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Wright County at Work

“Wright County at Work” is a bimonthly series highlighting the businesses and people who keep our communities running. From Clarion to towns across the county, the goal is to showcase the services and stories that make Wright County strong.

Twenty Years Answering the Call

Amanda Rink, Editor

When most of us think about emergencies, we picture flashing lights or the sound of an ambulance racing down the highway. But every call for help to 911 in Wright County begins in a quiet office, with a calm voice on the other end of the line. For the past 20 years, that voice has often belonged to local Wendi Palomino.

Wendi, 53, has spent most of her adult life serving Wright County from behind a desk filled with six glowing monitors, 19 phone lines, and more radio channels than she can keep count of. It's a far cry from where it all started, an old panel console with “push-buttons and just a couple of decks.”

Since then, she's watched the communications center evolve through full remodels, system upgrades, and even a six-month transition to digital radios. Today, the room looks nothing like it did when she began, but her commitment hasn't changed.

“Bigger cities do things differently than rural towns,” she said, “but the work is just as important.”

And the workload is enormous. Wendi watches multiple programs at once, answers emergency calls, coordinates with sheriff's deputies, police, fire, EMS, and state patrol, plus she handles everything from warrants to protection orders to monthly reporting. Shifts at the dispatch center run 12 hours, sometimes starting at 6 in the morning and ending at 6 at night and sometimes starting at 9 at night and ending at nine in the morning. Sometimes

shifts start when sickness or weather hits. The job requires the flexibility.

But for Wendi, this job has never been about the tasks...it's about people.

She remembers the calls where someone recognizes her voice, good friends who found comfort simply because it was her they reached in one of their most frightening moments. She remembers the parents desperate for help for a child who isn't breathing, or the panicked driver calling after an accident involving someone they love.

“I want to be that voice of support,” she said. “I always think, what if that were my loved one? That's my responsibility and reward.”

That sense of responsibility is what has carried her through a career where the burnout rate is just three years. Wendi has tripled that, more than six times over.

To stay grounded, she leans on counseling, on the constant learning required by the job, and on the tight-knit group inside the dispatch center. She calls her coworkers and leaders “family,” and says the support they give one another is what keeps them all going. “They are my eyes, I am their ears,” she said.

Wendi grew up in Eldora-New Providence, graduating in 1991 before life eventually brought her to Clarion. She and her husband, Randy, have been married for 28 years and have raised one daughter, Isabella (Bella), now 23. The long shifts and holidays spent at work meant missing more moments than she wanted, but her family has always understood the im-



(Photo: Kim Demory)

portance of what she does. “It's a very important career,” she stated, and it is one she's rightfully proud of.

She is proud of the training she has pushed through, including monthly classes, yearly state certifications, and tests, all part of the ongoing education that never stops. Proud of the trust she's earned from coworkers, leadership, and the community. She is mostly proud of the calm she brings to someone's worst day.

After two decades, most people will never meet Wendi in person, but many have depended on her at their worst times, and that is why she is my latest “Wright County at Work” highlight.

Despite being an indis-

pensable part of emergency response, dispatching remains a demanding and often overlooked profession. The emotional intensity, rigorous training, irregular hours, and a mismatch between responsibility and compensation all contribute to its lack of popularity.

Yet the work these professionals do, guiding responders, protecting the public, and providing lifelines in moments of crisis, is nothing short of a vital public service. As communities continue to rely on dispatchers as the sometimes invisible backbone of emergency services, greater recognition, support, and investment are essential to be sure the people answering the call are empowered to continue.

Supervisors Receive Gerard Circle Award for Giving

Amanda Rink, Editor

December 15, 2025 - The Wright County Board of Supervisors met Monday morning for a regular meeting at the courthouse, covering a wide range of county business from charitable giving to winter road conditions.

A major portion of the meeting was devoted to an update from Leanna Groom, president of the Wright County Charitable Foundation. Groom told supervisors the foundation is entering the new year with new momentum, noting that for the first time in several years, it now has a full advisory board representing communities across the county.

She outlined changes aimed at improving transparency and efficiency, including a new grant review process using rotating community members and continued involvement of high school students through a youth grant committee.

Groom reported the foundation currently holds more than \$3.7 million in local endowment funds, with more than \$112,000 to be granted out this year. Over its 20-year history, the foundation has supported hundreds of local projects, keeping the dollars invested in Wright County for improvement projects.

Supervisors approved Christmas Eve as a paid holiday for county employees, following input from department heads last week.

As directed by the County Attorney, Supervisor Ashley Bosch shared that she does not need to abstain from voting in personnel matters regardless of family affiliation. Supervisors Rick Rasmussen, Dean Kluss, Betty Ellis, and Bosch audibly voted to gift county staff Christmas Eve off. Supervisor Lynn Loux wondered how much gifting this day off would cost the county, with Bosch replying that it would not change costs for the county, as employees would be paid regardless.

In other action, the board heard a detailed secondary roads update from Assistant County Engineer Jeremy Abbas. Abbas reported crews responded to multiple snow and wind events over the past week and provided an update on bridge work near Belmond, noting weather continues to be a major factor in construction timelines.

Later in the meeting, Public Health Director Sandy McGrath presented the Gerard Circle Award for Giving, recognizing the county's use of opioid settlement funds to support the Family Resiliency Program. The program helps children exposed to drugs before or after birth receive early assessments and interventions.

- In other business, the board:
- Heard from Crisis Intervention Services, a non-profit that supports individuals affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, stalking, homeless, homicide and other violent crimes by providing professional, confidential and 24 hour services, including safety, support and advocacy, through a written letter their financial request for fiscal year 2026
- Appointed Ashley Kockuyt as a civil process server.
- Presented a five-year achievement certificate to Naomi Rothman for her work in Public Health.

The Wright County Board of Supervisors will meet again on Monday at 9:00 A.M. This meeting, plus paste meetings, can be viewed online at youtube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312.

AREA HEADLINES

Belmond
Police Chief Gamino and Officer Zamora have officially completed training in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement. This program equips officers to detect drivers impaired by drugs, alcohol, or both, serving as a bridge between standard sobriety tests (SFST) and full Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) certification.

Eagle Grove
City officials learned in early December that three of the Police Department's seven tasers are no longer functional, with the remaining units nearing the end of their support life. Replacing them is estimated to cost approximately \$50,540 over five years.

Hampton
The Hampton Public Library is set to receive a \$10,000 donation from the Carnegie Corporation of New York in 2026.

Rowan
The city has been awarded the properties at 135 and 138 Main Street. According to meeting minutes, a bidding process for these properties is expected to begin soon.



Courthouse Employees' Annual Ugly Sweater Fundraiser



Courthouse staff show off their festive entries in this year's Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest.

Amanda Rink, Editor

Wright County courthouse employees are once again digging out their brightest, boldest, and most wonderfully “tacky” holiday sweaters for the annual Ugly Christmas Sweater

Contest, a fundraiser that has become a fun tradition.

The contest invites the public to stop by the courthouse throughout the week, view the sweaters on display, and “vote” for their favorite by placing money **continued on page 2**

CGD Board Finds That Open Gym Use Poses a Liability

Amanda Rink, Editor

The Clarion Goldfield Dows Board of Education met December 4 at 7:00 A.M for a meeting that formally closed the term of two board members, welcoming newly elected members, and addressed a full agenda, and held a long discussion about city gym use.

The meeting began with open forum from the public, with Tanja Jensen, who is soon to retire from her long-held position as the district Talented and Gifted (T.A.G.) teacher. Jensen shared her concern with the Board of Education and the public about the fate of the CGD T.A.G program after her retirement.

Jensen shared that the T.A.G. program creates leaders, ensuring that children who are “gifted” in academics are given avenues to ensure they are fully fulfilled within their academic careers. She touched on funding for the

program, which, according to Jensen, comes from the state of Iowa, along with state code that requires a T.A.G. program.

Afterwards, several annual organizational items were approved, which can be reviewed in the official meeting minutes in The Wright County Monitor. Most notably, the outgoing of board members Elizabeth Severson and Kelly Kirstein and the welcoming of newly elected members Alison Marshall and SheRee Wharton.

In new business, the board approved three School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) applications. These included \$83,705 for increased enrollment, \$73,403 for open enrollment out of the district, not counted in the prior year, and \$106,400 for English Learners beyond five years.

The “Building Principal Plan” was also approved. **continued on page 2**



Letters to Santa in this week's Monitor!



Jayne Pate and Linda Klehm, representing the Senior Citizens Board, presented a check to City Administrator Clint Middleton to express appreciation to the city for the use of The Depot for the Senior Citizens in Clarion. (Photo Provided)

Ugly Sweater Fundraiser

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into jars labeled with each courthouse employee's photo.

Every dollar in the jar acts as a vote, and every dollar raised goes right to the Humane Society of Wright County.

Deputy Auditor Deb Neshein says the choice to support the local humane society was simple. "We wanted to help a local charity," she explained, sharing that the fundraiser has drawn support from both staff and courthouse visitors since it began in 2016.

Last year's winner, Betty Ellis, former County Auditor and current County Supervisor, took home bragging rights. Neshein said the joy of the event comes from seeing how creative the employees get: "It's always fun to see what everyone comes up with for their sweater or outfit."

This year's contest kicked off on Monday, December 15. Donation jars will be out all week, with totals tallied Friday, December 19, at 3:00 P.M.

Clarion Receives State Grant to Advance Housing Assessment Efforts

The Clarion Development Alliance (CDA) and the City of Clarion have been awarded a \$20,000 Rural Housing Readiness Assessment (RHRA) grant through the Iowa Economic Development Authority's Empower Rural Iowa program. The award is part of a statewide announcement in which Gov. Kim Reynolds and IEDA granted a total of \$490,000 to 16 rural communities to support housing, child care and community development initiatives.

Through the RHRA program, Clarion will partner with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach to evaluate local housing conditions, identify gaps and develop long-term strategies to support residents, businesses and future growth.

CDA officials emphasized that community participation is a critical part of the process. Feedback gathered through the RHRA survey will help:

- Identify the types of housing Clarion needs now and in the future
- Understand barriers residents face when securing or maintaining housing
- Support workforce needs
- Strengthen neighborhood vitality
- Guide future housing projects and investments

All residents, business owners and community partners are encouraged to complete the RHRA survey. Those needing assistance or a paper copy may visit the CDA office or call Bailey at 515-532-2256.

The Empower Rural Iowa grant program, administered by IEDA's Center for Rural Revitalization, supports projects in Iowa communities with fewer than 20,000 residents.

English Survey: https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6S5AWHSCUtNnXF4

Spanish Survey: https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8xp7t3GEhTzNUDY

Correction:

In the December 10th edition of The Wright County Monitor, Gene Rosenbaum was incorrectly titled as Assistant Chief for the Clarion Fire Department in the article "Youth Rec Feels Squeeze from Limited Gym Time while Fire Department Seeks Momentum New Department" on page one and two. Rosenbaum is the Treasurer for the Clarion Fire Department. We apologize for this incorrect information.



