



The Wright County MONITOR

clarionnewsonline.com • The Official Newspaper of Wright County, The City of Clarion, & The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Community School District

157th year Number 17

Thursday, April 23, 2026

\$1.25 per copy



Wright County at Work

CDTA Celebrates 10 Years and Countless Memories

Amanda Rink, Editor

Twice a month, The Wright County Monitor features those working hard in our area. This week, that spotlight lands on a group that's spent the last decade shaping young dancers and building something much bigger than a studio.

The Clarion Dance and Tumbling Academy (CDTA) is celebrating 10 years. If this year's recital was any indication, it's been 10 years full of growth, hard work, and a lot of memories.

The recital began at 11 in the morning and carried through the afternoon, ending around 2:30 with a short intermission.

In total, 77 dances took the stage, including 39 competition routines, performed by a studio of around 200 dancers.

But like always, it isn't about the number. It is about the fun the kids and even the adults have.

"We like to throw surprises out there and not let people know what we're doing until the last second," Director and owner of CDTA Christina Johnson said.

One of those surprises came in the form of a Dad Dance, featuring the dads of the studio: Jacob Elbers, Zach Daniels, Kyle Frink, Bryce Hamilton, Brandon Hauck, Keith Poolman, DJ Smith, David Vrba, Patrick Webb and Michael Weber.

The afternoon made space for something special as well. The studio honored long-time former dancer McKenna Woodbeck with a tribute performance by Genevieve Carlson, Taisa Dismute, Reagan Hill, Mavis Lundy, Eve Quintus, Leah Simmons, Charlotte Thomas, Brielle Thul, Jerzeigh Thul and Alaina Vrba. Also in McKenna's memory, CDTA presented the first "McKenna Woodbeck Angel Award" to Cyprus Redenius.

The award is given to a dancer who "embodies kindness, empathy, and is a true light to everyone around them, someone who lifts others up and carries McKenna's beautiful spirit forward."

For Johnson and co-director Alecia Frink, it's moments like that, the people behind the performances, that have defined the last 10 years.

When they first opened CDTA, Johnson admits it came with some nerves.

"The first year was nerve-racking," she said, adding that it was also "worth it." The biggest change was stepping into ownership, but the work itself stayed the same.

Frink said looking back over the past decade, it's hard to separate the standout moments from the reasons she continues to return year after year.

"At the very beginning, I think about the dancers and their families that took a leap of

faith and trusted us when we first opened CDTA," she said. That trust helped build what the studio is today and even led to unexpected growth early on. "Then I think about Year two," Frink said. "Christina messaged me saying we were going to look at mirrors and equipment at a studio in Humboldt that was closing. Somehow, we left gaining a second location and still have one of the original teachers on staff."

Over time, it's the dancers themselves who have made it all worthwhile. "Some of them started when they were just 4 years old. Watching them grow up. Those are the moments I cherish most," Johnson said. This year's recital brought that full circle as six seniors took their final bow: Isabella De La Torre of Eagle Grove, Kaylie Morris of Clarion, McKenna Friedel of Clarion, Miranda Roosa of Clarion, Jasmine Teran of Clarion and Teagan Webb of Clarion. Two of the seniors, De La Torre and Morris, have been part of CDTA since it first opened its doors.

Johnson shared that even after recital or competition season ends, the work doesn't stop. The studio continues with summer classes, and behind the scenes there's always more to do like billing, scheduling, and the day-to-day responsibilities of running a business.

"That's not the fun stuff," Johnson said. "The fun stuff is

walking into the dance studio." Managing around 200 students does come with its challenges. "You're laying in bed at night wondering, 'Did little Susie remember her shoes?'" she said.

There have been bigger challenges, too. "COVID was hard," Frink said. "It took away recital for so many kids — the hard work,

the costumes they never got to wear. But we tried to keep it a family."

