “broken” and inviting the audience to bridge divides — even leading the crowd in a spontaneous rendition of America the Beautiful.

Soon after, he compared the legislature’s recent efforts to weaken the auditor’s office to tying the hands of law enforcement.

“What happens if there are no sheriff’s deputies out there?” he asked. “That’s what it’s like when you tell auditors where they can’t audit. It’s an invitation to waste, fraud, and abuse.”

He connected that warning to the state’s school voucher program, which he called the second-



Iowa State Auditor Rob Sand visited Wright County during his 99 County Tour last week. He opened on a light note, leading the crowd in America the Beautiful and telling The Wright County Monitor his favorite Casey’s pizza topping is beef, before diving into deeper topics like water quality, school safety, “treating marijuana like alcohol,” and the state budget. (Photo: Amanda Rink)

biggest “pro-corruption bill” in Iowa history.

“You give people \$100 million in tax money, tell them to spend it however they want, and then ban the auditor from looking at it? That’s not choice, that’s temptation.”

The questions from residents touched nearly every corner of Iowa life. One parent asked about guns in schools. Sand admitted it was “one of the toughest issues” given the current legislature. While he supports

background checks and keeping firearms out of the hands of dangerous individuals, he also recognized the political reality:

“I’ll be working with Republicans who have passed bills without law enforcement’s support. The first step is to stop going in the wrong direction.”

A healthcare worker raised concerns about Iowa’s shortage of mental health providers. Sand cited his sister, a practitioner who

## Supervisors Approve Sheriff Office Adjustments and Review Emergency Shed Plan

Amanda Rink, Editor

September 8, 2025 - The Wright County Board of Supervisors met Monday, September 8, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. to discuss staffing at the Sheriff’s office, emergency management plans, and road projects.

Sheriff Jason Schluttenhofer presented promotions and salary adjustments for members of his team. Jail Administrator Sheila Cordero and Assistant Administrator Kristyn Hennigar were both approved for raises of \$2,000. The Board also approved the appointment of Adam Nerlien as a Deputy Sheriff and Anthony Pieczko as a Lieutenant in the Wright County Sheriff’s Office. The Sheriff’s monthly revenue report showed collections of \$3,024.81.

Emergency Management Coordinator Jarika Beecher spoke about plans to relocate county trailers and equipment into a new shed since they are currently stored outside and in borrowed space. The proposed building would be a 30x50 shed with concrete floors and an overhead door, estimated at around \$70,000, to be funded entirely through the Emergency Management fund.

Supervisor Betty Ellis raised concerns about whether the fund could fully cover the cost and asked if grants or other funding options had been considered. Beecher noted the project was still under discussion with the Emergency Management Commission but that the Board could only direct the location of the building.

Clarion Mayor Rod Heiden, who also serves on the search and rescue team, highlighted issues with current access to equipment, noting the inconvenience of having to obtain keys from the Sheriff’s Office to reach trailers, or sometimes having no access to equipment.

Beecher also shared that Wright County will be among the first in the state to add a therapy dog to its emergency management program. The dog will un-

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## City Leaders Consider Next Steps for Fire Station Project

Amanda Rink, Editor

September 2, 2025 - The Clarion City Council met in regular session last Tuesday, with Mayor Rod Heiden leading the meeting. All council members, Dave Flurer, Dan Hennigar, Nick McOllough, Mike Ennis, and Elmarie Nel, were present along with City Administrator Clint Middleton, City Attorney Zach Chizek, and Public Works Director Jon DeVries. Many from Clarion’s Volunteer Fire Department were present as well.

The majority of the meeting was spent on a wide-ranging discussion about Clarion’s future capital projects and how to pay for them, mainly a new fire station.

City Administrator Clint Middleton confirmed the city’s debt capacity remains at about \$6 million, but warned against using it all at once. He shared that the city needs to keep some debt capacity open in case another project pops up that needs to be paid for.

Council members explored the legal and finan-

cial complexities of large infrastructure projects, taking time to explain to those in attendance and even answer questions for clarity.

Middleton noted that equipment purchases, such as a fire truck or ambulance, are treated differently from construction projects. Building projects, like a new fire station, could be challenged through a petition and forced to a public vote, which could stall or stop the project entirely, like the swimming pool project in neighboring Belmond.

Council member Nick McOllough urged caution before committing to large expenses. He said he wants the finance committee to study how each million dollars borrowed would affect both Tax increment financing (TIF) revenues and the general fund.

The council also heard that Clarion receives about \$300,000 annually in state sales tax revenue, divided into three allocations, which would not necessarily be reliable to use paying back a project like a new

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## Motorist Reports Scary Highway Encounter

Amanda Rink, Editor

A local motorist experienced a frightening traffic incident on Monday, September 1, while driving south on Highway 69 with their children, authorities reported.

According to Sheriff Deputy Barry Huedepohl, the incident occurred around 9:00 p.m. near 5<sup>th</sup> Street by Duran Auto in Belmond. The motorist noticed a white, silver, or gray SUV stopped “awkwardly” at the stop sign. When

the motorist’s headlights showed on the SUV as they passed, the vehicle quickly followed and began aggressively pursuing them.

“The SUV flashed its headlights, turned on its flashers, and may have honked in an apparent attempt to force the motorist to stop,” Deputy Huedepohl wrote on social media. “This dangerous behavior continued for roughly a mile before the SUV passed the motorist, cut them off, and then turned sharply onto 160<sup>th</sup> Avenue, nearly

causing a collision.”

The motorist safely continued south on Highway 69 and eventually arrived home. The identity and intentions of the SUV driver remain unknown.

Authorities are urging residents to educate drivers on the importance of staying aware of their surroundings and recognizing unusual driving behavior. Deputy Huedepohl reminded the public that late at night, drivers can call 911 to report suspicious activity. Additionally, if a motor-

ist is unsure about a traffic stop, slowing down, turning on hazard lights, and confirming the stop with dispatch can ensure safety.

“Incidents like this highlight how the actions of a few can create danger for many and make law enforcement’s job more difficult,” Deputy Huedepohl wrote.

Residents with information about the SUV or the incident are encouraged to contact the Wright County Sheriff’s Department.



## Superintendent Joseph Nelson Announces Retirement

Amanda Rink, Editor

After more than three decades in Iowa public education, Joseph Nelson, superintendent of the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows (CGD) Community School District, has announced his retirement, effective June 30, 2026.

Nelson, who has led the district for the past six years, shared the news in a letter to the community, expressing gratitude for the students, staff, and community members he has served.

“It has been an honor to serve as your superintendent,” Nelson wrote. “Life has its seasons, and it’s now my time to step back and refocus on new priorities.”

The early announcement, Nelson said, will give the school board and community time to select the district’s next leader.

## AREA HEADLINES

### Belmond

A local mail carrier is reminding residents not to ignore the green “vacant slips” that sometimes appear in mailboxes. These slips should be filled out and returned to the post office rather than discarded, as they help ensure accurate delivery of mail and packages.

### Dows

Mayor Larry Klatt announced that the city has hired a new attorney, describing them as “much more aggressive in our code enforcement.”

### Eagle Grove

Local artist Sara Middleton has opened her first gallery outside of Eagle Grove, debuting as the Featured Artist at Shiny Top Brewery in Fort Dodge. Middleton described the experience of seeing her work in a public gallery as both thrilling and surreal.

### Hampton

After a successful community appeal to Disney, the Windsor Theatre will show Hamilton beginning Friday, September 12.

### Rowan

The city council has approved two new chicken permits within town limits.



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had a full caseload just two weeks after moving back to Iowa.

“We don’t pay competitive wages. If we want people here, we have to raise reimbursement rates. That’s something Republicans and Democrats alike should agree on.”

Education dominated several questions, including those from a longtime school board member and registered republican, who shared the years of under-funding. Sand argued that local leaders, not Des Moines politicians, are best positioned to innovate and pointed to new tools like artificial intelligence to help teachers. On vouchers, he said he would “call their bluff” by demanding accountability: audits, public records compliance, and proof that dollars help students who actually need them.

When asked about the use of eminent domain for carbon capture pipelines, Sand did not mince words. “I do not support it. Period.” He instead pointed to emerging markets that can repurpose captured carbon without taking farmers’ land.

Another resident pressed him on water quality and the underfunded Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund, known as IWILL. Sand recalled trout fishing as a child and said the state’s polluted waters are “an embarrassment.” He pledged to support funding the trust.

The challenges of small-town life also came up. Rowan’s mayor described abandoned homes, dwindling resources, and state cuts to libraries. Sand said those frustrations reflect a broken political system where neither party is incentivized to solve problems. He advocated for a nonpartisan “people’s primary” and approval voting, reforms he argued would force candidates to cooperate rather than demonize opponents.

Even on taxes and healthcare, Sand kept his focus on realism. Facing a record state deficit and looming federal cuts to Medicare and Medicaid, he admitted there are no easy answers: “It’s going to be tough. But the first step is acknowledging the system isn’t working.”

The event closed on a note of optimism, with Sand urging supporters to stay engaged. “Whether it’s someone who’s never voted or someone who spent a lifetime in the other party, people know this system is broken. And they’re ready to flip some tables.”

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fire station. Mayor Heiden floated the idea of a community fundraiser to help cover costs, though Council member Dan Hennigar expressed concern that potential donors had already contributed heavily to other private projects in town, leaving limited capacity for new giving.

Middleton added that the city should also consider renovating an existing building for the fire station rather than constructing a new one from scratch, suggesting that a construction manager at risk (CMAR)\*\* approach might make remodeling more affordable.

The financial committee will continue to gather information before the council decides how much debt it can use for a new fire station.

### In Other Business:

- Council member Dan Hennigar reminded the public that there will be an open house at the CDA spec building this Thursday.

- The council approved a payment of \$24,700 to Peterson Construction for continued work on the city’s water treatment plant project.

- Council also voted to renew the Perpetual Care CD with First Citizens Bank for 12 months at a 4.15% interest rate.

The council will meet again on September 16 at 5:00 P.M. in the council chambers.

*\* Tax increment financing (TIF) is a public financing method that is used as a subsidy for redevelopment, infrastructure, and other community-improvement projects in the United States.*

*\*\* A Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) is a project delivery method in which the owner hires a construction manager early in the process to assist with planning, budgeting, and design. The construction manager then acts as the general contractor during construction and agrees to complete the project for a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP), assuming the financial risk if costs exceed that amount.*

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## 2025-26 WCFB Directors



WCFB directors elected for the 2025-26 year are back row left to right: Joel Carlson (treasurer), Joe Roberts, Austin Keller (president), Austin Charlson and Brian Frye (vice president); front row, Corey Tweeten, Ethan Lambert (voting delegate) and Rachele Freybler. Also elected were Ron Retleff (secretary) and Raymond Houck.

## Wright County 4-H Members Shine at 2025 Iowa State Fair

Edward Lynn,

Mid America Publishing

Wright County 4-H members brought home dozens of ribbons, championships, and top honors from the 2025 Iowa State Fair, showcasing their talents in livestock, clothing, communications, and static exhibits.

### Livestock Highlights

Chantel Noshush earned the Meat Doe Champion title in the meat goat competition, winning a purple ribbon with her Market Meat Goat Does. She also collected blue ribbons in swine, including Landrace and Crossbred Market Barrows.

