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Growing Solutions on Main Street

Clarion Native Tackles Food Access with Hydroponics

Amanda Rink, Editor

For lifelong Clarion resident Cole Lindaman, the path from growing up on an acreage to designing a hydroponics farm inside Wright Community Connections (WCC) has always been about one simple idea: everyone deserves access to fresh, healthy food.

"I grew up in Clarion and lived here my entire life before going to college," Lindaman said. "Much of the fruits and vegetables I ate growing up were from our own acreage. However, many people don't have the space or knowledge to be able to grow their own food."

Now, thanks to a \$9,500 grant from Bayer Fund, Cole's vision is becoming reality through the Fresh Pathways Project. The project will house an indoor hydroponics farm at the WCC Center, producing vegetables year-round while also serving as a hands-on learning space for community members.

The Wright County Monitor was invited to tour the new indoor farm at WCC. At first glance, the space might look like a simple greenhouse, but it's much more than that.

Rows of leafy veggies stretch across the room, thriving under the glow of bright LED lights. The lights, which are highly energy-efficient, provide the plants with the conditions they need to grow year-round. Along each tray, thin, clear water lines deliver the nutrients that make up the "hydroponics"



Clarion native Cole Lindaman stands beside the new hydroponics system at Wright Community Connections. "To me, food access is one of the fundamental issues we need to address if we really want to make the world a better place," he shared with The Wright County Monitor. (Photo: Amanda Rink)

of Lindaman's operation.

Before the plants reach the trays, they begin in a surprising medium: rock wool, a material made from volcanic rock. Seeds are germinated in a mini greenhouse where warmth and moisture prepare them for the next stage of growth.

Lindaman is experimenting with cucumbers and plans to add tomatoes soon. His work has been inspired by other growers in Iowa, such as Clayton Farms in Ames, where produce is cultivated hydroponically to serve both the community and their own restaurant.

Lindaman's interest in food access started while studying Civil Engineering at Iowa State University, where he also pursued a



In the hydroponic system, plant roots grow directly in water enriched with nutrients, rather than soil, allowing them to thrive indoors year-round. (Photo: Amanda Rink)

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Iowa Specialty Hospital to Stop Accepting Certain Medicare Advantage Plans

Amanda Rink, Editor

Iowa Specialty Hospitals and Clinics will no longer accept certain Medicare Advantage plans. This is a move hospital leaders say is meant to protect patients and staff from a system that often delays or denies needed care.

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people 65 and older. Medicare Advantage plans are run by private insurance companies. Funded with federal dollars, they must cover the same basic services as Medicare, but hospital leaders say they frequently add hurdles such as prior authorizations, narrow provider networks, and slow reimbursements.

The difference often becomes clear inside the hospital. "When we have patients on Medicare Advantage plans, many of the plans require pre-authorization for services," said Chief Nursing Officer Beth Carder. She noted multiple cases where doctors and nurses recommended continued care but insurers determined there was not medical necessity for the services. "Families are confused and frustrated because their patient isn't authorized for those services. Some have ended up paying privately, which can get pricey as well."

Chief Compliance Officer Reagan Swisher said many patients don't realize how different Medicare Advantage is from traditional Medicare. "Many families think that when they have Medicare Advantage... it's Medicare, because of that Medicare Advantage name," he said. "Health insurance is difficult to understand on a good day."

Iowa Specialty CEO Steve Simonin said the hospital is preparing to notify patients about which plans will no longer be accepted, some Advantage plans will still be accepted. "We are planning on sending a letter via MyChart to all of our patients discussing which Medicare Advantage plans we don't accept," he told The Wright County Monitor.

Hospitals nationwide are making similar moves. At least 27 health systems have stopped accepting certain Medicare Advantage plans, citing excessive prior authorization denials and slow insurer payments. On average, the federal government pays insurers about \$1,000 a month for each enrollee, but hospitals say that hasn't always translated into reliable coverage for patients.

To help patients sort through their options, leaders point to SHIIP, the Senior Health Insurance Information Program, a free, confidential service run by the Iowa Insurance Division. SHIIP volunteers are available in Belmond, Clarion, Hampton, and Garner to help seniors compare plans before they enroll.

Medicare's open enrollment period runs from September through December. Iowa Specialty leaders say they hope residents take time to review their choices carefully.

"This isn't about making life harder on patients," Simonin said. Ultimately, the hospital system wants patients to understand the coverage they are signing up for. "They're our neighbors," Simonin stated. In Iowa, we take care of our neighbors.

Area Headlines

Belmond

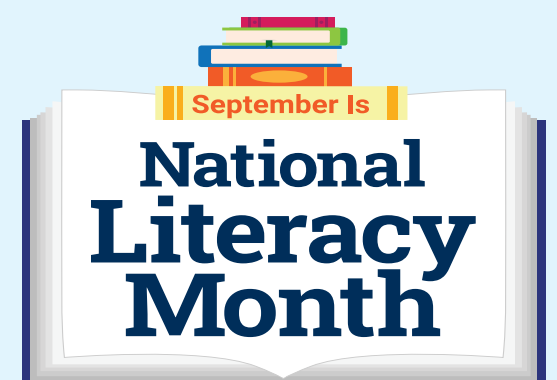
Ruth Johnson has been named chair of the Belmond Park Board with Mike Sinnwell as her Vice-Chair.

Eagle Grove

A "pedestrian master plan advisory committee" of 13 people will study sidewalks, trails and safe routes to schools with a goal of presenting a draft plan to the city council in February.

Rowan

The Rowan Public Library is getting ready for its annual fall fundraiser meal. Chili and cinnamon rolls will be served on September 13 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.



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reading between the lines

with Amanda Rink

When the Kids Aren't Safe

Amanda Rink,
Editor

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The Number of School Shootings so far in 2025.

I had planned to write about something "safe" this week. Hurricane Katrina, maybe, it's been twenty years now. But it's the first week of school here in Clarion, and across the country, and nothing about this week feels safe.

I'm sure most of us have heard by now what happened in Minnesota. A gunman opened fire on children, this time in a Catholic school, during the very first Mass of the year. The children were praying, eyes closed, when the attack began.

One girl described smell-

ing smoke before she even heard the gunshot. Another child shared how his friend threw his body over him to shield him. Kids scattered, running into classrooms for cover. A girl described bolting into the pre-K room as bullets shattered the church's stained glass windows.