Instead of shutting down, the studio adapted. "We did video challenges and compiled them, my favorite is still the Toilet Paper Challenge video," she said. "COVID didn't stop us."

continued on page 8



"Beauty and a Beat," a competition routine featuring a mashup of music from Justin Bieber and Nicki Minaj, included Adriana Annis, Kaitlyn Farnum, Ellynore Johnson, Brooklyn Kunert, Keira Martin-Prescott, Embree Meyer, Kaylie Morris, Saylor Palmer, Cyprus Redenius, Brittany Schnetter, Jessica Simmons, Greta Webb and Teagan Webb. (Photo: Amanda Rink)

Johnson shared that even after recital or competition season ends, the work doesn't stop. The studio continues with summer classes, and behind the scenes there's always more to do like billing, scheduling, and the day-to-day responsibilities of running a business.

"That's not the fun stuff," Johnson said. "The fun stuff is

walking into the dance studio." Managing around 200 students does come with its challenges. "You're laying in bed at night wondering, 'Did little Susie remember her shoes?'" she said.

There have been bigger challenges, too. "COVID was hard," Frink said. "It took away recital for so many kids — the hard work,

the costumes they never got to wear. But we tried to keep it a family."

Instead of shutting down, the studio adapted. "We did video challenges and compiled them, my favorite is still the Toilet Paper Challenge video," she said. "COVID didn't stop us."

continued on page 8

Supervisors Make Approvals and Discuss Legislation



Jeremiah Feltz, with the Wright County Conservation Office, and Brian State, a truck driver with the secondary roads department in the Dows' area, were each honored for ten years of service to Wright County. Feltz is photographed here with Supervisor Ashley Bosch. (Photo provided by Wright County Economical Development/Kim Demery)

Amanda Rink, Editor

April 20, 2026 - The Wright County Board of Supervisors covered a full agenda at their regular meeting on Monday. The board recognized employee service, approved routine business, and took action on a livestock confinement expansion and also discussed ongoing legislative activity at the state level.

Two county employees were recognized for milestone years of service. Jeremiah Feltz, with the Wright County Conservation Office, and Brian State, a truck driver with the secondary roads department in the Dows' area, were each honored for ten years of service to Wright County.

Quarterly revenue reports were also received. The County Auditor's office reported \$512.50 in receipts for the quarter, including copy fees, black books and maps, and a voter registration list sale.

Discussion on the Recorder's report turned to House File 1031, a recording fee modernization bill that did not advance out of committee.

County Recorder Denise Baker expressed frustration, noting recording fees are not tied to property taxes and have not been increased in more than a decade. The board seemed to share in her frustration.

Supervisor Dean Kluss was blunt with his thoughts on 1031 not advancing: "We want to reduce property taxes and costs, but yet we don't want to have fees. I wonder who's going to pay for the services that people receive." Baker thanked Kluss and shared that a one-time filing fee moving up 20 dollars will not impact someone buying their dream home.

Supervisors then moved onto a public hearing for a matrix review of the Huntley Farm operation in Boone Township. The proposal was looking to increase animal capacity at an existing confinement site.

Representatives with Pinnacle Group said the facility was originally built for 4,400 head, with the proposal adding 400 head. The updated manure management plan projects about 1.5 million gallons annually, within the site's six-million-gallon capacity.

They also highlighted newer technology being used at the site, including a GPS-guided, driverless "rain reel" irrigation system that applies diluted manure under the corn canopy during the growing season. The method was described as reducing odor compared to traditional injection.

The site received a score of 440 out of 440 on the master matrix. No public comments were received, and the hearing was closed without opposition.

Under old business, the board discussed the Iowa Utilities Commission docket involving Summit Carbon Solutions. Supervisor Dean Kluss said a response had been filed addressing the scope of Phase one review and opposing combining later phases of the process.

Supervisor Betty Ellis provided an update on activity at the Statehouse, including several bills still under discussion. She pointed to Senate File 2500, which would move township officials from elected to appointed positions and require township budgets to be approved by county supervisors.

"You can make the rules, you can make the legislation, but you have to know how to implement it," Ellis said.

continued on page 2

Dows Market on Main Debuts with a Large Turnout

Amanda Rink, Editor

After months of anticipation, Dows Market on Main officially opened its doors this past Saturday, April 18.

