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## Hope Appears for Local Newspapers

Amanda Rink,  
Editor

Following last week's difficult and unexpected announcement from Mid America Publishing that it will cease publishing newspapers, many communities across Iowa were left with an uncertain future for their local newspapers.

The decision, which was driven by ongoing economic pressures impacting small-town journalism nationwide, put publications across the state at risk.

Those at risk included two historical newspapers, one of which you're probably holding in your hands.

The Eagle Grove Eagle and the Wright County Monitor suddenly found themselves in publishing limbo on March 20, with the possibility of shutting down by April 2 if not purchased by then.

In the days since the announcement, something remarkable happened.

Local readers reached out with messages of encouragement, ideas for keeping the paper alive, and even conversations about what it might look like to operate a newspaper as a community effort.

Many readers shared how much their local paper means to them, not just as a source of news, but as a community connection



Last week KCCI shared with viewers that multiple local newspaper could face closure if not purchased after the closure of Mid-America Publishing. Thankfully, The Wright County Monitor and the Eagle Grove Eagle have found a path forward, with formal announcements to come. (Screenshot/KCCI)

that keeps a record of our towns' history.

On a personal note, I've been especially moved by those who reached out with concern about my place in the paper and who expressed how important it is to them that familiar voices remain part of its future. That kind of encouragement isn't something I take lightly.

Thanks to local interest, vocal readers, and a shared belief in the importance of local journalism, the Wright County Monitor and the Eagle Grove Eagle have found a path forward.

In a statement on Monday March 30, Mid-America Publishing shared:

"Mid-America Publishing is pleased to announce that it has signed a letter of intent with Jerry Wiseman and Kristin Grabinoski for the sale of the Wright County Monitor, Reminder Shopper and Eagle Grove Eagle, as well as the Ida County Courier, Ida County Reminder Shopper, and the Holstein Advance.

Grabinoski is a principal in Armstrong, Iowa, based Staline Publications, publishers of the Armstrong Journal, Bancroft Register, Swea City Herald Press and Ringstead Dispatch, and has partnerships with Wiseman in the Humboldt

Independent and other publications, but the ownership structure of the acquired publications has yet to be determined.

The transaction will be subject to a finalized agreement and customary closing conditions. The transaction is expected to close on or about April 9, 2026."

There is still work to be done, and formal announcements to come. But for now, just know that your local newspaper isn't going anywhere. Thank you for your support, your outreach, and your belief in what this paper represents. Hang in there, we're moving forward, together.

## Wright County Supervisors Field Questions on Tax Notice

Amanda Rink,  
Editor

March 30, 2026 - The Wright County Board of Supervisors opened its Monday morning meeting with a public hearing on the county's proposed property tax levy, which drew at least one resident seeking answers about a confusing notice she had received in the mail.

Melanie Maasdram came before the board asking for a breakdown of the letter, which she said felt more "like a scam" than an official government notice. What followed was a candid explanation from supervisors, County Auditor Amanda Meyer, and Wright County Assessor Tonee Nicholas about how property taxes are calculated, and why the state-mandated letter confuses nearly everyone who receives it.

The letter everyone in the county who owns property received is generated by an outside vendor hired through the state's Department of Management each year. The letter shows both current and proposed levy rates, along with assessed values and rollback figures. The combination is one that county officials have acknowledged, currently and in past years, is impossible for most residents to understand at a glance.

Supervisor Betty Ellis sat beside Maasdram and explained the letter. She shared that when she served as county auditor, she contacted all 99 Iowa counties to tally the cost of the mailing. The total statewide, she said, exceeds one million dollars yearly, covering printing, postage, and vendor fees, all paid by taxpayers.

"We have battled that since the legislature first proposed this," Ellis said. "ISAC has fought against this legislation because this is a burden that is put on the taxpayers. It is nothing but confusion."

The board and officials walked Maasdram and others present through the basics of how the levy works:

- The levy rate is expressed as dollars per \$1,000 of

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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.

## Celebrating the Libraries of Wright County

Amanda Rink,  
Editor

Every April, the American Library Association invites communities across the country to recognize something that is easily taken for granted... the library.

First celebrated in 1958 under the theme "Wake Up and Read," National Library Week has spent more than six decades reminding us that libraries aren't just buildings full of books.

This year, the week runs from April 20 through April 26, kicking off with Right to Read Day on April 20 and closing out with Take Action for Libraries Day on April 24.

Wright County has libraries worth celebrating. From the well-staffed shelves of Clarion and Belmond to the small but mighty libraries of Dows and Rowan, and even a Free Little Library tucked on Main Street in Goldfield, there is certainly no lack of public access to books. But if you ask any librarian, you will find the library is more than books.

When Belmond Public Library Director Sonya Trager talks about libraries, she doesn't mince words. "Libraries are a reflection of their community," she told The Wright County Monitor.

And right now, she says, they matter more than ever. With the cost of everyday life continuing to climb, the library remains one of the few places a person can walk into and walk out of



(left to right) Clarion Librarians Ana Lozano Juarez, Irene Richards, Director Linda Lloyd, and Alyssa Lloyd are excited to share that the yearly Summer Reading program is now open to all ages. Not photographed, but essential to the team is Becky Ahrendsen. (Photo: Amanda Rink)

without spending a dime.

The Belmond library is a full team effort. Children's librarian Amy Bates, who has been with the library for 18 years, shared with The Wright County Monitor that she's stayed with the library so long because she just loves her work. "I get to watch kids find a love of reading, a pride in a project well done, or joy coming to the library with family or friends." She loves to see the kids come into the library, with a smile on their face and a familiar greeting: "Hello, Ms. Amy!"

Technical librarian Dawn Barkema and library clerk Irene Richards round out the staff that keeps the doors open. Irene, notably,



Rowan Public Library Director Josephine Miller shared that the community is what keeps the small but mighty library going. (Photo provided)

splits her time between Belmond and Clarion, a true example of the kind of

dedication that keeps small-town libraries running.

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## Local Shop Owners Share Candidly on Social Media

Amanda Rink,  
Editor

In a town where small businesses are part of daily life, recent messages from local shop owners are showing a broader trend playing out across rural Iowa.

After ten years on Main Street, Italics Boutique owner Ali Disney announced on social media that she will close the store at the end of the season. For Disney, the decision comes with mixed emotions.

"It's truly been a dream," she shared in her announcement, pointing to the relationships she's built and the flexibility the business gave her while raising her children. But like many small business owners, she says today's economic conditions made it difficult to continue.

Her announcement comes as local leaders continue encouraging residents to shop locally and support hometown businesses.

That message was echoed by another Clarion shop, Reel and Rooted, in a pretty candid social media post about their realities of running a small retail store.

The business, which offers more than just plants and fishing bait, said it has extended its hours but still struggles to bring in enough local customers. While grateful for a small group of loyal supporters, owners wrote that many people in town have never stepped inside.

"We see the same cars drive by every day," the post read, describing the frustration of slow foot traffic and the challenge of covering basic expenses like inventory and utilities, but choosing to stay in Clarion despite the struggle.

Unfortunately, what's happening in Clarion isn't unique.

Recent surveys of small businesses across Iowa show that more than half report declining profits, and nearly half say they've seen business conditions worsen over the past year. Business owners also report fewer customers coming through their doors, something many local shopkeepers say they're experiencing firsthand.

At the same time, costs for inventory, shipping, and utilities continue to rise, squeezing already thin margins. These pressures tend to hit small, rural retailers the hardest.

Despite the challenges, local business owners seem to be quick to emphasize their appreciation for those who do support local businesses and their hope that more residents will choose to shop locally if they can.

"If there was ever a time to support local, it's now," the Reel and Rooted social media post urged, warning that without stronger community support, small towns risk losing more of the businesses that give them their character.

As one longtime storefront prepares to close and others work to stay open, the future of Main Street may depend on one small but powerful choice: choosing to spend money locally or not.



Read Local, Advertise Local, and Lead Local.

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When patrons walk up the steps to the Clarion Public Library, they'll find Director Linda Lloyd, who has been with the library for 21 years. "It has been an exciting journey for me as I was able to be a part of the addition and remodel of the library as we doubled in size." During the COVID-19 pandemic, when libraries were forced to shut their doors to the public, staff took advantage of their time and rearranged the library.

"We brought all our adult books, computers, and seating space to the North, a more open area of the library. All our children's collections, seating, computers, and play areas were changed to the South, where we have areas for all age levels," she shared.

Alongside Linda, librarians Alyssa Lloyd, Irene Richards, Ana Lozano Juarez, and Becky Ahrens keep things going.

Ana shared that her favorite part of the job is: "Seeing people explain a book that they enjoyed," she said. "The excitement in their face and voice is so pure at that moment, it makes me happy." Becky Ahrens agrees, "It is fun to see what others might pick and enjoy."

If you're looking for a reading recommendation while you're there, find Irene. Her go-to recommendation is Clarion Stories by Dennis Hoffman, a local favorite. But she's also fond of suggesting Call the Midwife on audiobook. For fiction, she'll point you toward authors Colleen Hoover, Sherryl Woods, or Freida McFadden without hesitation.

Alyssa was quick to promote the library's updated Summer Reading program,

which is now offered to "readers of all ages." She shared with The Wright County Monitor:

"Everyone can win fun and bookish prizes all summer long!" An events calendar will be released in May.

While the libraries in Belmont and Clarion are fully staffed, one-staff libraries are a common occurrence in rural Iowa. One of those libraries is in Dows.

The Dows Community Library is located on the small town's main street. Patrons will find the library staffed by only Waylenn Harrah, who is new to the director's chair.

"Days at the Dows Library are very laid back," she said. "I try not to stress myself out about the small things."

Behind the easy pace is a woman who comes in each workday with a plan, keeps a careful eye on the budget, orders new books, and runs the library's interlibrary loan requests, which allow any Iowa public library to borrow or lend books on behalf of its patrons.

Her favorite part of the job? Buying books. Her least favorite? Weeding them out, pulling titles that are outdated or damaged to make room for new ones. But like every librarian in the county, she does it anyway, because that is how you keep a healthy collection.

Since Waylenn took over in January, she's made growing programming, free activities offered for patrons a priority. Hot Cocoa and Stuff events in February, pop-up Lego builds, and a new Facebook page have all helped bring more kids through the door.

But what does Dows, and really all of the libraries in the county, need most right

now? More people.

"Stop in and get a library card, check out a book, read a magazine, use the computers, schedule a meeting in our seminar room, or just come in for a chat," Waylenn said.

The Rowan Public Library is small, similar to the Dows Library, run by one person. But Library Director Josephine Miller will tell you that small doesn't mean less.