Ryland Morgan excelled in the swine barn with multiple purple ribbons, including third place with Commercial Gilts and Crossbred Market Gilts. Dracyn Morgan added a blue ribbon in Commercial Gilts, while Cooper Noshush collected several ribbons, including second place purple ribbons with both Commercial Gilts and Spotted entries.

Other swine winners included Dax Putz, Marlee Thompson, Sander Thompson, and Blaine Thompson, all earning purple or blue ribbons in market gilt and barrow classes.

In beef, Ethan Schreiber earned a red ribbon with Breeding Beef (Commercial Heifers), while Jack Schreiber claimed a red ribbon with Market Beef (Crossbred Steers).

### Rabbit & Sheep Results

The rabbit competition brought major wins for Keegan Eisentrager, who earned first place with a Californian Junior Doe and top ribbons with multiple Californian entries, fryers, roasters, and meat pens. Ember Howell’s Satin rabbits stood out with first-place finishes, including Best of Variety and Best Opposite Sex of Variety. Lea Charlson won big with her Mini Rex rabbits, taking first place in Best of Group, Best of Variety, and senior showmanship honors. She also won the ARBA Breeds Rabbit Poster competition, finishing as Overall Poster Winner.

Sheep exhibitors made an impressive showing. J.D. Morriccal brought home multiple purple ribbons, including Division 2 Champion and Division 3 Reserve Champion Black Face Market Lambs, plus a third-place overall finish. Tucker Morriccal added another Division 5 Reserve Champion Black Face Market Lamb title, along with multiple purple ribbons. Ember Howell contributed with solid blue ribbons in commercial and market lambs.

### Clothing, Communication & Static Exhibits

In the clothing event, Harley Charlson, Belle Wharton, Hannah Wharton, and Myka Anderson each received green ribbons.

Strong performances also came in communications, where Lea Charlson earned dual Excellence awards in Educational Presentation and Extemporaneous



Addy Howell poses with her Certificate of Congratulations from the Iowa Dept. of Ag & Land Stewardship for her windbreak project. (Photo: Wright County 4-H)

Speaking. Gracyn Schmeling was recognized for her presentation, while several members—including Bella Roberts, Ember Howell, Samantha and Caleb Seaba, and Harley Charlson with Owen Sweeney—received working exhibit honors. Static exhibits drew wide participation and recognition. Adelynn

Howell received a blue ribbon in Forestry, while Chantel Noshush earned a red ribbon in Veterinary Science. Photography was a highlight for Harley Charlson, Lea Charlson, and Mila Schild. Awards ranged across art, visual arts, food and nutrition, sewing and needle arts, welding, and home improvement.

## Hadley Inducted Into 4-H Hall of Fame

Edward Lynn,

Mid America Publishing

Kevin Hadley, a lifelong Wright County resident and devoted 4-H leader, was inducted into the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame on Sunday, August 17th, honoring more than six decades of dedication to youth, agriculture and community service.

Hadley, who began his 4-H journey in 1960 with the Iowa Hawkeye 4-H Club, has spent much of his life building on the program’s motto, “To Make the Best Better.” His early years included showing dairy

cattle and participating in demonstrations, one of which was televised. A highlight memory was a 4-H award trip to Chicago that became unforgettable when the train stalled over the Mississippi River.

Since then, Hadley has worn many hats within 4-H and the Wright County Fair. He served as a 4-H leader, sheep superintendent, fair board member, and currently sits on the Wright County Extension Council and 4-H Endowment Committee as treasurer. For years, he also ran the kids’ pedal pull at the fair, a

tradition that drew laughter and joy from young participants.

“Kevin has lived by the values of 4-H every step of the way, encouraging youth to seize every opportunity,” Wright County 4-H leaders noted in their nomination.

Outside of 4-H, Hadley’s commitment to service has extended to the Dows-Rowan Co-op Board, the USDA-FSA County Board, the Rowan Library Board, and the Rowan Methodist Church.

A farmer and longtime Pioneer Seed Sales Representative, Hadley

has lived in Wright County for 70 years. He and his wife, Betty, raised four children — Kyle, Wyatt, Cherish, and Melissa. Kyle and Wyatt carried on the family’s tradition as nine-year 4-H members. Betty has been described as a steadfast partner in Kevin’s decades of service and a beloved presence in the 4-H community.

In accepting the honor, Hadley urged today’s youth to embrace the same opportunities that shaped his own life, saying 4-H opens doors that last a lifetime.

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dergo a year of training and is intended to bring comfort to residents after local tragedies.

County Engineer Adam Clemons provided a detailed update on secondary road projects.

Crews have been completing gravel resurfacing, blading, and culvert replacements. Work resumed on the Voss Quarry Bridge,

with bridge approaches scheduled for next week, though completion will depend on subcontractor scheduling and guardrail installation. Clemons noted the urgency of finishing before harvest season due to heavy traffic in the area.

He also reported on progress with paving and patching along C54, C70, and Highway 3, addressing

concerns from landowners about road conditions. Unexpected issues with contractors and water control near bridge projects have caused some delays, but Clemons emphasized that crews were working to keep projects on schedule.

In other updates:  
- The Board approved the appointment of Naarah

Hauenstein as a Medical Examiner

Investigator following a recommendation from Dr. Jon Ahrendsen.

The board will meet again on Monday September 15 at 9:00 A.M. This meeting, and past ones, can be viewed online at youtube.com/@WrightCounty-IowaOfficial8312.

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## Republicans tease 2nd District campaign announcements after Hinson's jump to Senate race

Robin Opsahl  
Iowa Capital Dispatch

Following incumbent U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson's Senate campaign launch, some Republicans, including former U.S. Rep. Rod Blum, have hinted they are planning to run for Iowa's 2nd Congressional District in 2026.

Hinson, who has represented the northeast Iowa district for three terms, announced Tuesday she would run for Senate, shortly after U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst said she would not run for a third term. Hinson quickly became the frontrunner for the GOP nomination following her entrance into the race, getting endorsements from Republican senators and House GOP leadership.

Hinson's pivot to the Senate race means Iowa's 2nd Congressional District will not have an incumbent in the 2026 elections. There are currently no Republicans who have announced campaigns for the seat, but in the wake of the Tuesday campaign shake-up, Blum,

who previously represented the area in Congress, teased a 2026 run.

In a Facebook post Tuesday, Blum thanked supporters for encouraging him to launch another run for Congress.

"The outpouring of support has been humbling — it was the honor of my lifetime to represent our district for four years, standing squarely with President Trump and backing his America First agenda," Blum wrote. "Stay tuned!"

Blum, 70, served two terms representing Iowa's 1st Congressional District — the northeast area of the state that largely became the 2nd District during the 2020 redistricting process. He was first elected in 2014, defeating former Iowa House Speaker Pat Murphy, the Democratic candidate, and won a second term in 2016. Blum lost the seat in 2018 to former U.S. Rep. Abby Finkenauer, a Democrat.

The Republican was also previously the CEO of Eagle Point Software, and currently owns the construction software company Digital Canal.

In addition to Blum, Iowa Rep. Shannon Lundgren, R-Peosta, also wrote on social media Tuesday she is weighing a run for the 2nd District. Lundgren, who has served in the state legislature since 2018, wrote that the district "must continue to be represented by an America first conservative, whose roots run deep in our community."

"Serving Iowa continues

to be a calling, and that's why I'm seriously considering jumping into this congressional race," Lundgren wrote. "I endorsed President Trump long before the caucuses, and I'd be with him every day in Congress. My family and I will continue to discuss our next steps with friends and neighbors and pray for wisdom in our decision. We will announce our plans in the days ahead."

Though political forecasters still predict Republicans will likely keep the seat in the midterms, the race may be more contentious than previously considered. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee has listed the 2nd District as a potential pick-up, and recent special election wins have fueled hope for some Iowa Democrats aiming to break conservatives' hold on state and federal elected positions.

There are three Democrats competing to become the party nominee for the 2nd District race in 2026. Iowa Rep. Lindsay James, D-Dubuque, Clint Twedt-Ball, the founder of the nonprofit Matthew 25 and Kathy Dolter, the former dean of nursing at Kirkwood Community College, have all announced campaigns.

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## Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation Invite Iowans to Nominate Veteran Heroes



My Veteran Hero program honors veterans with a free hat customized with an embroidered emblem representing each veteran's military branch.

The Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation is proud to unveil its latest initiative honoring veterans — the My Veteran Hero Hat. Through the My Veteran Hero Program, this hat was designed specifically to honor veterans as a small, yet meaningful way to say thank you to the veterans who have served our country.

"The hat is a symbol of our collective gratitude for the brave men and women who have served our country," says Laura Noehren, Foundation Program Manager, Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation, Iowa Select Farms. "We believe in standing behind those who once stood for us. Their courage gave us freedom, and our gratitude is unwavering."

All are encouraged to nominate an Iowa Veteran with past military service (not those currently serving), who either reside in Iowa or are from Iowa. Nominations are open to all veterans, regardless of branch or era of service. This program is free for both nominators and nominees. Nominate your veteran hero at: <https://www.iowaselect.com/foundation/my-veteran-hero/>

When your veteran receives their hat, a card will be enclosed letting the veteran know who nominated them.

In addition to the My Veteran Hero program, the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation has a longstanding tradition of honoring military personnel

through annual donation programs like Pork Care Packages, Project: Food and Fellowship, and Pork for Patriots. In 2024, the My Veteran Hero program gave out more than 2,500 gifts, sending apparel to 91 Iowa counties. Since 2022, more than 5,100 Iowa veterans have been recognized through the program.

About the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation The Hansens, who founded Iowa Select Farms and New Modern Concepts in Iowa Falls, Iowa, established the Deb and Jeff Hansen Foundation in 2006 to relieve hunger, support military families and strengthen efforts to find a cure for childhood cancer while improving the quality of life for cancer patients. In 2023, the Foundation donated over 2.6 million dollars to efforts that impacted over 1 million families across all 99 counties in Iowa. Learn more at [iowaselect.com/foundation](http://iowaselect.com/foundation).

About Iowa Select Farms Iowa Select Farms is the largest pork producer in Iowa and is committed to responsibly producing safe, nutritious and high-quality pork for their customers and the food companies they serve. The company has 242,000 sows and annually produces more than one billion pounds of pork. With 800 swine farms across the state, Iowa Select Farms is one of the leading economic engines to Iowa's rural communities through employing more than 1,200 people, contracting with more than 650 farmers and supporting hundreds of local businesses throughout the state.



## reading between the lines

with Amanda Rink

### Barefoot in a Hindu Temple

Amanda Rink,  
Editor

"We are all connected; To each other, biologically.

To the earth, chemically.

To the rest of the universe atomically."

- Neil DeGrasse Tyson

About two years ago, my family and I were camping at Ledges State Park. I remember sitting at the picnic table outside our camper, trying to finish up my last set of college classes before graduation. It was hotter than sin that weekend, and since the only way to get Wi-Fi was outside, my "study time" was brief, to say the least.