I wrote last week about how I hoped my kids would always have a way to reach me if they needed to. This week, I can't stop thinking about the kids in Minnesota who didn't get the chance to reach anyone.

My daughter, with her certain brand of humor, shared a meme* that hit me in the gut. It said:

"Vapes** are still a problem in schools, but thank God we got rid of phones." After this week,

you could change it to: "Guns are still a problem in schools, but thank God we got rid of phones."

Amanda Goodman, journalist, mother, and host of Faith and Four Letter Words, put it this way:

"We live in a country where banks are guarded like fortresses. We don't hesitate to protect money. We don't ask 'How will we pay for it?' We just do it, because it's important." Yet everyday, we send our kids into schools with "little more than locked doors."

My own mom, who has worked in schools for 25 years, said something that stuck with me too:

"I need Cracker Barrel logo-change-level*** outrage about school shootings."

I said I was planning to write something "safe" this week, something less controversial, something that wouldn't make my "political leanings" plain. But I can't write about safe things when our kids don't feel safe in school.

I know Americans love their guns. But why can't we make laws that both

protect children in schools and allow sane, responsible citizens to remain armed? Why did this issue become such a sharp political divide?

Why can't we all agree on this much: that the safety of children, kids we legally require to spend eight hours a day in school, should be a priority? Why can't we say, together, that this is bigger than politics?

Other countries don't face this problem at the same scale. Other countries are horrified for us.

And I am horrified, too.

Because children are the most precious, most vulnerable part of our society. Their value is beyond measure, far greater than money, greater than politics, greater than ego.

If we can't come together to protect them, then what are we even doing?

*An internet meme is a funny or clever idea, picture, video, or phrase that people share online.

It usually spreads quickly because people copy it, change it a little, and pass it along.

** A vape is an electronic device that people use to inhale flavored vapor (sometimes with nicotine). Many people use it as an alternative to smoking.

*** Cracker Barrel recently tried to change its logo by removing the old man and barrel.

Customers felt it erased the company's tradition, so after big backlash (and even stock losses), the company quickly brought the old logo back. The Whitehouse took credit for the change.

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

Hampton Youth Soccer



Rick Janssen,
Outdoorsman Columnist

Since my wife is still recovering from her lung surgery we have not been able to get out to fish much. It is just too hard for her to sit in the boat for long periods of time. The grandkids and I took her for a boat ride last week. That was a good time.

I did take the opportunity to watch my grandson's soccer game on Saturday. I am amazed at how many young kids participate in the Hampton Youth Soccer program. My granddaughter played for a few years when she was younger, and now my grandson has been playing for 4 years.

Like any youth event it is fun to watch the progress the kids make over the years. The first years they seem so small, just bigger than the soccer ball. At that

point it is all about having fun and just learning to kick the ball. I call this the cute faze. No one really cares about the level of play; they just love watching the little kids run up and down the field with each other.

As the kids get older they learn more about the team approach of the game. The coaches teach them ball handling skills and more of the rules of the game. It is still cute to watch them, but you can tell that the game is getting more serious for the players now. The players learn how to move the ball around and when they can touch the ball, how to throw the ball in, and various other skills. One of the rules that I found interesting with the younger kids is that is someone falls down and does not get right back up, play is halted, and all the

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In The Sky During
September*
David Voigt

September will be an exciting month in the sky. For the first time in several months, there will be a bright planet in the evening to observe. Saturn will rise in the east before it is fully dark and pass through the southern sky during the night. It will be the only bright object in this dark part of the sky, so it should be unmistakable. Saturn's rings also will make it unmistakable through a telescope. However, the tilt of the rings gradually changes, and currently they are almost edge-on to earth. As a result, Saturn will look more like it has been pierced by an arrow than having beautiful rings.

Mars will also be in the evening sky, but it will set during twilight and probably will not be visible. Jupiter, followed several hours later by brilliant Venus, will be in the morning sky. Mercury will be in the morning sky early in September and in the evening sky at the end of the month, but it should be too close to the Sun to be seen.

Saturn's orbital movement has taken it into the westernmost part of the large, dim constellation Pisces (the Fish). It will be below or to the lower left of a circlet of seven dim stars that represent the westernmost of the constellation's two fish. As a help in locating this most recognizable part of Pisces, the circlet also is

just below the Great Square of Pegasus (the Winged Horse). The western fish is tied by a long, eastward pointing "v" shaped string to the eastern fish that is just below the middle stars of Andromeda (the Princess). At the point of the "v" is the constellation's brightest, although dim, star. It represents the knot that ties the strings together. In Greek and Roman mythology, the fish represented Aphrodite and her son Eros (Roman, Venus and Cupid). According to the story, they were fleeing from the giant Typhon when they jumped into a stream and turned into fish. Before swimming away to safety, they tied their tails together with a string so they would not be separated.

Saturn will reach opposition on September 20 when it will be opposite the Sun in the sky. On this night, Saturn will rise at sunset, be at its highest point about half way up in the southern sky after midnight, set at sunrise, and be at its brightest and closest to Earth for the year. Also, since Saturn's opposition occurs two days before the autumnal equinox, its position in the sky closely approximates where the Sun will be in six months on the spring equinox. During these six months, Earth's orbit will take it to the opposite side of the Sun, and the Sun will appear to be in Pisces. (Take my word for it; never look at the Sun.)

Observing Highlights

Moon Phase	Date	Rises	Highest Point	Sets	When Visible
Full moon	Sept. 7	Sunset	Midnight	Sunrise	All night
Last quarter	Sept. 14	Midnight	Sunrise	Noon	A.M
New Moon	Sept. 23	Sunrise	Noon	Sunset	Not visible
First quarter	Sept. 29	Noon	Sunset	Midnight	P.M.

*Dates and times are approximate.
Sources: StarDate, Jan-Feb. Vol. 53, No. 1.
Chartrand III, M. R. Nat. Audubon Soc. Field Guide to the Night Sky. A. A. Krump, Inc, NY pub. 1995.
SkyandTelescope.org

Commentary---- Three TV stations, one owner: What's at risk?

'The broadcast business model has completely deteriorated...'

