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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.

Thurn's 38 Years of Teaching One Community!

Amanda Rink,
Editor

When Joan Thurn walked into her first classroom at Clarion-Goldfield-Dows in 1987, she couldn't have known she was beginning what would become nearly four decades of shaping young lives... all within the same school district.

Joan has spent her entire teaching career at CGD, making her the longest-working teacher the Wright County Monitor is aware of in the district. Over 38 years, she has taught second grade, a second- and third-grade combination class, many years of first grade, and even kindergarten.

As a graduate of Edgewood-Colesburg High School, Joan earned her bachelor's degree in education from the University of Northern Iowa. Teaching, she shared, was something of a family calling. Her mother was a teacher until starting a family, and she had siblings who also went into education. Joan knew she wanted to work with kids and try to make a difference in their lives.

Looking back on her first year in the classroom, what stands out most isn't the lesson plans, it's people.

"I had lots of good co-workers that were there to support me and help me

when I had questions," she said. "When you start out teaching, you encounter many things you didn't learn about in college, so having supportive co-workers was important."

That sense of support and teamwork has remained throughout the years, even as education itself has changed dramatically. While the basics of reading, writing, and math are still at the forefront of the classroom, how those skills are taught has evolved year after year. Joan has been there to see that change firsthand, but has stayed true to her reason for getting into education.

"How they are taught is always changing and evolving, trying to help students achieve more," Joan said. "Another thing that stays the same is that kids want to be listened to and loved."

Over the years, Joan says her favorite part of teaching has been watching students grow, not just on paper, but personally, from the beginning of the school year to the end. Some of the most meaningful moments come long after students leave her classroom, when they spot her in the hallway, stop to say hello, or come back for a hug.

"I think the moments when you know you have



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made a difference in someone's life mean the most," she said. "And those moments when you've worked hard to teach a concept, and the students finally get it, when they make those connections you've been working toward."

Joan says education is never boring. Every year

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Supervisors Vote to Keep 911 Dispatch Under Emergency Management

Amanda Rink,
Editor

January 19, 2025 - The Wright County Board of Supervisors met on Monday, covering a full agenda that included local food initiatives, county finances, emergency communications, planning, and road maintenance.

After approving the agenda, minutes, and claims, the board heard an annual update from Andrea Evelsizer of Healthy Harvest of North Iowa via a letter read by the County Auditor, Amanda Meyer.

Evelsizer outlined the organization's work connecting local producers, consumers, and communities through farmers' markets, food education, and statewide partnerships. Highlights from the letter included recipe demonstrations at the Clarion and Belmond farmers markets, a summer field day at Little Leafy Greens in Clarion, and even a distribution of a local food guide.

Healthy Harvest requested that the county consider increasing its contribution for 2026 to \$2,500, noting the funds help leverage state and federal grants.

A discussion then followed regarding funding for the county's emergency communications center. Supervisors voted to rescind a motion made earlier in January that would have combined emergency management and communications into a separate levy.

Instead, the board agreed to keep communications under emergency management, funded on a per-capita basis. The change will require updates to existing 28E agreements with cities, with gradual increases in city contributions to reflect actual costs.

Supervisors cited Iowa Code provisions allowing flexibility in how emergency management is funded.

Planning and Zoning Administrator and Assistant County Engineer Jeremy Abbas presented the final report recommending adoption of the 2025 Wright County Comprehensive Plan, a document more than two years in the making.

The zoning commission voted to recommend approval, noting the plan preserves agricultural land, encourages efficient development, addresses flood mitigation, and provides a long-term vision for the county. The plan is not yet approved and can be viewed on the county website.

The board then approved 28E agreements allowing county secondary roads to continue road maintenance on road extensions within the city limits of Galt and Dows. Under the approved 28E agreements, Wright County will handle snow removal and maintenance on Taylor Avenue, Sycamore Avenue, and 245th Street in Galt, and on Wright Avenue from the North city limits to Railroad Street and Ellsworth Street in Dows.

County Engineer Adam Clemons also shared a secondary roads update, reporting ongoing winter operations, brush cutting, and bridge work on Taylor Avenue. Crews are waiting on better weather to pour concrete, which requires strict temperatures.

In other business, the board:

• Congratulated Betty Ellis on 25 years of service to Wright County, 24 as County Auditor and one as a County Supervisor.

• Received the quarterly revenue report from the Wright County Recorder. The report noted that \$23,405.38 stays in the county, while \$80,853.25 goes to the state.

Supervisors also shared updates from recent meetings, including visits to the State Capitol, where concerns about eminent domain and corridor expansion were discussed with legislators, as well as conservation, emergency management, and regional development meetings.

The Supervisors will meet again on Monday, January 26, at 9:00 A.M. at the Clarion Courthouse. This meeting, and past meetings, can be viewed online at youtube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312.

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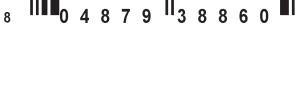


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Young Celebrates 40 Years As a Lion



At the January 12 Clarion Lions Club meeting, hosted at Pizza Ranch, Bud Young was recognized for his 40 years of service as a Lions member. (Photo Provided)

Amanda Rink,
Editor

When Bud Young joined the Clarion Lions Club more than 40 years ago, he was looking for a way to give back to the town that he had already given him so much.

"I was 33 years old," Young shared of his start with the Lions Club. "Clarion had provided me with an education, a career, and a faith community that served me well."

At the time, Young didn't know that Lions Club International was, and still is, the largest service organization in the world. What he did know was that Clarion mattered to him, and helping his community felt important.

Bud and his wife Bonnie raised their family in Clarion. Their son, Andy, lives in Clarion and owns Wright County Insurance, while their son, Tim, lives in Ames, where he works as a construction manager for RES Builders alongside his wife, Samantha, and raises Young's four children.

As a Clarion High School graduate from the class of 1970 and an Iowa State University graduate in 1974, Bud spent his career in insurance, with ownership of Wright County Insurance, previously known as Sumners Insurance Agency. Outside of work, his time has been shaped by service. When he was asked what his favorite hobbies were, he shared teaching adult Sunday School, volunteering with the food pantry, and staying active in church, Clarion Methodist, along with involvement in Face-to-Face and Walk to Emmaus.

Through the Lions Club, Young has worn many hats over the years: Tail Twister, board member, president, and, for the last 30 years, chair of the Pizza Ranch Coupon Book sales, the club's biggest fundraiser. He also served five years on the District 9 Board, providing service beyond even Clarion.

Some projects stand out more than others. When the old Clarion High School was torn down, Lions members reclaimed bricks from the building, cleaned them, added plaques, and sold them to alumni as keepsakes.

"I think we had bricks stored in the back room at Sumners Insurance for ten years," Young shared. "They made great door stops."

Fundraisers like that, along with countless hours of volunteer labor, have allowed the Lions Club to support local projects and organizations, like the City of Clarion, Clarion-Goldfield-Dows schools, the Chamber of Commerce (Clarion Development Alliance), Iowa Specialty Hospital, the public library, movie theater, swimming pool, and many others.

Over four decades, Young has seen the club change in meaningful ways. Lions is no longer just for men, with membership growing to include more women and now younger members. Communication has evolved, too, where phone calls to every club member once filled evening plans, now a single email keeps everyone connected.

"The community has always been supportive," Young shared with The Wright County Monitor. "People used to tell us they had closets full of light bulbs from when we sold them door to door; they bought them because they wanted to support us. That same support continues today with the coupon books and meals we serve at the high school."

For Bud Young, service doesn't equate a spotlight. Service is about working together and quietly making Clarion a better place... one meeting, one fundraiser, one project at a time.

That dedication was recognized on January 12 at the Clarion Lions Club meeting at Pizza Ranch, where he was honored for more than 40 years of service as a Lion.

For those interested in becoming part of that legacy, the Clarion Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month at Pizza Ranch. Meals begin at 6:00 p.m., with the meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. New members are always welcome to attend as guests.

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were providing lessons in school and also online for those who didn't feel safe sending students to school."

But again, she stayed true to her first goal, the kids in front of her. "I hope they remember having fun and liking school," she said. "I hope they felt that I cared about them. I try hard to teach in a way that I would want my own kids or grandkids to be taught."

Joan and her husband Carl have raised their family in the area. Their children, Amanda (Jeff) Spencer, Allison (Nick) Spohr, and Zachary Thurn, have given them five grandchildren, many of whom have walked the same school halls Joan has for nearly four decades.

In a profession that has changed in many ways, Joan Thurn has been a steady presence at CGD. She adapted when needed and cared always, which has left a lasting mark on generations of local students, and that is why she is the latest Wright at Work feature.

Region Beats State Jobs Report

Michael Hohenbrink
Mid-America Publishing

With a 2.4 percent unemployment rate that was unchanged from the start of fall, Wright County was by far the regional leader in the latest jobs numbers released by the state.

Hamilton County at 2.5 was next, followed by Grundy at 2.6, Hancock at 2.7 percent and Humboldt and Franklin both at 2.9 with Butler County coming in at 3.2 percent, tying with Cerro Gordo.

All of the region beat the state average at 3.5 percent, up from 3.3 percent one year ago but down from 3.7 percent at the start of fall.

Iowa again beat the national average, which stood at 4.6 percent.

Marshall County led the state with 4.9 percent, with Tama County at 3.7 as one of the highest behind Scott at four percent and Clinton at 4.1 percent.

"November's report is an indication that the increase we've seen over the last few months in labor force participation is translating to more people working," said Beth Townsend, Executive Director of Iowa Workforce Development. "Led by gains in health services, wholesale trade, and construction, Iowa saw strong hiring nearly across the board in November and ended with 9,000 more jobs

Unemployment Statistics (November 2025)

67.5%

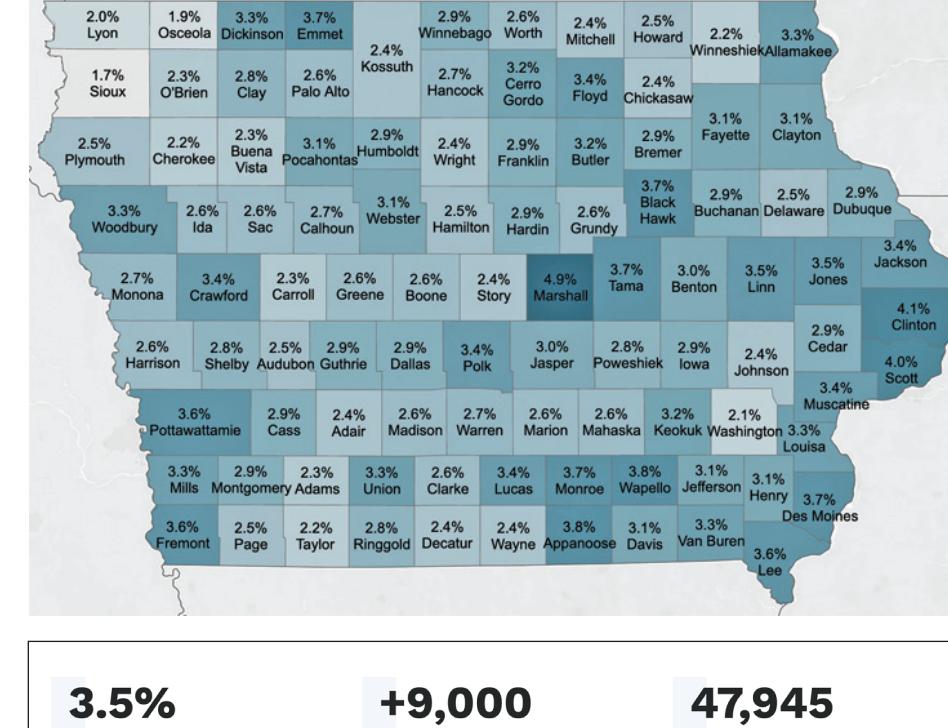
Labor Force Participation Rate

+27,500

Change in labor force over the past year

61,700

Total Unemployed



3.5%

Unemployment Rate (November 2025)

+9,000

Job Growth Over the Past Year

47,945

Current Job Openings in Iowa

Busy Year for Clarion Firefighters Highlights Need for Community Support Fundraiser Set for Jan 31

Amanda Rink,
Editor

The Clarion Fire Department shared its annual overview to the Clarion City Council in early January. The report went over emergency response activity, training hours, and coverage area served by the volunteer department.