When budgets are tight, and in a library Rowan's size, they usually are, Josephine leans on something most small towns still have in abundance: community.

"Luckily, we have a great community that is always willing to help and donate if the library needs some extra help," she said.

The Rowan library knows its people. The shelves are stocked with local favorite authors in large print editions to best serve the aging community. "Our older generation loves to learn and stay up to date with the news," Josephine said. "The library helps them get that information, since most are so familiar with the world of tech."

But they aren't the only ones who fill the small library; it is the place to be after school.

"I find that having no store for the kids to go to, giving them access to both those things is great," she said of the snack drawer and drinks the library keeps on hand for the younger patrons. Those snacks are funded entirely by donations. Fortunately, Rowan is not the only town in the county willing to donate.

On Main Street in Goldfield, a Free Little Library, filled by the "take one, leave one" theory, proves that access to reading material can be a simple, quick



(left to right) Librarians Dawn Barkema, Director Sonya Trager, and Amy Bates shared the success of their recent Puzzle Night at the Talbot Belmont Public Library. (Photo: Amanda Rink)

stop added into your day. While Goldfield doesn't have a publicly funded library, their official library is shared with Eagle Grove.

The Eagle Grove Memorial Library is known for hosting the starting point for the town's yearly Halloween walk, the event allowing the kids to show off their costumes before hitting the town for trick or treating. In 1902, the Carnegie Corporation of New York accepted Eagle Grove's application to build a library. This building now houses the Eagle Grove Historical Museum.

Across Wright County, from the fully staffed libraries in Belmont and Clarion to the Wednesday afternoon chaos of kids in Dows and the snack drawer in Rowan, libraries are doing something that will not show up on a yearly budget report.

They're showing up, not always quietly, for the kid who needs somewhere to go after school, the grandmother who wants the large print edition of her favorite



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author, the person who just needs to use a computer or host a meeting, the person who wants to read the local newspaper, or sit somewhere quiet. They even show up online, offering access to eBooks and audiobooks or magazines.

National Library Week only comes once a year, but really, they deserve recognition more than once a week, and that is why the libraries in Wright County are the latest to be featured for "Wright County at Work."

## Is it Spring Yet?

Lowell Washburn

Spring and fall migrations are a dangerous time for traveling songbirds. This fact was rarely more evident than when winter storm Iona rolled into Iowa on Sunday, March 15. Accompanied by rapidly falling temperatures, high winds, and dropping nearly nine inches of 'wintery mix', the dramatic change in weather was an unwelcome and life threatening event for the thousands of American robins that had previously been lured from their southern wintering grounds by this year's abnormally warm, springlike conditions.

Until now, the early arrivals had been dining on an abundant crop of earthworms which warming temps had also prematurely lured from their winter quarters. But this food source quickly retreated back to their underground tunnels as soon as the weather turned. For robins, and other small birds, surviving the elements was not so simple. Conducting a reverse migration during near blizzard conditions would prove far more dangerous than just hunkering down while hoping to ride out the weather. And hunkering down was exactly what most birds did. By Sunday afternoon, my backyard feeders were busier than they have been for the past month.

But the real action wasn't at the feeders but rather along the shore of a small pond located at the edge of my driveway where weather-bound robins were stealing the show. In the absence of moisture laden nightcrawlers, robin flocks have been staving off the cold by foraging on dried fruit including wild grape, chokecherry, and crab apples. And although these carbohydrate-charged foods may be saving their lives, the dried berries also make robins incredibly thirsty - which brings us back to the pond by my driveway.

Although most of the pond had refrozen, there were some small shoreline pockets of open water. These tiny oasis were attracting robins by the dozens - a nonstop procession of birdlife descending to drink from the tiny puddles. Most birds would tarry for but for a minute or two before taking wing again - presumably in search of more berries. Others would stay longer, with a few even going so far as to take a quick bath despite the frigid temps and blowing snow.

Since birds were constantly coming and going, obtaining an accurate count was impossible. I did make a couple of attempts, however, counting the birds by fives and then by tens. My best guesstimates were that, during peak



Here's Breakfast - An American robin chows down on a dried crab apple. (Photos: Lowell Washburn)



Hunkered In - A pair of American robins ride out the storm within the protective cover of an evergreen.

concentrations, the tiny puddles were benefiting upwards of 200 thirsty robins -- an impressive sight for a pond measuring less than 40 feet in width.

By late April, the little pond will be hosting a variety of northbound warblers and will provide a temporary headquarters for one or two pairs of nesting wood ducks. But as

impressive as this show will be, I doubt that anything will match the unique excitement provided by those legions of parched robins that dropped by to quench their thirst during the peak of winter storm Iona.

Enjoy more wildlife tales online at Washburn's Outdoor Journal at [iawildlife.org/blog](http://iawildlife.org/blog)



Is it Spring Yet? - A snowbound robin rides out the storm.



Winter Oasis - A flock of thirsty robins find open water during the peak of winter storm Iona



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# reading between the lines

with Amanda Rink

## Passing the Seasons with Tea

Amanda Rink,  
Editor  
"Flowers grow back,  
even after the harshest of  
winters. You will too." -  
Jennae Cecelia

The night I found out Mid America was selling the newspaper, I started and ended my day with a cup of hot tea.

Somewhere in the middle of my nightcap, I caught myself thinking about how normal it felt and how there was a time not that long ago when turning on our tap and filling up a mug wasn't something so easily taken for granted.

Back then, we had just gotten Hayden full-time, she was three, and Arianna "part-time" at five.

Travis was working full-time as a welder, and I was a full-time college student. There wasn't much room for error for us, although we were young.

We rented a tiny two-bedroom house on our landlord, Charlie Hagies', property. The girls shared a room with a rickety bunk bed that I'm pretty sure their uncle Eric found on the curb.

That winter came early and hard. Subzero temperatures settled in quickly, and like a lot of people in the area, our pipes froze. Only our pipes were not an easy fix; we had underground pipes reaching far across the acreage, and we were without running water for basically the entire winter.

I remember showering, doing laundry, and even dishes at Travis' mom's place in Clarion. I

remember filling the toilet tank with melted snow water just to flush. Living off to-go meals and whatever we could store in Tupperware. We didn't have to pay rent during that stretch, which helped... but it was still a tough season. We made it through.

That's what I kept coming back to, the Friday I found out about Mid-America ceasing publication of newspapers. Travis and I have weathered hard times, maybe even harder than me getting laid off, before. We can do it again. It's just a season.

Just like pulling over on a random gravel road to build a snowman with Willow just to keep her awake on a drive that we took the kids on, so I could drown out my thoughts with loud music, is just a season. Just like the music having to be K-Pop Demon Hunters, thanks to Willow, is just a season.

When the CEO of Mid America Publishing hired me, I didn't consider myself a writer. Some days, I hesitated to call myself a journalist or even a news writer in professional introductions.

But my boss, Matt Ghroe, took a chance on me. He gave me room to grow. And I did. My self-doubt was

only a season, too.

Now, as things shift and new ownership comes into the picture, I find myself feeling something I didn't expect a few years ago: confidence. Not because everything is certain right now, but because I've seen what uncertainty looks like.

That Friday, as the news started to spread, I had to remind myself that even in the best seasons of life, we tend to look back on the harder ones with a kind of odd nostalgia. Maybe because of who we were with, and what we built in the middle of the hard times. And this season of life, I've been lucky enough to have quite a few people with me.

So once we got home from the K-pop-fueled drive, I made another cup of tea.

And I reminded myself... it has been worse, and we'll get through this.

And I was correct, because now the word is official... The Wright County Monitor has a buyer.

They want to keep me on staff, and I'll thankfully be able to have another day telling my stories through this column, along with my communities through the rest of the pages in this newspaper.

I'm grateful this hard season was short... similar to the false spring we are experiencing as I write this.

Amanda Rink is the Editor of The Wright County Monitor and a children's book author. Her award-winning (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.

## Letter to the Editor

Today I attended the 3/30/26 public open forum on Proposed Property Taxation held in the Wright Co. Supervisors office. It was eye opening. There was plenty of discussion and questions concerning this confusing Iowa Code 24.2A form which is generated by an outside source to the cost of over one million dollars to all Iowa taxpayers.

I learned that our neighbors to the east in Franklin County have manually punctuated the needed changes to this ridiculous

form. Kudos to them. I also learned that Minnesota has a similar form that is completely understandable. Why can't Iowa adopt that form?

When these public forums are held, please attend. Nothing will change without the voices of Iowans heard loud and clear.

I want to thank and compliment all Wright County Courthouse offices who patiently heard my questions and tried to clarify what goes into our taxation system in Iowa.  
Melanie Maasdam

## "No Kings" Protest in Clarion



Clarion, Wright County's seat, was once again the location for the latest "No Kings" protest. According to Wright County Democratic Party officials, about 30 Wright County citizens showed up to use their first amendment rights at The Wright County Courthouse lawn on Saturday, March 28, 2026. (Photos provided.)



## How About Some Mexican?

March 31 is El Día del Taco in Mexico. According to Jeffrey Pilcher in "Planet Taco: A Global History of Mexican Food", tacos weren't created until the 18th century, most likely by Mexican silver miners to have a convenient handheld meal to eat while on the job.

This week's recipes give you a variety of ways to eat tacos. May your efforts be delicious!

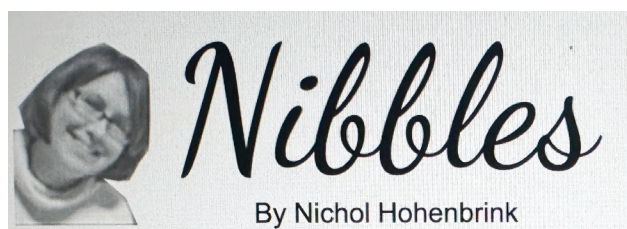
**EASY TACO SOUP**  
SOURCE: "101 Things to Do with a Slow Cooker"  
YIELD: 4 to 6 servings

1 can (15 ounces) chili with beans and meat  
1 can (15 ounces) whole kernel corn, with liquid  
1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, with liquid  
1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce  
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, with liquid  
1 1/2 to 3 tablespoons dry taco seasoning mix

Combine all ingredients in greased 3 1/2 to 4 1/2-quart slow cooker. Cover and cook on low heat 6-8 hours. Serve with quesadillas.