Bayer (Clarion Production) donated material items to the Wright County Crisis Intervention services. "Your continued support to our community is greatly appreciated," wrote Crisis Intervention Service. (Photo WCCI)

Eagle Grove Officer Accused of Urging Violence During Domestic Call

Amanda Rink, Editor

A police officer on the Eagle Grove Police Department is facing a Class D felony charge of Solicitation to Commit a Felony following an incident in Hancock County, according to recently filed court documents.

Garner Police Department officer Mathew Berry alleges that during an attempt to de-escalate a domestic disturbance on December 4, the officer contacted Mark Hennigar by phone for help with the situation. The complaint was filed on December 5. It is unknown if Hennigar was working in his official role as an officer during the incident.

According to public

records, officers responded to a residence on Concord Street in Garner, where a juvenile was experiencing a crisis. The officer reported securing a knife found at the scene.

As the officer sought additional support by phone from Hennigar, it is alleged that Hennigar became engaged in a tense conversation with another adult present and stated, "grab the [redacted] knife, stab her in the [redacted] throat, and call it good." The statement is attributed to Hennigar in the sworn complaint filed in Hancock County District Court. The Iowa District Court for Hancock County has since received a request for a temporary no-contact order. Counsel for Hennigar

has filed a resistance to the order, disputing claims of danger and noting broader civil court matters involving Hennigar and the other adult involved in the incident.

The defense also states that entering a temporary no-contact order could interfere with Hennigar's ability to work in law enforcement, where he is required to carry a firearm. His attorney argues the order should not be imposed without a full hearing.

City records show Hennigar has previously served in supervisory roles within the Eagle Grove Police Department. The department has not released a public statement regarding the case, and a request for comment from The Wright County Monitor has not

been returned. It is also unclear whether Hennigar's current employment status has changed as a result of the charge; however, a job posting for an officer on the Eagle Grove force has been posted online.

Because a minor was present during the incident, The Wright County Monitor is withholding identifying details. Child-welfare experts emphasize that minors involved in traumatic or potentially violent situations require heightened confidentiality to protect their well-being.

The case remains active and will move forward through the court system. Hennigar is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

CGD School Board continued from page 1

Based on staff survey results conducted by Grundmeyer Leader Search and follow-up meetings with staff in the elementary and middle school, the district will return to having separate principals for the elementary and middle school buildings. There have already been a number of promising applicants for both positions.

A long discussion was held on public gym use on Sundays, which is currently not permitted to allow for family time for students and community members. The board heard lengthy public comments from City REC Director Scott Simmons,

along with a number of those in attendance from the public with vested interests.

Before the discussion closed on the matter of public gym use beyond even Sundays, mainly by City REC and traveling sports leagues, other issues were brought to light on the correct use of the gym, with board members citing that allowing anyone other than those affiliated with the school could pose a large liability. The matter is expected to be revisited.

The consent agenda was approved and included minutes from the November

meeting, payment of bills, and approval of contracts and contract adjustments. Personnel items included a driver's education instructor contract for former high school principal Paul Hansch, special education paraprofessional hiring, "lane movement" approvals, contract modifications, and a high school student hired as seasonal help.

Notably, Whitney Dahlgren was approved to move from Middle School Science to High School Family and Consumer Sciences teacher. The board also approved the first

reading of several board and district policies, which can be reviewed in the official minutes, and rescinded Policy 208.E1 regarding Ad Hoc Committees, which is being replaced with 208.R1.

Approval was also given for overnight trips for high school choir students selected to attend the Dorian Festival at Luther College in Decorah and the Meistersinger Festival at Wartburg College in Waverly in January.

The next regular school board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026, at 4:30 P.M.



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reading between the lines

with Amanda Rink

When Baking Became Solo

“An open Facebook page is simply a psychiatric dry-erase board that screams, ‘Look at me.’” - Shannon L. Alder

There was a time when baking wasn't done alone, especially in the winter.

For decades, centuries, probably, women cooked and baked together, not always because they wanted to but because it was how social life functioned. Kitchens were gathering places out of necessity as much as companionship. Heat was essential for survival, especially in cold climates, and baking generated warmth.

So women, probably men too, gathered around ovens and stoves, surrounded by neighbors, friends, and sometimes people they barely tolerated, yet still found ways to coexist.

I know this not from nostalgia, I turn 32 in January,

but from history. While vacationing near Yellowstone, I read “The Martins of Gun Barrel” by Mildred Albert Martin. It is an autobiography recounting her life in the early to mid-1900s, spending winters in the unforgiving cold of the Yellowstone area. She admitted she didn't much care for many of the women she spent time with. To be honest, she was kind of terrible herself, but she welcomed visits and returned them to fend off loneliness.

When winter stretches on for weeks without the warm rays from the sun, when the cold becomes a burden that takes more energy than it gives, and the people you love begin to feel unbearable, they gathered, baked, and endured together.

Fast forward to now, and our world could not look more different.

Those of us born around 1990 occupy a unique middle ground. We were '90s kids, playing outside without grown-ups, VHS tapes on Friday nights, and snow forts in the backyard when school was canceled. But we were also 2000s young adults, watching technology change the world in such a rapid way, never seen before.

We knew the world before the technology ran it all, and we learned the tech as it was being built.

So my generation, maybe a little before mine, too, understands the balance between the modern world and the world of our childhood.

And lately, I find myself wanting the world I grew up in. I miss not allowing constant access to myself or my life serving as entertainment for others.

I miss when social interaction needed intention... picking up the phone, hear-

ing someone's voice. A single ten-minute phone call leaves me feeling more fulfilled than the endless scrolling and silent comparisons ever do. Even a simple text message exchange feels like a throwback effort.

Somehow, baking became solo. Our kitchens are still warm, but they're quieter. We cook alone while our phones glow nearby, connected to everyone but no one.

Maybe something was lost when, as a society traded shared labor, shared warmth for convenience, face-to-face conversation for handheld digital access.

I don't think we need to return to baking out of necessity, although a wood stove seems cheaper to maintain than my current LP bill, or endure toxic companionship out of survival. But maybe there is something to be learned from the way people once gathered.

Maybe the overall issue isn't how connected we are, but how present we are for one another.

Maybe the warmth we are missing isn't from the oven at all... but from choosing, once again, to share our space.

Amanda Rink is the Editor of The Wright County Monitor and a children's book author. Her (mostly) weekly column is published in The Wright County Monitor and The Hampton Chronicle. She writes about everyday life in rural Iowa through a unique lens filtered through motherhood and other life experiences. 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.

Your Horoscope

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you have been looking for some new ways to make some extra money, and now might be the time to start putting your plan in motion. Good fortune awaits.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Passion is on your mind this week, Taurus. Get together with a spouse or romantic partner and enjoy an evening with just the two of you. Embrace this chance to let the sparks fly.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

A gift would be a wonderful surprise for a loved one or friend this week, Gemini. Perhaps there is something that this person has had an eye on for some time now?

CANCER – June 22/July 22

A group activity may bring new information and people into your life, Cancer. You might meet people from different backgrounds. Keep your eyes and ears open.

LEO – July 23/Aug 23

Leo, you might be interested in expanding your horizons. You could think about attending a lecture or seeing a documentary on a particular subject. The education will enlighten.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, a long-awaited phone call or text from a person who has been out of touch for some time could come through this week. This may reopen the lines of communication between you both.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, if finances have

been on your mind, now is a good time to read the financial pages or study the stock reports. You also may want to sit down with a financial planner.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, keep communication with business partners warm, open and honest. This will help you see your ideas come to fruition. It's always easier to catch flies with honey than vinegar.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, your tasks should go smoothly and quickly this week, particularly any paperwork you may have. Others are willing to help out if you need it.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, newfound communication heightens the relationship you have with a romantic partner this week. Feelings and memories are shared willingly, and you may learn something new.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

A number of interesting visitors may come to your home this week, Aquarius. At least one may present some fascinating facts on a subject that is new to you. Enjoy the interaction.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, expect some interesting new neighbors to move in shortly. A friend will likely introduce you to these people, and a relationship could bloom.

Wright County Christmas Memories 75 Years Past

Rodger Tveiten

Christmas 2025 is here and it is a big deal! Back in the 1940's and 1950's, it was a bit different, but still a big deal. Edwin (Ed) Johnson, born in 1941, lives west of Belmond and north of Clarion in the Saint Olaf area. He has some Christmas memories he wishes to document for his children and grandchildren. His notes and his statements are the basis of this article.

The son of Leonard and Gladys Johnson, Edwin was baptized and confirmed at the St. Olaf Lutheran Church and is still an active, life-long member. He remembers the annual Sunday school Christmas programs from his youth. These were always held on the Sunday evening before Christmas, often on the longest and darkest night of the year.

The sanctuary was always packed, he recalled. Many boys had bow ties and wore white shirts with suspenders. The girls wore dresses and had their hair fixed nicely. Carols were sung. The Christmas story was retold. There was a grand Christmas tree with lots of tinsel and no electric lights. There were extra candles but they were closely monitored as church fires were not unheard of, Ed said. Ed's fondest memory of those programs came in a brown paper sack. As the children left the church for home, each was given their own goody bag with an apple or an orange, chocolate candy, peanuts-in-the-shell, and those striped, hard, sugar candies that only appeared at holiday time. We thought that was the greatest, he said.

Ed did not grow-up speaking Norwegian, but his mother did. She was even confirmed in the Norwegian language at the Holmes Lutheran Church, between Clarion and Goldfield. Not only did his mother Gladys speak Norsk, but she could cook Norwegian, too. She started just after Thanksgiving. Ed said she made Lefse, Potato Cakes, Sandbakkels, Rosettes, Krumkake, Kringle, Mock Peppernuts and (get this)



Chex Mix. She did this her entire adult life. When she was old, her granddaughter Laurie would help her. Ed said his mother was a great cook and many family memories revolved around these ethnic delicacies.

Ed wrote that the Saint Olaf youth in the early 1950's would go Christmas caroling. Most people went to church in those days, but there were many home-bound because of age or infirmity. Times were different. There weren't rest homes like today. Ed remembers caroling at the Cryder and Nettie Wicks home as they were caring for Nellie's mother. He recalls group caroling at the Peter and Lilly Svendsen home and for a Soma family that lived in Belmond. He remembers how cold it was those nights. He remembers the kids piling into those drafty, old automobiles and heading back to church for some lunch. Cars had no seat belts in those days.

Christmas was less commercial back then, he recalled. Many Christmas gifts were home-made. Ed recalls that year-after-year, he and his now deceased brother Al (Alfred) would receive hand-knitted mittens from their Grandmother Josie Johnson. Ed recalled that his mother, Gladys Johnson made lap quilts for everyone. "I still have mine," Ed said with pride. "However, my nephew (Darren) wore out his quilt, so Grandma Gladys had to make him a new one. I think he was a favorite," Ed laughed.