According to the report, the Clarion firefighters responded to 87 total calls in 2025. Those calls included 19 lift assists, 13 grass and field fires, 16 vehicle accidents or vehicle fires, five house fires, seven other structure fires, and five hazardous material calls involving carbon monoxide or gas odors. The department also handled 11 mutual aid calls and seven false alarms.

The department logged 1,136 total hours on emergency calls, along with more than 1,200 hours of training and over 500 hours spent in meetings throughout the year. The Clarion Fire Department is staffed by 22 volunteer firefighters and two junior firefighters.

Clarion firefighters provide fire protection across

approximately 140 square miles, extrication coverage using the Jaws of Life across nearly 200 square miles, and offer mutual aid countywide. Department officials noted that this coverage area is larger than that of most surrounding departments.

As a volunteer department, Clarion firefighters are not salaried but are held to the same training and safety standards as career departments. Training includes fire suppression, rescue operations, vehicle extrication, hazardous materials awareness, CPR, and

incident command. All of this training is completed on personal time.

The department relies on local funding, grants, and community fundraisers to maintain equipment and operations. Recently, the department has shared the need for a new firehouse.

To support the department, the Clarion Development Alliance (CDA) will host the department at its annual Casino Night on January 31 at The Red Shed Event Center.

The Clarion Fire Department will prepare and serve burgers, beans and chips

beginning at 6:00 P.M., followed by casino games hosted by the CDA until 10:00 P.M. To-go meals will be available.

Admission is \$10 per person, with casino chips sold separately. "Come dressed however you'd like — no formal dress code," reads press from the CDA.

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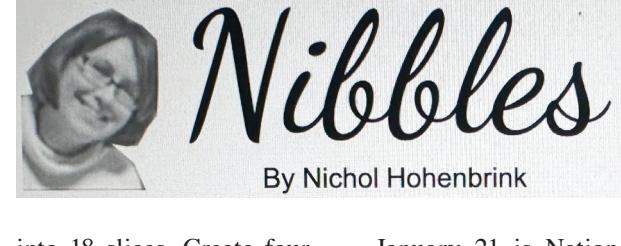
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Let Them Eat (Coffee) Cake



By Nichol Hohenbrink

This week's recipes all sound so delicious to me. Something to munch on and/or savor during these cold, gray weeks of the year.

January 20 is National Cheese Lovers Day.

MARINATED CHEESE

SOURCE: "Taste of Home 13x9: Your Pan with a Plan"

YIELD: about 32 servings

PREP: 30 minutes + marinating

2 blocks (8 ounces each) white cheddar cheese

2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese

3/4 cup chopped roasted sweet red peppers

1/2 cup olive oil

1/4 cup white wine vinegar

1/4 cup balsamic vinegar

3 tablespoons chopped green onions

3 tablespoons minced fresh parsley

2 tablespoons minced fresh basil

1 tablespoon sugar

3 garlic cloves, minced

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon pepper

Assorted crackers or toasted sliced French bread

Slice each block of cheddar cheese into twenty 1/4-in. slices. Cut each block of cream cheese

into 18 slices. Create four 6-in.-long blocks of stacked cheeses, sandwiching 9 cream cheese slices between 10 cheddar slices for each stack. Place in a 13x9-in. dish.

In a small bowl, combine peppers, oil, vinegars, onions, herbs, sugar, garlic, salt and pepper; pour over cheese stacks.

Cover; refrigerate overnight, turning cheese blocks once. Drain excess marinade. Serve the cheese slices with crackers or toasted bread.

January 20 is also National Coffee Break Day, and what couldn't be better without coffee than some coffee cake?

E-Z COFFEE CAKE

SOURCE: "St. Francis Xavier Basilica Cookbook"

1 package white or yellow cake mix

1 package small size vanilla instant pudding

4 eggs

2/3 cup salad oil

3/4 cup cold water

1/2 cup sugar

2 teaspoons cinnamon

Mix first 5 ingredients and beat about 8 minutes. Mix together sugar and cinnamon.

Put half of the batter into a 9x13 pan or bundt pan. Sprinkle half of the cinnamon and sugar. Put the rest of the batter in the pan. Sprinkle remaining cinnamon and sugar on the top, swirl with a knife. Bake at 350 degrees. For a bundt pan, bake 50-55 minutes. For a 9x13-inch pan, 40-45 minutes.

January 21 is National New England Clam Chowder Day.

NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER

SOURCE: "Pillsbury Complete Cookbook"

YIELD: 4 (1 1/2 cup servings)

PREP TIME: 40 minutes

3 slices bacon, cut into small pieces

1 cup diced peeled potatoes

1/2 cup chopped celery

1/4 cup chopped onion

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon dried thyme leaves, crushed

1/8 teaspoon pepper

2 (6 1/2 ounces) cans minced clams, drained, reserving liquid

1/4 cup all-purpose flour

3 cups milk

Cook bacon in large saucepan over medium heat until crisp. Remove bacon from saucepan; drain on paper towels. Set aside.

Add potatoes, celery, onion, salt, thyme, pepper and reserved clam liquid to bacon drippings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 10 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender.

In 1-quart jar with tight-fitting lid, combine flour and milk; shake until smooth. Gradually stir into vegetable mixture.

Cook over medium heat 15 minutes or until thickened, stirring frequently. Stir in clams. Heat gently, stirring frequently. DO NOT BOIL.

Sprinkle bacon over each serving.

Quarter-less, but Rich

Amanda Rink,
Editor

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on earth." - Muhammad Ali.

Every Sunday night for as long as I can remember, my husband and I take our kids to Jalapeño in Clarion. Our dear friends Luke and Bethany Anderson join us. We jokingly call it Sunday family dinner.

I always feel incredibly blessed that our families have this tradition, and that our kids get to grow up sharing a table, supporting a local business.

The restaurant has a quarter machine that gives either a small surprise toy or a gumball.

Naturally, I try to always have a quarter on me so Willow, the baby of the family, can have something to entertain her until dinner arrives.

But this also means I'm usually short a quarter in other situations... like at Aldi.

If you're unfamiliar with Aldi, you're missing out. The store doesn't use artificial dyes in its food, and didn't long before it became mainstream. The staff are paid well, so they're generally happy. The stores aren't overwhelmingly large and don't use the harsh, migraine-inducing lights found in places like Walmart.

Better yet, the prices are great. I promise I'm not trying to sell you on anything; I just genuinely appreciate the store. All of it, except the part where they require a quarter to get a cart.

Like most of Aldi's practices (which align more

closely with European grocery stores), the quarter system helps keep costs down.

Just like bagging your own groceries, something I actually don't mind.

This time, though, I had no quarter and very little social battery. So I decided to haul my case of water and a gallon of milk to the register by hand. It took two trips, but thankfully, no one paid much attention to me. It was still better than returning to a more chaotic store.

I waited behind an older woman who stood right at the register while the cashier rang me up. My total was \$6.15, a 40-pack of purified water (well water makes me gag), and a gallon of whole milk (I'm convinced kids should drink full-fat milk for developing brains when they're able to, sorry, modern society).

The woman didn't move or even look at me. The cashier and I exchanged confused glances, and then the woman handed the cashier seven dollars and told her to give me the change.

I was immediately embarrassed.

Did she think I needed the help because I didn't have a quarter for a cart? She had no idea how blessed I was to be without one, I thought.... remembering how Willow's squishy fake bug broke last Sunday, flying across the table and making her laugh a juicy toddler laugh. Pure joy.

I thanked the woman right away, touching her shoulder and telling her it wasn't necessary. She said she knew, but she wanted to. Then she asked if I had

small children at home.

"Yes," I said. "Can you tell?"

She smiled and said the whole milk gave it away.

It was such a pure moment, and still, I felt guilty. I didn't need her to pay for my groceries.

But that guilt faded when the cashier handed me my change, which included three quarters and a dime.

Now I had a quarter.

On my way out, I put one in a cart, my milk and water safely inside a cart the cashier let me use, and slipped the other two quarters into my purse, for Sunday dinner.

Like most days when I'm in a larger city, I stopped for coffee. When it came time to tip, I left a very exact amount: \$6.15.

Because while I might not have needed that woman to pay for my milk and water, the barista that day might be counting on her tips to get through until payday.

And if not?

Maybe they'll put a quarter in the cart for someone else.

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.

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for exploration, with the drill pad taking up about one to two acres. If hydrogen is not found, Kristen Delano with Koloma says the land will be returned to its original state, which appears to be farmland.

As drilling samples are collected, rock samples are studied in a one-of-a-kind lab located on site before being sent to Koloma's

main laboratory in Columbus, Ohio. While surface activity may seem to end once drilling is finished, the study of the data continues well beyond the drilling.

For now, the well remains exploratory, and no definite answers have been found about what lies beneath Wright County.

What is clear is that decisions made at board tables,

on gravel roads, and on a few acres of private land could shape how the county will be involved in emerging energy development.

As exploration continues, you will find the latest coverage within the very pages you hold in your hand. To stay up to date with this award-winning coverage, consider subscribing to The Wright County Monitor.

Gov. Reynolds introduces bill to modernize Iowa veterans' benefits system

Governor Kim Reynolds introduced legislation to the Iowa House and Senate to improve the existing statewide system for delivering benefits to veterans.

Iowa is home to nearly 178,000 veterans, yet only one-third of the state's veterans receive the benefits they earned protecting the freedoms of their fellow Americans. Currently, Iowa ranks 44th in the nation for Veterans Affairs (VA) compensation per capita.

"Iowa's outdated and inefficient system means too many veterans aren't receiving the full benefits they've earned," Governor Reynolds said. "By moving to a single claim system statewide, providing consistent training for all counties, and establishing performance-based incentives, we can achieve

our goal of getting more benefits to more veterans."

Gov. Reynolds' bill proposes to improve the existing statewide VA benefits system by incentivizing counties to increase veteran benefits.

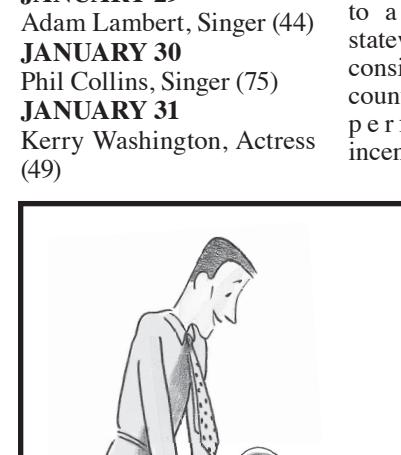
Currently, each of Iowa's 99 counties receive \$10,000 annually in state funding to support local veteran service officers (VSOs). The governor's proposal instead ties state funds to outcomes and performance measures by county. Counties ranking in the top third for VA compensation per capita would receive \$15,000 in funding, a 50% increase. The middle third of counties would receive up to \$10,000 if compensation per capita is increased by 5%. Similarly, the lowest ranking one-third of counties would receive up to \$5,000 by achieving a 5% increase in

per capita compensation.