Normally when we camp, we're all about hiking, but that trip was different. We spent more time splashing in the water and finding cool places to explore. One of those places was the Iowa Hindu Temple outside of Madrid. I'd driven past it a few times on my way to Des Moines, back when I wasn't a big fan of interstate driving and would take Highway 17 instead, and I'd always wanted to stop.

The temple, completed in 2005, was the first Hindu temple in Iowa. The Hindu community raised \$1.2 million to build it, and you can see every bit of that love and devotion in its design.

Hinduism itself dates back at least 4,000 years, making it one of the world's oldest religions.

At first, I only planned to show the kids the outside of the building. The design is breathtaking, handcarvings telling stories of life, adorned with animal deities and idols representing divine family members of the fair. Every inch of it was alive with meaning. My high school English teacher would have a ball making his students find the double meaning.

But once we finished our little self-guided tour of the grounds, I noticed the temple doors were open.

Curiosity got the better of me, and I walked up with a question written all over my face:

Are we welcome?

We were. Of course we were. Arianna quickly retreated to the car because she was too hot.

Hayden and Travis opted out because they weren't comfortable taking their shoes off. (Fair enough, I guess.)

So it ended up being just Eli and me, barefoot at the door, with Willow balanced on my hip.

Removing shoes before entering is symbolic, leaving behind distractions and impurities before stepping into the divine. Later I learned that, ideally, you'd even shower before entering a Hindu temple.

I'll admit, I was nervous. The last thing I wanted was to be "that person" who made a spectacle out of a holy place. I worried about Willow fussing or Eli's tendency to narrate life a little too loudly. But to my surprise, both of them were calm. Willow, still so little at the time, just stared at the statues and quietly watched the ceremony happening in the center of the room. Eli even clasped his hands behind his back, taking it all in without commentary.

Photography wasn't allowed inside, and I was glad for that. Some spaces are meant to be felt, not documented. The same intricate hand carvings from outside continued within, surrounding shrines dedicated to Brahma, the creator; Vishnu, the protector; and Shiva, the transformer. I couldn't help noticing how often the number three shows up in major religions: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Maiden, Mother, and Crone. The pattern repeats across cultures and time.

I thought we'd peek in and slip back out. Instead, a kind man noticed us and

came over. His English was broken, but his warmth and joy to see us there, where I thought we'd be invasion, needed no translation. He walked us to each shrine, explaining who was represented, their roles, even who they were married to.

Each idol in the temple represented one of Vishnu's ten incarnations, each tucked into its own alcove and dressed in colorful robes and gems. Only Hindu priests can place offerings on those platforms. Every day of the week is dedicated to a different god, so worship happens every single day.

As we were leaving, he handed Eli and me fruit. At first, I thought it was meant as an offering to leave behind, since each shrine was already covered in beautiful gifts. But the man smiled wide and said, "No. This is for you. You're God, I'm God, we're all God."

I realized he was speaking of Brahman, the Hindu belief that we're all connected through one divine consciousness. That thought has stuck with me ever since. If everyone carries that divine spark, then no one is greater, no one is lesser. Just human. Just equal. And always connected.

Before we left, he handed Eli a grocery sack filled with fresh apples and pears. "For your sisters in the car," he said, smiling again.

It's been two years now, but I still think about the encounter. Not just the beauty of the temple, but the feeling of kindness and connection with a complete stranger.

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## Your Horoscope

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**

You might be anxious to say what's on your mind this week. Aries. Words are on the tip of your tongue and you aren't afraid of letting them fly. Expect some feedback from others.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**

Make sure you are taking care of yourself as well as you are taking care of others, Taurus. Handle any tasks that require a lot of brain power first, then move on to something fun. **GEMINI – May 22/June 21** Do your thing this week and don't worry about how others feel about it, Gemini. Take control of an issue when you see that something needs to get done.

**CANCER – June 22/July 22**

You are thinking clearly this week. Cancer. Do your best with the tools you are given right now. You might need to direct others, but generally let them do their own thing.

**LEO – July 23/Aug 23**

You do not need an invitation to speak your mind, Leo. Express yourself how you see fit and give others plenty of opportunity to have their say as well. The conversation will flow.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**

Virgo, there is a great deal of power behind your thoughts, so use it wisely. Take this energy to work and see if you can channel it to your professional benefit.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**

Libra, you are not going to meet new people if you stay indoors all of the time. Get out there and try something new. You can bond with others over an activity or a hobby.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**

Scorpio, don't waste your time this week by tiptoeing around. Throw caution to the wind and engage in activities that will provide solid opportunities for growth.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**

A powerful force is guiding your actions this week, Sagittarius. Utilize this as motivation to complete an important task.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**

Be confident in your thoughts and actions, Capricorn. If you don't believe in what you are saying, how can you convince others to back your efforts?

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**

Aquarius, someone is bound to say something meaningful to you if you keep an open ear to all conversation around you. Speak less and listen more for the time being.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**

Pisces, ideas and influences from others can transform your thinking. That can help propel you out of the pattern of actions that may be holding you back.

**FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS**

**SEPTEMBER 7**

Gracie Abrams, Singer (26)

**SEPTEMBER 8**

Gaten Matarazzo, Actor (23)

**SEPTEMBER 9**

Adam Sandler, Actor (59)

**SEPTEMBER 10**

Colin Firth, Actor (65)

**SEPTEMBER 11**

Ludacris, Rapper (48)

**SEPTEMBER 12**

Sydney Sweeney, Actress (28)

**SEPTEMBER 13**

Niall Horan, Singer (32)

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## PUBLIC NOTICE Wright County August 2025 Claims

<p><b>August 2025 Claims</b> <b>General Basic Fund</b> Access Systems, Copier contract .....\$142.97 AgVantage, Propane .....\$2,684.24 Jon Ahrendsen, Med. exam .....\$300.00 Amazon, Adapters .....\$673.52 Arnold's, Fluid .....\$44.94 Auxiant, Insurance .....\$194.75 Independent, Publication .....\$617.72 Blue Ribbon Pelham, Water .....\$257.00 Brothers Market, Hot deli .....\$2,626.62 BOA, Credit Card .....\$449.34 Darrel Carlyle, Mileage .....\$507.19 Casey's Marketing, Refund .....\$37.50 CDW-G, Keyboard .....\$499.24 Central Iowa Det., Detention .....\$718.00 Central Iowa Dist., Cust. supp. ....\$589.00 City of Clarion, Water &amp; sewer .....\$645.28 CJ Cooper, Drug screen .....\$45.00 Column, Publication .....\$870.98 Comm1, Phone .....\$2,502.02 Culligan, Water .....\$122.75 Kim Demory, Mileage .....\$23.80 DNR, Permit fees .....\$275.00 Doug's Small Engines, Mower .....\$17,241.56 Galls, Apparel .....\$679.53 Gold-Eagle Coop, Fuel .....\$208.62 Govt. Forms, Laser checks .....\$1,359.93 GrassMasters, Mowing .....\$902.00 GreatAmerica, Copier contract .....\$319.90 Hancock Co Sheriff, Fees .....\$91.30 Hanson &amp; Sons, Oil change .....\$376.01 Hawkeye West, Pest control .....\$328.00</p>	<p>Hennigar's Constr., Labor .....\$3,900.00 Hennigar's Wrecker, Tow .....\$175.00 Hewett, Meals .....\$151.10 Terry Hilippre, Contract carrier .....\$100.00 Intoximeters, Tank .....\$135.00 ISAC, Registration .....\$275.00 ISCTA, Dues .....\$250.00 ISSDA, Training .....\$150.00 K.C. Nielsen, Cylinder .....\$24,329.34 LexisNexis, Online research .....\$406.00 LiftOff, Licensing .....\$236.80 Linn County Auditor, Med. Ex .....\$503.66 Mail Services, Print/postage .....\$568.58 Sandra McGrath, Mileage .....\$61.60 Menards - FD, Drill bit .....\$45.32 Mid-America, Publications .....\$184.40 MidAmerican, Utilities .....\$5,200.94 Midwest Acutech, Software .....\$802.04 MW Alarm, Inspection .....\$871.20 Dennis Mraz, Contract carrier .....\$150.00 Murphy Farm, Maintenance .....\$275.60 ODP Bus, Sol., Toner .....\$264.09 Oldson's, Repair .....\$1,497.72 Christine Oliver, Travel .....\$1,163.45 Angela Petersen, Mileage .....\$75.60 Polk County ME, Med. Ex .....\$2,497.00 Prairie Energy, Utilities .....\$8,626.94 PSI, Stamps .....\$1,040.87 James Russell, Mileage .....\$327.60 Schumacher Elevator, Maint. ....\$195.85 Secretary of State, Notary .....\$30.00 Alesha Sigmeth Roberts, Fees .....\$1,000.00 Solutions, Kofax .....\$16,182.57 State Hygienic Lab, Testing .....</p>	<p>State Medical Ex., Autopsy .....\$1,572.00 CGA, Survey .....\$24,750.00 Menards - FD, Lumber .....\$683.04 Ruba, Baseboards .....\$2,585.79 T &amp; S, Disposal .....\$1,680.00 The Trash Man, Disposal .....\$248.00 Thrifty White, Meds. ....\$92.30 Tiffini Toliver, Med. Ex. ....\$314.00 Urness, Supplies .....\$2,000.52 US Cellular, Phone .....\$129.76 Verizon, Phone .....\$1,020.85 VISA, Credit Card .....\$2,261.03 Visual Edge, Copier contract .....\$696.27 Webster County Sheriff, Fee .....\$33.00 Wellmark, Fee .....\$1,050.00 Wr. Co. Aud., Postage .....\$2,187.26 Wright County Fair, Apport. ....\$2,500.00 Zoro, Seat/head .....\$70.38 <b>Public Health Basic Fund</b> Amazon, Supplies .....\$193.45 Elizabeth Bernal, Mileage .....\$241.50 Carrie Covington, Mileage .....\$199.50 Culligan, Water .....\$90.10 Monica Figueroa, Mileage .....\$59.50 Sandra McGrath, Mileage .....\$91.00 NASSCO, Off. Supp. ....\$528.63 Parents As Teachers, Training .....\$4,375.00 Naomi Rothman, Mileage .....\$151.90 Denise Schumacher, Mileage .....\$287.70 Secure Shred, Recycle .....\$54.00 VISA, Credit Card .....\$4,014.00 Wells Fargo Fin., Copier .....\$533.23 Angela Wesselink, Mileage .....\$173.60 Wright County IT, Cards .....\$20.00 <b>American Rescue Plan of 2021</b> Ahlers &amp; Cooney, Labor relations ...\$77.99 ALB Contracting, Constr. \$5,000.00</p>	<p>Central Lock, Doors .....\$14,299.00 CGA, Survey .....\$24,750.00 Menards - FD, Lumber .....\$683.04 Ruba, Baseboards .....\$2,585.79 <b>General Supplemental</b> Wr. Co. 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Employees Side Fund</b> Auxiant, Insurance .....\$37,052.79 Belmond Fitness, Memberships .....\$120.50 Clarion Health, Memberships .....\$290.00 Hartford, Insurance .....\$1,101.10 ISAC Group Benefits, Insurance .....\$55.00 Rotary Senior Living, Memberships .....\$55.00 <b>Jail Commissary</b> BOA, Credit Card .....\$4.00 Hewett, Meals .....\$842.66 <b>Rural Services Basic Fund</b> Belmond Library, Apport. ....\$2,683.67 Clarion Library, Apport. ....\$2,571.83 Dows Library, Apport. ....\$1,229.92 EG Library, Apport. ....\$3,019.08 IPI, Decals .....\$520.52 Rowan Library, Apport. ....\$1,677.33 <b>K-9 Fund</b> Crisis Canines, Training. ....\$8,800.00 <b>Secondary Road Fund</b> ADS, Tiling supp. ....\$2,956.73 AgVantage, Fuel .....\$35,532.50 Airgas, Welding supp. ....\$364.78 Alliant Energy, Utilities .....\$553.32 Amazon, Supplies .....\$147.92 Arnold's, Parts .....\$3,316.04 Ascendance, Parts .....\$5,765.23 BMC, Roadstone .....\$31,652.48 Bomgaars, Supplies .....\$265.18 CBA, Design/Insp .....\$7,428.00 Campbell's, Repairs .....\$294.20 CINTAS, Coveralls .....\$217.60 City of Belmont, Utilities .....\$72.69</p>	<p>City of Clarion, Utilities .....\$542.43 City of Eagle Grove, Utilities .....\$74.88 CJ Cooper, Drug Testing .....\$330.00 Clarion Distr., Shop Supplies .....\$116.25 Comm1, Phone .....\$279.40 Contech, Replace culvert .....\$17,000.00 Culligan, Water .....\$159.00 Dept of Insp. &amp; App., Reg. ....\$20.00 Don's Truck Sales, Repairs .....\$237.23 Eagle Building Supply, Concrete .....\$412.72 Hawkeye West, Pest control .....\$63.00 Hiway Truck, Pump .....\$8,212.46 Hoffman Filter, Filters .....\$150.00 Hotsy, Equipment .....\$10,797.40 I.C.E.O.O., Conference .....\$275.00 Iowa DOT, Signs .....\$748.88 IPI, Signs .....\$1,734.30 ISH-Clarion, Testing .....\$161.00 ISU, Field Day .....\$200.00 Jack's O.K. Tire, Tires .....\$3,057.58 Kimball Midwest, Parts .....\$554.23 Lawson Products, Supplies .....\$898.55 Menards - FD, Locker .....\$504.98 MidAmerican, Utilities .....\$2,474.48 Northland Products, Oil .....\$6,623.08 Oldson's, Repair .....\$16,020.45 Precision Drainage, Tile. ....\$6,438.24 T &amp; S, Disposal .....\$347.00 T-Mobile, Phone .....\$238.33 Truck Center, Parts .....\$8,588.15 Trueman Welters, Parts. ....\$9,264.18 Urness, Supplies .....\$129.38 US Cellular, Phone .....\$1,673.28 VISA, Credit Card .....\$72.73 Visual Edge, Copier Contract .....\$88.47 Wr. Co. Aud., Postage .....\$7.15 Sanitary Landfill, Disposal .....\$110.00</p>	<p>Wr. Co. Treas., Assessments .....\$2,439.96 Wright Materials, Gravel. ....\$1,339.24 Ziegler, Parts .....\$7,211.55 <b>Public Health Resource</b> Ubbey Designs, Shirts .....\$380.00 VISA, Credit Card .....\$428.58 <b>FmHA Int. Relending Loan</b> Eagle Grove CDC, Loan .....\$21.36 <b>Conservation Reserve</b> Clay County, Starlab .....\$5,000.00 Stew Hansen, Truck .....\$17,875.00 <b>E911 Surcharge Fund</b> AgVantage, Fuel .....\$735.00 Alliant Energy, Tower .....\$931.58 AT&amp;T, Phone .....\$52.40 CenturyLink, Circuit Pay .....\$258.95 Goldfield Telephone, Phone .....\$119.12 Iowa One Call, Phone .....\$7.20 Language Link, Interpreter .....\$9.18 MidAmerican, Utilities .....\$236.10 Motorola, Support .....\$99,762.00 P&amp;P Electric, Repair .....\$670.00 Prairie Energy, Utilities .....\$209.85 Jack's O.K. Tire, Tires .....\$275.88 Weststream, Phone .....\$145.57 <b>Local Emergency Management</b> Jarika Beecher, Fuel .....\$157.81 Comm1, Phone .....\$55.95 Oldson's, Repair .....\$203.00 P&amp;P Electric, Repair .....\$410.00 <b>Wright Co. Communications</b> CJ Cooper, Testing .....\$45.00 Hawkeye West, Pest control .....\$136.00 PSI, Stamp .....\$29.24 Secretary of State, Notary .....\$90.00 Visual Edge, Copier contract .....\$141.26 <b>Agribusiness Park Water Supply</b> AgSource, Testing .....\$34.25 Thomas Ford, Operator Serv. ....\$1,200.00 Prairie Energy, Utilities .....\$100.24 <b>Grand Total.....\$768,365.07</b></p>
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## PUBLIC NOTICE Wright County Supervisors August 25, 2025 Minutes