The idea for the market first took shape back in January, when two local makers, Hayley Olson of HayleyCo Designs and Shannon Schroeder of Hippie Stitches, set out to do something a little different in the small town of Dows.

"Dows is such a great location for the market! Both Hayley and I have family ties in Dows but aside from that, the community building is a great venue," Shannon said.

Shannon has effectively been marketing the event, which main goal was to highlight local makers, herself, through social media, blog writing, and even podcast-like interviews with vendors.

"[Hayley and I] just like the idea of helping other small businesses and watching them succeed. It's fun to promote local people with independent brands who don't have access to huge marketing budgets," she shared.

Tables in the community center were filled with handmade products, baked goods, vintage pieces, award-winning wine, and other homegrown or homemade products. Each item was tied to a person, a



Hosts of the Dows Market on Main, Shannon Schroeder of Hippie Stitches and Hayley Olson of HayleyCo Designs. (Photo: Trish Morris) More photos on page 2

story, and a lot of care. Nothing was mass produced in a factory, and everything was made or collected by a human.

According to event goer Kim Ott what stood out the most about the event was how organized it was. "There was plenty of room for everyone to move around and a nice variety of vendors," she shared with The Wright County Monitor.

"We would love for this to become an annual event! Almost every vendor asked to come back next year, and tons of shoppers expressed a desire to come back," Shannon said.

If the market proved anything, it's that there is a real need for events that bring people together in thoughtful ways.

Joanne invited me to sit with her at her kitchen table. Before all else, she shared pictures of her family, which she had sitting out for the interview. She picked up one of her family and introduced each member as she pointed to them. The first thing I noticed was each family member boasted their own shade of red hair, she laughed: "yep, we're all redheads!"

We shared some small talk. She's connected to the Radechel family, so of course we spent part of our time talk-

Stories Worth Knowing

Some of Wright County's most remarkable stories have never appeared in print or on a newsfeed. They live in the memories of those who built lives here, through hard times, quiet wins, and decades of change, and many have never been recorded.

The Wright County Monitor is proud to change that by publishing "Stories Worth Knowing," a monthly series sharing conversations with residents of our local care centers and retirement communities. If you're interested in sharing your story, reach out!

A life well traveled

Jill Harrington, Contributing Writer

I had the privilege to visit with Joanne Whyte, formerly of Goldfield, now a resident of The Meadows in Clarion. When I walked into Joanne's apartment, I was immediately greeted by signs hanging on her kitchen wall, one saying "Welcome," the other "Coffee is the best of all earthly drinks"; each written in Swedish. Another flowery trivet displayed the words "flowers leave part of their fragrance on the hands which bestow them." It was a cozy environment.

Joanne invited me to sit with her at her kitchen table. Before all else, she shared pictures of her family, which she had sitting out for the interview. She picked up one of her family and introduced each member as she pointed to them. The first thing I noticed was each family member boasted their own shade of red hair, she laughed: "yep, we're all redheads!"

We shared some small talk. She's connected to the Radechel family, so of course we spent part of our time talk-



Joanne Whyte recently shared her life story with The Wright County Monitor's Jill Harrington. After traveling the world with her husband and children, she feels Iowa "is the best place to be." (Photo: Jill Harrington)

ing about Ruthie Rolls! Then Joanne shared her story; this is what she had to say:

I was born in 1932 during the post-Depression era. My father came from Utah Mormon

lineage with a sheep-ranching background, and my mother was an eastern Nebraska farm girl.

continued on page 3



The Scarlet & Black on page 6

Clarion Spring Market Brings Vendors Inside Downtown Businesses

Dows Market continued from page 1

The Clarion Development Alliance is excited to announce the return of the Clarion Spring Market, taking place on April 23rd from 4:00-7:30 PM in downtown Clarion.

Unlike traditional vendor events, the Clarion Spring Market will feature vendors set up inside downtown brick-and-mortar businesses. This unique format encourages shoppers to explore local stores while discovering a wide variety of vendors offering handmade goods, boutique items, home décor, gifts, and more—all throughout downtown.