**TACO PAN PIZZA**  
SOURCE: "Taste of Home Celebrations Cookbook"  
YIELD: 16-20 slices

1 tube (10 ounces) refriger-



# Nibbles

By Nichol Hohenbrink

ated pizza crust  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1/3 cup mayonnaise  
2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro  
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped  
1 teaspoon sugar  
1/2 teaspoon chili powder  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon ground cumin  
1 medium ripe avocado, peeled and cubed  
2 teaspoon lime juice  
2 medium tomatoes, chopped,  
1/4 cup chopped green onions  
1/3 cup sliced ripe olives  
1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Mexican cheese blend

Unroll pizza dough and place in a greased 15-in. x 10-in. x 1-in. Baking pan; flatten dough and build up edges slightly. Prick dough several times with a fork. Bake at 425 degrees for 10-11 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on a wire rack.

Meanwhile, in a bowl, combine the sour cream, mayonnaise, cilantro, jala-

peno, sugar, chili powder, salt and cumin. Spread over cooled crust. Toss avocado with lime juice; arrange over sour cream mixture. Sprinkle with tomatoes, onions, olives and cheese. Refrigerate until serving. Cut into squares.

## SHREDDED BEEF TACOS

SOURCE: "Super-Fast Slow Cooking"  
YIELD: 12 servings, 2 tacos each  
3 pounds beef chuck roast  
2 onions, sliced  
2 cups water  
2 (1 1/4 ounces each) packages taco seasoning mix  
2 (16 ounces each) jars taco sauce  
2 (4 ounces each) cans diced green chilies  
24 corn taco shells  
Garnish: shredded lettuce, chopped tomato, shredded Cheddar cheese, sour cream

Place beef and onions in a slow cooker. Combine water and seasoning mix in a small bowl; pour over beef and onions. Cover and cook on low setting for 6 to 8 hours. Remove meat; shred with 2 forks. Place beef in a large bowl; stir in taco sauce and chiles. Fill warmed taco shells with beef mixture. Top with lettuce, tomato, cheese and sour cream.

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# Your Horoscope

## ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you are catching a second wind this week that could rival a hurricane. No one can slow you down right now. Channel this energy into a passion project.

## TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, your eye for recognizing the beauty in things or items that are fashionable is unmatched. This week is the perfect time to curate your space or your wardrobe.

## GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, the connections in your brain are firing at a rapid pace this week. It is only a matter of time before you solve a problem that has been plaguing you and everyone for weeks.

## CANCER - June 22/July 22

You are feeling more se-

cure in your skin this week, Cancer. People are flocking to you for comfort and advice because you give off a warm energy.

## LEO - July 23/Aug 23

Leo, accept recognition for your hard work when it comes your way in the coming days. Don't be humble; take the bow that you have earned over these last few months.

## VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Everything is falling into place for you now, Virgo. Your routine feels like something you can do with your eyes closed. Find the perfect shortcut this week.

## LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

A friend of a friend is about to become a very important person in your life, Libra. It's important to keep your heart open to all pos-

sibilities. An unexpected invitation pops up.

## SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you don't have to try to impress. People are mesmerized by you. You can use this charm to negotiate for something you want this week. A welcome surprise pops up midweek.

## SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Your thirst for knowledge leads you to a new obsession, Sagittarius. Diving into a new hobby, career path or volunteer experience could be the way to go.

## CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you are making the impossible look easy right now. Take a moment to see how far you have come and review your

accomplishments.

## AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Your innovative ideas are officially trending around the office or workplace, Aquarius. Don't be afraid to lead the pack, as everyone is just trying to keep up.

## PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, you are walking on sunshine this week. Your creative output is at an all-time high. Paint, write, sing, or engage in anything else you enjoy.

## FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS APRIL 5

Pharrell Williams, Producer (53)

APRIL 6

Peyton List, Actress (28)

APRIL 7

Russell Crowe, Actor (62)

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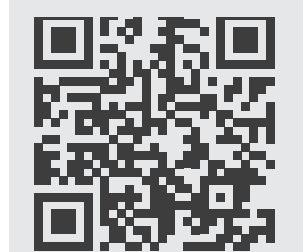
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**City of Dows Proposed Budget**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET  
Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

City of: DOWS

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: (Dows City Hall 119 E. Ellsworth Street, Dows, Iowa Meeting Date: 4/13/2026 Meeting Time: 06:00 PM)

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of revenues and expenditures on file with the City Clerk and County Auditor. City budgets are subject to protest. If protest petition requirements are met, the State Appeal Board will hold a local hearing. For more information, consult <https://dom.iowa.gov/local-budget-appeals>.

The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed receipts and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the the detailed proposed Budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the Mayor, City Clerk, and at the Library.

	Budget FY 2027	Re-estimated FY 2026	Actual FY 2025
The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property			17.69665
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is			2.99268
At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.			
Phone Number (515) 852-4327			City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME Jeanette Wenzel
<b>Revenues &amp; Other Financing Sources</b>			
Taxes Levied on Property	1	202,866	168,892
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0
<b>Net Current Property Taxes</b>	3	202,866	168,892
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	0	0
Other City Taxes	6	53,481	52,120
Licenses & Permits	7	1,450	1,450
Use of Money and Property	8	4,800	5,800
Intergovernmental	9	102,102	100,431
Charges for Fees & Service	10	243,720	235,580
Special Assessments	11	0	0
Miscellaneous	12	0	15,000
Other Financing Sources	13	0	0
Transfers In	14	9,905	9,905
<b>Total Revenues and Other Sources</b>	15	618,324	589,178
<b>Expenditures &amp; Other Financing Uses</b>			
Public Safety	16	57,347	52,347
Public Works	17	99,000	101,875
Health and Social Services	18	4,100	4,100
Culture and Recreation	19	98,257	78,566
Community and Economic Development	20	0	0
General Government	21	150,600	130,400
Debt Service	22	0	0
Capital Projects	23	0	0
<b>Total Government Activities Expenditures</b>	24	409,304	367,288
Business Type / Enterprises	25	131,760	120,960
<b>Total ALL Expenditures</b>	26	541,064	488,248
Transfers Out	27	9,905	9,905
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	550,969	498,153
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	67,355	91,025
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	555,428	464,403
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	622,783	555,428

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Wright County Supervisors March 9, 2026 Minutes**

March 9, 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 Kluss to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of March 2, 2026 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

The Board discussed the tabled item from the March 2 nd meeting regarding the policy for departmental organizational restructure concerning pay. Ellis recommended not to create a policy and allow the elected officials and department heads make the decisions for their department. Rasmussen and Kluss both agreed with Ellis. There is no action taken concerning the policy.

Aaron Budweg, Wright County Economic Development Director, presented the 2026 AARP Community Challenge Grant. The grant would develop the Wright County "Age-Friendly" Digital & Physical Navigator, which is designed to centralize resource and tourism information for residents age 50 and older. The grant is for \$12,500 and the Economic Development office would manage and communicate with the community. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the submission of the 2026 AARP Community Challenge Grant application for \$12,500 and to authorize Aaron J. Budweg, Director of Wright County Economic Development, to act as the official agent for the county regarding all signatures, documents, and administrative requirements associated with this grant. Motion carries.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2026-09 for the Wright County Compensation Recommendation. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, Bosch, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Resolution 2026-09 duly passes and reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2026-09**

WHEREAS, the Wright County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Wright County Compensation Board met on December 18, 2025 and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026:

Elected Official	Current Salary	Proposed Increase	Recommended Salary
Auditor	\$89,458.93	3%	\$92,142.70
Attorney	\$120,184.60	3%	\$123,790.13
Recorder	\$89,458.93	3%	\$92,142.70
Sheriff	\$133,821.19	3%	\$137,835.82
Supervisors	\$45,065.83	0%	\$45,065.83
Treasurer	\$89,458.93	3%	\$92,142.70

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wright County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026:

Elected Official	Approved Salary	Approved Increase
Auditor	\$92,142.70	3%
Attorney	\$123,790.13	3%
Recorder	\$92,142.70	3%
Sheriff	\$137,835.82	3%
Supervisors	\$45,065.83	0%
Treasurer	\$92,142.70	3%

Approved this 9th day of March 2026.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented Resolution 2026-10 submitting a grant application for Region V Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) and commitment of matching funds. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Ellis to approve Resolution 2026-10. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, Bosch, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Resolution 2026-10 duly passes and reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2026-10**

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR REGION V SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (STBG) AND COMMITMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Region V Surface Transportation Block Grant Program provides funding for various STBG eligible projects as listed in the Region V STBG application; and

WHERE AS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Wright, Iowa here by endorses the proposed R38 Resurfacing project beginning at the intersection of R38 and C54 the four miles North to the South Corporate Limits of Clarion, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the County wishes to apply for funding from the Region V Surface Transportation Block Grant Program for the above project; and NOW, THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT:

1. The County hereby commits matching funds as required by the Region V Surface Transportation Block Grant Program.
2. The County hereby commits to adequately maintain the completed project for its intended public use for a minimum of 20 years following project completion.
3. The County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes Adam W. Clemons, P.E. – County Engineer to sign the project application on behalf of the County and carry the project to completion if it is approved for federal funding. PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF March, 2026.

Amanda Meyer, Wright County Auditor, discussed the deposit that was made in the Drainage Administration fund and the usage of those funds. When talking with our Auditor from Gardiner + Company, it was discussed to have those funds in Rural Services Basic rather than the Drainage Administration. Ellis stated the funds were put in Drainage Administration Fund because the seismic testing could affect drainage tiles. Meyer stated we can have it in Rural Services Basic Fund and if something were to come up that affects a drainage asset, we can do an internal transfer. The Board will consider this during the next meeting as a resolution.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Ashley Bosch, Chairperson, Wright County Board of Supervisors  
Amanda Meyer, Wright County Auditor

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Wright County Supervisors March 16, 2026 Minutes**

March 16, 2026

Chairperson Bosch called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order via Zoom at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Rasmussen, Bosch, and Loux, with Ellis absent.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of March 9, 2026 were read and approved.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve claims for payment.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to receive the monthly revenue report from the Wright County Sheriff. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss to approve the tobacco license for Pop's Pizza and Pub. Motion carries.

Motion by Bosch and seconded by Kluss to table Toney Nicholas, Wright County Assessor, to present Slough Bill applications for allow or disallow to next week. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Ashley Bosch, Chairperson, Wright County Board of Supervisors  
Amanda Meyer, Wright County Auditor

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CGD Proposed Property Tax Levy Hearing**

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows board of Directors held Proposed FY27 Proposed Property Tax Levy Hearing on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. In attendance were Megan Ring, SheRee Wharton, Alison Marshall, LeRoy Jensen, Jared Carder, Joseph Nelson and Anita Frye.

At 5:30 P.M. Board Secretary Anita Frye Called the Meeting to Order, and pursuant to Iowa Code 279.5 – Temporary Officer, she appointed Megan Ring to serve as temporary Board President for the public hearing.