Growing-up with my brother, Alfred, our Christmases were wonderful but not extravagant, Ed recalled "We didn't have credit cards or overnight delivery.

Christmas gifts from our parents were usually clothes and games. We always had good clothes as our uncle had a clothing store in Story City. His name was Arnold Johnson."

"When were we boys, our family would go to Story City for the Charlson extended family Christmas reunion. These were my dad's many relatives. There we would play with our many cousins. The adults loved to sing after the meal. They sang loud. We just watched," Ed explained.

Edwin Johnson has many more Christmas recollections from the 1940's and 1950's. Ed's family would always celebrate Christmas with a ham for Christmas dinner as many Wright County people still do. However, Ed's family had Norwegian Potato Kumla with their ham. The Kumla & Ham was as much a Johnson Family tradition as were all the Norwegian desserts. However, the Kumla story will have to wait until next time.

In his notes for this retrospective, he wrote "Family is Real Deal in my Christmas memories. I am blessed that my daughters, Laurie and Lisa, are not faraway and often call to check-up on me. Their kids do the same. I hear from them all the time. Yes, Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. I am thankful for the memories. I love it all. I am humbly grateful. Yes, I am so blessed!", he concluded.

Rodger Tveiten retired from the Belmond Post Office on April 30, 2025. He is a Sons of Norway member, lives in Kanawha and enjoys writing newspaper stories.

Winter's Arrival Draws Nigh

I think we can say that winter is here, even if the calendar doesn't believe us until December 21. Here are some warm options that tie in with December food holidays. December is National Pear Month and December 13 is National Cocoa Day.

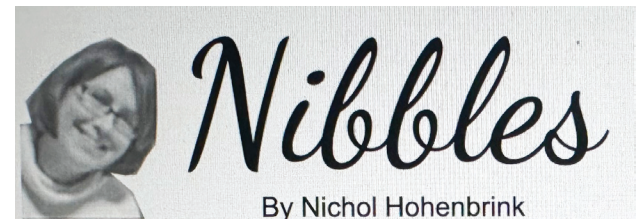
Bonus... while looking up ideas for today's column, I learned that there is a difference between "hot chocolate" and "cocoa". I had always just thought it was a matter of dialect or what part of the country you were from. According to www.alwaystheholidays.com, "Hot cocoa differs from hot chocolate because it is thinner, sweeter and creamier, whereas hot chocolate is much richer and denser."

TRIPLE GINGER PEAR CAKE

SOURCE: "Favorite Brand Name Dump Recipes" YIELD: 12 to 16 servings
2 cans (29 ounces each) pear slices in light syrup, undrained
1/3 cup finely chopped crystallized ginger
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
1 package (about 15 ounces) yellow cake mix
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, cut into thin slices
1 cup crumble gingersnaps (about 16 cookies)

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 13x9-inch baking pan with nonstick cooking spray.

Drain pears, reserving 1 cup syrup. Cut pear slices into 3/4-inch chunks with paring knife or scissors. Combine pears



By Nichol Hohenbrink

and reserved syrup in prepared pan; sprinkle with crystallized ginger and ground ginger. Top with cake mix, spreading evenly. Top with butter in single layer, covering cake mix as much as possible. Sprinkle with gingersnap crumbs.

Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted into center of cake comes out clean. Cool at least 15 minutes before serving.

AUTUMN PEAR BREAD

SOURCE: "The Taste of Home Cookbook" YIELD: 2 mini loaves (8 slices each)
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/2 cup cold butter
2 eggs
1/4 cup buttermilk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 cup finely chopped peeled ripe pears

In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt and nutmeg; cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Combine eggs, buttermilk, and vanilla; stir into the flour mixture just until moistened. Fold in

pears. Spoon into two greased 5-3/4-in. x 3-in. x 2-in. loaf pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes before removing from pans to wire racks to cool completely.

CROCKERY COCOA

SOURCE: "Fix-It-And-Forget-It Recipes for Entertaining" YIELD: 9 to 12 servings
1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
2 cups boiling water
3 1/2 cups nonfat dry milk powder
6 cups water
1 teaspoon vanilla
Marshmallows
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Combine sugar and cocoa powder in slow cooker. Add 2 cups boiling water. Stir well to dissolve. Add dry milk powder, 6 cups water, and vanilla. Stir well to dissolve.

Cover. Cook on low 4 hours or high 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Before serving, beat with rotary beater to make frothy. Ladle into mugs. Top with marshmallows and sprinkle with cinnamon.



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Wright County Democrats December Meeting Notice

The Wright County Democrats will not be meeting in December. The next meeting is Tuesday, January 20th at 6:30 at the Clarion Public Library. New members are always welcome.

Legal notices

PUBLIC NOTICE CGD December 4, 2025 Minutes

On Thursday, December 4, 2025, the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows School Board held a New Board Member Orientation Training – Workshop. The meeting took place at the district office located at 120 Central Ave. E, Clarion, and began at 9:00 A.M. In attendance were Troy Seaba, SheRee Wharton, Alison Marshall, Joseph Nelson, Jared Carder, Danielle Haindfield, School District Attorney from Ahlers & Cooney, P.C., and Anita Frye.

Haindfield led the group in the required Iowa Sunshine Laws – Open Meetings and Open Records training for newly elected board members. Craig Warnke arrived at 10:30 A.M. and Haindfield provided training covering Understanding the Board's Role, Applicable Laws, and Responsibilities and Best Practices. After the training completed – Board Secretary Frye administered

the Board Oath of Office to Alison Marshall and SheRee Wharton, both replied with affirmation to serve in their board member role to the best of their ability. The Work Session ended at 12:10 P.M. There were no agenda items discussed, or board action taken during the training session. Anita Frye Board Secretary

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PUBLIC NOTICE Wright County Supervisors December 1, 2025 Minutes

December 1, 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 Ellis and seconded by Loux to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.
Minutes of the previous regular meeting of November 24, 2025 were read and approved.
Approved claims for payment.
In open forum, Steve Chambers and Josh Weis spoke about the plowing for the City of Galt. With the discussion from last week about the County not being able to do maintenance within city limits under the population of 2,500 without being reimbursed the actual rate, the

City of Galt is now required to move the snow for their town as well as the gravel roads within city limits. Chambers suggested to have the County plow the gravel roads until they reach the hard surface roads within the city limits. The City of Galt has someone lined up to clean the streets in town. Chambers would like to have an agreement in place for maintaining the County property within the City of Galt in exchange for the County plowing the gravel routes.
The Library Association met to give an annual update to the Board of Supervisors. Josephine Miller discussed what the libraries have used the contribution for, their accomplishments, and the activities they hold at the libraries. They are requesting a 3% funding increase

as well as the \$1,000 stipend for technology to each library. This will be considered at budget time.
Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented the final plans for four corner bridge #175. This will be a 14x12 twin box culvert and will let at the Iowa DOT on March 17, 2026 with an estimated cost of \$600,000. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the final plans for BROS-C099(108)-8J-99 as presented. Motion carries.
Clemons gave an update on the Secondary Roads Department.
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch 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 December 1, 2025 Minutes and Claims

**DOWS CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 1, 2025**
The Dows City Council met in regular session at Dows City Hall on December 1, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Council Members Lienemann, Worden, Echelberger, Russell, Plendl and Mayor Klatt.
Also present: Sam Solis-Public Works and Ashley Bosch-Wright County Supervisor.
Motion by Lienemann, seconded by Echelberger to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2025 council meeting. Motion carried. All ayes.
Motion by Echelberger, seconded by Russell to approve payment of the following bills:
PUBLIC SAFETY
1. Wright County Sheriff Depart. \$54.50 (police-serving fee)
CULTURE AND RECREATION
1. KMDE LLC \$385.25 (pool, community center-electric expense)
2. Sam Solis \$75.63 (community center-supplies)
3. Culligan \$40.00 (community center-supplies)
4. Display Sales \$116.00 (parks-supplies)
5. Woolstock Telephone \$60.00 (library-internet)
6. Shelli Steenblock \$100.00 (community center-cleaning)
7. Lisa's Pest Control \$40.00 (community center-pest control)
8. Windstream \$141.76 (library, pool-phone expense)
9. Chase Credit Card \$686.47 (library-books)
10. Deb Olson \$1,174.75 (library-gross salary)
11. Jeannie Russell \$100.80 (library-gross salary)

12. Deb Olson \$30.26 (library-supplies)
13. Judy Kessel \$84.00 (library-gross salary)
14. Deb Olson \$20.00 (library-books)
15. Deb Olson \$39.92 (library-dvd)
16. Mid America Publishing \$62.00 (library-supplies)
17. Alliant Energy \$386.11 (library, parks, pool-electric expense)
18. Barnhart Electric \$1,816.22 (community center-furnace repair)
19. Snow Trails North \$242.68 (cemetary-mower repair)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT
1. Wellmark BCBS \$1,406.37 (city hall-health insurance expense)
2. Windstream \$85.23 (city hall-phone expense)
3. Jeanette Wenzel \$2,072.33 (city hall-gross salary)
4. Column Software \$240.27 (city hall-publishing)
5. Jeanette Wenzel \$2,072.33 (city hall-gross salary)
6. Copy Systems \$67.14 (city hall-supplies)
7. Woolstock Telephone \$50.00 (city hall-internet expense)
8. Dows Post Office \$234.00 (city hall-postage)
PUBLIC WORKS
1. Casey's Mastercard \$191.90 (road use-fuel)
2. Urness Hardware \$303.93 (road use-supplies)
3. Arnold Motors \$175.52 (road use-supplies)
4. Alliant Energy \$1,757.83 (road use-electric expense-shops and street lights)
5. Alex Harrah \$5,539.00 (road use-street repairs)
BUSINESS ACTIVITIES
1. Hennigar Construction

\$15,253.25 (water-repairs)
2. Wellmark BCBS \$1,479.17 (water-health insurance expense)
3. Van Wert Co. \$2,073.16 (water-supplies)
4. Iowa Rural Water \$315.00 (water-membership dues)
5. Windstream \$301.01 (water and wastewater-phone expense)
6. State of Iowa \$256.91 (water-October sales tax)
7. Electric Pump \$1,707.73 (water-repairs)
8. Quill \$471.64 (water-supplies)
9. Sam Solis \$2,002.30 (water-gross salary)
10. Sam Solis \$40.00 (water-cell phone expense)
11. Electric Pump \$50,980.12 (water and wastewater repairs)
12. KMDE LLC \$256.79 (water-electric)
13. Sam Solis \$2,002.30 (water-gross salary)
14. Iowa Finance Authority \$ 595.00 (wastewater-debt interest)
15. AgSource Labs \$1,771.50 (water and wastewater testing)
16. Alliant Energy \$1,953.99 (water and wastewater-electric)
Motion carried. All ayes.
Motion by Lienemann, seconded by Echelberger to approve the Clerk's Report for October 2025. Motion carried. All ayes. Receipts for October 2025-\$83,016.33. Expenses for October 2025-\$51,757.37.
Mayor Klatt declared the meeting adjourned.
After the meeting the three new council members William Stuck, Loren Lienemann and Craig Russell were sworn in.
Prior to meeting Mayor Klatt was sworn in.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Wright County Freedom Mortgage Corporation