Local businesses will be open and participating, creating a lively, collaborative atmosphere that highlights the best of Clarion's retail community. Shoppers can enjoy an evening of browsing, supporting small businesses, and experiencing everything downtown has to offer.

The Clarion Spring Market continues to grow each year, drawing visitors from across the region and providing a boost to local businesses while creating a fun and welcoming community event.

Spend the evening shopping, exploring, and celebrating spring in Clarion.

For more information and updates, follow the Clarion Development Alliance on Facebook.



Brook Sly Rasmuson, owner of Luki Co Freshies. (Photo: Trish Morris)



Trish Morris of Studio 220, a traveling boutique. (Photo: Kerry Morris)



Blossom St. Honey owners Kristi and Dick Ostercamp. (Photo: Trish Morris)



Traci Sturgeon, owner of She Shed Designs. (Photo: Trish Morris)

Heartland Museum's Annual Spring Craft Show

Heartland Museum is holding their annual Spring Craft Show on May 2nd, 2026. Vendors will be set up in the community room at the museum (119 9th St, Clarion).



Sale hours are 9 am - 3 pm. Vendors include: Hand made crochet and sewn gifts,

jam, Tupperware, Thirty-One, Everything Sauce, Amber's signs and chimes, macrame and more! When you give a gift, give them something they will remember! Visitors can sign up for a drawing for a gift basket.

Heartland Museum is open by appointment for tours. Over 90 restored tractors, some unique, are part of the tour along with store fronts, hats, and teddy bears. Call 515-602-6000 for more information. Heartland is located at 119 9th St. SW in Clarion.

End The School Year By Making An Impact

LifeServe Blood Center's Scholarship Opportunities Give Students the Chance to Earn Money for School While Saving Lives

What could be better than saving lives? How about saving money while you do it? Students who donate blood or host a blood drive through LifeServe can earn scholarships and recognition while making a meaningful difference in their community.

With schools out and regular routines on hold, blood donations tend to drop during the summer months. But that doesn't mean there's less need! Each blood donation has the ability to impact three lives. By hosting a blood drive and recruiting donors, you can maximize your impact and make sure local patients have access to the blood products they need. Plus, the more donors you recruit, the more money you earn in scholarships!

LifeServe will award up to \$500 in scholarship funds to students who organize a successful blood drive. To be eligible for the scholarship, students must recruit donors, act as the chairperson for the blood drive, and register 25 donors (\$250 awarded) or 40 donors (\$500 awarded).

Close the school year in a meaningful way and start your summer with purpose. Schedule a donation appointment at an upcoming blood drive near you or learn more about LifeServe's scholarship opportunities at lifeserve.info/students.

- Clarion Community on May 5, 2026 from 1:00 pm to 5:30pm at 219 1st Street NW
- Goldfield Community on May 13, 2026 from 1:00 pm to 6:00pm at 220 East Oak Street
- Belmond Community on May 18, 2026 from 1:00 pm to 6:00pm at 1207 3rd Street NE

Schedule your lifesaving appointment by visiting lifeservebloodcenter.org or by calling 800.287.4903.

Supervisors continued from page 1

Ellis also touched on ongoing property tax reform discussions, noting differences between proposals in the House and Senate and raising concerns about how certain parts would be administered at the county level.

Other topics included legislation related to out-of-state vehicle registration,

emergency medical services levies, and limits on tax increment financing.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a tobacco license for Pop's Pizza & Pub LLC
- Signed a letter of intent to opt out of the Community Service Network (CSN) through the Iowa State Association of Counties.

Reviewed and approved a request for proposals for audit services for fiscal years 2026 through 2028.

The board of Supervisors will meet again on Monday, April 27 at 9:00 A.M. This meeting, and past meetings, can be viewed online at youtube.com/m/WrightCountyIowaOffice18312.

If They Don't See You, They Won't Remember You

Stay in sight, Stay in mind

LET US KEEP YOUR BUSINESS VISIBLE

All Year Long

If you would like to advertise in the Wright County Monitor contact: news@wrightcountymonitor.com or design@wrightcountymonitor.com

Wright County Monitor
SALES DEPARTMENT

Start your career here!