Ring led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Wharton to Approve the Agenda. Second by Marshall. Motion carried 3-0.

Ring read an Opening Statement regarding the procedures of the hearing.

Frye put the FY27 Proposed Property Tax Levy up on the large screen to be viewed.

There were no written comments received.

LeRoy Jensen asked for an explanation of the three columns on the Proposed Tax Levy Statement. He also asked for clarification of the district's percentage of a patron's overall tax payment, and the percentage of General Fund dollars that were used to pay for salary and benefits for district employees.

Motion by Marshall to adjourn the meeting. Second by Wharton. Motion

3-0. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 P.M. Anita Frye, Board Secretary

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**North East – Tuesday April 7**  
**South – Wednesday April 8**  
**NW & West – Thursday April 9**

**Please check your water before starting laundry!**

1. To avoid drawing rust into the hot water heater, turn on the cold water tap first to check for discolored water.
2. If the water looks rusty run the tap water for one or two minutes until it clears.
3. If rust discolors clothing in a washing machine, the City will provide a rust remover at no expense to you. (Rust remover is available at City Hall)

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Mary L. Johnson Revocable Trust**

**TRUST NOTICE**  
**WITHOUT PRESENT ESTATE ADMINISTRATION**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE: MARY L. JOHNSON 2009 Revocable Trust**

To all persons regarding Mary L. Johnson (the "Decedent"), deceased, who died on or about February 23, 2026.

You are hereby notified that First Citizens Bank (the "Trustee") is the currently acting Trustee of the Mary L. Johnson 2009 Revocable Trust formed by the Decedent under agreement dated November 10, 2009 (the "Trust").

Any action to contest the validity of the Trust must be brought in the District Court of Wright County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the Decedent settlor and the spouse of the Decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the Decedent or to the Trust are requested to make immediate payment to the Trustee. Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the Trust must mail proof of the claim to the Trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, dated on March 26, 2026.

First Citizens Bank  
c/o Nicole Rognes Olson  
2601 4th St SW  
Mason City, IA 50401  
Wayne E. Reames, #AT0006392, and Amelia S. Mapes, #AT0013474, Attorneys for Trustee Belin McCormick, P.C., 606 Walnut Street, Suite 2000, Des Moines, Iowa 50309

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Estate of Mary L. Johnson**

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY L. JOHNSON, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR017800 NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Mary L. Johnson, Deceased, who died on or about February 23, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on March 26, 2026 the Last Will and Testament of Mary L. Johnson, deceased, bearing date of November 10, 2009 (the "Will") was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of Wright County within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated on March 26, 2026.  
First Citizens Bank, Proponent  
c/o Nicole Rognes Olson  
2601 4 th ST SW  
Mason City, IA 50401  
Attorneys for estate:  
Amelia S. Mapes, ICIS#: AT0013474 and Wayne E. Reames, ICIS#: AT0006392  
BELIN MCCORMICK, P.C.  
606 Walnut Street, Suite 2000, Des Moines, IA 50309  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Edward H. Southard Revocable Trust**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST: THE EDWARD H. SOUTHARD REVOCABLE TRUST TRUST NOTICE**

TO ALL PERSONS regarding Edward H. Southard, deceased, who died on or about the 19th day of February, 2026. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Glen E. Southard is the Trustee of the Edward H. Southard Revocable Trust. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Wright County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof

of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated on March 26, 2026.  
First Citizens Bank, Proponent  
c/o Nicole Rognes Olson  
2601 4 th ST SW  
Mason City, IA 50401  
Attorneys for estate:  
Amelia S. Mapes, ICIS#: AT0013474 and Wayne E. Reames, ICIS#: AT0006392  
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Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof

of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated on March 26, 2026.  
First Citizens Bank, Proponent  
c/o Nicole Rognes Olson  
2601 4 th ST SW  
Mason City, IA 50401  
Attorneys for estate:  
Amelia S. Mapes, ICIS#: AT0013474 and Wayne E. Reames, ICIS#: AT0006392  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**John and Shirley Lager Revocable Trust**

**TRUST NOTICE**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST: The John and Shirley Lager Revocable Trust**

To all persons regarding Shirley Lager, deceased, who died on or about January 21, 2026. You are hereby notified that the trustee listed below is the trustee of The John and Shirley Lager Revocable Trust dated on May 8, 2015. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Wright County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to the spouse of the decedent settlor, and to all heirs of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within

this period shall be forever barred. Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied. Dated on 3/17/2026.  
Milissa Katschke  
2594 Nelson Ave  
Clarion, IA 50525  
Philip M. Johnson #AT0014857, Attorney for Trustee  
The Johnson Law Firm, PLC  
216 North Commercial Ave, PO Box 109, Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Estate of Shirley Ann Lager**

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Shirley Ann Lager, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR017794 NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Shirley Ann Lager, Deceased, who died on or about January 21, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on 3/17/2026, the Last Will and Testament of Shirley Ann Lager, deceased, bearing date of May 8, 2015, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside

the Will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Dated on 3/17/2026.  
Milissa Katschke, Proponent  
Attorney for estate:  
Philip M. Johnson, ICIS#: AT0014857  
216 North Commercial Ave  
PO Box 109  
Eagle Grove, IA 50533  
Phil@Johnsonsllawfirm.com  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Estate of John Odilo Lager Jr.**

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF John Odilo Lager, Jr., Deceased CASE NO. ESPR017792 NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of John Odilo Lager, Jr., Deceased, who died on or about January 17, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on 3/17/2026, the Last Will and Testament of John Odilo Lager, Jr., deceased, bearing date of May 8, 2015, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside

the Will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Dated on 3/17/2026.  
Milissa Katschke, Proponent  
Attorney for estate:  
Philip M. Johnson, ICIS#: AT0014857  
216 North Commercial Ave  
PO Box 109  
Eagle Grove, IA 50533  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Estate of Edward H. Southard**

**IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD H. SOUTHARD, Deceased Probate No. ESPR017799 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Edward H. Southard, Deceased, who died on or about February 19, 2026.

You are hereby notified that on the 23rd day of March 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Edward H. Southard, deceased, bearing date of the 8th day of June, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Glen E. Southard was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will

whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated this 23rd day of March,

## Courthouse news

### BIRTHS

Ailany Danae Merlo Matul was born on March 15, 2026 to Lusvin Matul Lopez of Eagle Grove.

Jacob Youssef Fuentes Barrientos was born on March 16, 2026 to Mirna Barrientos Estrada of Clarion.

Chezni Ann Soma was born on March 16, 2026 to Kaylee Nolte of Meservey.

Eugene Allen Moon was born on March 17, 2026 to Jennifer Moon of Fort Dodge.

Remi Clay Huber was born on March 18, 2026 to Detra and Stan Huber of Northwood.

Scottie Joan Summers was born on March 19, 2026 to Abigail Wagner of Eagle Grove.

David Arlo Thomas Kayser was born on March 20, 2026 to Kamiel Benson Carvalho of Fort Dodge.

Alix Marie Clarken was born on March 20, 2026 to Alexis and Colby Clarken of Gilmore City.

Harrison Dean Lawson-Franks was born on March 20, 2026 to Jenna Lawson of Boone.

Amelia Marie Brandt was born on March 20, 2026 to Megan and Bret Brandt of Hancock.

Katherine Emma Naranjo was born on March 21, 2026 to Maria and Roberto Naranjo of Meservey.

### DEATHS

Janet Irene Lockwood of Sheffield was born on April 23, 1938 and died on March 19, 2026 at the age of 87.

James Frederick Smith of Belmond was born on August 17, 1946 and died on March 20, 2026 at the age of 79.

Donna Mae Walrod (Morgan) of Belmond was born on September 25, 1946 and died on March 25, 2026 at the age of 79.

Timothy James Snyder (Snyder) of Goldfield was born on June 19, 1962 and died on March 24, 2026 at the age of 63.

### MARRIAGE

Jammie Kling, 31, of Eagle Grove, was wed to Blanca Estrada Kling, 24, of Eagle Grove, on March 19, 2026.

### TRAFFIC

Geovany Gezel Marquez Ramirez, Hampton, driving while license denied, suspended or canceled; driving while license under suspension, charges disposed March 19, 2026.

Melvin Robert Tiffany, Ellsworth, driving while license under suspension; failure to provide proof of financial liability; registration violation, charges disposed March 19, 2026.

Phillip Russell Pardee, Niagara, Wisconsin, speeding (6-10 over), charge disposed March 19, 2026.

Rebecca Katherine Garcia, Eagle Grove, person under 21 using tobacco or vapor product, charge disposed March 25, 2026.

Rodney Lee Claude, Dows, operating non-registered vehicle; failure to comply with safety regula-

tions (two counts), charges disposed March 25, 2026.

Abigail Querida Verdejo Rivero, Stillwater, Oklahoma, speeding (21 or over in 55+ zone), charge disposed March 25, 2026.

Leslie Ann Hill, Albia, speeding (1-5 over), charge disposed March 25, 2026.

Neyson Misael Garay Moreno, Eagle Grove, speeding (11-15 over), charge disposed March 23, 2026.

Jose Alberto Cornejo Jr., Alexander, operating non-registered vehicle; failure to provide proof of financial liability, charges disposed March 25, 2026.

Andres Woodley, Clarion, person under 21 using tobacco or vapor product, charge disposed March 24, 2026.

Constantino Cruz Baradas, Goodell, failure to provide proof of financial liability, charge disposed March 25, 2026.

Levin Gerson Romero Lopez, Eagle Grove, no valid driver's license, charge disposed March 25, 2026.

Terry James Groesbeck, Eagle Grove, failure to provide proof of financial liability, charge disposed March 25, 2026.

Rafael Meza Garcia, Clarion, no valid driver's license, charge disposed March 25, 2026.

Danilo Bersai Matul Vesquez, Belmond, failure to display registration plate, charge disposed March 25, 2026.

Eric Collins Barkema, Alexander, speeding (1-5 over), charge disposed March 24, 2026.

Isabel Mae Kleckner, Minneapolis, Minnesota, speeding (1-5 over in 55+ zone), charge disposed March 25, 2026.

Kimberly Ann Vierkant, Alexander, speeding (1-5 over), charge disposed March 23, 2026.

Jose Ramon Rosales Ayala, Storm Lake, failure to use child restraint device, charge disposed March 20, 2026.

Michelle Marie Garcia, Clarion, failure to provide proof of financial liability, charge disposed March 20, 2026.

Amanda McMahon, Eagle Grove, speeding (11-15 over) (two counts), charges disposed March 23, 2026.