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Wright COUNTY FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, PLAINTIFF vs. ALL OF THE UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ALL OF THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, SPOUSES, ASSIGNEES, GRANTEES, LEGATEES, DEVISEES AND BENEFICIARIES OF DONNIE HAUSER, DECEASED, NICOLE HAUSER, LNVV FUNDING, LLC, CAPITAL ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO CAPITAL ONE BANK (USA), NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, MIDLAND FUNDING, LLC, HAUGE ASSOCIATES, INC., STATE OF IOWA, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND FINANCE AND PARTIES IN POSSESSION, DEFENDANTS EQUITY NO. EQCV025458 ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are hereby notified that there is a petition on file in the office of the clerk of the above court which petition prays for a judgment in rem against the property involved in this action for the sum of \$41,998.50 with interest at 3.875% per annum from and including May 1, 2025, on the promissory note executed by Donnie Hauser, a married person and mortgage executed by Donnie Hauser and Nicole Hauser, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as mortgagee, as nominee for Embrace Home Loans, Inc., its successors and assigns and assigned to Plaintiff, who is the sole and absolute owner thereof.
Said note, together with the mortgage given to secure the same are due and payable by reason of the failure of the Defendants Don-

nie Hauser and Nicole Hauser, husband and wife to pay the installments of principal when due. Plaintiff also prays in said Petition for the foreclosure of said mortgage dated December 18, 2012 recorded in Book 2012 Page 2915 in the Recorder's Office of Wright County, Iowa, with said note dated December 18, 2012 on the following described property, to-wit: The South Half of Lot 6 and all of Lot 7 in Block 9 of Hewett's Park Addition to Eagle Grove Junction, Wright County, Iowa and also asking that said mortgage be declared a prior and superior lien to that of each of the above named Defendants; for appointment of a receiver; for the amount paid by Plaintiff for attorneys' fees, abstract expense, costs and accruing costs of this action; that special execution issue for the sale of said real estate to satisfy said judgment, interest, attorneys' fees and costs and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.
FOR FURTHER PARTICULARS, SEE COPY OF PETITION NOW ON FILE.
THE PLAINTIFF HAS ELECTED FORECLOSURE WITHOUT REDEMPTION. THIS MEANS THAT THE SALE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY WILL OCCUR PROMPTLY AFTER ENTRY OF JUDGMENT UNLESS YOU FILE WITH THE COURT A WRITTEN DEMAND TO DELAY THE SALE. IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN DEMAND, THE SALE WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL THREE MONTHS FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS YOUR RESIDENCE AND IS A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELL-

ING OR UNTIL TWO MONTHS FROM ENTRY OF JUDGMENT IF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY IS NOT YOUR RESIDENCE OR IS RESIDENCE BUT NOT A ONE-FAMILY OR TWO-FAMILY DWELLING. YOU WILL HAVE NO RIGHT OF REDEMPTION AFTER THE SALE. THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE WILL BE ENTITLED TO IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY. YOU MAY PURCHASE AT THE SALE.
The Plaintiff's attorneys are Petosa Law LLP by Benjamin W. Hopkins, whose address is 1350 NW 138th Street, Suite 100, Clive, IA 50325, telephone number 515-222-9400, facsimile number 515-222-9121.
You must serve a motion or answer on or before the 21st day of January, 2026, and within a reasonable time thereafter file your motion or answer in the Iowa District Court of Wright County, at the Courthouse in Clarion, Iowa. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.
This case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. You should refer to (i) Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for general rules and information on electronic filing; and (ii) Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings. If you require assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in court because of a disability, immediately call your district ADA coordinator at (641) 421-0990. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942).
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Courthouse news

CRIMINAL

Shain Kenneth Cross, of Belmond, domestic abuse assault impeding flow of air/blood, criminal mischief 4th degree, interference with official acts – bodily injury, escape from custody – misdemeanor. Final PTC 2/13/2026 10:45 AM; jury trial 2/19/2026 8:30 AM.
Danita Colleen Loux, of Eagle Grove, possession of controlled substance – 2nd offense, methamphetamine. PTC 1/30/2026 9:00 AM; jury trial 2/19/2026 8:30 AM.

Ever Adolfo Salvajan Siquinajay, of Eagle Grove, driving while barred. Initial appearance 1/8/2026 1:00 PM.
Herberth Joel Gomez Gomez, of Clarion, two counts of incest, lascivious acts with a child – fondle or touch, sexual abuse – 3rd degree, two counts of sexual abuse – 2nd degree. Plea of not guilty; jury trial 3/10/2026 9:00 AM.
Halie Kay Peterson, of Belmond, possession of contraband in correctional institution. Arraignment 12/19/2025 9:00 AM.

Dharmapsinh Ghanshyamsinh Devda, of Eagle Grove, domestic abuse assault – 1st offense. Non-jury trial 3/5/2026 2:00 PM.
Damian James Ramos, of Clarion, two counts of possession of controlled substance – methamphetamine – 3rd or subsequent offense. Final PTC 2/13/2026 10:30 AM; jury trial 2/19/2026 8:30 AM.

Christopher Michael Gates, of Renwick, Domestic Abuse Assault – 2nd Offense.
Arraignment 12/19/2025 at 9:00 A.M.

TRAFFIC
Domingo Camaja Xacon, of Eagle Grove, open container – driver 21 or older.

William Alexander Vicente Elias, of Clarion, failure to provide proof of financial liability.

Dianna Lynn Foley, of Manson, speeding 55 or under zone (6–10 over).
Michael Thomas Dennis

Harris, of New Hope, Minnesota, speeding over 55 zone (6–10 over).
Morgan Sueann Lowe, of Eagle Grove, registration violation.

Morgan Sueann Lowe, of Eagle Grove, speeding 55 or under zone (11–15 over).
Brayan Peralta Flores, of Webster City, speeding 55 or under zone (16–20 over).
Clayton David Ubben, of Jewell, speeding 55 or under zone (6–10 over).

Joshua John Graham, of Eagle Grove, speeding over 55 zone (11–15 over).
Darrell Anthony Hall, of Spring Hill, Florida, speeding 55 or under zone (6–10 over).

Jeffery Bart Danielson, of Callender, failure to maintain or use safety belts – adult.
Jesus Pioquinto Crisanto, of Webster City, no valid driver's license.
Brody James Heifner, of Belmond, failure to yield to vehicle on right.

Conner Allen Ferden, of Des Moines, speeding 55 or under zone (6–10 over).
Christopher R. W. Gerken, of Helena, Missouri, speeding 55 or under zone (6–10 over).

Alexander Ryan Turkett, of Webster City, speeding 55 or under zone (6–10 over).
Marco Antonio Garcia Arresola, of Dows, failure to have valid license or permit.

Sammy Ruben Baez Figueroa, of Fort Dodge, speeding 16–20 over.
Edwin Ronlando Chach Gutierrez, of Goldfield, no driver's license.

DEATHS
Jerry Wayne Johnson, 87, Eagle Grove, was born on April 25, 1938 and died on November 26, 2025.
Willis Gerald Kluss, 93, Belmond, was born on May 29, 1932 and died on November 29, 2025.

Sharron Rae Hauge (Robertson), 79, Belmond, was born on October 14, 1946 and died on December 1, 2025.

Hemmo Edward John Eekhoff, 86, Belmond, was born on March 17, 1939 and died on December 1, 2025.

Deanna Lynn Robbins (Evans), 70, Forest City, was born on May 28, 1955 and died on December 3, 2025.

BIRTHS

Blakely Raye Storm was born on December 3, 2025, to Taryn and Travis Storm of Stanhope.

Ophelia Grace Severino was born on December 3, 2025, to Michelle Bacon of Perry.

Valeria Valentina Ajtun was born on December 3, 2025, to Florencia Ajtun-Garcia of Clarion.

Aiyana Nova Jones Avila was born on December 3, 2025, to Tania and Justin Jones Avila of Belmond.

Hudson Charles Johnson was born on December 4, 2025, to Tori Knight of Thompson.

Della Mae Anderson was born on December 4, 2025, to Brynn and Cole Anderson of Leland.

Thiago Nael Gonzales Dubon was born on December 4, 2025, to Norcy Dubon Moreno of Belmond.

Ellianna Grace Moberly was born on December 5, 2025, to Rachel Moberly of Webster City.

Lottie Capri Bengtson was born on December 6, 2025, to Victoria and Adam Bengtson of Buffalo Center.

Joseph Charles Harrah Jr was born on December 6, 2025, to Waylenn and Joseph Harrah of Dows.

Amiyah Diane Steig was born on December 6, 2025, to Adyson Steig of Eagle Grove.

Elijah Antonio Mejia Morales was born on December 7, 2025, to Graciela Morales Utrera of Eagle Grove.

Jasher Daniel Griep was born on December 8, 2025, to Abbigail and Stephen Griep of Fort Dodge.

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The Meskwaki Nation police chief has identified his son as one of the two Iowa National Guard members killed in Syria Saturday.

Robin Opsahl
Iowa Capital Dispatch

The two service members were killed by a lone gunman suspected to be affiliated with ISIS, according to information released Saturday. The identities of the soldiers who died in the attack were not officially released as of Sunday evening, but Iowa Army National Guard officials were expected to officially share more information after next of kin has been notified.

In a social media post late Saturday, Meskwaki Nation Police Chief Jeffrey Bunn wrote that his son, Sgt. Nate Howard, was one of the soldiers killed in the attack.

“My wife Misty and I had that visit from Army Commanders you never want to have,” Bunn wrote. “Our son Nate was one of the Soldiers that paid the ultimate sacrifice for all of us, to keep us all safer. He loved what he was doing and would be the first in and last out, no one left behind. Please pray for our Soldiers all around this cruel world.”

No information has yet been shared about the second soldier or civilian victim of the attack.

Gov. Kim Reynolds and Iowa National Guard Maj. Gen. Stephen Osborn confirmed Saturday the two soldiers killed in the Palmyra, Syria, were in the Iowa National Guard. Three other soldiers were injured in the attack — one of the injuries was “superficial,” Osborn said, while two others were “significant,” and both were stable but in critical condition receiving treatment at the Jordan air base. One civilian, an interpreter who was not from Iowa, was also killed in the attack.

Reynolds asked Iowans during a Saturday news conference to “stand united” in supporting the victims, their families and all National Guard service members, “especially those who served side by side with the soldiers killed and wounded today,” following the attack.