Gov. Reynolds' bill also establishes training standards by providing a dedicated team from the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs to support county VSOs and provide enhanced, on-site training and technical assistance.

It would also require the use of a single online claim system, provided by the state, which would replace other systems and paper claims currently used by counties.

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LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Prepare for adventure this week, Leo. The cosmos is urging you to expand your horizons and seek new inspiration. Your optimism is contagious as you make your plans.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

This week brings a powerful sense of personal transformation and empowerment to you, Virgo. You have the energy to tackle complex matters and emerge feeling stronger and wiser.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 22

Libra, your relationships are very strong this week. You'll find mutual respect and exciting shared goals through these alliances. If you're single, expect an unforgettable encounter.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

This week is perfect for optimizing your work-life flow and implementing small changes that will yield huge, positive results, Scorpio. You may need help mapping out goals.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Wright County Supervisors January 5, 2026 Minutes

January 5, 2026

Chairperson Bosch called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Rasmussen, Bosch, Loux, and Ellis. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Loux to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries. Approved claims for payment.

In open forum, Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on the Secondary Roads department.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to set the mileage rate at \$0.70 per mile for county employees for 2026. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to keep the current drainage warrant interest rate at 6%. Motion carries.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the listed county employee holidays for 2026. Motion carries.

**HOLIDAY'S FOR
WRIGHT COUNTY 2026**

Memorial Day	Monday, May 25 th
Fourth of July	Friday, July 3 rd
Labor Day	Monday, September 7 th
Veterans' Day	Wednesday, November 11 th
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 26 th
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 27 th
Christmas Eve	Thursday, December 24 th
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25 th
New Year's Day	Friday, January 1 st , 2027

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to approve the petty cash amount for various offices listed below. Motion carries.

Petty cash for offices:

County Auditor	\$20.00
County Engineer	\$50.00
Public Health Nurses	\$55.00
County Sheriff	\$200.00
County Treasurer	\$50.00

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to appoint the Eminent Domain Compensation commission for 2026 as listed below. Motion carries.

WRIGHT COUNTY 2026 Eminent Domain Compensation Commission

1. OWNERS OPERATORS OF AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY
2. OWNERS OF CITY OR TOWN PROPERTY
3. LICENSED REAL ESTATE SALESMEN OR REAL ESTATE BROKERS
4. BANKERS, AUCTIONEERS, PROPERTY MANAGERS, PROPERTY APPRAISERS AND PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING LOANS ON PROPERTY

Owners Operators of Agricultural Property

Name	Address	City	State	Zip
1 Stan Watne	2625 Sycamore Ave.	Galt	IA	50101
2 Dean Kluss	905 3rd Ave. NE	Clarion	IA	50525
3 Larry Pals	1537 Tyrell Lane	Belmond	IA	50421
4 Kent Kirstein	2051 Nelson Ave.	Clarion	IA	50525
5 Veri Tate	1908 Sandy Beach Road	Clarion	IA	50525
6 Bob Diemerly	1998 Sandy Beach Road	Clarion	IA	50525
7 Troy Watne	1061 Quincy Ave.	Belmond	IA	50421

Owners of City or Town Property

Name	Address	City	State	Zip
1 Shannon Walker	411 Central Ave. E	Clarion	IA	50525
2 Mitch Kluss	314 4th Ave. SE	Clarion	IA	50525
3 Bud Young	1118 3rd Ave. NE	Clarion	IA	50525
4 Colleen Bartlett	1310 SW 1st Street	Eagle Grove	IA	50533
5 Larry Klatt	406 Sheppard Street	Dows	IA	50071
6 Earl Kalkwarf	111 Montclare Lane	Belmond	IA	50421
7 Sandy McGrath	119 N. Washington	Eagle Grove	IA	50533
8 Darron Baker	720 NW 2nd Street	Eagle Grove	IA	50533

Licensed Real Estate Salesmen or Real Estate Brokers

Name	Address	City	State	Zip
1 Bob Powers	1982 Sandy Beach Road	Clarion	IA	50525
2 Rod Brooks	2002 Elm Lake Drive	Clarion	IA	50525
3 Carol Haupt	403 White Fox Drive	Clarion	IA	50525
4 Austin Charlson	2531 190th Street	Belmond	IA	50421
5 Kevin Reed	409 E. Webster	Goldfield	IA	50542
6 Todd Buseman	128 Fairway Drive	Belmond	IA	50421
7 Todd Swalin	1093 270th Street	Eagle Grove	IA	50533

Bankers, Auctioneers, Property Managers, Property Appraisers and Person Responsible for making loans on property

Name	Address	City	State	Zip
1 Mark Skogerbøe	303 4th Ave. SE	Clarion	IA	50525
2 Michael Ryerson	521 S. Commercial Ave.	Eagle Grove	IA	50533
3 Aaron Wagner	201 W Broadway	Eagle Grove	IA	50533
4 Tate Goeman	120 E. Main Street	Belmond	IA	50421
5 Gene Ryerson	9 Spruce Drive	Eagle Grove	IA	50533

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to appoint the Board of Supervisors to various organizations. Motion carries.

Organization

Organization	Representative
Courthouse & Jail	The Board as a whole
County Farm	The Board as a whole
Roads & Drainage	The Board as a whole
Union Negotiations	The Board as a whole
Department Heads	Chairperson

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to appoint the Board of Supervisors to various boards and committees as listed below. Motion carries.

Organization

Organization	Representative
ADA Coordinator	Betty Ellis
BioTerrorism/Preparedness	The Board as a whole
Boone River Watershed Management Authority	Dean Kluss
Boone River Watershed Management Authority – Alternate	Betty Ellis
Building Families	Dean Kluss
Central Iowa Community Services	Ashley Bosch
Central Iowa Community Services – Alternate	Betty Ellis
Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center	Rick Rasmussen
Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center – Alternate	Betty Ellis
Community Family Resources	Dean Kluss
Decat	Ashley Bosch
Emergency Management Commission & E911 Board	Rick Rasmussen
Hazardous Materials Response Commission	Jarika Beecher
Hazardous Materials Response Commission – Alternate	Aaron Budweg
Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund	Ashley Bosch
HIPAA	Andy Yackle
Historical Preservation	Dean Kluss
Iowa Drainage District Association	Courtney Morris
Iowa Drainage District Association – Alternate	Lynn Loux
Local Emergency Planning Commission	Aaron Budweg
Mid Iowa Growth Partnership	Kim Demory
Mid Iowa Growth Partnership – Alternate	Clint Middleton
MIDAS – Cities	Aaron Budweg
MIDAS – Economic Development	Adam Clemons
Regional Planning Affiliation Policy Board – MIDAS	Dean Kluss
Executive Board of Pathfinders Strategic Partners – County	Kim Demory
Executive Board of Pathfinders Strategic Partners – Economic Development	Rick Rasmussen
Second Judicial District, Correctional Services Board of Directors	Rick Rasmussen
UDMO – County Advisory	Betty Ellis
Upper Des Moines Opportunity	Ashley Bosch
Upper Des Moines Opportunity – Alternate	Dean Kluss
Wright County Board of Health	Rick Rasmussen
Wright County Economic Development Commission	Rick Rasmussen
Wright County Emergency Medical Service	Rick Rasmussen
Wright County Health Officer and Illegal Dumping Enforcement Official	Sandy McGrath
Wright County Safety Committee	Lynn Loux
Wright County Sanitary Landfill	Lynn Loux
Wright County Sanitary Landfill – Alternate	Dean Kluss
Wright County Security	Betty Ellis
Wright County Wellness Committee	Dean Kluss

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to appoint Eric Eide as the Wright County Drainage Attorney. Motion carries.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to appoint Kelly Leist to Iowa Township as R E Aldrich resigned for a term to expire 12/31/2028. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to have Wright County Monitor, Eagle Grove Eagle, and Belmond Independent as the official newspapers for County business. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the listed Medical Examiners, Deputies, and Investigators. Motion carries.

Medical Examiner appointments

Medical Examiner : Jon Ahrendsen MD

Deputy Examiners:

Andrea McLoughlin MD, Dustin Smith MD,

Medical Investigators:

Tiffini Toliver ARNP, Andrew Neliesen, Jon Nisson EMT, Katie Schlichting Paramedic, Savannah Schnetzer, Naarah Hauenstein, and Amy Erickson-Keller RN, MEI (In Webster City, but has agreed to help cover Wright County)

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Loux to approve the re-appointment of Che Hanson to the Board of Adjustment for a 5 year term. Motion carries. The Board of Adjustment is as follows:

Board of Adjustment

Dave Nelson	Belmond	12/31/2026
Deb Vance	Eagle Grove	12/31/2026
Elizabeth Severson	Belmond	12/31/2027
Aaron Wagner	Eagle Grove	12/31/2028
Che Hanson	Clarion	12/31/2030

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to approve the Wright County Charitable Foundation Board as follows. Motion carries.

Wright County Charitable Foundation

Lenna Groom	Clarion Economic Dev.	December 2026
Kevin Cahalan	At-Large, Dows	December 2027
Adam Vorrie	Belmond Growth Alliance	December 2027
Alan Mattison	At-Large, Goldfield	December 2028
Dawn Barkema	EG Community Dev. Corp.	December 2028

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to approve the Wright County Charitable Foundation Board as follows. Motion carries.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Wright County December 2025 Claims