Dave Busiek,
Iowa Capital Dispatch

The announced merger of companies that own local TV stations will have a huge impact around the country, but especially in Des Moines where the combined company would own three local stations, including two of the top three.

Nexstar already owns the largest number of local television stations in the country, more than 200. It owns WHO-TV Channel 13 in Des Moines. It announced plans Tuesday to buy Tegna, which owns 64 stations, including WOIT-TV Channel 5 and KCWI-TV Channel 23 in Des Moines.

(For context, Tegna, is a 2015 spin-off from Gannett, which owns the Des Moines Register. Back then, newspaper profits had slumped so badly they were dragging down the value of Gannett's profitable TV holdings, prompting the company to split its print and broadcast divisions.)

If regulators approve, Nexstar would grow to a huge portfolio of about 265 stations. It would also blow right past ownership limits that the FCC has placed on stations for decades.

Existing rules prohibit any station owner from reaching more than 39% of U.S households. The rules also prohibit any company from owning two of the top four rated stations in any market. A super-sized Nexstar will need federal approval to own both WHO and WOI, the second- and third-rated stations in Des Moines.

The TV business has

changed

Station owners have been demanding an end to the limits for years. They argue tech giants like Meta and Google have sucked up so many advertising dollars that it's unfair to artificially limit TV station consolidation.

Ted Stephens, retired general manager at KDSM-TV in Des Moines, told me television streaming has siphoned off many viewers. "The broadcast business model has completely deteriorated over the last few years," Stephens said. "Station mergers like Nexstar/Tegna are inevitable in order for the majority of lower-rated stations to survive."

But media consolidation critics say these mergers come at a real cost to local communities, where fewer independent stations mean fewer unique voices, especially when it comes to local news.

President Donald Trump's Federal Communications Commission chair Brendan Carr has been advocating removing or at least loosening these so-called ownership caps. Now he has the chance to do it.

Possible outcomes

Here are three possible outcomes if Nexstar is allowed to keep WHO, WOI, and KCWI:

1. The FCC says no: Regulators could decide that's simply too much, and require Nexstar to sell off one of the stations to a different company.

2. Business as usual. Nexstar could continue to

operate all three stations independently, maintaining separate staff, programming, and newsrooms.

3. Consolidation: Nexstar could find ways to combine station operations in some ways and trim expenses. It could decide to end WOI's newscasts and simply simulcast WHO's news on WOI. It could also do something short of that, like keep separate anchor teams and studios, but have reporters in the field produce stories for both stations' newscasts.

Why that matters to you That last scenario would impact news consumers the most. Although WOI's newscasts have historically garnered much lower ratings than KCCI or WHO, it's still an independent voice in the community. If you, your company or your organization have a story to tell, and KCCI or WHO decline, there's a chance WOI might do the story. Under scenario #3, that would disappear.

A single owner of WHO, WOI and KCWI could also work in tandem to increase advertising rates in the market, which your local car dealer or grocery store would not be happy about.

And let's not forget the dreaded blackouts. When cable or streaming companies (like YouTube TV) can't reach a deal with station owners, stations go dark — sometimes for weeks or months. WOI was off Mediacom for a full year over a retransmission dispute.

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Wright County Supervisors August 18, 2025 Minutes

August 18, 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 Loux and seconded by Bosch to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of August 11, 2025 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

In open forum, Mark Thompson was interested in learning more about the seismic testing that is happening in Wright County. Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, discussed a few details and will get Thompson in touch with Kyle Handy with Twin Rivers Exploration. There are demonstrations going on at the Heartland Museum this week.

The Board discussed the 28E Agreement with the City of Dows for law enforcement services. The agreement is for August 1, 2025 to

July 31, 2026 and will provide general law enforcement services to the City of Dows. The City will pay the Wright County Sheriff \$26,350 for the services. The Board would like to table this item until next week, August 25th, to hear from the Wright County Sheriff.

Clemons discussed the posting of a new truck driver position in the Clarion Maintenance Facility. Ellis would like to restructure within the Secondary Roads Department. Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to rescind the motion from August 11th, approving the internal posting for a truck driver out of the Clarion Maintenance Facility. Motion carries.

Clemons gave an update on the Secondary Roads Department.

Motion by Bosch and seconded by Ellis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Rick Rasmussen, Chairman, Wright County Board of Supervisors
Amanda Meyer, Wright County Auditor

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Rowan/McBride

In re 135 East Main Street CITY OF ROWAN, IOWA vs RONALD ANTHONY McBRIDE, Equity No. EQCV025399 TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT: RONALD ANTHONY McBRIDE 342 Euclid Ave. Waterloo, IA 50701

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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Rowan/Eckley

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Courthouse news

Letter from the Editor...

Where Has the Courthouse News Gone?

Lately, I've gotten several calls, texts, emails, and even stops on the street all asking the same question: Where's the courthouse news?

The answer is... it hasn't gone anywhere. I still collect the information every week. The challenge is that we're short-

staffed and don't currently have someone available to properly process and prepare it for print. It's important to do it right, because if courthouse news is reported inaccurately, it can cause serious problems, and nobody wants that. That is why you will often only see vital records, I am able to gather that info and

prepare it for print without worrying about it being done wrong.

Right now, The Wright County Monitor is run by just one full-time staff member (me) and two part-time team members: one who handles design and another who covers sports. With such a small team, my focus has to remain on

delivering the stories and local news that matter most to you.

I ask for your patience as we work through this. Courthouse news will return, and in the meantime, thank you for understanding and for continuing to support your local newspaper.
- Amanda Rink, Editor

BIRTHS

Audrey Mae Smith was born on July 27, 2025, to Emma and Kyle Smith of Mason City.

Percy James Foley was born on July 28, 2025, to Jessica and Daniel Foley of Webster City.

Onyx Tobias Dragon Knight was born on July 28, 2025, to Megan Knight of Mason City.

Jovi Mae Kuepfer was born on July 29, 2025, to Karrine and Jordan Kuepfer of Sheffield.

Santiago Jesus Mendez Hernandez was born on July 30, 2025, to Ana Mendez Hernandez of Eagle Grove.

Dylan Alexis Jimenez Lopez was born on July 31, 2025, to Yaquelin Lopez Matul of Belmont.

Aranza Melek Padilla Castro was born on July 31, 2025, to Glendy Castro Guevara of Webster City.