“Everyone who wears the Iowa National Guard uniform — I can tell you firsthand that this is a family,” Reynolds said. “I’ve seen them close up, working together in any number of challenging situations, and they share a deep bond. Today’s attack and the loss of two of their own weighs heavily on everyone at every level, so please keep all of them and your thoughts and prayers.”

The attack, currently



William “Nate” Howard was identified as one of the Iowa National Guard members killed in an “ISIS attack” in Syria Dec. 13, 2025. (Photo posted by Meskwaki Nation Police Department Facebook page)

under investigation, occurred “as the soldiers were conducting a key leader engagement,” according to Sean Parnell, the U.S. assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs. The soldiers’ mission was in support of ongoing counterterrorism efforts in the area. Osborn said at the Saturday news conference the Iowa National Guard forces in Syria operate as a part of the Combined Joint Task Force Operation Inherent Resolve, an international union led by the U.S. focused on fighting ISIS in the region.

“Our soldiers were doing their job, serving with courage, dedication and professionalism,” Osborn said. “They carried out their mission to the best of their ability, and we are proud of their incredible service and sacrifice, and we will continue to stand strong as a team united in the purpose and resolve their mission.”

There are currently 1,800 Iowa soldiers in the Middle East, Osborn said, deployed in May 2025. Of that group, between 200 and 250 are National Guard members deployed in Syria.

President Donald Trump pledged a strong U.S. response to the ISIS attack in a Truth Social post Saturday mourning the deaths of the three Americans.

“This was an ISIS attack against the U.S., and Syria, in a very dangerous part of Syria, that is not fully controlled by them,” Trump wrote. “The President of Syria, Ahmed al-Sharaa, is extremely angry and disturbed by this attack. There will be very serious retaliation.”

Other Iowa leaders shared their condolences for the fallen soldiers and

their families following the news Saturday. U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst, a veteran who served with the Iowa National Guard, asked Iowans to join her “in praying for the families of these American heroes.”

“Our Iowa National Guard family is hurting as we mourn the loss of two of our own and pray for the recovery of the three soldiers wounded,” Ernst said in a statement. “These soldiers were carrying out a critical mission in combatting the threat of radical Islamic terror. This tragic attack is a reminder that freedom is not free and that every American owes an enormous debt of gratitude to our brave men and women in uniform who put their lives on the line every day.”

The last death of an Iowa National Guard member in service occurred in 2011 in Afghanistan.

Iowa Democratic Party Chair Rita Hart said the deaths of the Iowa National Guard members was “absolutely shocking news” in a statement Saturday.

“The National Guard represents the best of us — citizens always ready to protect and serve their neighbors,” Hart said. “May the families of these brave Iowa soldiers know that the entire state of Iowa grieves for them and send our sincerest sympathies to them for their unbelievable loss.”

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Larson ready for action after District 7 win

Michael Hohenbrink
Mid-America Publishing

A special election that saw Republican Wendy Larson sweep to victory has the candidate ready to go as she awaits a new session of the Iowa Legislature.

The special election stemmed from the resignation of Rep. Mike Sexton after he was appointed to serve the Trump Administration as USDA Rural Development Director for Iowa as its director.

The district includes Calhoun, Pocahontas and Sac counties along with part of Webster County.

Voter turnout was a little under 20 percent for an off-year, off-cycle election.

Both factors would typically work to keep turnout light.

“I am honored to have the chance to serve the great people of District 7,” said Larson after the win. “It was a remarkable turnout, especially for a special election in December! The electorate made it clear that they want conservative representation.”

Larson took 2,817 votes for just over 70 percent of the total vote while Democrat Rachel Burns had 1,201 votes for about 30 percent.

Now, Larson is looking at starting her service in the legislature.

“I am committed to protecting [land owner] rights



from eminent domain for private gain, lowering property taxes and protecting our children,” said Larson. “It was a tremendous team effort from all the volunteers, central committee members, my team, the Republican Party of Iowa, and all the people who want to protect our freedoms.”

Woman sues state over alleged sexual abuse while in foster care

Lawsuit claims children were placed in the home of a convicted felon

Clark Kauffman
Iowa Capital Dispatch

A South Dakota woman is suing the State of Iowa for allegedly placing her in a foster home with a convict who sexually assaulted her.

The lawsuit alleges that early in her life, her biological parents struggled with substance abuse and addiction before separating in September 2006. In December 2006, she and her three siblings were allegedly removed from their mother’s care for 11 months, with her mother regaining custody in October 2007.

Court records indicate that in February 2008, she and her siblings were again removed from their mother’s care due to ongoing issues involving drug use and addiction. The records show that in April 2008, the Woodbury County Attorney’s Office filed a petition for termination of parental rights, which the court granted in October 2008, thereby transferring custody and guardianship to the state agency then known as the Iowa Department of Human Services.

The lawsuit alleges that before DHS placed her in a foster home it was required by law to conduct a criminal background check on her prospective foster parents and show evidence that in selecting a foster home, it had considered the social and cultural standards of the Santee Sioux Nation, of which she was a member.

In 2009, when she was 4 years old, she and two of her siblings were placed in the foster home of Norman and Cammie Winkel of Sioux City — a couple who had no connection to the Santee Sioux Nation or any other Native American community.

According to the lawsuit, at the time of the foster-home placement Norman Winkel was a former prison inmate who “had an extensive drug-related criminal history with five drug convictions, including a felony for which he received a 25-year prison sentence.”

In 2010, she was legally adopted by the couple. The lawsuit alleges that while she lived in the home, Norman Winkel “began to exhibit grooming behaviors toward [her],” and then, as she matured, the “grooming escalated to sexual assault, including fondling, mutual touching, and sexual assault in the foster home.” The alleged sexual abuse “continued for multiple years,” according to the lawsuit.

In 2018, at the age of 13, she allegedly reported the abuse to the Mercy Child Advocacy Center in Sioux City, triggering a DHS investigation that allegedly concluded with a determination that the allegations of abuse were founded.

“Upon the sexual abuse finding, Norman Winkel absconded and remains at large,” the lawsuit states.

Court records indicate Norman Winkel has never faced criminal charges of sexual abuse or assault. Iowa Capital Dispatch was unable to reach him.

The lawsuit alleges DHS, now known as the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, is guilty of negligence in that the agency failed to properly conduct a background check on Norman Winkel before placing her and her siblings in his care and that the agency failed to consider the full extent of his “lengthy criminal history.”

The State of Iowa has yet to file a response to the lawsuit. The Iowa Attorney General’s Office says it does not comment on pending litigation.

Editor’s note: Iowa Capital Dispatch does not identify survivors of sexual or domestic violence without their consent. The victim has made her identity public by filing an administrative action and lawsuit under her full name. Mid-America Publishing, though, is not publishing the name in accordance with our policy.

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Senators call for highly pathogenic avian influenza vaccine

Cami Koons
Iowa Capital Dispatch

Nearly two dozen U.S. senators urged the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in a letter, to “prioritize” a vaccine strategy for the highly pathogenic avian influenza.

The virus has impacted more than 184 million commercial and backyard poultry birds and more than 1,000 head of dairy cattle since February 2022.

The letter comes as detections of the bird flu have increased over the winter months in states across the country, according to reporting from the USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

A case of bird flu was detected in Iowa Dec. 2, in a Hamilton County commercial turkey flock, and as recently as Tuesday in flocks in Indiana, North Dakota, Minnesota and Washington.

The bipartisan letter, which included Iowa Republicans Joni Ernst and Chuck Grassley, said a “thoughtful and comprehensive vaccine strategy” would “strengthen” the nation’s ability to fight the bird flu, as it prepares for a “resurgence.”

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins launched a \$1 billion plan in February to combat the ongoing outbreak of the H5N1 virus. Part of that plan included \$100 million for research into a bird flu vaccine and other potential treatments.

The letter said USDA

has a “draft proposal of an avian flu vaccine strategy for poultry” that is “currently under review” and the signed senators urged the department to advance the process with “speed and diligence.”

A draft proposal for a bird flu vaccine strategy had not been filed in the Federal Register as of Friday. In June, Reuters reported USDA was “considering” a plan to vaccinate poultry for HPAI and expected the plan would be completed in July.

USDA did not respond Friday to a request for comment and for additional information on the vaccination plan.

Members of the Congressional Chicken Caucus, representing the interests of poultry producing states, submitted a letter to Rollins in February, noting they were wary of a vaccine, as it might interrupt export markets.

While the December letter from senators urged the advancement of the vaccine process, it also asked for “proactive consultation with affected stakeholders.”

“Any finalized vaccine strategy must take into account feedback from animal health stakeholders, industry experts, and be grounded in sound science,” the letter said.

Senators said the vaccine strategy should also address “all impacted species” of poultry and that the department should then prioritize a vaccine strategy for dairy cattle.

“Finally, as the USDA rolls out any avian flu vaccine strategy, it is critical that clear and transparent communication to producers, veterinarians, and state animal health officials, along with direct guidance and resources are in place,” the letter said.

The letter was addressed to Rollins and dated Dec. 11. Signees included: Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minnesota; Sen. Mike Rounds, R-South Dakota; Sen. John Fetterman, D-Pennsylvania; Sen. John Thune, R-South Dakota; Sen. Ruben Gallego, D-Arizona; Sen. James Justice, R-West Virginia; Sen. Elissa Slotkin, D-Michigan; Sen. Michael Lee, R-Utah; Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-New York; Sen. Thom Tillis, R-North Carolina; Sen. Adam Schiff, D-California; Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa; Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Virginia; Sen. Jon Husted, R-Ohio; Sen. Tina Smith, D-Minnesota; Sen. Ted Budd, R-North Carolina; Sen. Mark Warner, D-Virginia; Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa; Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colorado; Sen. Todd Young, R-Indiana; Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-New Mexico; Sen. Bernie Moreno, R-Ohio; Sen. Ben Ray Lujan, D-New Mexico.

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Ernst Statement on Iowa National Guard Members

U.S. Senator Joni Ernst (R-Iowa), a combat veteran who served in the Iowa National Guard and the Global War on Terrorism, released the following statement about the ISIS terrorist attack in Syria that killed two and injured three Iowa National Guard members.

“Please join me in pray-

ing for the families of these American heroes. Our Iowa National Guard family is hurting as we mourn the loss of two of our own and pray for the recovery of the three soldiers wounded,” said Ernst. “These soldiers were carrying out a critical mission in combatting the threat of ISIS and keeping

our homeland safe from the threat of radical Islamic terror. This tragic attack is a reminder that freedom is not free and that every American owes an enormous debt of gratitude to our brave men and women in uniform who put their lives on the line every day.”

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CLARION AREA

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Pastor Craig Luttrell
515-532-2845
website: www.clarion.church
Church Office
Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon
• December 21
No Sunday School, Christmas Break
10:00 a.m. Children's Christmas Program
• Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
• Sunday, December 28
No Sunday School, Christmas Break
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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121 3rd Avenue N.W., Clarion
• Sunday, December 21
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.