Now hiring for Part-Time Full-Time in our sales department. In Clarion and surrounding areas. Perfect for someone with customer service or customer interaction experience.

Join our team! Be part of your community!

To apply, please submit your resume highlighting your experience to kris@humboldtnews.com or call 712-260-6650

The Wright County **MONITOR**

Wright County Monitor is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity and inclusion.

LOCALLY OWNED

NEW Name Brand Items at a Fraction of the Cost!

We offer big box store brands at a LOW cost!

- Clothes • Shoes • Electronics
- Beauty products • Bedding

Check for daily auctions on Whatnot. New items each week!

515-851-9707 | jozeyjayden@gmail.com
219 West Broadway, Eagle Grove, IA
Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 10AM-6PM | Sat. & Sun. 10AM-2PM

DIRECTV

Stream DIRECTV - no satellite dish needed.

IVS Holdings
866.296.1409 DIRECTV DEALER

Subject to DIRECTV terms and conditions (see <https://www.directv.com/legal/legal-policy-center/>). Available only in the U.S. (excludes Puerto Rico and U.S.V.I.). Call for details.



reading between the lines

with Amanda Rink

Community Newspaper... Now Accepting Community

Amanda Rink, Editor

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."

-Margaret J. Wheatley

Long time, no write... or whatever it is they say. I think it goes without saying I've been a little busy the last month or so.

Along with learning the ropes under new ownership, I've taken on more responsibility within our group of newspapers. I am now the interim, heavy on the interim, news writer and editor for The Eagle Grove Eagle, on top of my regular work here at the Monitor.

This leads me to this week's topic. But also if you're new here, I should mention, this space is usually less about me and more about our community.

But... running two newspapers is hard.

Mainly because I am not everywhere all at once. I know, shocking. You'd think our new publishers would have gifted me that ability.

Despite my best efforts, and what I assume are very convincing "I've got it all together" vibes, I cannot be at every soccer game, every school event, every fundraiser, every church supper, and every other important (and fun) thing happening in Wright County.

I tried that early on in my career. Turns out, it's not physically possible. And even when it is physically possible, it's not always mentally possible. Also, my kids and husband expect to be fed and at least acknowledged every once in a while.

So, just because I can't be at something doesn't mean it isn't important. And it definitely

doesn't mean it shouldn't make it into your community newspaper.

In fact, some of the best things we print don't come from meetings, press releases, or me chasing down a story. They come from you!

They're the photos you snap when your kid finally hits the ball after a whole season of trying. The group picture where everyone's covered in dirt and smiling anyway. The candid shot where no one's looking at the camera, but everyone's laughing.

They're the small events that might not draw a huge crowd, but meant something to the people who were there.

They're the recipes too. The pieces of life that wouldn't make it to the state level news... but absolutely are news in a small town.

Because this newspaper shouldn't just be headlines or a column by the editor. It should be you, your family and friends... even the weird ones.

I want this paper to reflect what life actually looks like in our town.

Years from now, no one is digging out an old paper just to reread a zoning update (no offense, I know they matter). They're looking for faces, names and moments. They're going to be looking for proof of what life felt like at this time. I know this for a fact because people look through newspapers now to see what life was like 50 years ago.

And if we don't put those things in here now... they're gone for the next generation. So, this brings me to my request: Please, pretty please with a cherry on top, send me your stuff. I want photos, recipes, event information, meet-

ing minutes from your group. I don't want the things everyone is seeing online, I want the things you think the newspaper should be covering.

Heck, if you've ever read this column and thought, "I could do that," I fully support you proving that point. Send me your ramblings... we'll figure something out.

Because the best version of this newspaper, the one you're holding in your hands or reading on your screen, isn't just me at my laptop, fueled by coffee, trying to make sense of the latest school board meeting.

It's all of us and the newspaper will be fuller, more interesting, and more honest when it includes more than one perspective. So help me out and be an extra set of eyes and ears. Be the person who says, "Hey, this matters." If it matters to you, there's a good chance it matters to someone else, too.

And selfishly... it makes my job, and whoever comes after me, a whole lot easier.