Terry Edward Buenting, Fort Dodge, failure to maintain or use safety belts, charge disposed March 22, 2026.

Noelle Renae Epp, Andover, Minnesota, speeding (6-10 over in 55+ zone), charge disposed March 26, 2026.

Richard Scot Hahn, Boone, speeding (1-5 over), charge disposed March 23,

2026.

Pauline Ione Eggers, Forest City, operating non-registered vehicle, charge disposed March 19, 2026.

Adrian Diaz Rojas, Houston, Texas, speeding (6-10 over); failure to provide proof of financial liability, charges disposed March 22, 2026.

Kylie Rae Krauss, Albia, operating non-registered vehicle, charge disposed March 24, 2026.

Joyce Faye Krugler, Belmond, failure to obey stop sign and yield right of way, charge disposed March 24, 2026.

Nicholas William Langenbau, Hanlontown, speeding (6-10 over), charge disposed March 20, 2026.

Alberto Flores Castro, Belmond, driving with obstructed view or control, charge disposed March 23, 2026.

Paul Nathaniel Conover, Independence, Missouri, speeding (6-10 over), charge disposed March 26, 2026.

Sara M. Elkin, Clarion, speeding (1-5 over), charge disposed March 23, 2026.

### CRIMINAL

Benjamin Lee Foster, Clarion, interference with official acts, pleaded guilty and waived rights; ordered to pay \$347.50 in court costs.

Jordan Currier, Mason City, identity theft under \$1,500; providing false identification information, pretrial conference May 8, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.; jury trial May 21, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Linkon Michael Hobart, Goldfield, third-degree burglary (motor vehicle); conspiracy to commit an aggravated misdemeanor, preliminary hearing April 2, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.

Fernando Allen Navarro Marquardt, Eldora, driving while barred, pretrial conference May 29, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.; jury trial June 18, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.

Eric R. Sorenson, Goldfield, domestic abuse assault displaying or using a weapon (first offense), arraignment April 10, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Andrew John Eekhoff, Belmond, controlled substance violation, pretrial conference May 27, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.; jury trial June 16, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

Kory David Burger, Eagle Grove, two counts of violation of a no-contact/protective order (contempt), previously pleaded guilty; sentenced to two concurrent 10-day jail terms.

Anabeli Conce Lopez Hernandez, Clarion, at large prohibited, fined and assessed court costs totaling \$180.75.

## Wright County Moves to Market Agribusiness Park

Amanda Rink, Editor

**March 20, 2026** - The Wright County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Monday morning, approving several significant items, including an interfund transfer tied to seismic testing funds, authorization to seek a professional real estate firm to market the county agribusiness park, and a bridge contract award.

### Transfer of Funds

The board approved an interfund transfer of \$109,153.36 from the drainage admin fund to the General Services Fund. The funds originated from money negotiated with a seismic testing company to cover any incidental damage to county roads, tiles, or bridges during testing operations.

"We're transferring those funds into a separate line item," Supervisor Dean Kluss said. "We will have the ability to pull those funds back if we see some damages where we need to utilize those funds, as the reason that we negotiated for them."

### Economic Development

The board then authorized Wright County Economic Development Director Aaron Budweg to issue a formal Request for Proposal and Request for Qualifications for professional real estate marketing and brokerage services for the 76-acre Wright County Agribusiness Park.

Budweg told the board the property has been self-marketed since 2018 or 2019 with limited results, and recommended engaging a firm with a broader regional, national, or international reach. The board approved the motion and directed Budweg to form a three-person scoring com-

mittee to evaluate proposals, including a board member and a third community stakeholder.

Budweg said he would reach out to a local professional with relevant marketing experience to serve in that role. The board discussed bringing in a railroad company to the county; no official choice was made other than to not respond to the letter sent from the company. Wright County Engineer was next on the agenda regarding a bridge replacement in Norway Township.

Budweg also presented information on a possible letter of support for a proposed merger between Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern railroads.

Several supervisors expressed concern that the merger would create a monopoly, reduce competitive shipping rates, and increase railroad discussion over drainage and road issues. The board directed Budweg not to send a letter of support but took no formal action.

A bridge replacement contract was awarded to Peterson Contractors for \$554,351.15, coming in about \$6,000 under the engineer's estimate. County Engineer Adam Clemons said the project involves replacing an aging structure with a twin 14-by-12 reinforced concrete box culvert.

### Thrive Iowa Grant

Wright County Public Health was authorized to apply for the Thrive Iowa Grant, a state program that would fund two full-time navigators and one full-time coordinator to help residents connect with resources and services.

The grant offers up to \$277,000 annually for up to four years, with Wright

County serving as the employer of record. The board discussed at length the financial structure of the grant, staffing implications, and uncertainty around future state reorganization of public health services before approving the application.

### Slough Bill

Wright County Assessor Tonee Nicholas presented Slough Bill applications for the 2025 assessment year, covering 300 renewals, three new applicants, and five removals, for a total of 2,784.31 acres.

The board approved the assessor's recommendations for approval. Nicholas also presented one missed military service property tax exemption application from the 2025 assessment year, which had been received in November 2024 but was inadvertently set aside in the office. The board approved the exemption.

In other business, the board approved:

- Courthouse grounds use for the Clarion Development Alliance for Wright Nights on Main on May 4, June 1, July 6, and August 3, and for Festival in the Park on June 13.
- Melisa Mendez as a civil process server.

In new and old business and meeting updates, the board discussed ongoing hazardous mitigation meeting updates and the Central Iowa Detention 28E agreement, which is being renegotiated.

The next regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, March 6, 2026, at 9:00 A.M. This meeting, and past meetings, can be viewed online at [youtube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312](https://youtube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312).

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taxable value. Wright County's current rate is \$10.77, and the proposed rate is \$10.75, a slight decrease.

- Assessed value is set by the assessor's office based on comparable property sales. Wright County has 18,000 to 19,000 parcels.

- The rollback is a state-set percentage that discounts the assessed value before taxes are calculated. Last year's rollback was 47.43%; this year it drops to 44.53%, meaning property owners will be taxed on a smaller percentage of their assessed value.

- Because all three figures, the levy rate, the assessed value, and the rollback, interact with each other, it is hard to predict exactly what any individual tax bill will be until all variables are set in the fall.
- Under House File 718, taxing entities are limited to requesting no more than 2% more in total tax revenue from one year to

the next, regardless of how much costs increase.

- The county auditor's office serves as the central calculating body, receiving valuations from the assessor and applying levy rates before passing figures to the treasurer, who collects payments on behalf of all taxing entities, including cities, schools, and community colleges.

Assessor Nicholas noted that assessment notices for 2026 are going out this week, but residents will not pay taxes based on those figures until the fall of 2027. There is a roughly year-and-a-half lag between assessment and collection.

Officials encouraged residents with questions to come directly to the

courthouse rather than rely on the mailed notice.

"When I get that letter, it goes in file 13 immediately," Supervisor Dean Kluss stated. "You can get better information by coming up here and asking questions."

Maasdam thanked officials for their explanations, adding that the overall feeling of confusion the letter creates only adds to a broader public distrust of the government. Supervisors noted they continue to urge state lawmakers to reform or eliminate the requirement.

*Editor's Note: This article was checked for accuracy by Wright County Auditor Amanda Meyer.*

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Estate of Barbara A. Noonan

**THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Wright County IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Barbara A. Noonan, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR017793 NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION**  
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Barbara A. Noonan, Deceased, who died on or about on October 18, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on 3/2/2026, the Last Will and Testament of Barbara A. Noonan, deceased, bearing date of September 8, 2024, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside

the Will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.  
Dated on 3/2/2026.

Jesse M. Reckemmer, Proponent Attorney for estate:  
Philip M. Johnson, ICIS#: AT0014857  
216 North Commercial Ave  
PO Box 109  
Eagle Grove, IA 50533  
Phi@Johnsonsllawfirm.com

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## Church news

### CLARION AREA

**CLARION FIRST METHODIST CHURCH**  
201 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, April 5  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
• Sunday, April 12  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH ELCA**  
420 1<sup>st</sup> St NW, Clarion, IA 515-532-3440  
www.firslutheranclarion.com  
"YOU are love, YOU belong, YOU are called, and YOU are gifted"  
• 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship Services  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL**  
121 3rd Avenue N.W., Clarion  
• Sunday, April 5  
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  
9:30 a.m. Worship, also live each Sunday on Facebook  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship  
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, April 2  
Holy Thursday  
Offices Closed  
7:00 p.m. Bilingual Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Belmond  
• Friday, April 3  
Holy Friday  
2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena and Rosary – Live Streamed  
5:30 p.m. Liturgy at St. John, Clarion  
7:00 p.m. Novena A La Divinia Misericordia at St. John, Clarion  
7:30 p.m. Liturgy in Spanish at St. John, Clarion  
• Saturday, April 4  
Holy Saturday  
2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena and Rosary – Live Streamed  
6:30 p.m. Music Rehearsal at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove  
7:30 p.m. Novena A La Divinia Misericordia at St. John, Clarion  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove  
• Sunday, April 5  
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John, Clarion  
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Belmond

2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena and Rosary – Live Streamed  
7:30 p.m. Novena A La Divinia Misericordia at St. John, Clarion  
• Monday, April 6  
Easter Monday  
Offices Closed  
8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis Xavier, Belmond  
2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena and Rosary – Live Streamed  
5:30 p.m. OCIA Confirmation at St. John, Clarion  
• Tuesday, April 7  
2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena and Rosary – Live Streamed  
7:30 p.m. Novena A La Divinia Misericordia at St. John, Clarion  
• Wednesday, April 8  
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis Xavier, Belmond  
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Belmond  
2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena and Rosary – Live Streamed  
6:00 p.m. Adoration at all Parishes  
6:30 p.m. YFF Classes at all Parishes  
6:30 p.m. Adoration at all Parishes  
• Thursday, April 9  
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. Divine Mercy Novena and Rosary – Live Streamed  
2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena and Rosary – Live Streamed

**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
219 First Street N.W. Clarion 515-532-2709  
• Sunday, April 5  
• Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
• Sunday 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class  
• Wednesdays 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study  
• Saturdays 8:00 a.m. Men's Group

**THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
Dana Wendel, Pastor  
1010 2nd Street SW; Clarion 515-293-3003  
FREE Dinner will be on the first Sunday of the month.  
• Sunday  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
• Tuesday  
11:00 a.m. Prayer Time  
• Iglesia del Nazareno  
6:00 p.m. Sabado  
6:00 p.m. Domingo  
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515-851-9699  
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**UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
220 E. Oak St., Goldfield, IA 50542  
515-825-3581  
goldfield.upc@gmail.com  
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Office M-F 7:30 – 11:30 a.m.  
• Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
**LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Goldfield  
Pastor Ron Rasmussen  
• Sunday, March 29  
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  
Rev. George Lautner, afcgeo@gmail.com  
Pastor cell 412-874-9878  
www.HolmesLutheran.net  
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www.Facebook.com/holmeslutheranchurch  
• April 2 Maundy Thursday  
6:00 p.m. Worship & Communion  
• April 3 Good Friday  
6:00 p.m. Worship  
• April 5 Easter Sunday  
8:30 a.m. Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Worship & Communion  
Everyone Welcome!  
Communion 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
Praise Songs & Worship last Sunday of the month

**HOLMES BAPTIST CHURCH**  
2137 Hancock Avenue  
Pastor Cody Huber  
515-825-3110  
• Sundays  
9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. Worship Service, 5 p.m. Evening Service  
• Wednesdays  
Prayer Meeting, youth group, kids club (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades – during school year)

**WRIGHT CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
1730 130th Street, Kanawha 641-762-3947  
• Sunday, April 5  
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  
• Every Tuesday  
1:30 p.m. Bible Study anyone is invited to attend  
**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Missouri Synod  
Jct. Highway 69 & 3  
Pastor Mark Eichler  
• Sunday, April 5

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**

**SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH**  
109 N. Eskridge St., Dows  
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Doug Holmes, Pastor  
• Sunday, April 5  
10:15 a.m. Sunday school, Coffee, 11:15 a.m. Worship at First Presbyterian in Dows

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Dows, IA  
Masking is option  
• Sunday, April 5  
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Easter Worship & Communion

**UNITED METHODIST & PRESBYTERIAN**  
• Sunday, April 5  
10 a.m. Dows Joint Worship at Untied Methodist

**FIRST REFORMED**  
214 Brown St., Alexander  
• Sundays  
9:30 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship

**IMMANUEL U.C.C.**  
204 E. South St., Latimer  
Travis Berg, Pastor  
• Sunday, April 5  
9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. ABC/Sunday School

**ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN**  
304 W. Main, Latimer  
Travis Berg, Pastor  
• Sunday, April 5  
9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. ABC/Sunday School

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Morgan, Lee Center, Bradford  
Erling Shultz, Pastor  
• Sunday, April 5  
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, March 29  
9:30a.m. Joint Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion, Coffee to follow  
• Dinner is the first Sunday of the month

## The Clarion Wire

\*\* 500 card players: '500' each Wednesday at Clarion's Senior Citizens Center; both men and women; from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. And on Thursdays, learn to play 'Hand & Foot' card game! Also 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. \*\* <Trivia Nights> at the Bru are the 1st and 3rd Thursday nights of each month. Next ones are April 2 and 16, beginning at 6 p.m. \*\* Maundy Thursday celebration at Clarion Methodist Church on Thursday, April 2 at 7 p.m. \*\* Last Supper portrayal on Thursday, April 2 at 8:30 p.m. - Belmond United Methodist Church. \*\* Clarion Church of Christ celebrates Easter on Good Friday, on April 3 with services at 6 p.m.; Sunday, April 5 - Sunrise Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; Worship at 10 a.m. \* Clarion Methodist Church - Good Friday service on Friday, April 3 - 7 p.m. \*\* Easter Egg Hunt in Belmond on Saturday, April 4 at 9 a.m. for 0 - 9 year olds! At the Belmond City Park. \*\* Easter is coming! Rowan Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. at the Rowan Playground. Easter bunny will be on hand for photos! (In case of bad weather, it will be across the street in the Community Center!) \*\* Clarion's Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday, April 4 at Tornado Park - at 10:30 a.m. \*\* Dows Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. Football Field. \*\* Easter Egg Hunt for kids 0 - 9 years old at Eagle Grove's Hewitt Park ( 615 S.W. 2nd Street) on Saturday, April 4 at 3 p.m. (Weather reschedule is Saturday, April 11). \*\* "Resurrection Sunday" will be held at Clarion Methodist Church on Sunday, April 5. Two services - 8:30 a.m. or 10 a.m. \*\* St. John's Catholic Church in Clarion celebrates Easter Mass on Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m. \*\* Clarmond EASTER BUFFET on Sunday, April 5. Reservations Only. Two seating times - 10:30 a.m. and Noon. clarmond16@gmail.com . Adults - \$20; over 65 - \$18; Kids 5 - 10 - \$12; under 5 - \$2 per year. \*\* MAKE YOUR EASTER RESERVATIONS NOW at Cattleman's Bruch with Dining in Belmond. Open 10:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Call 641-444-4183! \*\* Clarion's Pizza Ranch will open at 4 p.m. on Easter Sunday, April 5! \*\* Clarion's Blood Drive is the first Tuesday afternoon of each of each month. The next one is Tuesday, April 7 at Iowa Specialty Hospital from 1 - 6 p.m. \*\* Clarion city officials are going to meet with the public to talk about the new Water System. At the Clarion Senior Citizens Center on Thursday, April 9 at 1:30 p.m.

\*\* First Lutheran Church FOOD PANTRY in Clarion, 420 - First Street N.W., is open on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. Next ones are April 9 and 23. \*\* Local VFW Fish Fry is Friday, April 10 from 5 - 7 p.m.; serving at Heartland Museum - adults - \$15; 5 - 12 are \$6 and those younger are free. \*\* Clarmond SPRING KICK-OFF on Saturday, April 11. Fundraiser. Open to the public. \$10 entry fee (includes meal). Happy Hour at 5 p.m.; Meal at 6 p.m.; Music at 7 p.m. with 2nd Avenue Society. Games, prizes. \*\* Clarion Lions Club hosts its spring fundraiser on Sunday, April 12 with a SPAGHETTI DINNER at CGD Cafeteria, serving from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Carryouts and dine in. Tickets: \$10 for adults; \$5 for children under 12! \*\* Community Impact Night at Pizza Ranch on Monday, April 13 from 5 - 7:30 p.m. Marys & Marthas will be bussing tables for % of sales and tips! Making \$\$ for swimming pool passes this summer! \*\* Annual St. John's Catholic Church "Swiss Steak Dinner" is Sunday, April 19 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Take Out Only; deliveries to Clarion only. Call Mary Waters for delivery on April 18; 515-293-1870; \*\* Mark your calendars for Wright County Humane Society's Bags Tournament and Silent Auction on Saturday April 25th. Registration at 1 p.m. and Bags fly at 2 p.m.as they begin to raise \$ to build a county shelter! Watch The Humane Society of Wright County facebook page for pictures of silent auction items closer to the event! Volunteers are raising money to build a shelter! \*\* Start registering kids from kindergarten through fifth grade for SUMMER DAY CAMPS; offered by ISU Extension & Outreach. \*\* FOCUS ON BUSINESS: Tis the season to buy a ticket for Seversons at Grand View Beef and their "Farm to Table" events. Check them out on their facebook page! \*\* FOCUS ON BUSINESS #2: Take the stress out of the tax season! Barrett Financial Tax and Accounting is booking new clients. Located at 202 N Main Street, Clarion .Call (515) 448-8070. \*\* COMMENT: Eagle Grove Lions are NO LONGER COLLECTING SHOES. Shipping is no longer free, causing the group to stop collecting them! \*\* MONEY SAVING TIP: \*\* THANK YOU: To everyone who helps to make Easter celebrations a good one: worship services, Easter egg huts, Easter dining with family and friends!!!



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<p><b>CLARION</b> WELLNESS &amp; REHABILITATION CENTER Caring Staff... Quality Rehabilitation 515-532-2893 110 13th Avenue SW Clarion, Iowa 50525</p>	<p><b>HAELH</b> Building Supply 204 E. Broadway St. Eagle Grove, IA.</p>	<p><b>The Choice of Peace</b> When Christ entered Jerusalem, as we celebrate on Palm Sunday, he was greeted by excited and joyous crowds. A further acknowledgement of the historical circumstances surrounding this event from scripture leads to great reflection on the Gospel. History tells us that as Jesus humbly entered the city from the east on a donkey, the Roman governor Pontius Pilate would have been entering the city from the west alongside an intimidating display of Roman military power (likely including a parade of soldiers clad with iron and war horses). This historical juxtaposition serves as a powerful reminder of Christ's message of peace and how we can apply it in our everyday living. Importantly, we know that Christ entered the city in service to those who worshipped His Father, as a King living among us, leading humanity on the path to salvation. Conversely, Pilate entered the city in service to the Emperor Tiberius, seeking to display the full array of military power which the empire possessed. In our own lives, as we approach a disagreement or rough situation, do we choose to lead a procession of "might," perhaps one characterized by anger or vitriol? Or, do we choose to approach these matters following the path of humility which Christ showed us how to embark on? -James Stone</p>
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## Clarion Hosts Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

The community is invited to celebrate spring at Clarion's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM at Tornado Park. The event is free and designed for children of all ages, with separate age divisions to ensure a fun and safe experience:  
• Under 2: Must be accompanied by a parent or adult  
• Ages 2-4  
• Ages 5-7  
• Ages 8-10  
Eggs will be filled with candy and small prizes, and select eggs will contain special award prizes for children to pick out themselves.  
Families are encouraged to arrive early and bring their baskets.  
In addition to the hunt, Nice Beans Coffee will be



on site, and weather permitting, the Eagle Grove Boy Scouts will sell mini donuts. Attendees can also take their own photos with the Easter Bunny.  
 Like

## Words of Wisdom

Last week's trivia questions:  
What prominent big band leader and trombonist during "the swing era" was born in Clarinda, Iowa, and was one of the best-selling recording artists of the 1940s? Answer: Glenn Miller.



What legendary American singer, known for his smooth vocals, charismatic stage presence, and amazing TV Christmas specials, was born in Wall Lake, Iowa? Answer: Andy William.

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This week's Easter questions:  
What words did the angel say to the women at Jesus' empty tomb?

Who was the first person to see the risen Jesus, according to the Gospel of John?

How many days after His resurrection did Jesus ascend into heaven?

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April is National Decorating Month, National Garden Month, International Guitar Month, Global Astronomy Month, Distracted Driving Awareness Month, Jazz Appreciation Month, National Pecan Month, National Poetry Month, Stress Awareness Month, National Volunteer Month, Parkinson's Awareness Month, Child Abuse Awareness Month, National Alcohol Awareness Month, National Pickleball Month, National Brunch Month, National Welding Month, and National Lawn & Garden Month.