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608 2nd Ave. N.E., Clarion
Father Jerry W. Blake, Pastor
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• Thursday, December 18
9:00 a.m. December 28 Bulletin
Deadline
11:40 a.m. Rosary at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
12:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
• Friday, December 19
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. John, Clarion
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John, Clarion
• Saturday, December 20
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Haiti Collection
SCRIP Cards Sold
Youth Led Masses
3:15 p.m. A/B at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont
4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont
7:15 p.m. Rosary, A/B at St. John, Clarion
8:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish at St. John, Clarion
• Sunday, December 21
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Haiti Collection
SCRIP Cards Sold
Youth Led Masses
7:15 a.m. A/B at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
8:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
9:45 a.m. A/B at St. John, Clarion
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. John, Clarion

• Monday December 22
8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont
1:30 p.m. Mass at the Meadows, Clarion
• Tuesday, December 23
9:00 a.m. Deadline for January 4th Bulletin
2:00 p.m. OCIA Meeting
• Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
7:30 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. John, Clarion
• Thursday, December 25
Christmas Day
9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
219 First Street N.W. Clarion 515-532-2709
• Sunday, December 21 Jay Grogan 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

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• Sunday
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9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
• Tuesday
11:00 a.m. Prayer Time
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6:00 p.m. Domingo
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Pastor Ron Rasmussen
• Sunday, December 21
10:00 a.m. Worship Service and Fellowship Coffee in the Fellowship Room.
No Sunday School

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Pastor George Lautner
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515-825-3660
• Wednesday, December 17
Advent

6:00 p.m. Meal
7:00 p.m. Advent Service
• Sunday, December 21
Fourth Advent Sunday
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School all ages
Wednesday, December 24
4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service, special children's program
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays,
Praise Songs & Worship last Sunday, Everyone Welcome!

HOLMES BAPTIST CHURCH
2137 Hancock Avenue
Pastor Cody Huber
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• 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, December 21
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
• Wednesday, December 17
Annual Reports Due
• Thursday, December 18
2:00 p.m. UCR Women
• December 24
5:00 p.m. Service of Scripture with Carols, Communion and Candles
• Sunday, January 4
Take down decorations after worship
• Sunday, January 11
Annual Meeting following worship

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod
Jct. Highway 69 & 3
Pastor Mark Eichler
• Sunday, December 21
10:30 a.m. Divine Services,
11:45 a.m. Bible Study
October 7 - 28 and November 4 at 1:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study

DOWS AREA

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10:15 a.m. Sunday school,
Coffee, 11:15 a.m. Worship at First Presbyterian in Dows

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Dows, IA
Masking is option
• Sunday, December 21
8:00 a.m. Bethlehem Garage Sale
9:00 a.m. SS/Conf/Coffee
10:00 a.m. Worship with Communion
• Wednesday, December 24
6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

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• Sunday, December 21
10 a.m. Dows Joint Worship at Untied Methodist

FIRST REFORMED
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• Sundays
9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

IMMANUEL U.C.C.
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Joe Dunnwald
• Sunday, December 21
10:30 a.m. Worship

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
304 W. Main, Latimer
Travis Berg, Pastor
• Sunday, December 21
9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. ABC/Sunday School

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Morgan, Lee Center, Bradford
Erling Shultz, Pastor
• Sunday, December 21
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, December 21
9:30a.m. Joint Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion, Coffee to follow
• Dinner is the first Sunday of the month



Carter and Caley Nath will be performing a Community Christmas Concert featuring other local musicians. The event will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Lu Verne on Friday, December 19th at 6:30pm. This is a free concert.

Sunday Services

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.”
Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)

God's Timing in a Slow Season
Winter can sometimes feel dreary or sluggish. The onset of dread some feel for the season can even begin the first moment they feel a chill outside. In addressing feelings of this kind, we're often led to reflections on our patience and the benefits we can see from it. During moments in which we feel ready to forgo our responsibilities and go on a beach vacation, knowing we cannot, we can try to think about God's timing. There are many areas in which we always trust it, and some in which we do not think to. However, the timing of God as we go about our lives can be something to have strong faith in: we are often graced by it in the most unexpected moments.
-James Stone

The Clarion Wire

** Can't think of a Christmas gift idea? CDA 'Clarion Cash' is available in any size \$\$ from CDA office or Wright County Insurance.
** Play BINGO at Clarion Senior Citizens Center on Friday, December 19 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
** Ryan Doughty entertains at the Bru on Friday, December 19 from 8 - 11 p.m.
** Three Nights of Lights will be held Friday - Sunday, December 19 - 21 at the Jenison Meacham Memorial Arts Center, 1179 Taylor Ave., north of Belmont. Hours are Friday and Saturday, 5-8 and Sunday, 5-7. Lighted displays around the grounds, a live Nativity, rides through the grounds, refreshments!. Free admission, donations gratefully accepted.
** Breakfast with Santa at Hardee's on Saturday, December 20 from 9 - 11 a.m. For more information, call 515-532-2442.
** Note from Missy Loux: "First Lutheran Food Pantry in Clarion is changing its hours in December. It will be open Saturday, December 20 from 9:30 - 11 a.m.; not be open on December 25. Questions or emergency needs, call me at 515-851-5740."
** Clarion Senior Citizens Center will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Monday, December 22 and reopening on Monday, January 5!
** FUN at the BRU! Play "Bingo" the fourth Tuesday of each month, next one is December 23!

** Enjoy a 'Christmas Eve Service' at a church of your choice to celebrate the birth of Jesus!
** Christmas Eve Service at Goldfield's United Methodist Church is Wednesday, December 24 at 4 p.m.
** Choose a time which fits you/your family: Clarion Methodist Church with Christmas Eve services at 4 or 6 p.m.
** Wright County Catholic services: Belmont - on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24 - 4 p.m.; and at 7:30 p.m. Bilingual in Clarion. Christmas Day on Thursday, December 25 - 9 a.m. in Eagle Grove. And on Sunday, December 28 at 4 p.m. in Belmont - all cluster mass with a potluck to follow (Feast of the Holy Family).
** Enjoy the Christmas Eve Service on Wednesday, December 24, at Holmes Lutheran Church - 4:30 p.m.
** United Congregational Church and First Lutheran Church in Clarion has their joint Christmas Eve Worship service on Wednesday, December 24 at the Lutheran Church at 5 p.m.
** Christmas Eve Worship at Clarion's United Presbyterian Church is Wednesday,

December 24 at 5 p.m.
** Christmas Eve Worship service at Holmes Baptist Church will be held at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24!
** Join Clarion's Church of Christ for its Christmas Eve Service set for Wednesday, December 24 at 5:30 p.m.
** It's Christmas on Thursday, December 25! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
** It's Coming: FREE MOVIE "Soul on Fire" at the Clarion Theatre on Tuesday, December 30 at 7 p.m.; sponsored by Clarion's Marys and Marthas!
** Celebrate the upcoming New Year at Clarmond Country Club dining with friends on Wednesday, December 31 between 5 - 9 p.m. Reservations required - 515-532-2911 or clarmond16@gmail.com .
** From Pete Gardner: "Cattleman's in Belmont has live entertainment on New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31. BK jazz quartet entertains from 8:30 to 11 p.m. We are looking for other live music possibilities into 2026. Know someone who could play at Cattleman's some evening? contact me at 641-430-1688."
** Happy 2026!
** Clarion's Blood Drive is the first Tuesday afternoon of each month. The next one is Tuesday, January 6 - United Presbyterian Church from 1 - 5:30 p.m.
** Play (learn) Pickleball! From 6 - 8 p.m. at Clarion's Elementary/Middle School Multi-Purpose Room (entry on north side of school building). Pay \$2 to play. Every Wednesday evening in January - February. Contact Gloria Johnson for more information 515-835-7728.
** CDA 'Casino Night' is scheduled for Saturday, January 31 at the Red Shed from 7 - 10 p.m.
** AT THE CLARION THEATRE: Showing "Wicked for Good" (PG) on Friday - Sunday, December 19 -21 @ 7 p.m.; Sunday Matinee at 2:30 p.m. - December 21 (2nd of 2 weeks.)
** FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Bailey Seby, new CDA Executive Director, has office hours from 8:30 - 5:30 p.m. on Mondays; 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. other days! Or catch Bailey at the Branded Bombshell. Joining her on the CDA board: Brittany Howieson, President; Lisa Hanson, Vice-President; Mark Skogerboe, Treasurer; Elmaire Nel; Tangela Hennigar & Mackenzie McOllough.
** THANK YOU: To athletes of all ages for giving us pleasure in watching each of them for their participation. And for the difference their efforts make in each of our lives! Congratulations!!

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Words of Wisdom

Last week's trivia questions:
 What singer had popular versions of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman" in 1949 and 1950? Answer: Gene Autry.
 What singer is known for his version of the song "White Christmas" in 1942? Answer: Bing Crosby.



 This week's trivia question: Match the college or university in Iowa with the town where it's located -

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| 1. Coe | A) Cedar Rapids |
| 2. Cornell | B) Decorah |
| 3. Dordt | C) Dubuque |
| 4. Ellsworth | D) Forest City |
| 5. Loras | E) Indianola |
| 6. Luther | F) Iowa Falls |
| 7. Northwestern | G) Mount Vernon |
| 8. Simpson | H) Orange City |
| 9. Waldorf | I) Sioux Center |
| 10. Wartburg | J) Waverly |

 Dec. 17 is National Maple Syrup Day; Dec. 18 is Answer the telephone like Buddy the Elf Day; Dec. 19 is National Hard Candy Day; Dec. 20 is Games Day, and Go Caroling Day; Dec. 21 is the First Day of Winter, and World Snowboard Day; Dec. 22 is Forefathers' Day, and National Short Person Day; and Dec. 23 is National Christmas Movie Marathon Day.

Funny newspaper corrections:

"A previous version of this story stated that the bear is a brown bear. While it is a bear that is brown, it is not a brown bear; it is a black bear (that is brown). The story has been updated to reflect this."

"Karol Wojtyla (Pope John Paul II) was referred to in Saturday's column as "the first non-Catholic pope in 450 years." This should have read "non-Italian." We apologize for the error."

"A previous version of this article suggested that Katie Hopkins was stopped from leaving South Africa because of the consumption of Ketamine. We are happy to clarify that Ms. Hopkins was detained for spreading racial hatred, which took place after the Ketamine incident."

"Correction - There was an error printed in a story titled "Pigs float down the Dawson." The story reported that "more than 30,000 pigs were floating down the Dawson River." What the pigs' owner actually said was "30 sows and pigs," not "30,000 pigs." We apologize for this error."

"Clarification - The old pouffe which started the fire at Douglas Cottages as reported last week, referred to an item of furniture and not the owner, Mr. Donnie McArthur."

"Correction - An article yesterday about Marcia Lowry, a lawyer arguing in a federal lawsuit, included an erroneous description. The first sentence should have begun with "Attorney Marcia Lowry," not "A tiny Marcia Lowry."