December 2025 Claims	
General Basic Fund	GRP, Recycle \$51.00
Access Systems, Copier contract	Hawkeye West, Pest control \$328.00
..... \$142.97	Heart of IA, Match fund \$15,300.00
AgSource, Testing	Hennigar's Constr., Sidewalk \$8,326.15
..... \$28.00	Spencer, Steel \$919.40
AgVantage, Fuel	State Hygienic Lab, Testing \$2,098.50
..... \$3,007.57	State Med. Ex., Autopsy \$4,554.00
Amazon, Off. supp.	Streicher's, Alteration \$18.00
..... \$662.01	T & S, Disposal \$768.00
Arnold's, DEF/Comp. oil	T-Mobile, Phone \$5,642.00
..... \$199.60	Thrifty White, Meds \$916.68
Independent, Publication	True Value, Insulation \$105.98
..... \$687.43	Unity Point Clinic, Testing \$42.00
Blue Ribbon Pelham, Water	Urnex, Supplies \$1,522.83
..... \$115.25	US Cellular, Phone \$199.44
Bomgaars, Cust. supp.	IP Pathways, IT support \$513.61
..... \$783.95	Verizon, Phone \$10,130.35
Ashley Bosch, Mileage	ISACS, Membership \$300.00
..... \$116.90	Visa, Credit Card \$1,416.27
Aaron Budweg, Training	Visual Edge, Copier contract \$500.77
..... \$109.74	VW Dock, Poles \$403.00
BOA, Credit Card	WCC, Contribution \$100,000.00
..... \$155.20	WCEM, Code Red \$78,943.69
Darrel Carlyle, Mileage	Webster Co. Sheriff, Fees \$21.00
..... \$186.12	West Payment Center, Law Library \$1,138.00
CDW-G, Computers	Wr. Co. Aud., Postage \$163,739.22
..... \$4,426.59	Wr. Co. Aud., Postage \$104.71
Central Iowa Det., Nurse fee	Wr. Co. Employees Side Fund \$28,297.44
..... \$119.00	Clarion Health, Memberships \$310.00
Central Iowa Dist., Cust. supp.	First Citizens Bank, Gift cards \$8,950.00
..... \$1,333.00	Hartford, Insurance \$2,135.04
Central Iowa Water, Testing	ISAC, Insurance \$81.91
..... \$375.00	ISAC Group Benefits, Insurance \$321,930.78
Central Lock, IP install	Jail Commissary \$31.92
..... \$3,597.00	Hewitt, Meals/Comm. \$21.37
City of Clarion, Water & sewer	Reliance, Flex cards \$600.00
..... \$636.81	Rural Services Basic Fund
CJ Cooper, Testing	Belmond Library, Apport \$2,683.67
..... \$45.00	Clarion Library, Apport \$2,571.83
Clara H. Brown Trust, Well closure	Dows Library, Apport \$1,229.92
..... \$700.00	EG Library, Apport \$3,019.08
Clarion Distributing, Cust. supp.	IPI, Decals \$84.80
..... \$268.25	Rowan Library, Apport \$1,677.33
Column, Publication	Stivers Upfitters, Addons \$20,412.33
..... \$1,594.09	Sanitary Landfill, Apport \$18,056.25
Comm. Health Center, Inmate visits	K-9 Fund \$150.00
..... \$120.00	BOA, Credit Card \$137.20
Comm1, Phone	Secondary Road Fund \$5,858.16
..... \$3,238.17	Jeremy Abbas, Per Diem \$150.00
CPI, Maint.	ADS, Tiling Supp. \$2,011.28
..... \$198.00	AgVantage, Fuel \$24,261.08
Greg Crowl, Contract carrier	Ahlers & Cooney, Labor Relations \$2,541.50
..... \$325.00	First Citizens Bank, Copier Lease \$750.00
Culligan, Water	Wells Fargo Fin., Copier Lease \$396.90
..... \$141.65	Angela Wesselink, Mileage \$17,640.31
D.I.A.L., License	Dustin Smith, MD, Med. Ex. \$723.23
..... \$40.00	American Rescue Plan of 2021 \$953.00
Eagle Building Supply, Plywood	Ahlers & Cooney, Labor relations \$249.88
..... \$32.00	Menards - FD, Lumber \$77.53
Betty Ellis, Mileage	Menards - F, Lumber \$77.53
..... \$67.40	Moore Cleaning Service, Flooring \$78.31
FHP, Plat books	Oldson's, Mail room/etc. \$1,841.88
..... \$1,620.00	Ruba, Cabinets \$11,934.63
Andy Flagge, Mileage/Meals	General Supplemental \$285.80
..... \$491.98	City of Belmond, Utilities \$505.53
Foust Funeral Home, Cremation	City of Clarion, Utilities \$505.53
..... \$2,000.00	City of Eagle Grove, Utilities \$78.31
Frontier, Phone listing	CJ Cooper, Testing \$330.00
..... \$184.00	Clarion Distributing, Shop Supp. \$47.94
Galls, Apparel	Comm1, Phone \$629.10
..... \$225.94	Wright County IT, Copier reimb. \$520.20
Gen. Sol., Monitoring	Continental Res. Corp., Towels \$284.73
..... \$365.00	FmHA Int. Relending Loan \$10.90
Gold-Eagle Coop, Fuel	Eagle Grove CDC, Loan \$10.90
..... \$1,892.45	E911 Surcharge Fund \$16,640.00
GreatAmerica, Copier contract	Alliant Energy, Utilities \$305.57
..... \$319.70	Language Link, Interpreter \$19.74
Schumacher Elevator, Mainte-	MidAmerican, Utilities \$177.67
	Motorola, Onsite maint. \$19,154.58
	Prairie Energy, Utilities \$211.12
	WCEM, Code Red \$1,643.00
	Drainage Administration \$42.84
	Ashley Bosch, Mileage \$46.20
	Betty Ellis, Mileage \$64.64
	IDDA, Registration \$85.00
	Courtney Morris, Mileage \$56.84
	Rick Rasmussen, Mileage \$42.84
	Debt Service Wind Farm UR \$600.00
	UMB Bank, Fees \$600.00
	Debt Service Agribusiness UR \$600.00
	UMB Bank, Fees \$600.00
	Local Emergency Management \$204.00
	Jarika Beecher, Dog food \$58.79
	Comm1, Phone \$55.95
	Verizon, Phone \$211.28
	VISA, Credit Card \$263.28
	Witt O'Brien's, Haz. Mitigation \$2,045.00
	Wright Co. Communications \$1,000.00
	Amazon, Air purifier \$89.99
	Hawkeye West, Pest control \$204.00
	Mid-American, Oil \$451.17
	MidAmerican, Utilities \$1,118.74
	Midland Power, Utilities \$2,30.30
	NEW Coop, Grass \$2,610.00
	Postmaster, PO Box Rent \$162.00
	Prairie Energy, Utilities \$257.28
	Marcus Spangler, Per Diem \$150.00
	Stratford Gravel, Materials \$204.00
	Hero Schedule, Time schedule \$44.00
	Tiffon Pohlm, Mileage \$129.22
	Visual Edge, Copier contract \$124.30
	Agribusiness Park Water Supply \$16,633.63
	Thomas Ford, Operator Serv. \$6,346.00
	Prairie Energy, Utilities \$221.20
	Grand Total \$1,108,574.52

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Wright County 2025 Certified Salaries

Employee Name Gross Wage	
Jeremy D Abbas	94302.48
R E Lee Aldrich	100.00
Alec Amronson	200.00
Alvin Bailey	100.00
McKinley D Bailey	65299.98
Denise D Baker	88581.81
Easton Barrus	33059.81
Dawn M Beauvais	2746.48
Jarika Beecher	74032.24
Nesha C Benton	62194.63
Cindy M Berger	75817.78
Elizabeth Bernal	46069.07
David P Bonin	50.00
Ashley Bosch	43772.17
Dylan Bosch	67185.83
Zachary C Boyer	60346.81
Marty Brandt	100.00
Bradley L Brinkman	59430.52
Brady Brott	89429.08
Dustin L Brott	61909.24
Aaron J Budweg	8262.96
Samuel Cain	37145.18
John D Campbell	150.00
Christopher Canon	100.00
Aaron Carida	99720.81
Darrel Steven Carlyle	100906.06
Caleb Carmichael	57750.23
Tess K Carrigan	29095.48
Heather Chambers	75518.93
Michael J Chase	60018.16
Chloe M Cherry	10970.28
Dalton Chipp	60362.63
Levi Chipp	58607.96
Heather D Christensen	55406.37
Kevin Clabaugh	60139.77
Bryan Claude	150.00
Adam W Clemens	152427.35
Emily Cook	100.00
Sheila Cordero	75371.98
Joseph E Corrow	71955.52
Mark Cramer	100.00
Gregory R Crowl	600.00
Carrie Cruz-Covington	45720.60
David D Demory	63933.71
Kim Demory	51294.01
Brandon DePew	59760.48
Jean Dilley	15654.36
Chloe Dodge	56944.17
Jeremy D Dodge	103019.35
Brian Ellis	50.00
Elizabeth H Ellis	46402.80
Marshall E Erland	4570.45
Jeremiah Feltz	100.00
Jeremiah J Feltz	93042.45
Vicki J Fenske	35680.94
Monica L Figueroa Juarez	33884.14
Ella Fineran	1687.80
Andrew J Flage	96506.33
Kathlene L Fletcher	50.00
Aimee J Froling	100.00
Dustin D Gangstead	63776.56
Brady M Gose	58032.30
Matthew A Grimsley	59672.44
Kelton D Gross	1262.50
Mark C Grundmeier	50.00
Timothy D Hamilton	49692.46
Paul Hansch	4750.00
Tamie J Harrison	150.00
Carol A. Haupt	400.00
Karl A Helgeland	1386.64
Kristyn M Hennigar	72989.84
Alan Hodson	58703.81
Mary Hodson	39715.44
Jennifer E Hogrefe	51866.88
Jeremy M Hogrefe	120470.30
Brittany Howieson	100.00
Jesse J Howieson	62763.40
Terry J Howieson	64559.57
Barry E Huedepohl	106829.53
Laura Johnson	100.00
Andrews Jones	56590.80
Roger Kallem	50.00
Kent D Kirstein	100.00
Hillari Klaver	100.00
Dean W Kluss	45109.83
Ashley Kochut	2000.48
Natasha Krieger	37927.37
Any Krueger	49848.13
Nathan Lahr	56082.48
Sheryl D Larson	270.00
Michael A Majerus	54698.88
Katie M McCormick	65017.88
Sandra L McGrath	90524.94
Jordon McLaughlin	59914.52
Nathan J McVey	76813.01
April Meier	64166.96
Colleen G Meier	65594.60
James C Mewes	36939.02
Amanda M Meyer	87579.62
Barbara L Meyer	52430.80
Clark Morgan	100.00
Daniel Odland	100.00
Christine Oliver	63641.80
Laura L Olson	400.00
Wendi M Palomino	80211.50
Eugene H Pals	50.00
Kevin Pals	50.00
Charles Peil	400.00
Angela D Petersen	75518.57
Jennifer Peterson	44149.99
Anthony E Pieczko	103225.67
Tiffon Pohlm	81635.20
Tiffon Pohlm	2192.40
James Radke	150.00
Blake Rasmussen	46092.34
James D Rasmussen	50.00
Larry R Rasmussen	45090.83
Eric D Rector	92835.18
Jacob Reed	67361.58
Logan Reed	60140.40
Gloria Regnier	50583.22
Ashley M Reiter	54972.16
Brian Ring	11787.50
Matthew A Ring	61323.24
Israel Rivera	52397.51
Amy Robb	14

Church news**CLARION AREA****CLARION FIRST****METHODIST CHURCH**

201 3rd Ave. NE, Clarion, IA

50525

Pastor Craig Luttrell

515-532-2845

website: www.clarion.church

Church Office

Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00

a.m. - Noon

• Sunday, January 25

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all

ages

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

• Sunday, February 1

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all

ages

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

ELCA

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515-532-3440

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“YOU are love, YOU belong,

YOU are called, and YOU are

gifted”

• 9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship

Services

UNITED CHURCH

OF CHRIST,**CONGREGATIONAL**

121 3rd Avenue N.W., Clarion

• Sunday, January 25

9:00 a.m. Worship

10:00 a.m. Fellowship

CHURCH OF CHRIST

420 North Main, Clarion

Pastor Warren Curry

515-532-3273

<http://clarionchurchofchrist.weebly.com>

Facebook Clarion Church of Christ

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship, also live

each Sunday on Facebook

6:00 a.m. Tuesday Iron Man,

Fellowship Hall, Church Building

10:00 a.m. Wednesday, Weekly

Prayer Time Fellowship Hall,

Church Building

Ongoing Bible Studies – times

and locations vary; check for

more information at the church

office week.