P.S: If you're a regular reader of my column, don't worry... I'll be back next week with my usual ramblings. Thanks for sticking around while we figure all of this out.

Amanda Rink is the Editor of The Wright County Monitor and a children's book author. Her award-winning (mostly) weekly column is published across the state. 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.

A life well traveled continued from page 2

mother was an eastern Nebraska farm girl.

They settled on about five acres in what was then a rural part of Los Angeles County, California: back when dairies quilted the land and avocado groves cast generous shade and offered ripe fruit.

I was a curious, always-on-the-move child; by the time I was three, I was already headed down the road to visit the kids next door. I loved visiting my fascinating great aunt and uncle who lived nearby in a gorgeous Spanish-style house with stucco walls and arched doorways. My great-uncle was a mining engineer who, at times, worked with Herbert Hoover. Summers took me to Nebraska to visit my mother's relatives on their farms. My grandmother was, as I always say, very Swedish.

I loved to roam our acreage and the neighboring yards. When my father, an electrician for the LA Department of Water and Power, was required to live within city limits, we moved to the Highland Park/South Pasadena area. It was a modest, working-class neighborhood where streetcars once ran up and down the sloped streets. As a teenager, I called myself a square. I wasn't drawn to cigarettes or drinking or loud parties. I felt most at home with a close circle of girlfriends or with my violin.

I graduated from high school in 1950, and from Occidental College in 1954. Soon after, I began teaching fourth grade in Palo Alto. On my first days in the classroom, I felt a calm excitement rather than nerves.

I'd worked with children before and was simply curious to meet "these fourth graders. I spent two meaningful years teaching, enjoying the classroom and the independence of early professional life. Little did I know how soon everything would change.

In 1956, a chance social introduction changed my trajectory. Naval Officers from the Navy carrier USS Wasp were docked in the shipyard after a six-month WestPac deployment and were encouraged to go ashore for a respite. One of my housemates had a brother serving on that ship and decided we ought to meet some of his friends. That's how I met Kent, a young Naval officer.

We talked late into the night and soon began a courtship, often meeting at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco to watch the seagulls and breathe the salt-bright air. When Kent suggested marriage, I agreed, and we married in 1956. What began as a friendly introduction became the start of Navy life, with duty stations and moves.

Our first station was in historic Annapolis, Maryland, a beautiful town wrapped around the Naval Academy. There, we welcomed our first son, Eric. I endured a terrible labor; we lost him after a day and a half. Our first neighbors, Phyllis and Warren, became dear friends and supported us through that heart break. They were also there to celebrate with us when our daughter, Kristin, was born in 1958.

Annapolis holds both the sorrow and the joy of those early family years and marks the true beginning of our life in the service. Friendships with other service families became anchors for us amid the constant moves. We were later posted to Monterey, California, where I remember jazz festivals drifting over the hills; this is where we welcomed daughter Wendy into the world.

There were other postings, each a chapter: Bonita near San Diego, Galveston, Texas, and northern Virginia. Our son Keith was born in Los Angeles, and was delivered by the same doctor who once welcomed me

into the world; a circle quietly completing itself. Then Puerto Rico gave us three years of sun and storms, shared with back-door neighbors who became like family. There we welcomed our daughter, Katy. She was adored by the nurses for her curly red hair.

Our years in the Navy meant living in the flow of history. New places, new communities, new challenges, and the resilience that comes from packing up and starting again. Through each move, I learned to create a home quickly, to find my people, and to hold fast to what mattered most. Among my Navy friends we liked to joke, "We don't dust, we just move." I've always appreciated a good laugh, especially with people who've walked similar roads.

After 22 years of service to our country and countless moves, Kent was ready to retire. In 1973, we made one final move to Goldfield, Iowa, to join the family business, Whyte & Son.

Our children, then in 3rd, 6th, 8th, and 10th grades, moved with us into a large Victorian home with all the charm, ornate woodwork, and creaks you'd imagine. The change weighed heaviest on the older girls, so we turned the attic into two cozy bedrooms just for them: fresh paint, their own bathroom (that was a must)...a place to make their own.