**August 25, 2025**  
Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux, and Ellis.  
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.  
Minutes of the previous regular meeting of August 18, 2025 were read and approved.  
Approved claims for payment.  
Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the 28E Agreement with the City of Dows on Law Enforcement Services provided by Wright County. Motion carries. This agreement will expire on July 31, 2026 and the City of Dows will pay Wright County \$26,350 for the services provided.  
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to rescind the motion appointing Samuel Cain as Deputy or Assistant as stated in the August 11, 2025 minutes. Motion carries.  
Motion by Ellis and seconded by Loux to appoint Samuel Cain as Deputy Sheriff in the Wright County Sheriff's Office. Motion carries.  
Peggy Schluttenhofer, Wright County Treasurer, requested tax abatements for the US Fish and Wildlife drainage assessments. The abatements are for drainage assessments in 2024 and 2025 totaling \$805.57. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to deny the abatement of assessments of drainage for US Fish and Wildlife. Motion carries.  
Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on the Secondary Roads Department.  
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Loux to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.  
Rick Rasmussen, Chairman, Wright County Board of Supervisors  
Amanda Meyer, Wright County Auditor

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## PUBLIC NOTICE City of Dows September 2, 2025 Minutes and Claims

**DOWS CITY COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2025  
COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS**  
The Dows City Council met at Dows City Hall in regular session at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Council Members Russell, Eichelberger, Plendl, Worden, Lienemann and Mayor Klatt.  
Also present: Sam Solis-City Public Works.  
Motion by Plendl, seconded by Worden to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2025 council meeting. Motion carried. All ayes.  
Motion by Worden, seconded by Russell to approve payment of the following bills:  
**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
1. Wright County Treasurer \$82.00 (police-taxes on nuisance property)  
**CULTURE AND RECREATION**  
1. Chase Credit Card \$466.00 (library-books)  
2. Wright Farm Servies \$237.08 (cemetery-mower tires)  
3. Belmond Independent \$52.00 (library-books)  
4. Dows Grocery \$77.46 (library-SRP supplies-Enrich Iowa)  
5. Deb Olson \$84.43 (library-SRP supplies-Enrich Iowa)  
6. Jeannie Russell \$201.60 (library-gross salary)  
7. Deb Olson \$1,117.60 (library-gross salary)  
8. Judy Kessel \$84.00 (library-gross salary)  
9. Alliant Energy \$1,064.45 (library, pool, parks-electric expense)  
10. SheRee Wharton \$310.00 (community center-cleaning-three months)  
11. Belle Wharton \$31.50 (pool-gross salary)  
12. Olivia Myers \$369.00 (pool-gross salary)  
13. Kehra Vinsand \$740.00 (pool-gross salary)  
14. Kali Wharton \$707.50 (pool-gross salary)  
15. Sonia Vinsand \$969.00 (pool-gross salary)  
16. TMI Services \$615.00 (parks-supplies)  
17. Zoske Electric \$507.33 (parks-electric repairs)  
18. Kali Wharton \$440.00 (pool-gross salary)  
19. Kehra Vinsand \$455.00 (pool-gross salary)  
20. Olivia Myers \$346.50 (pool-gross salary)  
21. Sonia Vinsand \$474.00 (pool-gross salary)  
22. Crew Garza \$125.00 (pool-gross salary)  
23. Kali Wharton \$150.00 (pool-recertification training)  
24. Sonia Vinsand \$185.00 (pool-recertification training for Kehra Vinsand)  
25. Van Wall \$932.50 (cemetery-mower repair)  
26. Lisa's Pest Control \$40.00 (community center-supplies)  
27. Merlyn Wiarda \$250.00 (cemetery-grave o/c)  
**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**  
1. Wellmark BCBS \$1,363.41 (city hall-insurance expense)  
2. Jeanette Wenzel \$2,072.33 (city hall-gross salary)  
3. Column Software \$113.18 (city hall-publishing)  
4. Copy Systems \$44.62 (city hall-copy machine agreement)  
5. Jeanette Wenzel \$2,072.33 (city hall-gross salary)  
**PUBLIC WORKS**  
1. Sam Solis \$40.00 (road use-phone expense)  
2. Alliant Energy \$1,829.83 (road use-shop electric, street lights)  
3. Wellmark BCBS \$1,413.84 (road use-health insurance)  
4. Sam Solis \$2,002.30 (road use-gross salary)  
5. Caseys Credit Card \$1,499.84 (road use-fuel)  
6. Sam Solis \$2,002.30 (road use-gross salary)  
7. Hanson Tire \$601.76 (road use-tire repairs)  
8. Hennigar Construction \$9,656.25 (road use-dirt work)  
**BUSINESS ACTIVITIES**  
1. Electric Pump \$1,195.25 (wastewater-repairs)  
2. AgSource Labs \$792.25 (wastewater-testing)  
3. Alliant Energy \$3,806.87 (water and wastewater-electric expense)  
4. Electric Pump \$2,785.25 (wastewater-repairs)  
5. Zoske Electric \$2,956.00 (water-repairs)  
Motion carried. All ayes.  
No public comments.  
Motion by Lienemann, seconded by Eichelberger to approve the Clerk's Report for July 2025. Motion carried. Revenues for July 2025 \$46,850.55. Expenses for July 2025-\$60,959.49.  
Resolution 2025-3 RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2024-2025 STREET FINANCE REPORT.  
Motion by Plendl, seconded by Worden to approve Resolution 2025-3 adopting street finance report. Motion carried. All ayes.  
There being no further business, Mayor Klatt declared the meeting adjourned.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of Dennis W. Read

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DENNIS W. READ, Deceased. Case No. ESPR017065 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Dennis W. Read, Deceased, who died on or about August 27, 2025:  
You are hereby notified that on September 3, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Dennis W. Read, deceased, bearing date of March 19, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Christine C. Read was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must 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. Dated: September 3, 2025  
Christine C. Read, Executor  
611 SE 5th Street  
Eagle Grove, IA 50533  
Charles A. Walker  
ICIS#: AT0008223  
Attorney for Executor  
Walker Law Office, P.C.  
320 S. 12th Street  
Fort Dodge, IA 50501  
Date of second publication: September 18, 2025  
Probate Code Section 304

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## PUBLIC NOTICE City of Clarion September 2025 Claims