Delilah Eve Rhynne was born on August 1, 2025, to Addie Parham of Mason City.

Evelyn Jo Lahr was born on August 1, 2025, to Hayley and Shaylon Lahr of Garner.

Kenna Marie Howlett was born on August 1, 2025, to Shaelee and Lucas Howlett of Belmont.

Ervin James Mennenga was born on August 2, 2025, to Hinda and Cole Mennenga of Latimer.

Dayrin Ailany Ordenez Sopen was born on August 4, 2025, to Mirta Ordenez Sopen of Clarion.

Phoenix Johnathan Netland-Booth was born on August 4, 2025, to Desarae Netland of Klemme.

Bernave Julian Lopez Tol was born on August 4, 2025, to Glendy Tol Ageataz of Belmont.

Alexis Raelynn Srigley was born on August 5, 2025, to Echo Nicholson of Dows.

Cooper John Alden was born on August 5, 2025, to Kelliann and Brett Alden of Mason City.

Noah Rey Stokka was born on August 6, 2025, to Kelsey Aguilar of Clear Lake.

Riley Rush McDermott was born on August 7, 2025, to Summer and Matthew McDermott of Britt.

Liam Craig Wood was born on August 7, 2025, to Kelsey and Christofer Wood of Mason City.

Mirella Maxine Mason was born on August 8, 2025, to Kennedy Younke of Nora Springs.

Gael Alexander Maldonado Taracena was born on August 8, 2025, to Neysi Maldonado Taracena of Clarion.

Graham Eugene Hanna was born on August 8, 2025, to Morgan and Phillip Hanna of Forest City.

Kiara Faye Philipp was born on August 9, 2025, to Brianna and Joshua Wagler of Clear Lake.

Hayden Mendoza Capps was born on August 10, 2025, to Rebekah Capps of Latimer.

Mia Ailany Larios Jiguan was born on August 10, 2025, to Glendy Jiguan Gomez of Fort Dodge.

Kasen James Greenwood was born on August 13, 2025, to Emily Althof of Manly.

Weston Grey Heiden was born on August 13, 2025, to Rebecca Calkins of Belmont.

Kohen John VanHove was born on August 15, 2025, to Brittane and Kyle VanHove of Ackley.

Antonella Isamar Martinez Pacheco was born on August 15, 2025, to Lleana Pacheco Solis of Alexander.

Dylan Felipe Bernal Terraza was born on August 16, 2025, to Juana Terraza Herrera of Webster City.

Noah Michael Eden was born on August 17, 2025, to Madison and Levi Eden of Titonka.

Norah Avery Ford was born on August 17, 2025, to Sarah Dilliner of Stanhope.

Ellabeth May Matul was born on August 17, 2025, to Rosemary Carlson of Eagle Grove.

Isla Mae Hudson was born on August 18, 2025, to Marydith and Ethan Hudson of Webster City.

Garett Roger Buns was born on August 18, 2025, to Samantha and Thomas Buns of Woden.

Maggie Jane Roth was

born on August 18, 2025, to Mikayla and Mark Roth of Garner.

Toby James Weber was born on August 19, 2025, to Ruby Heaton of Webster City.

Aylen Veliz Rosa was born on August 20, 2025, to Crucita Rose Ochoa of Webster City.

Navy Elizabeth Bieber-Demsey was born on August 21, 2025, to Brittany Bieber of Clear Lake.

Elias Michael Atlee Jones was born on August 21, 2025, to Kaitlyn Ralston of Garner.

Draven Keith Warren was born on August 22, 2025, to Aidia Schmid of Kanawha.

Henry Richard Warren Haugen was born on August 22, 2025, to Lindsay and Anthony Haugen of Forest City.

Stella Laine Kloser was born on August 22, 2025, to Kaitlyn and Tyler Kloser of Garner.

Jaxson Dennis Ferdinand was born on August 22, 2025, to Morgan Schlichting of Clarion.

Jacaerys Reid Jergenson was born on August 23, 2025, to Courtney Hauck of Algona.

Viviana Grace Valenzuela was born on August 23, 2025, to Trinity and Emilio Valenzuela Morteo of Hampton.

Andres Charles Saravia Guzman was born on August 24, 2025, to Anna and Adrian Saravia Guzman Warner of Mason City.

Tatum Wren Davis was born on August 24, 2025, to Tiara Paul of Eagle Grove.

Weston Chase Reynolds was born on August 25, 2025, to Kali and Cole Reynolds of Thornton.

DEATHS

Fred Mullenax of Clarion was born on November 19, 1938, and died on July 18, 2025, at the age of 86.

Ray Evans of Klemme was born on February 1, 1962, and died on July 22, 2025, at the age of 63.

Donna J. Fibikar (Yoder) of Clarion was born on January 16, 1953, and died on July

30, 2025, at the age of 72.

Tami DeAnn Pruisman (Flaws) of Woolstock was born on January 29, 1960, and died on August 3, 2025, at the age of 65.

Roger Dean Fletcher of Clarion was born on August 6, 1956, and died on August 4, 2025, at the age of 68.

Roberta Jean Allen (Ingertson) of Eagle Grove was born on January 18, 1941, and died on August 5, 2025, at the age of 84.

Charles Cook of Belmont was born on January 2 1960 and died on August 6, 2025 at the age of 65.

Ronald Harmeyer of Goldfield was born on July 31 1935 and died on at the age of 90.

Steven Woodbeck of Eagle Grove was born on February 25, 1951, and died on August 15, 2025, at the age of 74.

Marvin Wells of Eagle Grove was born on May 8, 1931, and died on August 19, 2025, at the age of 94.

Vicki Jean McMurray (Anderson) of Belmont was born on March 11, 1954, and died on August 1, 2025, at the age of 71.

Randyll Alan Musselman of Belmont was born on June 19, 1942, and died on August 16, 2025, at the age of 83.

Joyce Lea Jeanblanc (Johnson) of Eagle Grove was born on March 19, 1953, and died on August 23, 2025, at the age of 72.

Merry Lee Conaway (Anderson) of Eagle Grove was born on April 3, 1952, and died on August 24, 2025, at the age of 73.

MARRIAGES

Bradley Dougherty, 46, of Belmont was wed to Melissa Severson, 52, of Belmont on July 31, 2025.