That move turned years of motion into a permanent hometown for our children: steady schools, church and community ties, and a deeper sense of belonging. Choosing Goldfield was a turning point, an intentional decision to put down roots after so many years of service.

Kent passed in 1991, and Katy just three years ago. I miss them both more than words can tell.

Still, there's a tender loop that threads through our family



An artist rendering of Joanne Whyte, gifted and drawn by Brian Oliver.

story: my son Keith named his boy after Eric, spelling it with a "k." In turn, Erik later named his son Kent. I call him "little Kent," though I'm not sure he approves of the nickname. These names are a small but lasting way our family keeps memories alive.

My days follow a faith-centered rhythm. Each morning, I read "Our Daily Bread" devotionals and try to be more like Jesus: loving, forgiving, and helping people up. When young people ask for advice, I tell them, "The Lord is in charge, and you are working for Him." I stay closely engaged with my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren across Iowa, the Carolinas, and beyond. Travel has become harder, but family visits, calls, and shared photos

keep me connected to the milestones that matter.

I've lived at The Meadows now for roughly five years. I've formed a close group of friends: Sonja and Maureen among them. We laugh a lot out here.

I recommend the Meadows warmly for the friendship and safety it provides. I traded the motion of duty stations for rootedness in community and carried service, gratitude, and grace into my everyday routines.

If you ask me where home is, I'll smile and tell you that Iowa is the best place to be: not just for the land, but for the community that holds you when life is challenging. I'm right where I want to be.

King Band Indoor Concert April 26th

Jerrold P. Jimmerson

The third and final indoor concert for the 2026 season by the Karl L. King Municipal Band of Fort Dodge will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 26th, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Fort Dodge Middle School Auditorium located at 800 North 32nd Street in Fort Dodge IA. There is no admission charge, since these concerts are provided by the City of Fort Dodge for everyone's enjoyment. Conductor Dan Cassady has once again planned a varied and exciting program of band music. Paul Bloomquist serves as the band's announcer and

scholarship chairman.

This April concert is the Band's annual scholarship event, with the presentation of the Karl L. King Memorial scholarships. Talented students will audition during the day, and the winners will be announced during the afternoon concert. Winners will be recognized with either \$500 scholarships to Iowa Central Community College or a \$1,000 scholarship to any 4-year Iowa college or university of their choice. Providing the funds for these monetary awards is the Karl L. King Memorial Education Foundation, which "exists to provide band instrument scholarships for students

majoring in music". All persons who audition will be invited to join the band to perform "Lexington March" by Karl L. King during the concert. The major scholarship recipient will also perform their award-winning solo.

Compositions by the band's namesake on this hour-long concert will include his 1926 march, "The New Madison Square Garden", and an exciting circus galop, "The Big Cage", published in 1934 and dedicated to Clyde Beatty, one of the greatest circus wild animal trainers of all time. Former Conductor Reginald R. Schive's march, "The Black and Gold Line", dedicated to

the band members, is also on the program, along with Jaime Texidor's exciting Spanish-style march, "Amparito Roca".

There is a varied assortment of other works as well, from contemporary American composer James Curnow's "Fanfare and Flourishes for a Festive Occasion" and Paul Lincke's lovely waltz, "Spring, Beautiful Spring", to Ferde Grofe's classic 1926 "Mississippi Suite", a musical journey down the 'Father of Waters'.

Lighter, popular selections on the concert will include the classic Beatles' hit, "Michelle", set in the style of a British Brass Band, along

with a fantasia based on the well-known song "Lady of Spain". There is also a medley of hit songs with the "Vincent Youmans Fantasy", including those timeless standards "More Than You Know", "Time on My Hands", and "Without a Song".

These concerts always conclude in the traditional way with the playing of our National Anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner". In case of inclement weather, the concert may be cancelled. Any announcement will be made on the band's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/karlkingband/>, or on the band's website at www.karlking.us.

Looking ahead, the next performance by the band will be at the traditional Memorial Day ceremonies on Monday morning, May 25th, 10:00 a.m. at Terry Moehnke Veteran's Memorial Park. The summer series of concerts will again be held on eight consecutive Sunday evenings, beginning on June 7th and lasting through July 26th at the Karl L. King Band Shell in Oleson Park.