<p><b>CLAIMS REPORT</b> VENDOR .....AMOUNT AFLAC .....204.05 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES .....78.23 ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY .....69.39 BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC .....155.8 CITY OF CLARION .....424.6 CITY OF CLARION .....546.8 CLARION DISTRIBUTING .....352.3 CLARION HEALTH INS. ....1,395.51 NELS LLC .....60.21 CLARION VISION INS COBRAHELP .....40 COLLECTION SERVICES CENTER .....369.23 COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC .....311.77 COMM1 .....786.15 First Citizens Bank .....14 FED FICA ELECTRONIC .....13,542.80 HANSON AND SONS .....384.95 HAWKEYE WEST PEST CONTROL .....203 HAWKINS, INC .....3,073.69 HEIMAN FIRE EQUIP .....158.36 HEWETT WHOLESALE INC. ....173.75 HOMESERVE USA .....5,425.65</p>	<p>HSA PERSONAL .....1480 IA DEPT OF REVENUE .....130.95 ICCC .....30 IMAGINE THAT .....83 IMWCA .....1,798.00 IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY .....175 IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES .....2,021.00 IPERS .....28,856.50 J &amp; J SPORTS .....968 KANSAS CITY LIFE INS CO .....2,063.76 KANSAS CITY LIFE INSURANCE CO .....134.6 MID AMERICAN ENERGY .....24,074.56 PETERSON CONSTRUCTION .....24,700.00 RUBA KITCHEN &amp; BATH .....1,919.68 SHORT ELLIOTT HENDRICKSON, INC .....3,032.46 SIMMERING CORY IA CODIFICATION .....2,093.00 STERICYCLE, INC .....96.22 STRUTZ ENTERTAINMENT .....495 SUMNERS INSURANCE AGENCY .....1,358.00 T-MOBILE .....173.75 TREASURER STATE OF IOWA .....4,578.16</p>	<p>POSTMASTER .....454.9 URNES HARDWARE &amp; APP. ....2,052.62 US CELLULAR .....106.56 VISUAL EDGE IT .....6,215.22 WF FINANCIAL LEASING INC .....691.77 WHITE FOX HOLDING, LLC .....300,000.00 WILLEY'S WOOD SHOP .....1,800.00 WMTEL .....115 WRIGHT CO TREASURER .....1,000.00 WRIGHT FARM SERVICES 32.42 WRIGHT MATERIALS CO. 392.21 Accounts Payable Total 443,232.26 GENERAL .....59,360.86 ROAD USE .....18,582.11 EMPLOYEE BENEFIT FUND .....3,467.29 DOWNTOWN FACADE PROJECT .....17,696.12 WATER .....300,000.00 WATER PLANT PROJECT .....26,700.00 SEWER .....14,081.65 SEWER IMPROVEMENT 3,032.46 INTERNAL SERVICE FUND .....311.77 TOTAL FUNDS .....443,232.26</p>
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## PUBLIC NOTICE City of Clarion September 2, 2025 Minutes

The Clarion City Council met in regular session Tuesday September 2nd, 2025, at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Heiden presiding. Present were Council members Dave Flurer, Dan Hennigar, Nick McOllough, Mike Ennis and Elmarie Nel. Also, in attendance City Administrator Clint Middleton, Attorney Zach Chizek and PWD Jon DeVnes.  
Mayor Heiden called the meeting to order and polled the council for any conflicts of interest with the agenda, there were none. Mayor Heiden asked if there were any citizens listed to address the council, there were none. Motioned by Hennigar seconded by Flurer to approve consent agenda consisting of Minutes- 2025.08.19, 2025.08.21 Special; Financial report-approve checks; Licenses/Permits- (Building, Liquor, Tobacco, Sign, Peddler, Street Closure) Liquor: Dollar General, Red Shed LLC; Building: Chapman - shed, Rosenkilde - shed; Road Closure: CDA, CGD Schools (Motion passed 5-0).  
Motioned by Flurer seconded by McOllough to approve Resolution (25-52) approving Pay Request #30 with Peterson Construction for WTP Project for \$24,700.00 (Motion passed 5-0).  
Motioned by Flurer seconded by Ennis to approve recommendation from the Finance Committee to renew the Perpetual Care CD with First Citizens for 12 months at 4.15% (Motion passed 5-0).  
Council had a discussion on future city capital projects. There were no firm decisions made but there were directives given to the City Administrator with plan to have the finance committee discuss before meeting again as a council.  
Reports from the Council or Dept heads: Hennigar said there is an open house at the CDA spec building on Thursday.  
Motioned by McOllough seconded by Flurer to adjourn. All Ayes. (Motion passed 5-0).  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Clint Middleton City Administrator

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## PUBLIC NOTICE Rowan/Eckley

**In re 138 Main Street THE CITY OF ROWAN, IOWA vs SHAD ECKLEY, Equity No. EQCV025398, TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: SHAD ECKLEY, 2148 320th St, Fort Dodge, IA 50501-8662**  
You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court naming you as the defendant in this action. A copy of this petition (and any documents filed with it) is attached to this notice. The attorneys for the plaintiff are Jason C. Palmer, and John A. Maschman of Lamson Dugan & Murray LLP, whose address is 6400 Westown Pkwy, Ste 280, West Des Moines, Iowa, 50266.  
The attorney's telephone number is 515-513-5003; facsimile number is 515-298-6536.  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE Rowan/McBride

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1	\$28,953	\$2,413	\$1,207	\$1,114	\$557	\$20,345	\$1,696	\$848	\$783	\$392
2	\$39,128	\$3,261	\$1,631	\$1,505	\$753	\$27,495	\$2,292	\$1,146	\$1,058	\$529
3	\$49,303	\$4,109	\$2,055	\$1,897	\$949	\$34,645	\$2,888	\$1,444	\$1,333	\$667
4	\$59,478	\$4,957	\$2,479	\$2,288	\$1,144	\$41,795	\$3,483	\$1,742	\$1,608	\$804
5	\$69,653	\$5,805	\$2,903	\$2,679	\$1,340	\$48,945	\$4,079	\$2,040	\$1,883	\$942
6	\$79,828	\$6,653	\$3,327	\$3,071	\$1,536	\$56,095	\$4,675	\$2,338	\$2,158	\$1,079
7	\$90,003	\$7,501	\$3,751	\$3,462	\$1,731	\$63,245	\$5,271	\$2,636	\$2,433	\$1,217
8	\$100,178	\$8,349	\$4,175	\$3,853	\$1,927	\$70,395	\$5,867	\$2,934	\$2,708	\$1,354
For each additional family member add:	+\$10,175	+\$848	+\$424	+\$392	+\$196	+\$7,150	+\$596	+\$298	+\$275	+\$138

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**Annual pheasant survey shows Iowa's population at 20 year high**

Iowa's statewide pheasant population is at a 20-year high, and state wildlife experts are forecasting a banner year for hunters.

"The mild winter really put us over the top this year," said Todd Bogenschutz, upland wildlife research biologist for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "Our adult hen survival was excellent; our adult rooster survival was excellent. That really drove the population increase."

Bogenschutz coordinates the annual August roadside survey of small game populations, covering 225 30-mile routes. The 2025 survey counted more pheasants, quail, cottontail rabbits and partridge than last year. The survey results are available online by clicking the 100 Years of Pheasant Hunting graphic at [www.iowadnr.gov/pheasantsurvey](http://www.iowadnr.gov/pheasantsurvey).

"Chick survival wasn't as good as last year, but we had so many more nests that it offset the drop in the

number of chicks per hen," he said. Statewide, staff reported 1,038 pheasant broods, which is 338 more than last year.

"We had an early hatch which is good because the nesting season got wet later and that may have impacted chick survival or re-nesting efforts," Bogenschutz said.

The statewide average of 28 birds per route is the highest since 2005. Regionally, the northwest region was the highest since 2005; northeast region was the highest since 1998; west central similar to last year; east central highest since 2007; south central highest since 2017; and southeast, highest since 2020.

Bogenschutz said if hunter participation is similar to 2023, the pheasant harvest could be in the 600,000-700,000 range.

"Last year was a decent year for pheasant hunting. 2023 was a good year for pheasant hunting. This year could be excellent," he said.

The Iowa DNR and Pheasants Forever are celebrating 100 years of pheasant hunting in the Hawkeye State. The first season was held Oct. 20-22, 1925, when 13 counties in north central Iowa were opened to pheasant hunting. Hunters were allowed a three-rooster limit, for a half-day of hunting. An estimated 75,000 hunters participated.

Hunters can commemorate the 100th anniversary by purchasing a hard card featuring Iowa Pheasants Forever Print of the Year. Pheasants Forever is offering commemorative apparel featuring both the 100 Years of Pheasant Hunting graphic and PF logo through an online, pop-up store. The store will be accepting apparel orders as the pheasant season approaches.

**Pheasant season Oct. 25 - Jan. 10, 2026**  
**Youth only pheasant season - Iowa residents only, age 15 or younger Oct. 18-19**

**Courthouse news**

**BIRTHS**

Quinn Ivey Barker was born on August 26, 2025, to Bridget and Tyler Barker of Mason City.

Gwyn William Eley was born on August 27, 2025, to Michaela and Christopher Eley of Mason City.

Eleanor Grace Ochoa was born on August 27, 2025, to Nicole Barber of Clarion.

Freya Janie McGrady was born on August 28, 2025, to Fiona Miller of Meservey.

Liam Daniel Sunne was born on August 29, 2025, to Brooke and Joseph Sunne of Clarion.

Jax Alexander Stott was born on August 29, 2025, to Janessa and Nicholas Stott of Webster City.

Olivia Jane Dennler was born on August 29, 2025, to Nicole and Nicholas Dennler of Belmond.

Lily Faye Steenhard was

born on August 29, 2025, to Gemma and Cameron Steenhard of Clarion.

Scotti Jean Hurd was born on August 29, 2025, to Caitlyn Romp of Webster City.

Olivia Ann Hunt was born on August 29, 2025, to Ashley Wiuff and Aaron Hunt of Renwick.

Raven Iris Kay Storm was born on August 29, 2025, to Michelle McMullen of Callender.

Matias Isaac Ordonez Vicente was born on August 31, 2025, to Elfida Vicente Juarez of Vincent.

Ryker Michael Brakel was born on September 1, 2025, to Danielle Bernhard of Klemme.

Adriel Mateo Garcia Vasquez was born on September 1, 2025, to Carmen Vasquez of Eagle Grove.

Lynken James Lindstrom was born on September 1, 2025, to Alexia Pelz of Fort

Dodge.

Christopher Ryan Marvin was born on September 1, 2025, to Grace and Tyler Marvin of Mason City.

**DEATHS**

Ty Daniel Borcharding of Hampton was born on June 13, 1990, and died on July 20, 2025, at the age of 35.

John Maurice Callahan of Humboldt was born on March 30, 1954, and died on September 2, 2025, at the age of 71.

Dale Ernest Kraft of Eagle Grove was born on September 14, 1934, and died on September 3, 2025, at the age of 90.

**MARRIAGES**

Gavin Disney, 29, of Belmond was wed to Natalie Erickson, 31, of Belmond on August 16, 2025.