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC

608 2nd Ave. N.E., Clarion

Father Jerry W. Blake, Pastor

515-532-3586

• Thursday, January 22

8:00 a.m. Sewing at St. John,

Clarion

11:40 a.m. Rosary at Sacred

Heart, Eagle Grove

12:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred

Heart, Eagle Grove

2:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart,

Eagle Grove

7:00 p.m. Cluster Pastoral

Council Meeting at St. John,

Clarion

• Friday, January 23

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

Clarion

8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John,

Clarion

• Saturday, January 24

Blood Pressure Checks after

Masses

2:00 p.m. Baptisms at St. John,

Clarion

3:15 p.m. A/B at St. John,

Clarion

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

Clarion

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

Clarion

8:00 p.m. Mass in Spanish at St.

John, Clarion

• Sunday, January 25

Blood Pressure Checks after

Masses

7:15 a.m. A/B at St. Francis

Xavier, Belmond

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

Xavier, Belmond

9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. KC

Omelet Breakfast – Boys Scouts

9:45 a.m. A/B at Sacred Heart,

Eagle Grove

10:30 a.m. Mass at Sacred

Heart, Eagle Grove

• Monday January 26

8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis

Xavier, Belmond

• Tuesday, January 27

2:00 p.m. OCIA at St. Francis

Xavier, Belmond

6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus

Meeting at St. Francis Xavier,

Belmond

• Wednesday, January 28

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

Xavier, Belmond

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

Xavier, Belmond

6:30 p.m. YFF Classes at all

Parishes

6:30 p.m. First Reconciliation at

St. John, Clarion and St. Francis

Xavier, Belmond

6:30 p.m. OCIA at St. John,

Clarion

• Thursday, January 29

11:40 a.m. Rosary at Sacred

Heart, Eagle Grove

12:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred

Heart, Eagle Grove

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

219 First Street N.W. Clarion

515-532-2709

• Sunday, January 25 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

THE LIGHHOUSE

CHURCH OF THE**NAZARENE**

Dana Wendel, Pastor

1010 2nd Street SW, Clarion

515-293-3003

FREE Dinner will be on the first

Sunday of the month.

• Sunday

9:30 a.m. Coffee Time

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship

• Tuesday

11:00 a.m. Prayer Time

• Iglesia del Nazareno

6:00 p.m. Sabado

6:00 p.m. Domingo

Lay Minister Mynor

515-851-9699

Bienvenidos

GOLDFIELD AREA

Rejoice Church: A Word and

Spirit Church

Pastors Cris and Jennifer Decious

Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

www.Rejoicechurchiowa.com or

watch us on facebook

NEW LOCATION! We will

begin IN PERSON WORSHIP

services starting on DECEMBER

1, 2024 in our home worship

room at 3320 210th St. Goldfield,

IA 50542

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH

220 E. Oak St., Goldfield, IA

50542

515-825-3581

goldfield.upc@gmail.com

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“A Church for the Community”

Office M-F 7:30 – 11:30 a.m.

• Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Goldfield

Pastor Ron Rasmussen

• Sunday, January 25

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

and Fellowship Coffee in the

Fellowship Room.

No Sunday School

GOLDFIELD UNITED

METHODIST CHURCH

P.O. Box 214

515-825-3754

Pastor: Ann Trimble Ray. Each

bring a new perspective to our

church and God!

• Sunday Services

11:00 a.m. Worship time

Everyone Welcome!

HOLMES**LUTHERAN CHURCH**

2139 Hancock Ave, Holmes, Iowa

HolmesLutheran@gmail.com

Pastor George Lautner

Office hours 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

(Flexible)

515-825-3660

Words of Wisdom

Last week's trivia questions:

Match the state with its nickname -
 1. Iowa A) The Beehive State
 2. Kansas B) The Bluegrass State
 3. Kentucky C) The Green Mountain State
 4. Louisiana D) The Hawkeye State
 5. Mississippi E) The Keystone State
 6. Missouri F) The Land of Enchantment
 7. New Mexico G) The Magnolia State
 8. Pennsylvania H) The Pelican State
 9. Utah I) The Show Me State
 10. Vermont J) The Sunflower State



Answers -

1. Iowa - The Hawkeye State
 2. Kansas - The Sunflower State
 3. Kentucky - The Bluegrass State
 4. Louisiana - The Pelican State
 5. Mississippi - The Magnolia State
 6. Missouri - The Show Me State
 7. New Mexico - The Land of Enchantment
 8. Pennsylvania - The Keystone State
 9. Utah - The Beehive State
 10. Vermont - The Green Mountain State

This week's trivia questions:

What is a male horse called at birth?

What is a female horse called at birth?

What is a female horse under age four called?

What is an adult female horse called?

Jan. 21 is Grandma Day; Jan. 22 is National Grandpa Day; Jan. 23 is National Pie Day; Jan. 24 is National Peanut Butter Day; Jan. 25 is National Irish Coffee Day; Jan. 26 is Spouse's Day; Jan. 27 is National Geographic Day, and

National Chocolate Cake Day.

Actual college student reviews of professors:

"He is very oddly shaped, and flails his arms about to try and depict 3D shapes."

"She's a good professor, but I'd be able to focus more if she didn't look like a hobbit."

"Great class, but I think I saw a tentacle hanging from his desk drawer one day."

"Looks like a Calvin Klein model, and teaches like one too."

"I am pretty sure that she was unaware that she is a professor. For that matter, I think she was unaware that she lives in the state of Wisconsin."

"Knowledgeable, great, funny. Drinks two bottles of Snapple per class. Thirst is his only weakness."

"He moves so little in class that a fly died on his head, and it didn't fall off until he got up to walk out at the end of the day."

"If I had one day left to live, I would spend it in your class because it feels like an eternity."

Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth name was Michael King Jr. His father, a pastor, traveled to Germany and became inspired by the Reformation leader Martin Luther. As a result, King Sr. changed his own name and that of his five-year-old son.

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Monitor Memories

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE WRIGHT COUNTY MONITOR
1984 - 1949

42 Years Ago
January 26, 1984

The Clarion Rotary club finalized plans for its upcoming dinner theater scheduled Tuesday, February 7th in the high school auditorium. As in past dinner theaters here, the play will be performed by the popular Paddle Wheel Players from Eagle Grove. "Everybody's Girl" will start at 7:30pm. Proceeds will go into the Rotary Scholarship Awards fund.

The Clarion Cowgirls have fallen onto hard times this past week as they were soundly rapped by Hampton and Britt this past week. The Los Angeles Raiders football team, known for their intimidating style of play, had nothing on the Hampton girls last Friday night, as the Lady Bulldogs played host to the Cowgirls and trounced Clarion by a 72-42 score.

A workshop, entitled "How to Say No!", for Clarion fifth graders and their parents is set to take place on Monday at the elementary school. The fifth graders are currently involved in a study of alcohol and drug education, and the students have been exploring their feelings on the alcohol and drug problems that they face. The students have been researching and discovering, reading booklets in addition to having instruction from their teacher.

77 Years ago
January 27, 1949

Wright County, for the moment at least, is free of all gambling devices and activities, and of all "hard liquor" sales. That statement is augmented by the flat assertion of county officials that the situation is to "stay that way." It all came about last week when rumors of a general nature reached the county attorney's office that violations were common, but there was a complete lack of specific complaints, so officials began a systematic cleanup drive process.

In the past few months, Clarion has had a succession of "window peeking" scares, but it was only this week that one was caught in the act and so severely beaten and later heavily fined in court that any others so inclined might take this drastic lesson to heart.

"Buckwheat Cakes Meal Not for Panty Waists" - It is true that buckwheat cakes can still be found in some of the restaurants and eateries and even in private homes but they are so thin and emaciated that one can read the designs on the breakfast china through them. And the dainty little sausage links served with them would hide their faces in terror at one glance.



Kanawha Fire Station Fundraiser for Swimming Pool

Rodger Tveiten

An all-you-eat, free-will Omelet Brunch will be held at the Kanawha Fire Station on Sunday, February 8th. It is a fundraiser for the Kanawha Swimming Pool and is sponsored by the pool board.

According to Kevin Steenblock, board chairman, they plan to raise an estimated \$12,000 for

needed repairs for the 60 year old facility. He said the annual feed is always the same Sunday as the NFL championship football game.

Attendees are welcome to wear the football jerseys of the favorite teams - college, professional or high school. "Let's pack the hall and have some fun!" he said.

ECC Announces 2025 Fall Term Dean's List

One hundred and sixty-nine students were named to the Fall 2025 (August to December) Dean's List at Ellsworth Community College. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must have taken 12 or more credit hours during the semester (a full-time class load) and have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average while attending ECC classes in Iowa

Falls or online. Part-time students are not included in this list. The ECC administration, faculty and staff congratulate these students for their academic excellence.

Those with an asterisk (*) after their name earned a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Dows, IA

Belle Wharton

Rowan, IA

Kayleigh Courtney

Birth ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Baby Girl

Maria Osequeira and Adam Gouge of Woden, IA would like to announce the birth of their daughter Mia Jazmine. She was born Thursday, January 15, 2026 at the Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion, IA. She weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces.

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Obituaries

John O. Lager 1935 - 2026



John O. Lager, 90, of Clarion, passed away on Saturday, January 17, 2026 at Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 AM on Friday, January 23, 2026, at St. John's Catholic Church, 608 2nd Avenue Northeast in Clarion with Father Jerry Blake officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Clarion.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at Ewing Funeral Home, 1801 Central Avenue East in Clarion. Rosary will begin at 3:30 PM prior to visitation.

John Odilo Lager Jr. was born on August 11, 1935, in Mitchell, Nebraska, to John Odilo Lager Sr. and Esther (Pieper) Lager. Raised with strong farming roots, John was a true farm boy from an early age, working alongside his father planting potatoes and sugar beets in Nebraska—an experience that shaped his life and values.

In March of 1948, John and his family moved to Rowan, Iowa, following Esther's sister, Mary Ellen Arndorfer to farmland in Wright County, where John continued the agricultural way of life that had always been a part of him.

Johnnie attended Rowan Public School, where he graduated from high school in 1953. During his high school years, he led a full and active life, participating in basketball and baseball, serving on the annual staff and student council for four years, and taking part in drama for two years. He also performed in class plays for three years, served as a class officer, and spent a year as manager for both the basketball and baseball teams.

Beyond school, Johnnie was deeply involved in 4-H for nine years, where he showed pigs and dairy cattle and served as a club officer. In 1953, he was honored as 4-H King at Fun Night. These formative years helped shape the wonderful man he became.

In 1954, John married his high school sweetheart, Shirley Ann Gram at Saint John's Catholic Church of Clarion IA. The newlyweds began their married life in Latimer, Iowa, where John worked as a mechanic for Standard Oil. In 1956, the couple moved to Belmond, where he was employed by Joe Skelly Station and Elliott Hardware. They later moved to a farm east of Rowan, where John began his lifelong work in farming. In 1963, they relocated to a farm four miles south of Clarion, which they called home for many years. After farming for 50 years they retired and John and Shirley moved into Clarion, where they continued to enjoy their life together.

John farmed for many years with his brother-in-law, Richard Brooks. In addition to farming, he worked at D&E Motors in Clarion and also helped with the construction of Clarion High School. During these years, John and Shirley were blessed with six daughters. As his daughters grew, John became involved in 4-H once again, working alongside them as they showed cattle and horses and completed a wide variety of projects. He later served as a leader for the Lincoln Leaders 4-H Club and was honored as a 4-H Alumni member and as an Honorary 4-H member.