Kinverli Almanza, 23, of Clarion was wed to Jose Valdez Escobedo, 22, of Clarion on August 3, 2025.

Thomas Orness, 27, of Clarion was wed to Jesselyn Hoppe, 22, of Clarion on August 1, 2025.

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Parish Restructuring Plans Meetings Slated

Michael Hohenbrink

Mid-America Publishing

Big changes could be coming for area parishes.

Plans that could include parish restructuring were set to be released Tuesday by the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

Along with that, a series of 34 regional informational sessions is planned.

According to the timeline released by the Archdiocese, currently the second phase is in effect, called "Consult & Discern" running from August 2025 to March 2026.

Phase Three will be implementation, set for April 2026.

Information made public by the Sacred Heart Parish in Oelwein has said that what is planned is what is known as "pastorates." This would pair multiple parishes in what could re-

semble a plan implemented in Allamakee County earlier this year.

Back in March, St. Ann-St. Joseph, Harpers Ferry; Immaculate Conception, Lansing; St. Joseph, New Albin, and Immaculate Conception, Wexford, were merged as Archbishop Thomas Zinkula established Holy Family of the Bluffs Parish, Lansing.

The Rev. Joseph J. Sevcik was named pastor for the newly-established parish with the Rev. Philip Agyei assigned as a sacramental priest.

According to the Aug. 3 Sacred Heart bulletin, "The Archdiocese will propose models for groupings of parishes (called pastorates) and gather parishioner feedback."

According to the July 27 bulletin, "Each storage will have one pastor and usually

one or more other priests called "Parochial Vicars" (previously called Associate Pastors)."

Sharing clergy, adjusting Mass schedules and/or places and possible mergers are all possible.

Regional Meetings Coming

The upcoming regional meetings will include information about the rationale as well as timeline.

Among the meetings planned are: Saturday, Sept. 20 - St. Francis de Sales, Ossian, from 9 a.m. to noon Monday, Sept. 22 - St. Patrick, Waukon, from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23 - St. Patrick, Monona, from 6 to 9 p.m.

On the web: <https://www.dbqjourneyin-faith.org/>

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under one roof, Nexstar would have even more leverage in these negotiations. If those negotiations go south, viewers could lose not just one channel — but three.

To be clear, none of this is guaranteed. Multiple regulators will need to approve the Nexstar-Tegna deal. But the pressure is mounting — from broadcasters who want to consolidate, from regulators debating old rules in a digi-

tal age, and from viewers and businesses who may be caught in the crossfire.

This likely is only the first of what could be a significant wave of deals. The media landscape in Des Moines — and across the country — could soon look very different.

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players take a knee. This allows the coaches to come and check on the fallen player to make sure they are OK.

At the next level I see the players really working on team strategy and player positions. Now there is a clear cut positions that they learn. Some are forwards and some are backs. It is easy to see the difference and how the players react. At this stage of play it is not just EVERYONE goes to the ball and just kicks it anywhere. Players are trying to dribble the ball and pass to an open player. I admit, I don't understand the rules and strategy of the

game, but it is great to see the young players learning about teamwork.

At the game I watched on Saturday an interesting thing happened. On of the players fell and just stayed on the ground. I don't think she was hurt in any way, but she just stayed down. In amazement, all the players around her just stopped! At this level of play, they could have just kept going, but everyone had been taught well. You could see that the players did not know what to do. In past levels of play they would have all taken a knee, but at this level play can continue. There was an opposition player with the

ball right beside her, but he just stopped to make sure she was OK. Maybe not the best scoring strategy, but it was the right thing to do.

I commend all the adults that volunteer for youth programs. It takes some very dedicated adults to put something like this together. When my kids were younger, they did not have soccer, but there was baseball and softball all summer long. I want to give a big shout out and thank you to the adults that help with the many youth programs we have in the area.

If you want to see kids have a great time, just go by the youth soccer fields in East Park on Saturday and watch. Oh yeah, better bring a chair and good luck finding a parking spot. There are getting to be so many kids playing soccer that they are running out of space for fields and parking. What a wonderful problem to have.



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Live & Online! 305 North Alice - Woolstock, IA 50599 **SATURDAY, SEPT. 6, 2025 - 9 AM** Live & Online!
- See Photos and Updates on Our Facebook Page -

VEHICLES: 2011 Chevy Silverado 3500 LT, Diesel, 265K Miles, New Parts - 2005 Ford F350 Super Duty, Needs Work - 2004 Ford F350 Super Duty, Needs Work - 1989 GMC Van 3500, Runs, Needs Work - 2003 Chevy Silverado 2500 - 2002 Ford F250 Super Duty, Runs, Needs Work - 1999 Ford F250 Super Duty, Needs Work - 2010 Chevy Impala - 2007 Chevy 2500, 360K Miles - 2006 F250 4x4, 260K Miles - 2002 Chevy Trailblazer, 194K Miles - 1998 Ford Expedition Mud Truck, New Motor - 2002 Chevy 2500HD, 6.0 Motor, 242K Miles - 1998 Chevy S10, 233K Miles - 2007 Honda Odyssey EXL, 202K Miles - Plow Truck & Blade. **BIKES/GOLF CART:** 2012 Husqvarna, 1400 Miles, Title - 2007 Honda Shadow, No History - Honda 200 Dirt Bike, No Paperwork - EZGO Golf Cart, Non-runner. **MOWERS/BLOWERS:** Honda Push Mower - Lawn Boy Push Mower - Craftsman Snow Blower. **EQUIPMENT:** JD 980 37" Chisel Bar - Wil-Rich Cultivator 27" - 3 Pt. Blade, 7" - JD 4-Bottom Plow - Post Hole Auger - Brady 702 Harrow - JD 400 20" Rotary Hoe - 3 Pt. Landpride DH2596 Disk - JD 825 Row Crop Cultivator - JD MX6 Bush Hog - New Holland Hay Rake - JD 1010 Cultivator - Kewanee 1010 Disk - New Holland 275 Baler - Massey Ferguson Harrow - IH 4-Bottom Plow - JD Stalk Stomper - Meyer Blade & Controls - (4) Gravity Wagons - Barge Wagon w/Seeder. **TRACTORS:** 1937 A, Runs - Ford 9N, Runs - Ford 8N, V8 Conversion Project. **STORAGE:** (2) NEW! 20' Shipping Containers. **TRAILERS:** Yacht Club Trailer, No Title - 1989 Kiefer Built Trailer - Car Trailer 15' - 1981 Van Trailer 28', Tanks & Pumps Inside - Boat Trailer. **TOOLS:** Tool Boxes - Several Hand Tools - Several Yard Tools - Vise - Anvil - Century Welder. **MISC:** Wheel Weights - Slab Weights - Old School Playground Equipment - Misc. Electrical - 2-Person Kayak - Boat - Electric Raka Pallet Jack, Needs Work - New Windows - Bin Gazebo, Unassembled. **COMBINE/HEADS:** John Deere 4420, SHARP, 3174 Hrs., 1-OWNER, Always Shedded - JD 215 Platform - JD 443 Cornhead. **PLANTER:** John Deere 7000 6-Row, Corn/Bean Meters/Monitor, 1-OWNER, Always Shedded. **MUCH MORE THAN LISTED..**