Benjamin Curry, 25, of Clarion was wed to Brianna Ell, 23, of Eagle Grove on August 31, 2025.

**Farmers gear up for harvest, Naig encourages planning for cover crops**

Cami Koons

Iowa Capital Dispatch

Corn is beginning to reach maturity in Iowa.

Iowa farmers are gearing up for harvest season, as the latest crop progress and condition report notes 9% of corn acres across the state have reached maturity and farmers have scattered reports of soybeans dropping leaves.

The crops continue to develop, with 63% of corn acres across the state now dented and 19% of soybeans coloring, for the reporting period of Aug. 25 through Aug. 31.

Corn condition was rated at 84% good to excellent, the same as last week, while soybean condition at 77% good to excellent declined slightly from the week prior.

The report, written by U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service, reported that the oat harvest in Iowa was "virtually complete" and farmers were nearly complete with their third cutting of alfalfa hay, with just 13% remaining.

Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig said farmers will be busy this month baling hay, chopping silage and "beginning to gear up for harvest."



"Now is also a great time to plan for seeding cover crops and adding other conservation practices to fields after harvest," Naig said in a statement.

Naig also noted the cool, dry conditions across the state that led to a "gorgeous holiday weekend."

According to State Climatologist Justin Glisan, the state average temperature for the reporting period was 65 degrees Fahrenheit, which was more than 6 degrees below normal temperatures for the period.

Several areas reported temperatures as low as 40 degrees during the period.

While some eastern areas of the state had a couple inches of rain, the state average for the week was less than two-tenths of an inch, while the normal is 0.88 inch.

Despite the less-than-an-inch of rain the past several reporting periods, soil moisture conditions remain

adequate to surplus. Across the state, topsoil moisture conditions were 78% adequate and 12% surplus. Subsoil moisture conditions were similar with 79% adequate and 13% surplus.

Soil conditions were driest in the southwest and southeast regions of the state. In those regions, around 30% of topsoil moisture was short, according to the report.

According to the seven-day precipitation forecast from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the majority of the state is forecast to receive less than half an inch of rain this week.

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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, September 14  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
• September 21  
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, September 14  
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  
• Thursday, September 11  
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  
• Friday, September 12  
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. John, Clarion  
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John, Clarion  
• Saturday, September 13  
Baby Needs  
3:15 p.m. A/B and Fatima Rosary at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove  
4:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove  
7:15 p.m. A/B and Rosary at St. John, Clarion  
8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. John, Clarion  
• Sunday, September 14  
Baby Needs  
Exaltation of the Holy Cross  
7:15 a.m. A/B and Rosary at St. John, Clarion  
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John, Clarion  
9:45 a.m. A/B and Rosary at St. Francis, Xavier, Belmont  
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont  
5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer, Exaltation of the Holy Cross at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont  
• Monday September 15  
8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont  
6:30 p.m. OCIA Meeting at St. John, Clarion  
6:30 p.m. She Shall Be Called Woman Meeting at St. John, Clarion

• Wednesday, September 17  
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont  
8:00 a.m. Mass, A/B at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont  
6:30 p.m. YFF Classes begin at all parishes, No Adoration  
• Thursday, September 18  
9:00 a.m. Guild Meeting at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove  
10:30 a.m. Rural Life Mass in Haverhill Iowa, No weekday mass in Cluster

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
219 First Street N.W. Clarion 515-532-2709  
• Sunday, September 14 Todd Studer will be leading the service  
• 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  
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**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
220 E. Oak St., Goldfield, IA 50542  
515-825-3581  
goldfield.upc@gmail.com  
Facebook@goldpres  
"A Church for the Community"  
Office M-F 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.  
• Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
**LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Goldfield  
Pastor Ron Rasmussen  
• Sunday, September 14  
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  
Pastor: Various Lay Speakers.  
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• Sunday Services  
11:00 a.m. Worship time

**HOLMES LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2139 Hancock Ave, Holmes, Iowa  
HolmesLutheran@gmail.com  
• Sunday, September 14  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
Guest Pastor : Cody Huber (Holmes Baptist)  
10:00 a.m. Adult and Children's Sunday School

**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, September 14  
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  
• Sunday, September 14  
NO WORSHIP, attend a church of your choice  
• Wednesday, September 17  
10:00 a.m. Council  
11:00 a.m. Property, Maintenance and Memorial  
• Thursday, September 18  
2:00 p.m. Women's Fellowship

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Missouri Synod  
Jct. Highway 69 & 3  
Pastor Mark Eichler  
• Sunday, September 14  
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, September 14  
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, September 14  
9:00 a.m. Worship

**UNITED METHODIST & PRESBYTERIAN**  
• Sunday, September 14  
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, September 14  
10:30 a.m. Worship

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN**  
304 W. Main, Latimer  
Travis Berg, Pastor  
• Sunday, September 14  
9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. ABC/Sunday School

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Morgan, Lee Center, Bradford  
Erling Shultz, Pastor  
• Sunday, September 14  
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, September 14  
9:30a.m. Joint Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion, Coffee to follow  
• Dinner is the first Sunday of the month

## The Clarion Wire

\*\* Heartland Museum in southwest Clarion has finished its summer hours (Memorial Day to Labor Day). But remains open by appointment by calling 515-602-6000.  
\*\* This is Homecoming week for CGD! Lots of activities all week with the Football Game on Friday, September 12!  
\*\* Clarion Production OPEN HOUSE at Bayer, 617 Central Avenue West in Clarion. On Friday, September 12; serving lunch at noon. Tours from noon until 2:30 p.m.  
\*\* BINGO continues at the Clarion Senior Citizens Center every Friday at 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
\*\* It's Farmers' Markets in Clarion every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. East side of courthouse - in Courthouse Parking Lot! Getting closer to the end of the season; final Saturday is September 27!!  
\*\* Fall Clarion Club COIN SHOW is Saturday, September 13 at Heartland Museum from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
\*\* Down Memory Lane Park '4 Person Best Shot' Golf Tournament at Oakridge golf course in Goldfield. On Saturday, September 13; 10 a.m. shot gun start. \$40 per person; fundraiser for Down Memory Lane Park. Sign up? Greg Schipull at 515-851-1865 or Oakridge clubhouse 515-825-3611.  
\*\* It's the '3rd annual Fiesta Cultural de Clarion' on Saturday, September 13 from noon until 10 p.m. Gazebo Park.  
\*\* Rowan Public Library hosts its fall fundraiser on September 13 from 4 - 7 p.m. Enjoy chili and cinnamon rolls.  
\*\* Rowan Lions Club hosts its Annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday, September 14, at the Rowan School House, 901 W Broadway, starting at 11 a.m. until sold out! Chicken meals are \$15, hot dog meals are \$5, chicken halves are also available for purchase. Proceeds support Wright County through KidsSight, local scholarships, and more! Tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting the Rowan Lions Club through Facebook or through a Lions member.  
\*\* Artwork by Ben Eckhoff, UNI student, will be on display at the Jenison Meacham Memorial Arts Center, 1179 Taylor Ave. just north of Belmont Sept. 7-28. The Arts Center is open Sundays from 1-4 p.m.  
\*\* "Easy Going Senior Exercises" at the Clarion Senior Citizens Center every Monday and Thursday afternoon, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Play Mahjong at 1:30 p.m. on Mondays! Learn to play Uker, men, on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (Changes on Monday for Labor Day!)  
\*\* CGD principals will be guest speakers at Clarion's Senior Citizens Center on Tuesday, September 16 at 1:30 p.m. Also a questions

and answers session.  
\*\* 500 card players: Now play '500' each Wednesday at Clarion's Senior Citizens Center; both men and women. Always from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
\*\* FALL FESTIVAL at the Barn at Waltons on Saturday, Septmeber 20 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Fall hours in September & October: 2 - 5 p.m. Wednesdays - Fridays; 4 - 6 p.m. on Saturdays; and Sundays from Noon - 5 p.m.  
\*\* Join Immanuel Lutheran Church for its 50 Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, September 21 beginning with a worship service at 10:30 AM followed by a noon fellowship meal.  
Please RSVP by calling 515-237-3477 if you plan to join us for the service & meal. Several previous pastors & previous members will be in attendance. The choir will be singing and a string quintet will be performing! Located 3 miles west of Rowan near intersection of Hwys 3 & 69.  
\*\* On Tuesday, September 23, the Belmont Community Service Women will be doing its annual pillow cleaning by Kraft pillow service at the Belmont laundromat from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Same day great service  
\*\* Craft Day at Clarion Senior Citizen Center on Tuesday, September 23 - 1:30 p.m.  
\*\* Play BINGO at The Bru the 4th Tuesday of each month, this time the evening of Tuesday, September 23.  
\*\* Toe Nail Clipping at Clarion Senior Citizen Center on Tuesday, September 23 (note change of day). Sign up for a time at the center.  
\*\* First Lutheran Church FOOD PANTRY in Clarion, 420 - First Street N.W., is open on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, from 5 - 7 p.m. Next event is September 25!  
\*\*Mark your calendar for the 2025 Fall Fashion Runway Show by Italics Boutique on Tuesday, September 30 at 7 p.m. in the store at 102 N Main Street in Clarion. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and include entrance, fashion show, treats, and a \$5 donation to our Clarion Playground Fund! Contact Ali at 641-751-5337 to reserve your tickets now - Seating is limited!!  
\*\* AT THE CLARION THEATRE: Showing "Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale" (PG) on Friday - Sunday, September 12 - 14 @ 7 p.m.; Sunday Matinee at 2:30 p.m. - September 14; first of two weeks.  
\*\* FOCUS ON BUSINESS: Sally's Sewing Room will be closed on Friday & Saturday, September 19 & 20.  
\*\* THANK YOU: To CGD teachers, administrators, support staff, secretaries, bus drivers, janitors. Anyone else who makes the school 'go'!



	<p><b>Contact:</b> <b>Katie Phillips to Advertise!</b> <b>641-790-1841</b></p>		 <p>“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.” Matthew 5:23-24 (NIV)</p> <p><b>Seeking Forgiveness With Grace</b></p> <p>Forgiving others for perceived wrongdoing against us can sometimes be a difficult undertaking. Something we often find harder, however, is seeking forgiveness from others. This can be tough for many reasons, ranging from a fear we will not receive forgiveness from someone we value our relationship with to feelings that someone is not deserving of our apologies to begin with. In seeking forgiveness, we must first make attempts to rectify our wrongdoings with sincere intention. We must also seek to understand the effect of our actions in these cases, ultimately striving to become better individuals in owning up to a mistake and learning from it. In the Gospel of Matthew, Christ emphasizes the necessity of this, essentially telling his disciples that they must forgive even the presentation of a gift at the altar (a significant ritual in Jewish tradition during His time) in order to seek out the forgiveness of someone they have wronged. Notably, Christ points out one way in which the Lord is served through our service to others, and that service, here, is simply acknowledging and reconciling a wrong with those we affect. We are absolutely taught to forgive, though we also must remember to seek forgiveness with grace, as Christ teaches. -James Stone</p>	<p><b>Contact:</b> <b>Katie Phillips to Advertise!</b> <b>641-790-1841</b></p>	<p><b>Office:</b> <b>641-622-3110</b> <b>Cell:</b> <b>641-790-1841</b></p>	 <p><b>HANSON &amp; SONS</b> Tire and Auto Service 1407 Central Ave. East Clarion, IA 50525 Phone 515-532-2444 Fax 515-532-2299 www.hansontire.net Email: che_hanson72@yahoo.com</p>
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## Words of Wisdom

Last week's trivia questions:  
What Swedish pop group had hit songs in the 1970s including "Dancing Queen", "Waterloo", and "Take a Chance On Me"?  
Answer: ABBA.