Baking was John's favorite 4-H project of his daughters, as it always gave him the opportunity to sample the results. At any time, you could count on John asking for his favorites—fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, potato salad, pumpkin pie, heart-healthy cake, biscuits and

gravy and, of course, peanut butter.

John also devoted many

years to helping his youngest daughter, Marcella (Lager) Brodersen, operate the 4-H Food Stand, a role he proudly fulfilled for 12 years. He raised cattle for over 50 years and was a member of the Wright County Cattlemen, taking great pride in seeing three of his daughters crowned Beef Queens. In addition to beef cattle, John worked with hay and grain and raised dairy cattle and hogs throughout his farming career. After retirement John and his wife worked at life touch for 7 years.

Although much of John's life was devoted to farming and 4-H, the true love of his life was his family. John always hoped for a son, but instead was blessed—no matter how many times they tried—with six daughters. Even without a boy, his wife and six girls kept him on his toes and filled his life with immeasurable joy... and perhaps a few early gray hairs. John's grandchildren and great-grandchildren brought even more happiness to both him and his wife, Shirley. He loved spoiling them in every way he could—tractor, combine and horse rides, four-wheeler trips through the creek, brunch after church, Thursday night dinners, and faithfully attending any and all events to show his support. From time to time, John would even break into song. As his family grew and spread across different places, John's love for them never faded. No matter how much time had passed, you were always greeted by John's unforgettable smile.

John is survived by his wife of 71 years Shirley Ann (Gram) Lager

His 6 daughters Melody

Lager (Fiancé Steve Aldrich) of Dows, IA, Margaret (Rick) Schmidke of Walker, MN, Mary Lager of Clarion, IA, Maurita (Gene) Gourley of Webster City, IA, Melissa (Don) Katschke of Clarion, IA, Marcella (Bill) Brodersen of Pleasant Hill IA, and beloved nephew Joe (Karlene) Spitzer

His 12 Grandchildren

Aaron (Erin) Harris, Kevin (Cindy) and Jeff (Melissa)

Schmidke, Nicole and Rachel (Nate Radke) Fletcher,

Jackie Zeiger, Julie (Kenneth Hyland) Bell, Joshua (Megan) Zeiger, Gabrielle

(Fiancé Royce Nessa) and Chandler (Fiancé Jordan Jensen) Gourley, Kelsie and Chloe Brodersen

His beloved 23 Great

Grand Children and 5 Great

Great Grand Children.

His sisters Jean Durham,

Elaine (Rich) Brooks brother

in law Don Wolfe.

He is proceeded in death by his parents, his sister Janice (Lager) Wolfe his brother-in-law Sid Durham his triplet grandchildren Ashley, Ona, and Coulter Gourley. His special niece Annie (Brooks) Just, God Daughter/Niece Monica Durham, Nephew Michael Durham, Great nephew and nieces Dusty and Afton Spitzer, and his great grandchild Wyatt Schmidke.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CGD January 8, 2026 Minutes

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows CSD Board of Directors held Closed Session and Regular Meetings on Thursday, January 8, 2026.

President Troy Seaba Called the Meeting to Order at 3:30 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Ring to Approve the Agenda. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0.

Closed Session: Attending the Closed Session was Troy Seaba, Megan Ring, SheRee Wharton, Craig Warnke, Alison Marshall, Supt. Joe Nelson, Elem/MS Principal Jared Carder, Kevin Fiene – Grundmeyer Leader Search, and Board Secretary Anita Frye.

At 3:31 P.M. Roll Call Vote was taken to go into Closed Session to review Principal Candidates – Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Seaba – yes, Ring – yes, Wharton – yes, Warnke – yes, Marshall – yes. The board moved into Open Session at 3:57 p.m. and remained in Open Session until the start of the Regular Meeting at 4:30 P.M.

Attending the Regular Meeting were Troy Seaba, Megan Ring, Sheree Wharton, Craig Warnke, Alison Marshall, Dean of Students Tricia Rosendahl, AD/Behavior Interventionist Brad Kahler, Supt. Joe Nelson, Elem/MS Principal Jared Carder, Board Secretary Anita Frye. Visitors were Amanda Rosenkilde, Rachelle Freybler, Clint Middleton, Katy Simmons, Becky Ahrendsen, Joe Corrow, Scott Simmons, Andrew Oland, and Wright County Monitor Editor Amanda Rink.

President Seaba Called the Regular Meeting to Order at 4:30 P.M.

Open Forum: Clint Middleton addressed the board concerning comments made at the last meeting regarding gym usage. He is speaking as former board member, City Administrator, and parent of a D1 Athlete. He has family members that have had their entire college or partial college paid for because of athletic involvement. In the past he felt the school board provided all opportunities for students in our district to utilize school facilities, and he would like to see that continue. He understands times have changed and there needs to be some parameters on issuing key fobs to parent coaches, and suggested fees and liability forms be signed ahead of time.

Educational Report: Dean of Student Tricia Rosendahl gave an overview of her interactions and referrals with students to date. This includes classroom, bus, hallways, and recess. Currently she is writing lessons for the whole building on Zones of Regulation, which is a whole building intervention for

regulating emotions which then can lead to behaviors. The number of incidents compared to the total number last year is on the rise. She does feel that bus incidents have reduced significantly due to better communications, cameras, and follow through with students and parents. Marshall asked why certain behaviors are allowed to continue as reported to her, she wanted data of the type of incidents that were being reported or managed. She noted that she went to the district's website and she could not locate the Elem/MS Student Handbook that she feels should list consequences for behaviors. Brad Kahler then reported on Middle School Data – 18% of the student body had been written up at least one time, seven students were written up more than four times, these students account for 49% of the write ups. Two of the students have moved out of the building and the other students are receiving additional support or resources to help improve their daily behavior. Kahler ended with the statement "he has been in several different districts in the state of Iowa, CGD has good kids in our district."

Old Business: After much discussion on the Open Gym Usage – Motion by Ring to allow Sunday usage from 1:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. with special permission obtained from Administration for later times. The district will issue a key fob for a \$100.00, request must have a successful background check completed by the district, fill out liability form and adhere to all district rules and policies. Upon the return of the key fob the district will issue a refund of \$65.00 upon verification of no damages, and rules being followed. Second by Marshall. Motion carried 5-0. Several visitors, Kahler and Rosendahl left the meeting at this time.

Superintendent Report: Nelson updated the board with his schedule and times he will be the administrator present in the other buildings. During February Black History Month, he will continue to read and teach a lesson to the fourth graders on Jackie Robinson's life. He wanted to give a shoutout to Coach Kahler and the Girls Basketball team, they are working hard and improving and there is no quit in this bunch. Our Boys Basketball team is playing well, and Coach Berning thinks his team will be a contender in February. Our Wrestling team under Coach Yoder has been very successful and continues to be ranked. Most important off the mat, these boys are great role models in the hallways and classrooms.

Nelson is enormously proud of our Winter Sports Teams.

New Business: Motion by Ring to Approve the 2026-2027 At Risk/Dropout Prevention Plan as submitted by Principals Vorrie and Carder. Second by Wharton. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Ring to Approve the Request to the School Budget Review Committee for the Modified Supplemental Amount of \$392,371.00 and local match of \$130,790.00 for the total 2026-2027 At Risk/Dropout Budget in the amount of \$523,161.00. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0.

Warnke stated he would like to see a summary report at the end of the fiscal year.

Consent Agenda: Motion by Ring to Approve Minutes of Meetings held on December 4, 2025 and December 12, 2025; Approve Payment of Bills in Between Meetings; Approve Payment of Monthly Bills; Approve Resignation from Wanda LaRue – FT Nutrition; Approve Contract for Ashton Harrah – FT HS Special Education Teacher – starting January 5, 2026 - \$26,052.84; Approve Lane Movement Request from Emma Schluttenhofer BA to BA+10; Principal Carder has requested the hiring of Joni Anderson – MS Sp. Ed Para Step 1 - \$17.14/hour, and Marlene Hernandez – Elem Sp. Ed/ELL Para Step 1 - \$17.14, plus \$2.00 hour for ELL, full time benefits to start after the successful completion of 60 workdays; Approve 2 nd reading of Policies 208-Boasd Committees, 208 R1 – Board Committees Regulation, 401.01-Equal Opportunity, 502.07-Student Substance Use, 507.05-Emergency Plans and Drills, 710.1E1-School Nutrition Program Notices of Nondiscrimination, 804.07-Radon Mitigation, 804.07-R(1) – Radon Mitigation Regulation; Approve MS Peer Helper Fundraiser Request. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0.

Financial Reports were included in the board packet and may be viewed at the district office during normal business hours. There were no reports submitted by Facility, Nutrition or Transportation Departments.

Communications: Elementary and Middle School Principal Interviews will be held on Thursday, January 29, 2026. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 4:30 P.M.

Motion by Ring to Adjourn. Second by Wharton. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Troy Seaba, President

Anita Frye, Board Secretary

PUBLIC NOTICE City of Dows January 5, 2026 Minutes & Claims

DOWS CITY COUNCIL JANUARY 5, 2026

The Dows City Council met at Dows City Hall on January 5, 2026 in regular session at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Council Members Liemann, Worden, Stuck, Plendl, Russell and Mayor Klatt.

Also present: Sam Solis-City Maintenance, Aaron Budweg-Wright County Economic Development, Collette Wiarda, Renee Holmes and Waylenn Harrah representing the Dows Community Library, Dale and Lynette Morisset.

Motion by Russell, seconded by Liemann to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2025 council meeting. Motion carried. All ayes.

Motion by Worden, seconded by Plendl to approve payment of the following bills:

PUBLIC SAFETY

NONE

CULTURE AND RECREATION

1. Dows Library \$15.60 (library-postage)

2. Deb Olson \$16.00 (library-mileage)

3. Regina Russell \$201.60 (library-gross wages)

4. Judy Kessel \$84.00 (library-gross wages)

5. Waylenn Harrah \$495.00 (library-gross wages)

6. Deb Olson \$1,162.05 (library-gross wages)

7. Chase Credit Card \$481.14 (library-books)

8. Alliant Energy \$382.43 (library, campground, parks-electric expense)

9. Shelli Steenblock \$206.25 (community center-cleaning)

10. Culligan \$40.00 (community center-supplies)

11. KDMC LLC \$253.49 (community center, campground-electric)

12. Windstream \$ 143.12 (library, community center-phone expense)

13. Demco \$225.81 (library-supplies)

14. Iowa History Journal \$19.95 (library-books)

15. Merlyn Wiarda \$250.00 (cemetery-grave o/c)

16. Menards \$148.17 (community center-supplies)

17. IRS \$258.00 (library-November Federal, FICA-Medicare tax)

18. IPERS \$198.00 (library-November IPERS)

19. Woolstock Telephone \$60.00 (library-internet expense)

20. Iowa Workforce Development \$4.82 (library-4th 1/4 dues)

21. IPERS \$273.87 (library-December IPERS)

22. Iowa Dept. of Revenue \$107.81 (library-4th 1/4 state withholding)

23. IRS \$277.75 (library-December Federal, FICA-Medicare tax)

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1. Woolstock Telephone \$50.00

(city hall-internet expense)