 After an audition at Decca Records in 1962, the Beatles were turned down in favor of another band. An executive at the company said the group "had no future in show business."

 Walt Disney was fired from the Kansas City Star newspaper in 1919 because, his editor said, he "lacked imagination and had no good ideas."

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Obituaries

LeRoy "Lee" Dale Willim 1940 - 2025

LeRoy "Lee" Dale Willim, 85, of Fort Myers, FL, formerly of Clear Lake and Clarion, IA, passed away Thursday, December 11, 2025, at Alameda Assisted Living in Fort Myers, FL.

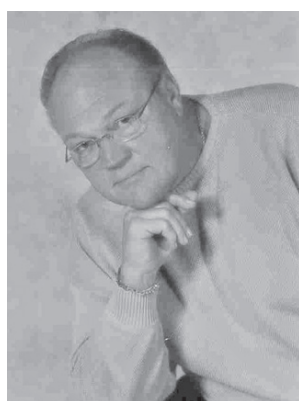
Lee was born on February 3, 1940, in Marshalltown, IA, the son of William Dale Thomas and Lova Lois (Duncan) Willim. He was united in marriage to Janice "Jan" J. Reisetter of Marshalltown on November 28, 1962; she preceded him in death on September 6, 2003. He was later united in marriage to Sylvia Hanna Gander on October 20, 2007; she survives of the home.

Additional survivors include: three sons; Bartley (Tonya) Willim of Richmond, MO, Eric Willim of Holmes, IA, and Matthew (Claire) Willim of Higginsville, MO; three granddaughters: Lexi Willim of Des Moines, IA, Ashlee (TJ) Kirkham of Richmond, MO, and Audrey O'Dell of Mason City, IA; and four great-grandchildren: Winnie, Daphnie, Theodore, and Jaxten.

In addition to his parents and first wife, Lee was preceded in death by his stepfather, Ben Smith, and son, Adam Willim.

Lee was raised and educated in the area of his birth and graduated from Marshalltown High School with the Class of 1958. He continued his education at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Mortuary Science in 1962. From his sophomore year of high school until July of 1962, Lee worked at Pursel-Davis Funeral Home in Marshalltown, marking the beginning of a lifelong and devoted career in the funeral profession.

On November 28, 1962, Lee was united in marriage to Janice J. Reisetter at Elim Lutheran Church in Marshalltown. In July of 1968, the couple purchased funeral homes in Dows and Latimer, Iowa. They later moved to Clarion in 1977, where they purchased Eyer Funeral Home. Throughout his career, Lee also owned and operated funeral homes in Belmond, Klemme, and Eagle Grove, Iowa, becoming a respected and trusted presence in each community he served.



Lee and Jan retired in 1997 and enjoyed spending time at their homes in Clear Lake, Iowa, and Fort Myers Beach, Florida. Together, they shared a love for travel and explored destinations around the world. Jan preceded him in death on September 6, 2003, following her courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

On October 20, 2007, Lee married Sylvia Hanna Gander at First Assembly Church in Fort Myers, Florida, where they made their home for the past 18 years. Lee was active in the communities where he lived and worked, holding memberships and leadership roles in the National and State Funeral Directors Associations, First Lutheran Church of Clarion, Rotary International, and First Assembly Ministries in Florida. In his free time, he enjoyed spending quality time with his family and friends at the cabin at the lake.

Lee selflessly shared his guidance, insight, and knowledge with those he loved. He instilled in his family strong values and unwavering principles. His legacy of service, compassion, and dedication will be remembered and cherished by his family for generations to come.

Visitation with funeral services will be held on Friday, December 19, 2025, at the United Christian Presbyterian Church in Clarion, IA, with visitation beginning at 10:00 A.M., with services to follow at 11:00 A.M. Burial will be in Willim Terrace of Evergreen Cemetery, Clarion, IA. Please remember to share your memories of Lee with the family by visiting www.thurmanfuneralhome.com.

Obituaries

Kris Jay Schilling 1963 - 2025

Kris Jay Schilling, 62, of Mason City, Iowa, passed away unexpectedly November 28, 2025 at the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

Kris was born on July 22, 1963, in Belmond, Iowa, the son of Francis and Phyllis (Buchman). He grew up in Clarion, Iowa, where he attended school and formed the foundations of the hardworking, steady man he would become. Throughout his life, Kris held a variety of jobs in manufacturing and construction, always happiest when he was working with his hands. He had a natural gift for understanding how things worked and a knack for finding creative solutions to whatever problems came his way, both on and off the job.

Kris met the love of his life, Susan Carlson, and the two were married on May 23, 2014. Together they shared 19 beautiful years—years filled with laughter, adventure, and deep companionship.

Some of Kris's happiest moments were spent traveling the country on his motorcycle with Sue. They made countless day trips to the Mississippi River and even ventured out west to see Devil's Tower. After receiving a double lung transplant, Kris discovered a new love for hiking. He and Sue explored trails near and far, including Effigy Mounds, Pipestone, and the Maquoketa Caves, grateful for each step and each shared view. They loved travelling together in general, Myrtle Beach being especially memorable as it was the first time Kris flew anywhere.

Kris was as straightforward as he was reliable. He never hesitated to speak his mind, and when he promised he would do something, you could trust it would be done. Yet beneath that blunt honesty was a patient, gentle man



who adored his family. Becoming a grandfather brought him tremendous joy—he treasured the small, sweet moments spent on video calls with his grandchildren.

Music was another of Kris's great loves. Though he listened to a bit of everything, Blues held a special place in his heart, and ZZ Top remained his all-time favorite. He and Sue enjoyed many outdoor concerts, both rock and blues.

Kris was a man of quiet, steadfast faith. He loved animals—especially dogs—and he was a devoted Detroit Lions fan. Watching the Lions play was sacred time for him; he was all in, and talking to him during a game was nearly impossible.

Those left to cherish his memory are his wife, Sue; step-daughters, Kelsey (Reid) Steckelberg of Brandon, South Dakota, and Savannah (Josh) VandenBerg of Omaha, Nebraska; grandchildren, Carson Rother, Reana Steckelberg, and Clara VandenBerg; siblings, Mark (Zelene) Schilling, Debra Reyes, Diane Shores, Penny (Jim) Munday, and Karen (Mike) Cmelik.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Francis and Phyllis; as well as his nephew, Garret Roberts.

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Mary L. (Hackbarth) Lester

Mary L. (Hackbarth) Lester, 89, of Clarion, passed away on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center in Mason City.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at Ewing Funeral Home, 1801 Central Avenue East in Clarion. Burial took place in Evergreen Cemetery in Clarion.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the service.

Mary Louise, daughter of Herbert and Mabel (Graff) Hackbarth, was born on March 9, 1936, in rural Rowan. Mary grew up on the family farm with her eight siblings. She graduated from Rowan High School, where she enjoyed playing basketball. After high school, Mary attended Eagle Grove Community College.

Mary was united in marriage to Frank Lester on June 12, 1955, at the Rowan Methodist Church. Mary raised her children on a farm in Clarion and began working outside the home in Belmond and later at Meredith in Clarion.

In her younger years, Mary enjoyed gardening, tending to her flowers, cooking for her family, and sewing. She liked to go for long walks and putting together puzzles. She loved watching a good basketball or baseball game on TV and especially loved supporting



her grandchildren and great-grandchildren's activities.

Mary is survived by her daughters Janice Morford and Kathy (Nick) Stahl; grandchildren Ben, Joe, Chase (Summer), Andie (Mitch), Ryan (Ali), Betsy (Christian), and Sara (Josh); great-grandchildren Case, Bradlee, Franco, Bodhi, Stetson, Cael, Bella, William, Mack, and Lakyn; sisters Charlotte Pals and Kathryn Hoopingarner; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank in 1990; parents; siblings Barbara Hackbarth, Betty (Raymond) Swanson, Shirley (Leslie) Southard, Herbert Hackbarth Jr., Lester Hackbarth and David (Ellen) Hackbarth; son-in-law Jim Morford; and brothers-in-law Norman Pals Raymond Swanson and Eugene Hoopingarner.

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Monitor Memories

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42 Years Ago December 22, 1983
 Students in all grades at Clarion schools contributed to the holiday spirit this past week as the elementary, junior and high school students presented their annual Christmas programs this past week. In celebration of the holiday season as well, the Chamber of Commerce and Spinning Wheels will be sponsoring a roller skating party for free.

A program to certify all of the Clarion High School students in CPR is currently underway at the school. This year, all of the high school freshmen and seniors will be certified in CPR, and during the next four years, all of the incoming freshmen and upperclassmen will be certified or recertified.

The ice and snow-packed streets caused a rash of automobile accidents in Clarion last week, according to the Clarion Police Department. On December 17, the local police received reports of three accidents caused by the snow-covered streets. Other accidents were also reported that week.

77 Years ago December 16, 1948
 "The first hundred years are the hardest. After that, you just take it easy." That is the philosophy of George Phifer, Goldfield's oldest inhabitant, who was 100 years old Friday, Dec. 10 and in spite of all the activity about him, he was taking it easy. Those living with him were much more excited than the centenarian was.

A wave of vandalism which includes the destruction, knocking down and molestation of mail boxes on rural routes radiating from Clarion has reached such proportions that Postmaster Leo Porter issued a warning that such acts are punishable by heavy fines and imprisonment.

Clarion residents are responding slowly to the Clarion Lions club's invitation to decorate their homes for the Christmas holiday season. Only a few have entered the contest. Officials of the Lions club say that the decorations can be either on the house or in the yard. Prize for first place is an award of \$15.

NEW Cooperative Donates Hams to the Spirit of Dows Food Pantry

During the week of December 8th, NEW Cooperative, Inc. held its annual Hams for Hunger event, supporting food pantries across Iowa. This year, the Spirit of Dows Food Pantry was among the many locations to receive donated hams.

Since 2018, NEW Cooperative has partnered with local food pantries throughout its trade territory to deliver hams to families in need. This ongoing effort helps ease food insecurity while bringing a bit of extra joy to households during the holiday season.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Land O'

Lakes for their continued support. Thanks to their generous matching funds, NEW Cooperative was able to distribute 4,500 hams to local food pantries, the equivalent of 24,630 pounds of Iowa-grown pork.

A heartfelt thank-you also goes out to our dedicated employees who assisted with distributing and delivering hams to these 43 food pantries. Their commitment made it possible to reach communities from the Highway 9 corridor in northwest Iowa, southwest to Fremont County, into the Cainsville, Missouri area, and north along the

Interstate 35 corridor.

"NEW Cooperative's Hams for Hunger event has been a central part of our community-giving program for many years," said Gary Moritz, NEW Cooperative Communications Director. "We hope this gesture helps make the holiday season a little brighter for every recipient. From all of us at NEW Cooperative, we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!"