What Swedish pop group had hit songs in the late 1980s and early

1990s, including "Listen to Your Heart", "It Must Have Been Love", and "Joyride"? Answer: Roxette.  
What Swedish pop group had hit songs in the 1990s including "Don't Turn Around", "The Sign", and "All That She Wants"? Answer: Ace of Base.

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This week's trivia questions:

What country duo had hits songs in the 1990s with "My Maria", "Neon Moon", and "Boot Scootin' Boogie"?

What band had hit songs in the 1970s with "Reelin' in the Years", "Peg", and "Rikki Don't Lose That Number"?

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Sept. 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day; Sept. 11 is Patriot Day; Sept. 12 is National Police Woman Day; Sept. 13 is International Chocolate Day, and National Peanut Day; Sept. 14 is National Coloring Day, and National Cream-Filled Donut Day; Sept. 15 is National D.A.R.E. Day, and World Engineers Day; Sept. 16 is World Ozone Day.

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This week is National Waffle Week, National Assisted Living Week, and Suicide Prevention Week.

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"Where lipstick is concerned, the important thing is not color, but to accept God's final word on where your lips end." – Jerry Seinfeld

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"My formula for success is rise early, work late, and strike oil." – Business mogul Paul Getty

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"I told my wife the truth. I told her I was seeing a psychiatrist. Then she told me the truth. She was seeing a psychiatrist, two plumbers, and a bartender." – Rodney Dangerfield

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"If at first, you don't succeed, then skydiving definitely isn't for you." – Steven Wright

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"If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of payments." – Earl Wilson

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Giant anteaters consume up to 35,000 ants and termites in a single day. (They use their long sticky tongues to slurp up hundreds of ants per minute. They never destroy an ant nest, but leave some ants alive to

rebuild, so it can return and feed again in the future).

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The wood frog spends 7 months of the year frozen. (These Alaskan frogs freeze almost completely at the start of winter, with most of their body water turning into ice. Their heart stops beating, and their blood flow stops. Once winter starts to thaw, so do they and they hop back to life).

## September DAR Meeting

The Lucy Standish Newcastle Daughters of the American Revolution met Thursday, September 4, 2025 at 12:30 P.M. at the Pizza Ranch in Clarion. Members enjoyed a buffet luncheon, paid for by an anonymous member. Regent Schlitter then called the meeting to order. The usual DAR meeting ritual was dispensed with this month, due to the demanding business schedule. Nine members answered roll call. Siedney Viekant sent a Thank You to the chapter for her scholarship received at the Belmont Klemme School Awards Ceremony. An invitation from the Algona DAR chapter to attend the reception for the American Revolution Experience exhibit it will host. A Thank You note from Sophie Dinsdale was received. It was decided to donate \$50 from our remaining treasury to the

Veteran's Honor Flight, which will be going again from Brushy Creek/Fort Dodge again next spring.

The rules for disbanding our chapter were outlined by Regent Schflitter. Members can join another chapter, become a member at large of the State/national chapter. become an associate member of another chapter, or drop their membership. Several members wished to have their original papers returned to them. It was moved by Lee Ann Waltzine and seconded by Mary Dinsdale to disband the Lucy Standish Newcastle chapter. Members agreed and all voted "yes". Any secretary or historical scrapbooks, can be sent to members, if they wish, but libraries do not want to store them.

With, regret, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Iris Eriksen, Secretary.

## Obituaries

### Richard Howieson 1936 - 2025

Richard Howieson, 89, of Clarion passed away Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines.

Funeral services for Richard Howieson will be held on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the Holmes Baptist Church, 2137 Hancock Avenue in Holmes.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to funeral services at the church on Saturday.

Richard was born on August 23rd, 1936 to Stanley and Pearl (Hiams) Howieson in Clarion. He was united in marriage to Marilyn (Tendall) at Trinity Lutheran Church in Belmont on March 17th, 1957. To this union three children were born: Diane, David, and Loel. He accepted Christ as his personal Saviour at a young age and was a member of Holmes Baptist Church.



He was a farmer in the area for many years.

Richard was preceded in death by his parents, wife, daughter, and granddaughter. He is survived by his sons David (Lois) and Loel, son-in-law John Ambrosia, nine grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren.

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### David C. Townsend

David C. Townsend, 73, of Clarion passed away on Saturday, June 14, 2025 at the University of Iowa Hospital.

Memorial graveside service will be held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at Evergreen Cemetery in Clarion.

Friends and family are

invited for lunch and fellowship from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM prior to the graveside service at Dave and Jane's house, 2730 205th Street in Clarion.

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## Monitor Memories

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE WRIGHT COUNTY MONITOR  
1983 - 1948

### 42 Years Ago September 15, 1983

Voter turnout was reported as being light throughout the county on Tuesday, as area voters had the opportunity to go to the polls and decide who would be filling the vacated seats on school board in several community school districts.

Although we're in the thick of the volleyball season, and basketball is rapidly approaching, it appears it could be quite some time before the high school gymnasium has a gym floor. It appears that asphalt was poured over the concrete slab in an attempt to level out the surface. But school board members feel that the asphalt didn't do the job, and the floor certainly isn't level.

The Clarion Area Transit System, which has relied on a van rented by the City of Clarion from Wright County Opportunities, recently acquired a vehicle of its own. The new vehicle, which is equipped with a wheel chair lift, is now in operation along the system's route.

### 77 Years ago September 9, 1948

The city of Clarion is all set to entertain the biggest crowd ever to assemble here for the big fall event next Tuesday night – the Tenth Annual North Central Conference Jamboree. Distinctly a Clarion event, this year's show is expected to draw more interest than any other of the preceding Jamborees.

One of the most colorful and tuneful parts of the Tenth Annual Jamboree Tuesday will be the performance of the marching bands of each of the eight conference schools. This portion of the program will get the event under way, starting at 7 pm. The Clarion band will be under the direction of Howard P. Berry.

It is costing the state about twice as much to produce new motor vehicle license plates for 1949 as it did for the last ones turned out in 1946, the Iowa safety department reported Wednesday. Aluminum is being used for the first time. This is because the state could not get any bidders on steal, which has been used heretofore.

## Obituaries

### Cheryl McLaughlin 1942 - 2025

Cheryl McLaughlin, 82, of Belmont, passed away on Friday, August 29, 2025, at Story Pointe in Urbandale.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 1207 3rd Street Northeast, in Belmont. Burial took place in St. Francis Catholic Cemetery in Belmont.

Visitation was held from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Monday, September 1, 2025, with a Rosary and Scriptural Wake starting at 4:00 PM, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. Visitation will continue one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

Cheryl Sue (Benson) McLaughlin, daughter of Lloyd and Bertha Benson, was born on October 8, 1942, in Clarion, Iowa. She grew up on the Alexander family farm. She attended Alexander Public Schools where she was a standout forward on the basketball team and first chair trombonist in the Alexander High School Band. Cheryl also graced the theatre stage in 1958 as the lead in her junior class play.

In 1959, Cheryl married the love of her life, Clement McLaughlin. Together they celebrated 66 years of loving marriage. One of their proudest accomplishments was obtaining a family farm at Lake Cornelia, which became the heart of their home and the place where they raised their seven children—each one a source of immense pride and joy for Cheryl.

Cheryl continued her education at North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC), earning her associate's degree later in life—a milestone she always cherished, especially because her beloved mother was able to witness her walk across the stage to receive her diploma. In the 1990s, Cheryl built a successful career as an account

executive for the Mason City Globe Gazette, and campaigned successfully to win her primary for Wright County Supervisor.

A woman of abiding faith, Cheryl found community and purpose as a member of the Catholic Daughters of America at St. Francis Catholic Church, where she worked on behalf of causes close to her heart.

Cheryl's proudest moments came with each milestone her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren reached. She delighted in "playing grandma" and was fondly known for spoiling the grandkids with treats and unconditional love. She relished the time spent traveling with Clem to visit loved ones, and going to ballgames, meets, recitals and plays. The sound of laughter in her home and the sparkle of delight in her grandchildren's eyes were her greatest treasures.

Cheryl created beauty wherever she went, tending her gardens, decorating her home, and delighting in the simple pleasures of pretty things. She never passed up a chance to walk along the shoreline, collecting seashells and listening to the ocean waves. Even though three of her children attended Iowa State, she was an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan!

Cheryl is survived by her loving husband, Clem; her children, Scott (Terry) McLaughlin, Jeff (Charlotte) McLaughlin, Tami (Dale) Kroll, Jackie (Brent) Thomas, Alison (Eric) Russell, and Kristie (Chris) Houdek; 14 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Todd; parents Lloyd and Bertha Benson, and sisters Betty Benson, Donna Slining, Ruth O'Connor, and Connie Whitaker.

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### Sylvia Elizabeth Miller

Sylvia Elizabeth Miller, 93, passed away August 12, 2025 in Lawrence, KS. Memorial Service will be 10 am, Saturday, September 13, 2025, at Blairsburg Christian Missionary Alliance Church, 501 3rd Street, Blairsburg, Iowa. To read the full obituary, please visit www.Rumsey-Yost.com.



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**Baby Girl**  
Gemma and Cameron Steenhard of Clarion, IA would like to announce the birth of their daughter Lily Faye Steenhard. She was born Friday, August 29, 2025 at the Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion, IA. She weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces.

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**SPORTS**

**Fineran Collects Bronze in Madison**



Ella Fineran and her Girls 15 Black team celebrate their bronze medal in the Girls International Division. (Photo: Iowa High Performance/Facebook)



(Photo: Jackie Wilson)

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Earlier this summer, Clarion-Goldfield-Dows volleyball standout Ella Fineran represented the Iowa Region at the USAV All-Star Championships in Madison, Wisconsin as a member of an Iowa High Performance travel team.

In a recent interview, Fineran explained the selection process for the travel team: "It starts with trying out to get into a camp," she said. "The camp was at Coe

College and it was a four-day process. They pick a team based off of how you do at the camp. I wouldn't say I was nervous, but there were so many girls there. I didn't know if they would notice me or not."

Once selected, the teams from across the country competed for an entire weekend in Madison in late July.

Ella's Girls 15 Black team was able to bring home the bronze medal.

The outside hitter/middle blocker, who also

had a chance to play for Iowa Impact at a volleyball event in Dallas this June, says she's "grateful" for the opportunity to travel the country and represent her state.

"Volleyball has given me so many different opportunities to meet new people and create life long friendships," Fineran added. "It has also made me learn how to get out of challenging situations and persevere through challenges."