2. IPERS \$651.97 (city hall-November IPERS)

3. IRS \$1,034.09 (city hall-November Federal, FICA-Medicare tax)

4. Jeanette Wenzel \$2,072.33 (city hall-gross salary)

5. Column Software \$80.46 (city hall-publishing)

6. Copy Systems Inc. \$53.40 (city hall-supplies)

7. Franklin County Auditor \$297.95 (city hall-election expense)

8. Jeanette Wenzel \$2,072.33 (city hall-gross salary)

9. Windstream \$83.36 (city hall-phone expense)

10. Seaba Law Office \$550.00 (city hall-legal fees)

11. Quill \$17.90 (city hall-supplies)

12. Wellmark BCBS \$1,406.37 (city hall-health insurance)

13. Larry Klatt \$775.00 (city hall-Mayor quarterly pay)

14. Loren Liemann \$300.00 (city hall-council quarterly pay)

15. Nancy Plendl \$300.00 (city hall-council quarterly pay)

16. Craig Russell \$300.00 (city hall-council quarterly pay)

17. Margaret Worden \$300.00 (city hall-council quarterly pay)

18. Jeanette Wenzel \$420.00 (city hall-yearly council meeting pay)

19. Richard Echelberger \$300.00 (city hall-quarterly council pay)

20. Dows Post Office \$234.00 (city hall-postage)

21. IRS \$1,382.08 (city hall-Council, Mayor, Clerk December Federal, FICA-Medicare)

22. Iowa Dept. of Revenue \$460.00 (city hall-4th 1/4 state withholding)

23. IPERS \$812.41 (city hall, Council December IPERS)

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Casey's Credit Card \$810.35 (road use-fuel)

2. Hanson Tire \$879.88 (road use-equipment repair)

3. Alden Diesel \$2,545.07 (road use-equipment repair)

4. Alliant Energy \$1,742.06 (road use-street lights, shop electric)

5. Fryes Tree Service \$786.00 (road use-tree stump removal)

6. Jason Kuhlers \$160.00 (road use-equipment repair)

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

7. Alliant Energy \$1,854.41 (water and wastewater-electric expense)

8. Windstream \$301.93 (water and wastewater-phone expense)

9. IRS \$972.68 (water-November Federal, FICA-Medicare tax)

10. IPERS \$629.91 (water-November IPERS)

11. Sam Solis \$2,002.30 (water-gross salary)

12. Sam Solis \$40.00 (water-phone expense)

13. AgSource Labs \$599.00 (waste-water-testing)

1. Woolstock Telephone \$50.00

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Courthouse news

BIRTHS

Amelia June Kostecky was born on January 6, 2026, to Mackenzie and Jeremy Kostecky of Mason City.

Quinn Arlene Kelso was born on January 7, 2026, to Kiah and Blake Kelso of Thompson.

Catarina Inanna Sanchez Aleman was born on January 8, 2026, to Edna Aleman Gonzalez of Webster City.

Ezlynn Renee Sue Rowe was born on January 8, 2026, to Leighia McKenzie of Eagle Grove.

Victor Hayes Murphy was born on January 9, 2026, to Ashley Seger-Luse of Britt.

Waylon Lyle Oleson was born on January 10, 2026, to Larissa Peverill of Mason City.

Benson Dean Vento was born on January 10, 2026, to Claire and Nathaniel Vento of Clarion.

DEATHS

Heather Seipel (Austin) of Belmond was born on November 20, 1932, and died on February 17, 2025, at the age of 93.

Patricia Irene Nesvold (Larue) of Eagle Grove was born on September 9, 1951, and died on December 21, 2025, at the age of 74.

Jans Reysack of Dumont was born on December 24, 1947, and died on December 29, 2025, at the age of 78.

Barbara Ellen Moore (Kitson) of Dows was born on October 14, 1944, and died on December 31, 2025, at the age of 81.

James Richard Claggett of Woolstock was born on August 20, 1943, and died on January 4, 2026, at the age of 82.

Dale Allen Burch of Clarion was born on June 30, 1943, and died on January 8, 2026, at the age of 82.

Edward Carl Stadtlander of Meservey was born on March 29, 1940, and died on January 10, 2026, at the age of 85.

TRAFFIC

Clara Melissa Stephanie Leon Campos, Webster


SPORTS

Boys Win Fifth Straight

Taylor Smith,

Sports Editor

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Cowboy basketball team went into last week riding a three-game winning streak that dated back to before Christmas break.

On Tuesday evening, CGD started their week with a 69-45 road victory over Pocahontas (4-5 overall).

The boys poured in 27 points in the 1st quarter and were led by Chaz Lane's 17 points, 7 rebounds, and 2 steals.

The junior shot 64% from the field.

Freshman forward Paxton Lingenfelter scored a season-high 15 points to go along with 3 assists and 2 steals. Huxley Lingenfelter added 14 points and pulled down 9 boards.

Senior guard Tristan Kakacek had 7 points, 5 assists, and 3 steals in the win.

Unfortunately, Friday night's scheduled conference home game vs. Hampton-Dumont-CAL (4-6 overall, 2-3 conference) was postponed due to weather, but the Cowboys were able to extend their winning streak to five games on Saturday afternoon against Charles City (2-8 overall).

The Cowboys had their highest scoring output of the year against the Comets. They scored 34 points in the 2nd quarter alone and cruised to an 85-48 home win.

Lane was a force inside with 21 points and 13 rebounds, and Huxley Lingenfelter added 19 and 7.

JD Morrical had 14 points on 75% shooting and grabbed 5 boards.

Johnny Lomeli and Ethan Hasty added 9 and 7, respectively. Jacob Ruba, Paxton Lingenfelter, and Kakacek all scored 5 apiece.



This season, Chaz Lane is ranked 4th in the NCC in scoring (17.1 PPG) and rebounding (8.3 RPG). (Photo: Taylor Smith)

The Cowboys (8-2 overall, 4-2 conference) are on the road in Fort Dodge this Friday night to face (1A) #1 St. Edmond (10-1 overall, 5-1 conference).

Cowgirls Continue Hoops Season

Taylor Smith,

Sports Editor

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Cowgirl basketball team played two of their three scheduled games last week.

On Tuesday night, the Cowgirls lost 77-9 on the road against the Pocahontas Area Indians (7-3 overall).

Daphne Tijull Villatoro had 3 points, a block, and a rebound for CGD, and Ruby Poac added 2 points and 2 steals.

Kalli Schermer contributed 2 points and 2 rebounds, and freshman Haddi Lantzy came through with 3 rebounds, 2 steals, and a block.

Sophomore center Taylor Johnson scored 2 points in the loss.

Friday night's scheduled

game against Hampton-Dumont-CAL (3-9 overall, 1-5 conference) was postponed due to poor weather, but the girls were able to take the court again on Saturday afternoon in a contest against the visiting Charles City Comets (1-12 overall).

The Cowgirls had their second-highest scoring output of the season in the game. They trailed 18-8 at the half and eventually lost, 34-20.

Full statistics were not available at the time of publication.

On Friday night, the Cowgirls (0-11 overall, 0-6 conference) will be back in action in a conference away game against St. Edmond (8-3 overall, 4-2 conference).



Daphne Tijull Villatoro had 3 points and a block in last week's game against Pocahontas. (Photo: Taylor Smith)

Senior Night Correction



Kali Wharton walks with loved ones on Senior Night. (Photo: Taylor Smith)

Classifieds

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#2 Cowboys Dominate Doc Carr Duals

Taylor Smith,

Sports Editor

On Saturday, the (2A) #2 Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Cowboy wrestling team won the Doc Carr Duals in New Hampton for the second straight year. The boys were without blemish on the day, defeating Waterloo West 60-15, Aplington-Parkersburg 62-15, New Hampton 56-20, and (2A) #16 Denver by a score of 52-22.

Cole Wibholm (106-pounds), Estuardo Lopez (113), Paxton Redenius (120/126), Adrian Phetxoumphon (132), Dawson Beyer (150), Colin Sesker (157), Ryland Morgan (165/175), and JT Kelso (285) all went 4-0 on the day.

"It was a special day as JT Kelso won the 100th match of his career with a big pin as well," Coach Cory Yoder commented the day after the duals.

Kelso was an individual state qualifier as a heavyweight in 2024 and 2025. The junior had four pins in New Hampton and earned his 100th career win against Denver's Kamden Teisinger.

"It was an emotional week for our team upsetting Don Bosco and then winning the Doc Carr Duals," Coach Yoder said in closing. "We have a big week ahead."

Makeup Date Announced for Conference Meet

Taylor Smith,

Sports Editor

On January 12th, the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows/Eagle Grove girls' wrestling team competed against Charles City, Humboldt, and host school Webster City at a quad in Hamilton County.

The girls started their night out with a battle against Charles City, losing 35-18.

Catherine Orozco (100-pounds), Mya Gilbert (120), and Keylyee Collins (130) all won by forfeit.

Orozco would win by fall over Letty Jenson of Humboldt in the 2nd period of their bout. 110-pounder Marlee Thompson pinned Olivia Satern in 25-seconds for her first win of the day, and Collins won again at 130 after pinning Elsie Stattelman in the 3rd period.

Humboldt knocked off CGD/EG, 59-18.

Against the Webster City Lynx, Thompson recorded a 17-second pin in her match vs. Lexi Mathes. 135-pounder Baylee Steig would notch a 1st period pin over Isabelle McNeil.

On Friday, the team's scheduled Top of Iowa Conference meet was postponed due to weather. The makeup date will take place on January 23rd at Osage High School.

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows School District Middle School/High School Sports Calendar

Thursday, January 22

Esports vs. New Hampton, 4:00 p.m.

JV/Varsity Boys Wrestling @ IF-A, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 23

8th Grade Boys Basketball @ IF-A, 4:15 p.m.

JV/Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball @ St. Edmond, 4:30 p.m.

NCC JV Boys Wrestling @ Humboldt, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 24

NCC Varsity Boys Wrestling @ Humboldt, 10:00 a.m.

Monday, January 26

7th Grade Boys Basketball @ HDC, 4:15 p.m.

Varsity Girls Wrestling @ East Sac County, 5:30 p.m.

JV/Varsity Boys Wrestling @ CGDHS, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 27

Middle School Girls Wrestling @ IF-A, 4:15 p.m.

JV/Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball vs. Clear Lake @ CGDHS, 4:30 p.m.