ITEMS ADDED DAILY - FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR THE LATEST Lunch Served by Woolstock Fire Department

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Engineering Sales minor.

"There I developed a small system designed from a 5-gal bucket," he recalled. "It really got me thinking about the different ways we could produce more food in unique ways."

That idea, combined with what he saw growing up in rural Iowa, provided a light bulb moment.

"Personally, growing up in the area, I was able to experience the difficulties of eating healthy in a rural setting," he said. "Despite being lucky enough to have grocery stores in our larger communities, accessibility is still limited."

The statistics back him up: 1 in 6 children in Iowa are food insecure, 90-95% of Iowa's food is imported, and 1 in 4 Iowans don't eat a serving of fruits or vegetables daily.

"To me, food access is one of the fundamental issues that we need to address if we really want to make the world a better place," Lindaman said. He thinks hydroponic technology will be key to make this change.

Hydroponic farming allows plants to grow indoors without soil. Instead, plants are given the basic needs, light, water, and nutrients, in a controlled environment.

"As long as you can get these things to the plant, they are actually extremely flexible in where they can grow," Lindaman explained. "For hydroponics, we provide these in a way that allows us to grow indoors year round. We use LEDs to provide the light, filter regular tap water to provide to the plants, and utilize a nutrient 'salt' that dissolves in the water and is

absorbed by plants."

The produce grown at the farm will be available for purchase at the WCC Center. Lindaman said the goal is to create a self-sustaining model where produce sales help cover farm costs and fund other community programs.

"At the same time, we want to make sure that we are making more food accessible to all levels of the community," he said. "As we are getting into the operations phase of the project, we want to create opportunities to get the produce to additional portions of the community that may be underserved."

Farms cover nearly 90% of Iowa's land, yet most of those farms do not produce food for people to eat directly. In fact, Iowa imports roughly the same percentage of its food, about 90%, according to a study by the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture.

That reliance on imported food comes with both direct and indirect costs, especially in transportation. The average item in a grocery store has traveled nearly 1,500 miles before reaching a plate in Iowa. By contrast, produce purchased from local farmers, whether from Lindaman's hydroponics farm or a farmers' market, typically travels just 50 miles. The difference not only reduces costs and environmental impact but also supports the local economy while advancing community efforts to fight food insecurity.

For Lindaman, access to healthy food goes hand in hand with rural health. "Rural communities across the country are facing in-

creased issues related to health and wellness. While maintaining access to rural healthcare is important, individuals and communities can create better health outcomes by ensuring that there is a source of nutritional food," he said.

Local food production, he added, also builds trust. "You see the entire process. This is really important as a building block to connect the community in other ways."

And while Clarion is the starting point, Lindaman believes the WCC model could grow well beyond Wright County.

"I think the model we are creating at WCC could serve as a valuable tool to get people thinking about their food more and start to think about how their diets could be changed," he said. "The space and methods to grow the food may be different in each community but the goal of teaching while growing can benefit any community."

Beyond food sales, the farm will be a hands-on learning hub. Volunteers will be able to help with seed starting, harvesting, and packaging, while classes, planned in partnership with ISU Extension and other groups, will teach residents how to implement these methods at home.

With support from Bayer Fund, Iowa's Farmer Union, and the hard work from those at WCC, the Fresh Pathways Project is more than food... it is a seed of hope, planted right on Clarion's Main Street.

For more information please visit WCC at 215 N Main St. Clarion, Iowa 50525.

Nearly half of Iowa corn at the dent stage



Cami Koons, Iowa Capital Dispatch

Forty-five percent of Iowa corn acres have reached the dent stage and soybeans are just beginning to color, with nearly all, or 90%, of the crop already setting pods, according to the latest crop progress and condition report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Corn and soybean crops are a day or two behind the five year average schedule on several progression stages. Corn in the dough stage reached 88% which is three days behind the average for the Aug. 18 through Aug. 24 reporting period.

Corn acres rated 84% good to excellent and soybean acres rated 79% good to excellent, a slight drop from the previous reporting period for both crops.

The report also noted disease pressure continued to rise in Iowa crops. Field agronomists with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach noted continued presence of southern corn rust and sudden death syndrome, along with a slew of other diseases and pests have been present across the

state.

Oat harvest is nearly finished in the state at 97% completion, and nearly 80% of alfalfa hay acres have had a third cutting.

Crop phenological stages:

- Corn in dough stage: a thick or dough-like substance is present in all kernels.
- Corn in dent stage: all the kernels have dented, ear is firm and no milk is present in the kernels.
- Soybeans setting pods: pods are developing on lower portions of the plant, with some blooming still on top of plant.
- Soybeans coloring: pods begin to reach mature color.

Farmers had nearly 6 days suitable for field work this week and enjoyed high temperatures in the upper 70s and low 80s later in the week due to a cold front that pushed in.

"Farmers across Iowa enjoyed a welcome break from the rain last week along with cooler temperatures and less humidity," Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig said in a statement.

Naig said the cooler tem-

peratures are forecast to hang around for the remainder of the month.

Despite the cool temperatures through the weekend, the average temperature for the reporting period was still 1.3 degrees above normal, according to State Climatologist Justin Glisan, who said temperatures were "unseasonably warm" for most of the period.

Ames logged the highest temperature for the week, which at 97 degrees Fahrenheit was 16 degrees above the normal.