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April 1 is April Fool's Day, and National Walking Day; April 2 is Holy Thursday, Nature Day, and Children's Picture Book Day; April 3 is American Circus Day, Good Friday, and Pony Express Day; April 4 is School Librarian Day, and National Handmade Day; April 5 is Easter, Geologist Day, and National Caramel Day; April 6 is National Siamese Cat Day, National Library Day, and Army Day; April 7 is National Coffee Cake Day, and World Health Day.

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Wednesday, April 1st is April Fool's Day. Some famous April Fool's Day pranks include:

April 1, 1957 - The BBC (British Broadcasting Company) aired a famous hoax claiming spaghetti grew on trees in Switzerland, fooling many viewers into thinking they could purchase a "spaghetti tree."

April 1, 1962 - A television channel in Sweden aired a segment claiming viewers could convert their black-and-white TVs to color, by covering the screens with a nylon stocking.

April 1, 1978 - Dick Smith, an electronics millionaire, claimed to have towed an iceberg into a Sydney, Australia harbor. It was actually made of foam and shaving cream.

April 1, 1980 - The BBC announced to listeners that London's most famous landmark, the Big Ben clocktower, would be going digital, and henceforth be known as "Digital Dave."

April 1, 1985 - Sports Illustrated magazine published an article about Sidd Finch, a young unknown baseball pitcher in the New York Mets training camp who could throw a baseball 168 miles per hour.

April 1, 1996 - Taco Bell announced that it had purchased the Liberty Bell and renamed it the "Taco Liberty Bell".

April 1, 2008 - The BBC claimed penguins in Antarctica had learned to fly.

April 1, 2008 - Nestle announced that it was changing the name of its Butterfinger candy bar to "The Finger." As part of the prank, the company distributed 200,000 Butterfinger bars with "The Finger" wrappers at 7-Eleven stores in 10 cities.

## Clarion Coin Show is Easter Saturday

Rodger Tveiten

The Spring Coin Show is Easter Saturday, April 4, from 9:00 to 3:00 at the Heartland Museum Ballroom in Clarion. Admission is free for this family-friendly event. It is sponsored annually by the 50 members of the 68 year old Clarion Coin Club.

Expect sales tables heaped with U. S. coins, foreign coins, tokens, medals, stamps, comics, sports cards and other collectibles. Dealers from

three states will be buying, trading, selling and offering free appraisals.

The theme is America 250 and celebrates the proclamation of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. A table of America 250 T-shirts and America 250 collector coins will be on display and for sale.

Expect lots of Red, White and Blue! For more information, call Boyd LaRue, club president at 515-460-5681.

## Monitor Memories

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE WRIGHT COUNTY MONITOR  
1984 - 1949

42 Years Ago  
April 5, 1984

A new multi-categorical resource room program was approved at Monday's Clarion Board of Education meeting. The resource room is the product of K-8 principal Kurt Wiethorn who told the board he didn't know how the school would get along without it. This new room will be for a number of students who are experiencing a variety of problems that interfere with success in school.

Clarion senior Dee Knoshaug is serving as a page in the House of Representatives during the second half of the General Assembly. She is also assigned to be the page in Republican Caucuses when they were held. Minority Floor Leader Delwyn Stromer praised the job she is doing, and said that it is a pleasure having her as a page. Dee is the daughter of DeWayne and Mary Knoshaug of rural Clarion.

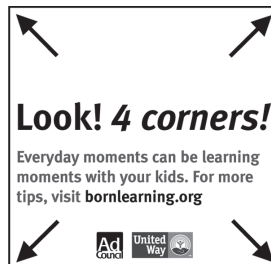
"Canned spaghetti can aid endurance." - Loading up on canned spaghetti and other processed carbohydrate sources a few days before competition can extend an athlete's endurance during prolonged exercise according to research at Iowa State University. Carbohydrate loading became popular for endurance athletes in the mid-1970s Rickey Lee Sharp. In the past, canned or processed carbs were shunned because the canning process was thought to break carbohydrates into simpler forms, thereby reducing their effectiveness in elevating muscle glycogen.

77 Years ago  
April 7, 1949

Fifteen skits were presented at this year's 4-H Fun Night. One of the most hilarious was the one presented by the Grant Getters and Grant Growers. It was called "We Gotta Put Shoes on Willie." One of the other skits which drew much applause from the crowd was called "Blowing Bubbles." It was presented by the Eagle Red Peppers. While a 4-H girl sang, other members of the club blew bubbles out to the audience. Dressed in formals the skit was one of the most colorful presented.

Climaxing the 15 skits presented was the crowning of the queen and king of this year's Fun Night. Rachel Peterson of the Dayton Dandies and Don Feller of the Grant Growers clubs were crowned queen and king from the field of 26 candidates, one from each boys and girls 4-H club of the county.

The Clarion Sport Shop has been sold to Glenn Bordwell of Vinton, according to an announcement made by Don Sharp, the former owner. The new owner has been connected with stores of a similar type in Vinton and other Iowa Towns for several years. Immediately prior to coming here he was employed by an electrical engineering firm.



Baby Girl

Bryce Summers and Abigail Wagner of Eagle Grove, IA would like to announce the birth of their daughter Scottie Joan. She was born Thursday, March 19, 2026 at the Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion, IA. She weighed

5 pounds 4 oz. She joins her siblings: Sawyer (9), Peyton (8) and Wesley (8). Proud Grandparents are: Matt and Christine Summers of Eagle Grove, IA and Duane and Diane Kingem of Eagle Grove, IA.

## Obituaries

### Loren D. Huffman 1942 - 2026

Loren D. Huffman, 84, of Pleasant Hill and formerly of Goldfield, passed away at his home on Monday, March 23, 2026.

Graveside services were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, March 27, 2026, at Glenwood Cemetery, Goldfield. Military rites were presented by the Earl B. Beisell American Legion Post 370. Laufersweiler Funeral Home is serving the family.

Loren is survived by his daughter Jennifer Huffman, grandchildren Tristan and GraceLynn Huffman all of Pleasant Hill.

Loren was preceded in death by his wife Thelma, infant daughter Patricia Lynn, parents, sisters Pamela Huffman, Debra McCutceen, Barbara Lehman, and brother Charles Huffman.

Loren Daniel Huffman was born February 26, 1942, to Raymond and Edith (Alumbaugh) Huffman in Windsor, Missouri. The family later moved to Eagle Grove, Iowa. Loren served in the United States Army from 1959 to 1964 during



the Vietnam War.

He was united in marriage to Thelma Irelan at the First Baptist Church, Eagle Grove and they made Goldfield their home. In 1978, the couple established L.D. Huffman Sanitation in Eagle Grove. In 1982, they expanded the business in Goldfield. Thelma passed away in 1993. In 1998, Loren sold his sanitation business and moved to Pleasant Hill. From 1999 to 2009, L.D. worked for Storey Kenworthy as an overnight driver. He was a member of the VFW.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the discretion of the family.

### Carl Wibholm 1937 - 2026

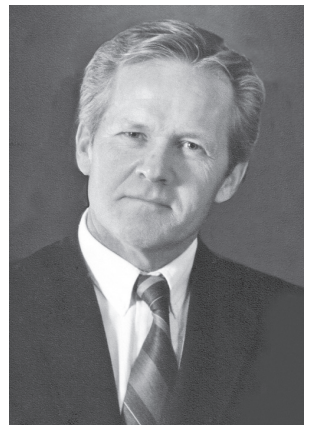
Carl Wibholm, 89, of Dows, passed away on Monday, March 30, 2026, at his home in Dows. Funeral services will be 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Williams with burial in the Williams Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, April 6, 2026, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Williams. Funeral arrangements are under the guidance of the Surls Funeral Home in Iowa Falls.

Carl Edward Wibholm was born April 13, 1937 at home on a farm near Garner, Iowa. His parents were A.C. (Pete) Wibholm and Anna (Thomsen) Wibholm. In 1938 the family bought a farm near Williams, Iowa. Here Carl attended Williams #12 Country School through eighth grade. He graduated from Williams High School in 1956. In August of 1956 he enlisted in the Marine Corps and was stationed in Bakersfield, California. After being honorably discharged from the Marines, he held various jobs: working in a packing plant in Bakersfield, California, buying a milk truck and picking up milk from farms around State Center, Iowa, buying a semi and hauling feed ingredients between Ames and Des Moines.

However, his dream was to own his own farm and raise a family. In 1967 he formed a partnership with his brother Axel. In 1970 they bought the Boyt Harness farm near Popejoy, Iowa and in 1973 they bought the farm north of Dows.

On August 5, 1972, Carl married Judith Richey of Iowa Falls. To this union was born son Mike in 1973, twin sons Mark and Erik in 1974, and daughter Krista in 1976.

Farming was not only Carl's livelihood, it was his passion. Many long hours were spent planting and harvesting, raising hogs and a cow-calf herd as well as spending time with his



family. He was still actively helping with the farming at the age of 88 as well as hands and elbows deep in fixing various machinery that needed repairing.

Sadly cancer entered his body at the age of 88. He handled it with a quiet grace and toughness. He is survived by his wife Judith and his four children and their spouses—Mike and Kate Wibholm of Dows, Mark and Amy Wibholm of Ames, Iowa, Erik and Lauren Wibholm of Geneva, Switzerland, Krista and Ryan Cooley of West Des Moines, Iowa.

Sharing in his memory are his thirteen grandchildren who lovingly called him "Papa": Nyla, Tess, Cole and Lucy, children of Mike and Kate; Mason, Ali and Lilly, children of Mark and Amy; Navy, Wallace and Wrigley, children of Erik and Lauren; Reese, Drew and Quinn, daughters of Ryan and Krista. These grandchildren loved their many sleepovers on the farm, seeing all the cows, discovering any new kittens, riding the tractor, and drinking all of Papa's cranberry juice!

He is also survived by his brothers Axel and wife Marjorie; John and wife Judy; Ole and wife Rebecca; brother and sister-in-law Merle and Joan McMullin; as well as several cousins and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Pete and Anna Wibholm, a little sister Evelyn, and a brother Albert Wibholm.

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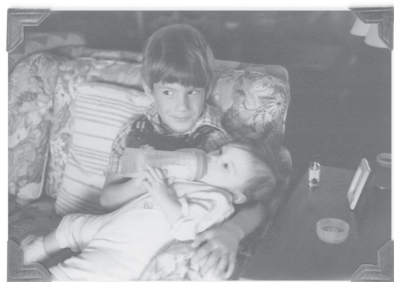
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# SPORTS

## Howell Jumps for Fifth in Clear Lake

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Last Thursday, the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows girls track and field team returned to action at the North Iowa Indoor Championships hosted by Clear Lake High School.