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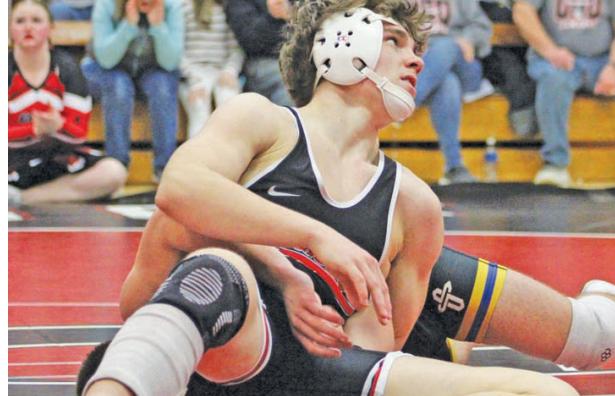
Wrestlers Handle Competition at Home Quad



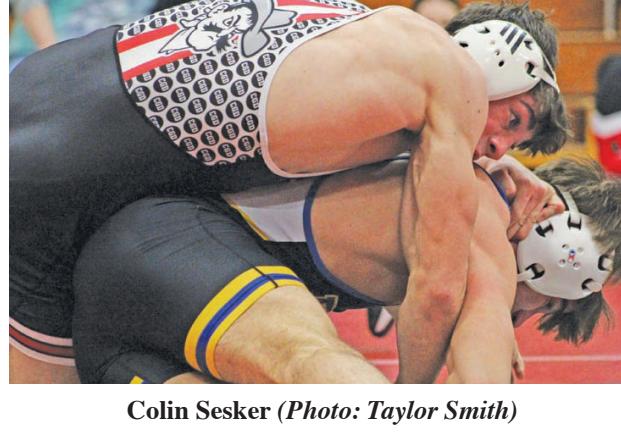
Eli Hodge (Photo: Taylor Smith)



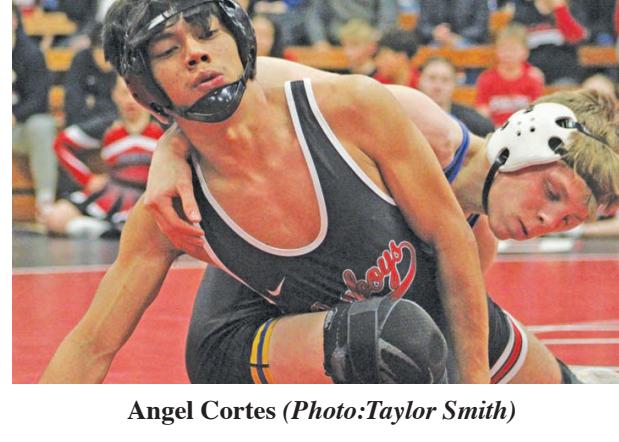
Easton Beyer (Photo: Taylor Smith)



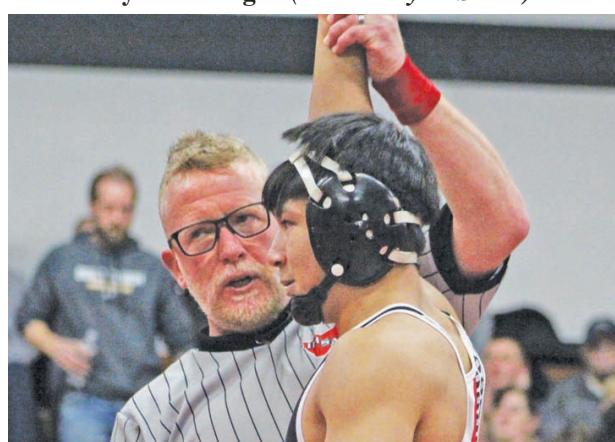
Ryland Morgan (Photo: Taylor Smith)



Colin Sesker (Photo: Taylor Smith)



Angel Cortes (Photo: Taylor Smith)



Linden Phetxoumphone (Photo: Taylor Smith)

Taylor Smith,
Sports Editor
The high school gym was filled to the brim with loyal wrestling fans last Thursday night, and the (2A) #2 Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Cowboys gave their home crowd a show by sweeping Charles City, St. Edmond, and (1A) #1 Don Bosco.

First, CGD blanked the Charles City Comets, 84-0. 106-pounder Cole Wibholm set the tempo for the entire meet with a 10-second fall, and Estuardo Lopez (113), Paxton Redenius (120), Dawson Beyer (150), Ryland Morgan (165), Easton Beyer (190), and JT Kelso (285) all followed suit with pins of their own.

Only one match lasted for longer than a period.

Next, the Cowboys won 77-6 over their NCC foes from St. Edmond.

Wibholm, Lopez, Angel Cortes (126), Dawson Beyer, Colin Sesker (157), and JT Kelso all won by fall, and Redenius won via technical fall over his Gael opponent.

That win would set the stage for CGD's final dual of the night against 1A powerhouse and top-ranked Don Bosco, a squad loaded with state champions and place-winners.

"Our kids had been looking forward to this match-up since we lost to them 37-36 at the Battle of Waterloo in late December," Coach

Cory Yoder told The Monitor after the quad. "We were down 32-6 to start the meet, but our kids rallied to cut the lead to 32-27 after Easton Beyer's fall at 175."

Linden Phetxoumphone (132), Dawson Beyer, and Sesker all recorded falls, and Morgan won by decision.

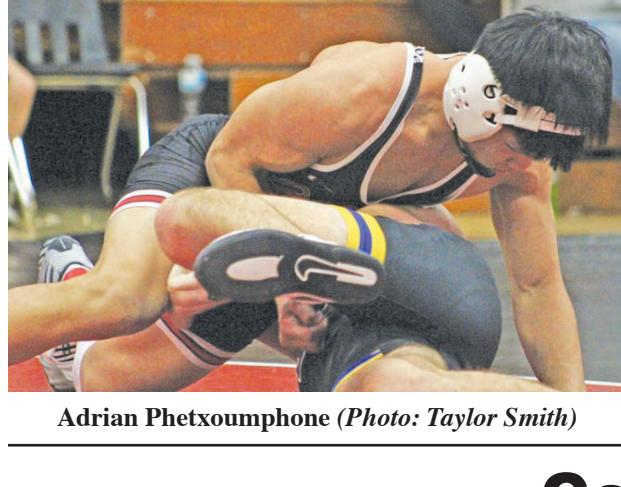
"The turning point in the meet came when Eli Hodge

got the crowd on their feet with a meet-changing fall to put the Cowboys up 33-32 with two matches remaining," Yoder continued. "Eli's match was huge. He went out there with a lot of pressure on his shoulders and got the job done."

"Bosco" got a pin at 215 to retake the lead 38-

33. Then, JT Kelso set the crowd on fire with his 11-second pin to secure the upset win over the top-ranked team in 1A. JT finished it off for us with a big pin, but it was our team that won the meet for us! Everyone did their job!"

"There was a lot going through my head to start the meet, and when we got down 32-6, I was a little worried, but Dawson Beyer's pin got the train started, and we took off. When Eli got the pin at 190, the gym erupted, and I knew we had the meet. The CGD crowd was unbelievable and the environment was electric. I can't thank them enough for all their support. There wasn't a seat to be had!"



Adrian Phetxoumphone (Photo: Taylor Smith)



The next generation of Cowboy and Cowgirl wrestlers showed off their skills in between duals.



Paxton Redenius (Photo: Taylor Smith)



Cowboy fans celebrate the comeback win over Don Bosco. (Photo: Taylor Smith)

Cowboys Hold the Cards



Heath Banks shows off his packs of 15 and 50 cards before last week's home wrestling quad. (Photo: Taylor Smith)

Taylor Smith,
Sports Editor

Many young athletes fantasize of one day having their likeness on a trading card. At the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows boys' home wrestling quad last week, Flex Trading Cards out of Urbandale, Iowa helped turn that dream into a reality for CGD student-athletes.

"We started our company one year ago," said Flex co-founder Heath Banks. "My partner, Andy Woodley, and I are former college athletes, and we currently referee football together. We both take great pride in Iowa sports and wanted to create something that gave back to the communities that make these programs possible."

"That vision led us to the idea of specialized trading cards," Banks continued.

"From the beginning, we knew we didn't want to produce just another card—we wanted something that felt comparable to licensed products like Topps, Bow-

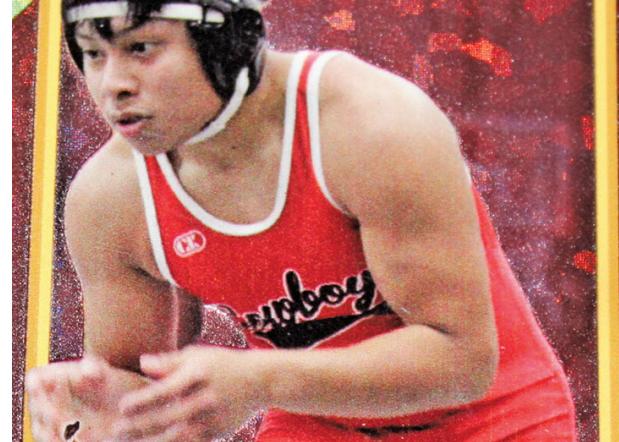
man, and Panini, while still being truly unique. Our goal was to create a product that no one else is doing. After a full year of development, [Thursday] night marked our very first public appearance."

The trading cards were wildly popular at the quad, and many curious Cowboy fans visited the Flex booth before or during the action.

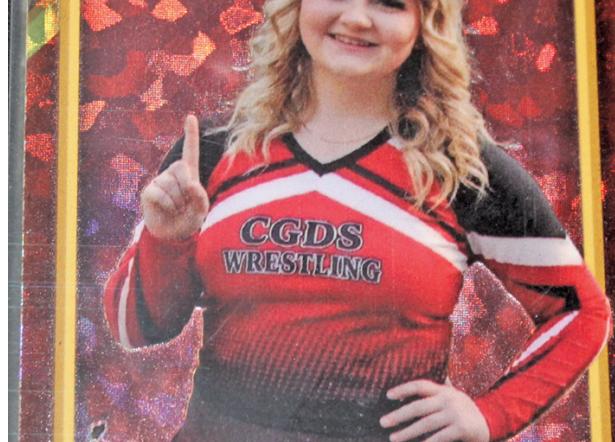
"We reached out to the Clarion Wrestling Booster Club to see if they would be interested in helping us launch our product through a fundraiser," Banks said when asked how he landed on CGDHS. "Clarion is widely recognized as one of the top-tier wrestling programs in the state, and with our office based in Urbandale, we wanted to partner with a program outside the schools we typically see."

Also, the list of those who get their likeness on a trading card is not just limited to the wrestlers.

"We recognize that a successful program is built by more than just athletes



Wrestler Estuardo Lopez (Photo: Taylor Smith)



Cheerleader Quinn Krueger (Photo: Taylor Smith)

"and coaches," Banks added. "That's why we included wrestlers, coaches, managers, and cheerleaders in the card set."

For Banks, who generously donated half of the Flex Trading Card proceeds back to the CGD Boosters Club, it all comes back to connecting with communities.

"Seeing the reactions of people opening the cards—and of those featured on

them—was incredibly rewarding. The satisfaction we felt watching students see themselves on a trading card for the first time is truly priceless. We are extremely grateful to the entire Clarion community for welcoming us and giving us the opportunity to bring our idea to life."

Fans still interested in purchasing trading cards can do so by contacting Brittany Redenius.

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Flex Trading Cards set up a booth at last week's home wrestling quad. (Photo: Taylor Smith)

Aerial views

Bruce Voigt, Aerial Photographer (Photos taken January 12, 2026)



Goldfield Ethanol Plant. The Iowa legislature is back from the break. An issue the legislature will be dealing with besides taxes and other issues, is "Eminent Domain for Private Gain". The legislature voted this down, but the governor vetoed it so this issue will most likely be brought up again in the legislature



Prestage Foods of Iowa south of Eagle Grove. It looks like production is good as the parking lot has a lot of employee vehicles.

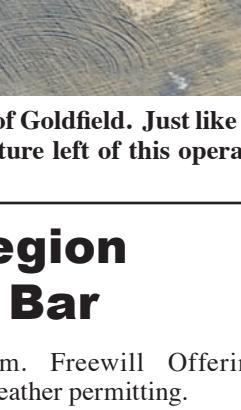


A lone cattle feed silo just east of Goldfield. Just like a lot of cattle feeding operations that once were, the only structure left of this operation is the blue silo with fences and buildings gone.

Dows Legion Potato Bar

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