About NEW Cooperative, Inc. and the NEW Cooperative Foundation

NEW Cooperative, Inc. is a farmer-owned grain, agronomy, energy, and feed cooperative

headquartered in Fort Dodge, Iowa. As a leading agriculture retailer, NEW Cooperative is focused on being an innovative and efficient provider of today's agriculture markets and services to 12,000 members throughout their 83 locations in Iowa.

The NEW Cooperative Foundation is the charitable giving entity of NEW Cooperative, Inc. The Foundation is committed to investing in organizations that are dedicated to youth and education, human services, and civic purposes that further enhance the quality of life in our member's local communities.



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SPORTS

Week 2 Hoops Rundown:

Cowgirls Battle on Home Court

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The young Clarion-Goldfield-Dows girls' basketball team closed out their second week of December with a pair of home games against Humboldt and Garner-Hayfield-Ventura.

On Friday, the 1-2 Wildcats were in town for a North Central Conference match-up. The Cowgirls had plenty of good looks early on, but the shots just weren't falling for them.

It didn't take long for Humboldt's outside shooting to ramp up, and the Wildcats led 31-0 after a quarter of play.

A strong take by Ruby Poac put CGD on the board with their first field goal

of the evening midway through the 2nd quarter.

Senior forward Daniela Rodriguez calmly drained a jumper before halftime to bring the score to 41-4.

Humboldt would go on to win, 67-7.

Rodriguez scored four for CGD.

On Saturday, the Cowgirls had a promising start with six points in the 1st quarter, but the visiting Garner-Hayfield-Ventura Cardinals would improve to 5-1 after a 78-9 non-conference win.

Full CGD statistics were not made available at the time of publication.

Senior guard Isabella Schisel led the Cardinals with 19 points.



Ruby Poac (5) runs the point while her teammate Johanna Perez (10) trails closely behind. (Photo: Taylor Smith)



Audrey England jostles for position in the post. (Photo: Taylor Smith)

Boys Prevail Twice to Improve to 3-1

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Last week, the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows boys' basketball squad made the most of their only two appearances on the hardwood.

Against Humboldt on Friday night, forward Chaz Lane got on the board early in the 1st quarter with a strong take to the rim, and a corner triple by guard Ethan Hasty gave CGD a 17-12 cushion.

In the 2nd quarter, the Cowboys made Humboldt pay with consistent cuts to the basket. They ran their offense to perfection and found the open man often. The tenacious Wildcats tried to stay in the game by crashing the offensive glass, but a comeback was not in the cards for them.

Johnny Lomeli and Jacob Ruba both hit threes for CGD after a halftime

intermission, and an up-and-under from Lane increased the lead to 35-20.

Huxley Lingenfelter had a strong 4th quarter and finished with 13 points on 67% shooting. Lane was crucial to the 51-35 Cowboy victory and finished with 13 points, 12 boards, and 4 assists.

Hasty went 2-for-4 from deep for six points off the bench.

On Saturday against Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, CGD trailed 31-27 at halftime, but a stingy Cowboy defense managed to limit the Cardinals to just 18 2nd half points. The Cowboys completed a thrilling comeback and sent GHV home with a 59-49 loss.

Huxley Lingenfelter had 12 points on 50% shooting to go along with 11 boards, 4 steals and a block. Lane contributed 15 points, 4



Chaz Lane backs down an opponent. (Photo: Taylor Smith)



Senior Johnny Lomeli had four points and three boards against Humboldt. (Photo: Taylor Smith)

assists, and 4 steals, and Freshman Paxton Morrical added 13 points Lingenfelter provided a and 6 rebounds. spark with 7 points and 3

Thompson Takes Silver in Maquoketa

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows/Eagle Grove girls' wrestling team competed against 18 other schools at the Zimmerman Invitational in Maquoketa last Friday afternoon.

Many of the schools were from eastern Iowa and even Illinois, but the ladies still finished 11th overall and had 57 team points in a packed field.

Central DeWitt (176.5), Iowa City High (173), and Clinton (144) all placed in the Top-3.

Catherine Orozco (100) came home with 6th place finish and had three pins

on the day. She lost by fall to Layla Hamilton of West Branch in the 5th place match. Orozco holds a record of 10-10 on the season.

Marlee Thompson was a runner-up at 115. The sophomore pinned wrestlers from Camanche, West Branch, and Iowa City High on her way to the finals, but she was defeated via tech fall by a freshman from Central DeWitt.

Senior Baylee Steig (140) finished 4th and had two falls on the day, and Keeley Peterson (155) pinned a Lisbon wrestler in the consolation round but did not place.



Marlee Thompson holds a 16-3 record this season. (Photo: Taylor Smith)

Fans can catch the team in action at the Fort Dodge Girls Invitational on December 19 starting at 4:30 p.m.



Middle School/High School Sports Calendar

Thursday, December 18

Varsity Esports Rocket League vs. GHV, 4:00 p.m.
7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball vs. Clear Lake @ CGDMS, 4:15 p.m.

Varsity Girls Wrestling @ Emmetsburg, 6:00 p.m.
JV/Varsity Boys Wrestling @ Iowa Falls-Alden, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 19

Varsity Boys Wrestling @ Battle of Waterloo, 9:00 a.m.
7th/8th Grade Boys Wrestling @ St. Edmond, 4:15 p.m.

Varsity Girls Wrestling @ Emmetsburg, 4:30 p.m.
JV/Varsity Girls/Boys Basketball vs. IF-A @ CGDMS, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 20

Varsity Boys Wrestling @ Battle of Waterloo, 9:00 a.m.

Cowboys Lock Horns with Dons at Keith Vry Invite

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Even without a few key star wrestlers, the mighty Cowboys still managed to finish just 9 points shy of 1st place at Aplington-Parkersburg's highly competitive Keith Vry Invitational on Saturday.

The (1A) #1 Don Bosco Dons took first with 258.5 team points, followed by your (2A) #1 Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Cowboys with 250, and (2A) #4 Osage with 182.5.

Seven Cowboys were champions in their respective weight classes and Cole Wibholm earned runner-up at 106.

Paxton Redenius moved up to 120 and took home the gold after a win via tech fall over a Crestwood opponent.

Linden and Adrian Phetxoumphone swept through their competition at 132 and 138, and Dawson and Easton Beyer did the same thing at 157 and 190.

Colin Sesker (165) handled Dike-New Hartford's Gavin Gerbract 15-0 after winning by fall and tech fall on his way to the finals. JT Kelso was CGD's last final champion and pinned two men en route to gold at heavyweight.



Colin Sesker (Photo: Taylor Smith)



JT Kelso (Photo: Taylor Smith)

TOP FINISHERS:

- 106: Cole Wibholm/2nd
- 113: Brandon Stein/5th
- 120: Paxton Redenius/1st
- 132: Linden Phetxoumphone/1st
- 138: Adrian Phetxoumphone/1st
- 150: Reed Campbell/3rd
- 157: Dawson Beyer/1st
- 165: Colin Sesker/1st
- 175: Eli Hodge/6th
- 190: Easton Beyer/1st
- 285: JT Kelso/1st



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Aerial views

Bruce Voigts, Aerial Photographer (Photos taken December 2, 2025)



Lake Cornelia with ice and snow.



In Iowa, the weather changes quite often. From a week ago with warmer no snow, to colder and close to 12" of snow in the area. Clarion in the top of the photo looking south with the Clarion airport in the center of the picture.

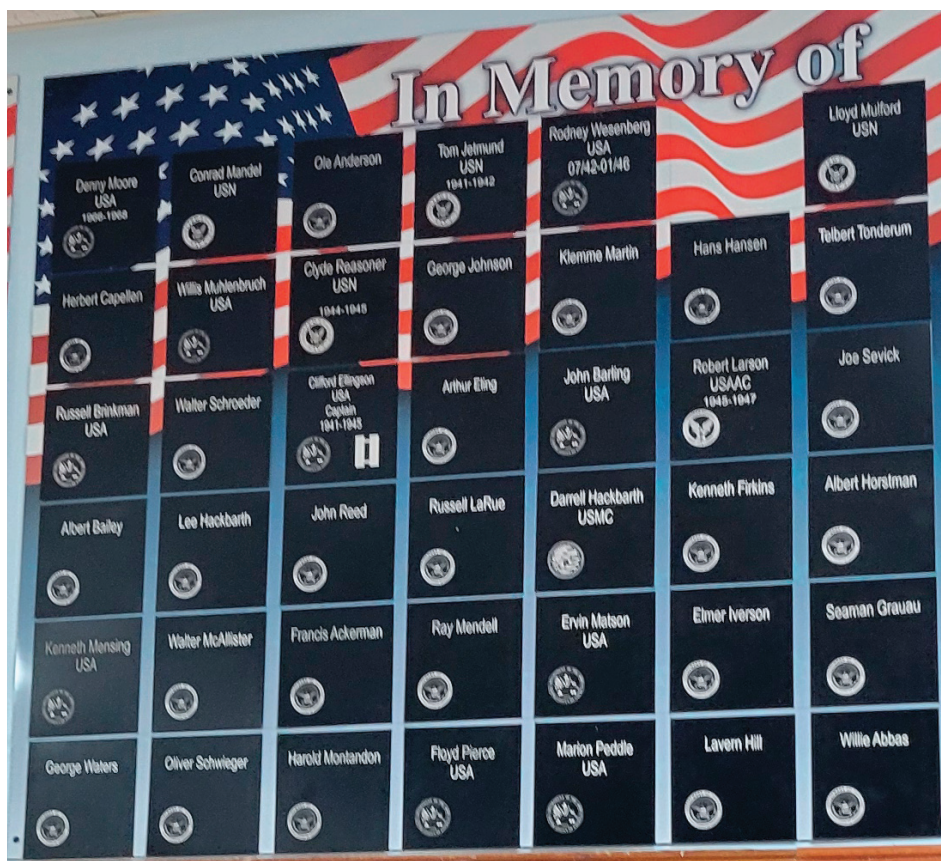


Lake Cornelia camp ground with a few hardy campers.

Dows American Legion



The Dows American Legion would like to thank Wright County Charitable Foundation for the Grant for the Veterans Wall in the Legion building. (Photo: Barb Chambers)



Dows Legion Bingo



The Dows Legion is trying something new. Keith Patterson, Tyrone McAfee, Nancy Plendl (pictured), along with Don and Robin Koop, and Bill and Barb Chambers are working together to bring BINGO to the local Legion. Keith and Tyrone suggested at a summertime Legion meeting and was approved to proceed by the Legion members. They found and purchased the Bingo board and station. It took some time to get the license from the state. They have had a few practice sessions to work out the bugs and process and now they are ready to get this going. Going forward, Bingo will be held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of every month at 6-9pm (WEATHER PERMITTING) The next BINGO is December 19. Bill and Barb along with the Auxiliary have been providing some snacks, coffee, and refreshments. All the proceeds will help Veterans in the local and state. So, if you are looking for some fun and win a few dollars, come out and support the Legion. We are looking forward to seeing you. (Photo: Richard Echelberger)

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