Standout junior Addy Howell was once again CGD's top performer. She cleared 4'10" on her first high jump attempt to bring home fifth overall. Jocelyn Endelman of Waverly-Shell Rock won the event with a jump of 5'4".

The Cowgirls placed 17<sup>th</sup> with 4 team points. Clear Lake won their home meet with a score of 113, while Algona and Waverly-Shell Rock placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> with scores of 76 and 62 points, respectively.



<b>Sprint Medley Relay –</b>		
16 – Morris, Tijull, Egland, Seaba		5:31.44
<b>4x800 Relay –</b>		
11 – Perez, Hoelsing, Bobadilla, Routh		13:23.03
<b>60m Hurdles (Prelims) –</b>		
18 – Aleena Schaffer		11.08
<b>60m Dash (Prelims) –</b>		
95 – Lydia Langfitt		10.00
<b>1500m Run –</b>		
20 – Samantha Seaba		6:26.16
<b>800m Run –</b>		
28 – Johanna Perez		3:03.05
40 – Yaquelin Bobadilla		3:26.9
<b>200m Dash –</b>		
48 – Mynae Espinosa		34.62
51 – Lydia Langfitt		35.25
55 – Lydia Glade		36.58
60 – Sydney Munoz		45.02
<b>4x200 Relay –</b>		
13 – Schaffer, Howell, Tijull, Egland		2:04.85
<b>Shot Put –</b>		
34 – Neveah Morales		26'3"
35 – Taylor Johnson		25'11 1/2"
38 – Lea Charlson		25'3 1/2"
44 – D. Martinez-Santiago		23'5"
<b>Long Jump –</b>		
29 – Mynae Espinosa		10'8"
32 – Lydia Glade		10'3 1/4"
34 – Jewell Routh		7'4"
<b>High Jump –</b>		
5 – Adelynn Howell		4'10"

## Torsell and Lingenfelter Place at Indoor Championships

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows boys track and field team had their turn on the oval on March 27 at Clear Lake's North Iowa Indoor Championships.

The Cowboys earned five team points for 14<sup>th</sup> place out of 16 teams. Clear Lake (119), Algona (71), and Waverly-Shell Rock (68) all took home top-three honors.

CGD's middle distance runner Logan Torsell sped to sixth overall in the open 800. The junior clocked a time of 2:14.87.

Webster City's Daniel Murillo Delvin won the 800 with a time of 2:06.83.

CGD's Huxley Lingenfelter scored in the shot put and turned in a seventh place showing after throwing for a personal best mark of 44'5" on his final attempt of the day.

Algona's Max Nevitt won the event with a throw of 59'5 1/2".

<b>Sprint Medley Relay –</b>		
9 – Downing, Hernandez-Ordenez, P. Lingenfelter, Torsell		4:05.97
<b>4x800 Relay –</b>		
15 – Tevalun Atjun, Gaytan Morena, Murillo Velasquez, Gump		10:33.86
<b>60m Hurdles (Prelims) –</b>		
28 – Eduardo Rivera		10.41
31 – Daven Duncalf		11.17
<b>60m Dash (Prelims) –</b>		
54 – Maxton Downing		7.81
79 – Huxley Lingenfelter		7.99
90 – Tretyn Solis		8.1
95 – Reed Campbell		8.14
<b>400m Dash –</b>		
28 – V. Gaytan Morena		1:04.48
30 – Drew Smith		1:06.75
<b>1600m Run –</b>		
28 – Carson Gump		5:51.2
<b>800m Run –</b>		
6 – Logan Torsell		2:14.87
16 – J. Murilla-Velasquez		2:23.79
29 – B. Tevalan-Ajton		2:36.61
39 – Drew Smith		2:50.9
<b>200m Dash –</b>		
28 – Maxton Downing		25.81
46 – Reed Campbell		27.57
47 – Joseph Cummings		27.7
57 – Jared Hernandez		29.99
<b>Shuttle Hurdle Relay –</b>		
9 – P. Lingenfelter, H. Lingenfelter, Rivera, Duncalf		39.81
<b>4x200 Relay –</b>		
19 – Downing, Campbell, P. Lingenfelter, Hernandez		1:44.66
<b>4x400 Relay –</b>		
13 – Rivera, Gump, Duncalf, Torsell		4:04.59
<b>Long Jump –</b>		
34 – Reed Campbell		16'10 3/4"
36 – Jallen Steward		16'9 1/2"
38 – J. Hernandez-Ordenez		16'6"
<b>Shot Put –</b>		
7 – Huxley Lingenfelter		44'5"
23 – Armondo Melendez		38'8"
37 – Chase Cramer		35'9 1/2"
43 – Jaxun Pohlman		35'2"
55 – Cristian Santis		33'2 1/2"
57 – Calder Grandgeorge		32'11"

## Clarion - Goldfield - Dows School District

### Middle School/High School Sports Calendar

#### Thursday, April 2

Varsity Girls & Boys Track & Field @ Ballard MS, 4:30 p.m.  
Varsity Girls Soccer @ Clear Lake, 5:30 p.m.  
Varsity Boys Soccer @ Clear Lake, 7:30 p.m.

#### Monday, April 6

Varsity Girls Golf @ Lincoln Valley Golf, 4:00 p.m.  
Varsity Boys Golf @ Clarmond Country Club, 4:15 p.m.  
Varsity Girls Soccer @ Belmont-Klemme HS, 5:30 p.m.  
Varsity Boys Soccer @ Belmont-Klemme HS, 7:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, April 7

Esports vs. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, 4:00 p.m.  
Varsity Boys Track & Field @ EG Elementary, 4:00 p.m.  
Girls Golf @ Garner Golf and Country Club, 4:15 p.m.



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# BASKETBALL

## Iowa State's Season Ends in Sweet 16

CHICAGO – The 2025-26 season came to a close for No. 6 Iowa State (29-8, 12-6 Big 12) Friday evening, as the Cyclones fell in the Sweet 16 to No. 23 Tennessee (25-11, 11-7 SEC) by a score of 76-62.

After a tightly-contested, back-and-forth first half, the Volunteers broke things open in the second stanza as they pulled away using their advantage inside.

The absence of All-American Joshua Jefferson proved too much against the Vols, as ISU's

shorthanded frontcourt was bested on the glass, fueling the Tennessee win. The Volunteers outrebounded ISU 43-22, 16 of which were offensive, and had 14 second-chance points with 42 points in the paint.

For the Cyclones, both seniors Tamin Lipsey and Nate Heise were tied for a game-high 18 points. Each also had five boards – tied for a team-high. ISU got just three points off its bench, as star wing Milan Momcilovic was held to just six points.

Tennessee was led by freshman Nate Ament, who had 18 to go along with four rebounds and three assists. Jakobi Gillespie had 16 points, while the big man duo of Felix Okpara and Jaylen Carey combined for 23 points and 20 rebounds.

The Cyclone offense was limited to just 39 percent shooting from the field and 22 percent from downtown. Each side shot 60 percent from the charity stripe while the Cyclones won the turnover battle, forcing 17 from the Vols.

HOUSTON, Texas – The ninth-seeded University of Iowa men's basketball team fell to third-seeded Illinois, 71-59, on Saturday night at the Honda Center in the Elite Eight. The Hawkeyes finish the season 24-13 overall, marking the program's first Elite Eight appearance since 1987.

Iowa opened the game on a 12-2 run, shooting 5-of-6 from the field and 2-of-3 from 3-point range. Illinois responded with a 9-0 run

to cut the Hawkeye lead to 12-11 with just under 13 minutes remaining in the half. Iowa held a 22-20 advantage when the game was delayed for approximately 15 minutes due to technical difficulties with the in-arena horn with eight minutes left in the half.

Following the delay, Iowa scored the first five points and took a 32-28 lead into halftime. Illinois closed the half cold, missing eight straight field goals and shooting just 1-of-10 during the stretch. The Hawkeyes never trailed in the first half and held Illinois without a field goal for more than five minutes.

Senior Bennett Stirtz paced Iowa with 15 first-half points, shooting 6-of-9 from the field and 3-of-6 from beyond the arc. He added two rebounds and two assists. Iowa shot 12-of-21 (57.1 percent)

from the field and 6-of-12 (50 percent) from 3-point range, while going 2-of-2 from the free throw line. Illinois held an 18-8 rebounding advantage in the half.

Illinois opened the second half on a 5-0 run to take its first lead of the game. The teams traded leads for the next 10 minutes, with Iowa holding a 51-50 edge at the 10-minute mark. Illinois then used an 8-0 run to build a seven-point lead with five minutes remaining, as Iowa went more than three minutes without scoring and shot 1-of-7 during that stretch.

Four straight points from freshman Tate Sage cut the deficit to four with two minutes left, but Illinois closed the game on an 8-0 run. The second half featured 13 lead changes and seven ties after Iowa led throughout the opening half. Stirtz finished with a team-high 24 points, adding three rebounds and three assists. He shot 8-of-17 from the field, 4-of-11 from 3-point range, and 4-of-4 from the free throw line. Sage recorded his second straight double-digit scoring game with 10 points, going 2-of-3 from 3-point range and grabbing three rebounds.

Iowa shot 18-of-47 (38.3 percent) from the field and 11-of-30 (36.7 percent) from 3-point range, while converting 12-of-14 (85.7 percent) from the free throw line. Illinois outrebounded the Hawkeyes, 38-21.

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# Aerial views

Bruce Voigts, Aerial Photographer (Photos taken March 20, 2026)



These two photos are aeries of Wright County towns. See if you can identify them. Hint: They are located in the eastern part of Wright County. Try to find the landmarks of each town to help in identifications. (Answers, Galt and Dows).

# Dows American Legion



Dows American Legion had their monthly meal consisting of scalloped potatoes and ham, broccoli, and beans. Lets not forget the ice cream. The meal was a great success enjoyed by 140 plus providing many a great chance to come together and just relax. (Photos: Barb Serrano)





**BINGO NIGHT**

**Dows American Legion BINGO**

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## Rowan's St. Patrick's Day Parade



Clint Hamilton and son pulled the Dows Legion trailer in the St. Patrick's Day parade last Saturday. The float had two of Rowan's Veterans and also included Roger Wenzel's grandson, Clint Hamilton's granddaughter, Keith Patterson, Roy Ahrens, Tyrone McAfee, Mary Echelberger, Mark Echelberger, Barb Chambers and Dennis Mrzaz from Clarion holding his VFW flag. Dows had their Legion, Legion Riders and the Auxiliary flags. Don Koob Legion Rider followed the float with his motorcycle in the parade and Lee Aldrich drove the Ranger with Bill Chambers and Lee's granddaughter in the back. Commander Ron Retleff of Rowan walked the parade carrying the American Flag.

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