Northeastern parts of the state had "unseasonably" high precipitation totals early in the week, with some areas logging as much as 6 inches of rain.

The average precipitation across the state was 0.87 inch, just slightly below the normal of 0.93 inch.

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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 7
9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship Service outside (weather permitting)
Blessing of the Backpacks for the kids
• Sunday, September 14
9:00 a.m. Bible Study
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 7
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 4
11:40 a.m. Rosary at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
12:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
• Friday, September 5
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. John, Clarion
8:00 a.m. Mass A/B at St. John, Clarion
7:00 p.m. Rosary at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
• Saturday, September 6
Food Pantry, SCRIP Cards
3:15 p.m. A/B at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
4:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
7:15 p.m. A/B at St. John, Clarion
8:00 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. John, Clarion
• Sunday, September 7
Food Pantry, SCRIP Cards
7:15 a.m. A/B at St. John, Clarion
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John, Clarion
9:45 a.m. A/B at St. Francis, Xavier, Belmont
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont
• Monday September 8
8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont
9:30 a.m. CDA Rosary and Meeting, St. Francis Xavier, Belmont
1:30 p.m. Mass at the Meadows, Clarion
6:30 p.m. OCIA Meeting at St. John, Clarion
6:30 p.m. She Shall Be Called Woman Meeting at St. John,

Clarion
7:30 p.m. Baptism Preparation in Spanish at St. John, Clarion
• Tuesday, September 9
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Offices Closed
• Wednesday, September 10
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont
11:00 a.m. Altar Society Salad Luncheon at St. John, Clarion
• 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

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
219 First Street N.W. Clarion 515-532-2709
• Sunday, September 7 Jay Grogen will be leading the service
• Thursday, September 11
8:00 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

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Pastors Cris and Jennifer Decious
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"A Church for the Community"
Office M-F 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.
• Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Goldfield
Pastor Ron Rasmussen
• Sunday, September 7
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.
Each bring a new perspective to our church and God!
• Sunday Services
11:00 a.m. Worship time



HOLMES LUTHERAN CHURCH
2139 Hancock Ave, Holmes, Iowa
HolmesLutheran@gmail.com
• Sunday, September 7
9:00 a.m. Worship & Communion
Guest Pastor : Ron Wik WI.
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 7
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 7
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 7
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 7
9:00 a.m. Worship

UNITED METHODIST & PRESBYTERIAN
• Sunday, August 31
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 7
10:30 a.m. Worship

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
304 W. Main, Latimer
Travis Berg, Pastor
• Sunday, September 7
9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. ABC/Sunday School

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Morgan, Lee Center, Bradford
Erling Shultz, Pastor
• Sunday, September 7
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 7
9:30a.m. Joint Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion, Coffee to follow
• Dinner is the first Sunday of the month

The Clarion Wire

** Play BINGO at the Clarion Senior Citizens Center every Friday at 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
** Enjoy Farmers' Markets in Clarion every Saturday from 9 - 11 a.m. East side of courthouse - in Courthouse Parking Lot!
** Enjoy Labor Day festivities in Kanawha - Monday, September 1!
** "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!)
** Clarion's Blood Drive is the first Tuesday afternoon of each month. The next one is Tuesday, September 2 - United Presbyterian Church from 1 - 6 p.m.
** 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.
** First Lutheran Church "Salad Luncheon & Tailgate Party", 420 - 1st Street N.W., on Wednesday, September 3. Serving 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Dine in or Take out - \$10. Wear your favorite team colors!
** St. John's Catholic Church Altar Society is hosting its annual Fall Salad/Sandwich Luncheon & Country Store on Wednesday, September 10; Serving from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Carryouts will be available. Fundraiser sponsors 1 Haiti teacher in its Sister Parish.
** First Lutheran Church FOOD PANTRY in Clarion, 420 - First Street N.W., is open on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, from 5 - 7 p.m. Next events are September 11 & 25!
** 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.
** September is Football Season. CGD Homecoming is Friday, September 12!
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Wright County Extension and Outreach Launches Youth Farmer Bags Initiative for Safer Farms

Wright County Extension and Outreach is proud to introduce the Youth Farmer Bags program—an innovative farm safety initiative aimed at protecting our youngest community members. Designed for children in grades K–5 who live or work around farms and agricultural equipment, these complimentary bags are filled with child-sized safety gear, interactive educational materials, and engaging items that promote safe habits on the farm.

Supported by local partners, the Wright County Teen Council, and a grant through Iowa’s Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH), the Youth Farmer Bags program is guided by the mission to “grow smart, safe farmers from the start!” With a limited supply available, families are encouraged to sign up early.

Agriculture remains one of the most hazardous industries in the U.S., and its dangers are often multiplied for youth. According to the Iowa Farm Bureau, approximately 33 children are seriously injured daily in agricultural incidents. These statistics underscore the importance of early safety education and



tailored protective measures—precisely what the Youth Farmer Bags aim to provide.

Each Youth Farmer Bag is thoughtfully packed with resources to help children build safe habits on the farm. Inside, kids will find appropriately sized safety gear—such as vision protection and high-visibility vests—along with educational materials that explain common farm hazards in an age-friendly way. Community partners also contributed items for the safety bags including first aid kits, activity books, and snacks. Thank you to our community partners:

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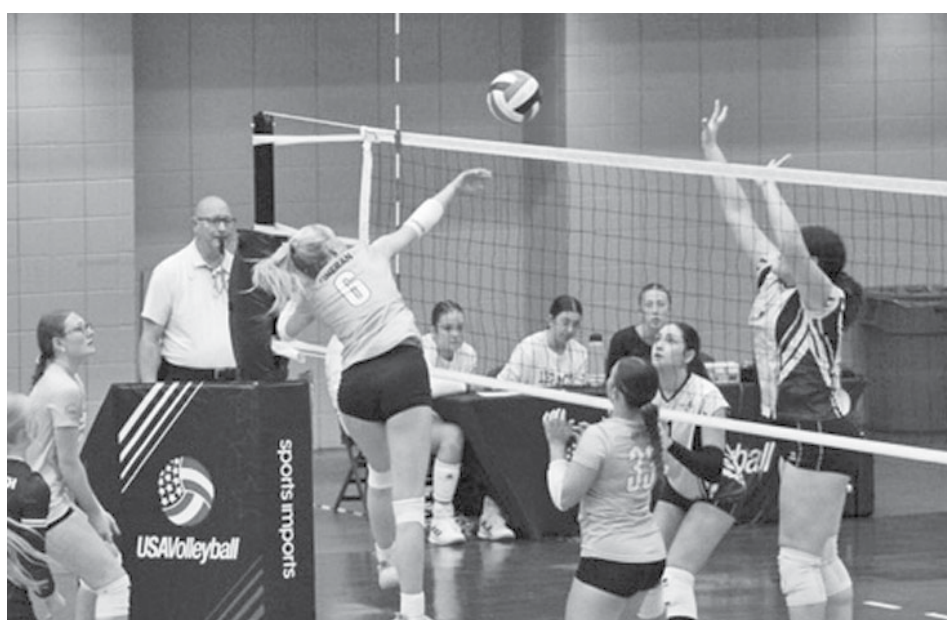
Families in Wright County with children in grades K–5 are invited to register for the Youth Farmer Bags by completing the online form <https://forms.office.com/r/WBZi0AeLk3> or can the QR Code. Supply is limited—don’t wait to claim your bag! Limit one bag per child. Limit 2 bags per family.

SPORTS

Engstrom Collects Bronze in Madison



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



(Photo provided by Jackie Wilson)

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Earlier this summer, Clarion-Goldfield-Dows volleyball standout Ella Engstrom 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, Engstrom 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,” Engstrom added. “It has also made me learn how to get out of challenging situations and persevere through challenges.”

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SPORTS

Cowboys Bury Broncos



Huxley Lingenfelter and Joel Meier look to sack Brody Heifner. (Photos: Taylor Smith)



Henry Holmes finished the night with 3.5 tackles and an interception.



Colin Sesker celebrates a touchdown.

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Cowboys are 1-0 after demolishing their Wright County foes from Belmont-Klemme last Friday night.

Charlie Campbell jumpstarted the Cowboy offense in the first quarter with a rushing touchdown from five yards out and later showed off his defensive prowess with a sack. On that same Bronco drive, Colton Hefti broke up a pass, and new CGD addition Joel Meier

recorded a sack to force a Belmont-Klemme punt.

CGD increased their lead to 14-0 after sophomore Colin Sesker punched it in for six just before the end of the first quarter.

Meier, a junior, went off for two rushing touchdowns in the second quarter. On his second score, he broke several tackles and rambled 67 yards to the end zone to give the Cowboys a 32-8 lead. Henry Holmes and Selvin Gonzalez both snagged an interception in the quarter as

CGD dominated both sides of the ball.

Sesker and Meier would both score a touchdown apiece in the second half, and Clarion-Goldfield-Dows went on to win, 44-30.

A strong passing game from B-K quarterback Brody Heifner kept the Broncos in the game. He finished 32/50 for 392 yards, three touchdowns, and two interceptions.

The Cowboys were led by Meier's 255 rushing yards on 14 carries. He scored three

touchdowns and recorded three sacks on the defensive line.

Selvin Gonzalez ran for 120 yards on 12 carries, and Sesker had 101 yards on 12 carries.

Defensively, Huxley Lingenfelter led the Cowboys with 9.5 tackles. Charlie Campbell and Ryland Morgan both had a sack in the win.

This Friday, the Cowboys will be on the road to face Hampton-Dumont-CAL (0-1).



Charlie Campbell ran for 37 yards on 5 carries.

Swenson Starts Season with Top-20 Finish

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Iowa Falls-Alden hosted Clarion-Goldfield-Dows/Belmont-Klemme and ten other area cross country programs last Thursday night at Maynes Grove in Franklin County. Temperatures were in the high-70s as JV and varsity runners all competed together on a tough and winding course.

Humboldt had three

runners in the top-5 and finished second on the girls' side with a score of 73. Clear Lake took first (64) and IF-A grabbed bronze (89) at their home meet. CGD/BK placed eighth with a score of 223.

For the boys, the Cadets had all five scorers in the top-25, but had to settle for second. Dike-New Hartford won the meet with a low score of 75.



Avery Boeshart
(Photos: Taylor Smith)



Lila Swenson



Leo Ertel



Eduardo Rivera

GIRLS RESULTS:

20 – Lila Swenson	23:02
40 – Avery Boeshart	25:20
49 – Kendra Huedephol	25:47
69 – Johanna Perez	27:58
89 – Adriana Toj Lopez	29:50

BOYS RESULTS:

44 – Logan Torsell	21:25
46 – Eduardo Rivera	21:29
53 – Nolan Muhlenbruch	21:50
78 – Samuel Williams	23:13
79 – Leo Ertel	23:16
113 – Roy Hoang	26:07
126 – Tretnyn Solis	29:19

Coach Daniel Murray had positive things to say after the first competition of the fresh season:

"Overall, it was a good first meet for us. It was pretty humid, and

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Joel Meier

Joel Meier was untouchable in his first game as a Cowboy. (Photos: Taylor Smith)

Joel Meier
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Aerial views

Bruce Voigts, Aerial Photographer (Photos taken August 26, 2025)



Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation southwest of Clarion with the surrounding vegetation baled.



Galt, Iowa south-west of Clarion. It is unique to experience the nice green fields around the town, many parts of the U.S. do not have such picturesque green fields.



Crops around Clarion are starting to mature indicated by the yellow and brown colors of the crops. These photos were south and west of Clarion.



The Wright County Conservation will be at the Dows Library on September 10th at 2:30. Kids of all ages are welcome. Snacks will be provided.

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If you are interested in purchasing a coat for a child, stop in our office no later than Oct. 13th.

Coats will be distributed to the families Oct. 27th-30th

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated and may be dropped off or mailed to the office in Eagle Grove, call with any questions. 515-448-3704.

NOTICE

City of Dows has three council seats and Mayor up for re-election. Anyone interested in running for these positions may take election papers out at Dows City Hall during normal business hours by September 18th.

Menu

Monday, September 8, join the Dows Senior Citizens for a delicious meal at noon. The cost is \$10.00. Everyone is welcome. Carry-outs are available. Menu: Meatloaf, Herb Potatoes, Squash, Salads, Dessert.

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