**Wright County Shooting Association**

August 31, 2025

Limited				
Name	Points	Penalties	Time	Score
Cody LaRue	185	5	27.72	6.49
Mike Townsend	201	5	32.85	5.97
Bill Holden	185	25	32.92	4.86
Lynn Barz	210	0	56.57	3.71
Jennilee Townesend	191	5	51.15	3.64

Open				
Name	Points	Penalties	Time	Score
Cody LaRue	208	0	29.52	7.05
Mike Townsend	202	5	28.12	7.00
Jennilee Townesend	152	20	67.18	1.96
Lynn Barz	143	40	90.57	1.14

Optic				
Name	Points	Penalties	Time	Score
Juston Caulk	206	10	29.90	6.55
Mike Townsend	221	0	37.22	5.94
Cody LaRue	194	10	32.18	5.72
Jennilee Townesend	183	10	66.91	2.59
Lynn Barz	181	5	88.06	2.00
Vicki Holden	123	75	65.93	0.728

The latest shooting competition was done in memory of Dave Townsend. He was the president of the gun club and took part in pistol shoots for "many years," Jason Barz shared with The Wright County Monitor.

**Clarion - Goldfield - Dows Community School District**

Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates, P.L.C., CPA's today released an audit report on the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Community School District in Clarion, Iowa.

**Financial Highlights:**

The District's revenues totaled \$19,499,195 for the year ended June 30, 2024, a 1.5% decrease from the prior year. Expenses for the District operations for the year ended June 30, 2024, totaled \$18,816,962, a 6.4% increase from the prior year. The increase in disbursements is primarily due to increase in support

services and depreciation expense.

**Audit Findings:**

Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates, P.L.C. reported four findings related to the receipt and expenditure of taxpayer funds. They are found on pages 88 through 93 of the audit report. The findings address issues such as a lack of segregation of duties, over budget and small variances with certified enrollment. Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates, P.L.C. provided the District with recommendations to address each of the findings.

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Community School District's Board of Education has a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Community School District's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's web site at <https://www.auditor.iowa.gov/reports/file/81640.pdf>

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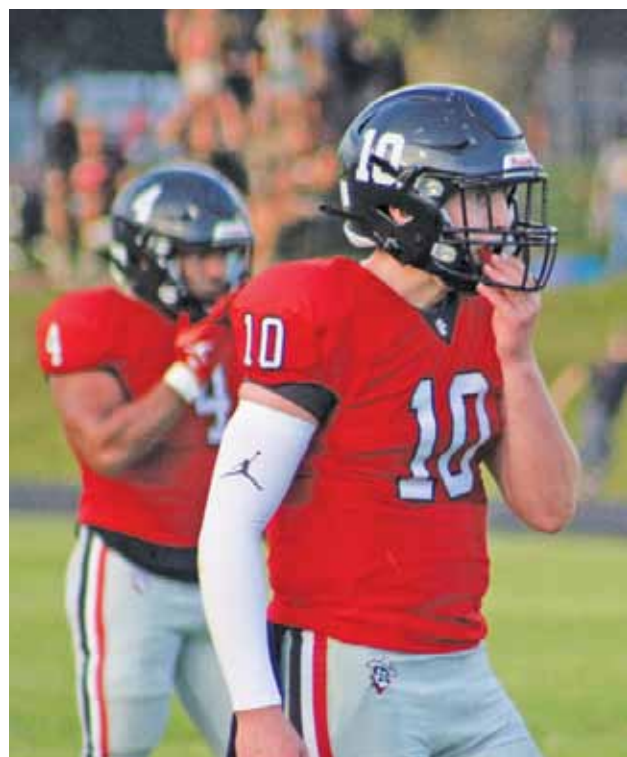
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# SPORTS

## Cowboys Drop Close One in Hampton



Selvin Gonzalez (background) and JD Morrical (foreground). (Photo: Taylor Smith)

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The 1-0 Cowboy football team traveled to Hampton last week for a non-district matchup against the Bulldogs.

CAL would be looking for their first win of the season after suffering a 22-8 defeat vs. Osage in Week 1.

Unfortunately, Clarion-Goldfield-Dows wouldn't reach the end zone until the 4th quarter of Friday night's

contest. They fell to HD-C, 7-6, in the defensive standoff.

Junior quarterback JD Morrical completed 5/13 passes for 43 yards and also had 10 carries for another 38 yards.

Senior tailback Selvin Gonzalez ran for 54 yards on 17 carries and scored CGD's only touchdown late in the game from nine yards out. He also had 5.5 tackles on the defensive side of the ball.

Joel Meier caught a pair of passes for 20 yards and rushed for 13 more.

Meier, Huxley Lingenfelter, and Cooper Nosbush all recovered a fumble in the loss. Lingenfelter, a middle linebacker, led the Cowboy defense with 7 total tackles.

Joseph Powers led the Bulldog attack. He ran for 162 yards and scored their only touchdown in the 1st quarter.

The Cowboys will look to regroup before their Homecoming showdown vs. Esterville Lincoln Central (0-2) this Friday night at the middle school.

## Swenson Top-5 in WC

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Last Tuesday, Webster City hosted sixteen other schools at Links Golf Course for the annual Lynx Invitational Cross Country Met.

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows/Belmond-Klemme boys and girls cross country teams competed against eight other smaller schools in the Gold Division.

On the girls' side, senior Lila Swenson blazed through the 5K course in 22:20 to earn herself a bronze medal in the field of 55 runners.

As a team, CGD/BK placed 5th with 134 points. Roland-Story (38), St. Edmond (73), and Manson Northwest Webster (96) finished 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

The boys took home 9th place after scoring 174 team points.



Lila Swenson (Photo: Taylor Smith)

### GIRLS RESULTS:

- 3 – Lila Swenson
- 19 – Avery Boeshart
- 30 – Johanna Perez
- 46 – Adriana Toj Lopez

### BOYS RESULTS:

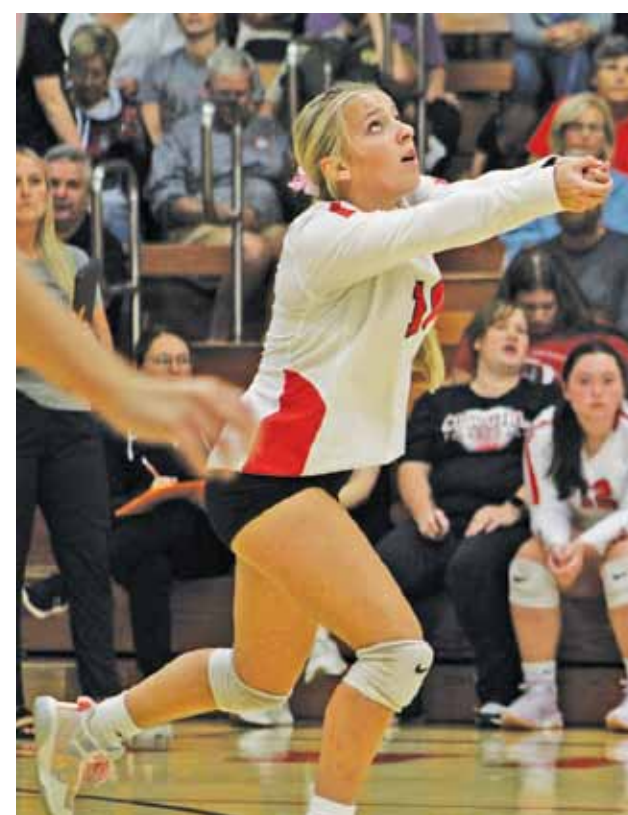
- 22:20 21 – Nolan Muhlenbruch 20:09
- 24:33 30 – Eduardo Rivera 20:41
- 26:43 36 – Leo Ertel 21:07
- 28:51 40 – Logan Torsell 21:50
- 47 – Samuel Williams 23:17



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## Cowgirls Fall in Conference Action



Quinn Brooks (Photo: Taylor Smith)

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The Cowgirl volleyball team sits at 2-4 overall after a loss to Iowa Falls-Alden last Thursday night. CGD jumped out early and dominated the first set 25-18, but they dropped a close second set 26-24 and went on to lose, 3-1.

Sophomore Ella Fineran had seven blocks and seven kills to lead the Cowgirls. Ella Engstrom added eight kills, eight assists, and had a perfect night serving with two aces

to boot. Junior Quinn Brooks served two aces and finished with 18 digs.

Jacqueline Kirstein had eight kills for CGD, and Blaire Askelsen added six blocks in the loss.

The ladies return to action on the road Thursday night in Hampton against the 1-1 Bulldogs.



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## Dows American Legion Riders Chapter 523



The Dows American Legion Riders Chapter 523 attended the Brushy Creek Honor flight board of directors meeting on August 27, 2025 to present a donation of \$700. From left to right BOD Chairperson Sarah Murphy, ALR Director Don Koob, Dows American Legion Commander Bill Chambers, and Auxiliary President Barb Chambers. Honor flights are free for veterans. For more information contact your local Veterans Affairs department. (Photo: Robin Koob)

## Wright County 4-H Kicks Off Clover Kids Program for K-3<sup>rd</sup> Graders

The Clover Kids program in Wright County is growing, and families are invited to be part of this exciting opportunity for youth in kindergarten through third grade. Clover Kids, the junior program of Iowa 4-H, provides a strong foundation for children to explore their interests, build friendships, and develop life skills in a safe and supportive environment.

Clover Kids is more than just fun activities—it's about positive youth development. Through hands-on learning in areas like science, art, healthy living, and agriculture, children develop critical thinking, teamwork, and communication skills that will benefit them throughout their lives. Caring adult volunteers guide the experience, ensuring that every child feels included, supported, and encouraged to grow.

“Starting young in 4-H

with the Clover Kids program sets the stage for a lifelong love of learning and community involvement,” said Paige Roberts, K-12 Program Coordinator. “It’s a wonderful way for children to make new friends, try new things in a safe environment, and build the skills they’ll need as they grow as a person and active member of their school and community.”

Opportunities for Clover Kids extend beyond monthly club meetings. Youth can showcase projects at the Wright County Fair, participate in special workshops and camps, and explore new hobbies and interests in a fun, non-competitive setting. These experiences give children a strong start in 4-H and prepare them to transition into the full 4-H program when they reach fourth grade.

With three Clover Kids clubs already established in Eagle Grove, Belmond,



and Clarion, Wright County Extension and Outreach is excited to welcome even more youth and families this year. Give your child the chance to learn, grow, and discover with Clover Kids—where the future begins with curiosity and confidence.

Enrollment is now open for Clover Kids for the 2025-2026 program year! All kids must be registered with 4-H Online before they attend their first meeting. Learn more about the program and how to register by visiting our website <https://www.extension.iastate.edu/wright/clover-kids>

Please reach out to Paige Roberts, Wright County Extension K-12 Program Coordinator with any questions about Clover Kids or other youth programs by email at [pdagel@iastate.edu](mailto:pdagel@iastate.edu) or call the Extension Office at 515-532-3453.

## Aerial views

Bruce Voigts, Aerial Photographer (Photos taken September 1, 2025)



Work being done on a large windmill east of Clarion. I would think this is quite challenging.



A cropping technique to enhance the window of pollination in corn. Two different varieties of corn are planted which should allow a longer pollination window to improve corn yields.



Rowan a town east of Clarion, just a little off highway 3. The old gym in the top left is the home of the Iowa River Players Community Theater.

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