Your Horoscope

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

You approach a task with wisdom and insight this week, Aries. Your measured approach paves the way to finding a solution that will benefit all involved.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

It is key to treat yourself this week, Taurus. A purchase or experience could bring you long-term joy. Be careful about spending too much.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, you are full of clever solutions more often than not. If there is a problem, you're often the one who can crack it. This will be the case this week as well; your knack is put to the test.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, let others in and reap the rewards of a welcoming attitude. Your social circle expands and others embrace opportunities to spend time with you.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, start a project you have been thinking about as soon as possible, especially when the creative spark ignites. If you wait too long, the inspiration may vanish.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you are surprisingly

relaxed about something that used to stress you out a lot. Growth looks good on you, so remain committed to any positive changes you have implemented.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Romantic feelings or friendships seem to flow easily right now, Libra. Any connections you make will feel balanced and purposeful. Prioritize those who bring you the most joy.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you are engaging every bit of energy you have to go into deep work mode. You will be focused and unstoppable for the next several days. Others may not see you for a while.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, good news or good timing show up just when you need it. It might provide the inspiration needed to start a project you're excited about.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Family life is going very smoothly right now, Capricorn. Stability will prevail in the days ahead. Embrace the peaceful atmosphere and encourage others to follow suit.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Share your perspective with all who are ready to listen to your story, Aquarius. Keep in mind that your voice carries weight and you have the ability to spur change.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Your financial confidence grows, Pisces. You might see a salary increase at work, so now is the time to consider implementing some notable financial changes.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- APRIL 26 Channing Tatum, Actor (46)
- APRIL 27 Corey Seager, Athlete (32)
- APRIL 28 Jessica Alba, Actress (45)
- APRIL 29 Uma Thurman, Actress (56)
- APRIL 30 Travis Scott, Rapper (35)
- MAY 1 Tim McGraw, Singer (59)
- MAY 2 Dwayne Johnson, Actor (54)

Look! 4 corners!

Everyday moments can be learning moments with your kids. For more tips, visit bornlearning.org

The Wright County MONITOR

Legal Notices Noon Friday
Classifieds..... 1:00 p.m. Friday
Display Ads 1:00 p.m. Friday
Submitted News..... Noon Friday
Obituaries Noon Monday

Celebrating 100 years

easterseals iowa

100

Easterseals Iowa is celebrating 100 years in 2026

Save the Date for our celebration on **Saturday, June 6, 2026**

Scan the QR code or visit eastersealsia100years.com to sign up for updates on events throughout the year.

Support Easterseals and make an Iowa impact together.

Are you publishing a free paper delivered by mail, carrier, or rack?

Where Free Papers Deliver Big Value! JOIN NOW!

CONNECT WITH A NETWORK BUILT JUST FOR YOU: MFCP

DISCOVER THE BENEFITS OF BELONGING.

sales tools | exclusive training
digital advertising programs | 2x2 ad network that turns unsold space into new revenue

LEARN MORE AT MFCP.ORG | 888-899-6327

MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY.

GOODBYE, OLD FRIDGE. HELLO, \$50.

Schedule your fridge pickup with MidAmerican.

LEARN MORE AT MidAmericanEnergy.com/appliance-recycling

Must be a MidAmerican residential electric customer in Iowa or Illinois.

Parents: You may save the life of a child.

Potentially dangerous drugs are in the hands of Iowa children...

Synthetic drugs, sometimes called fake marijuana and bath salts.

They have found their way into our communities and schools.

Talk to your children now.

Find out more at DrugFreeIowa.org
For Immediate Assistance, call the Iowa Substance Abuse Information Center toll-free Help Line at 866-242-4111.

Partnership DrugFreeIowa.org

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY

a HouseSOLD name

Town Country Realty

"A WINNING COMBINATION" for Real Estate Success!

Carol Haupt - Broker/Owner
104 North Main St. • Clarion, IA
515.532.2150
www.clariontownarealty.com

A.D. TECH SOLUTIONS

Computer and Network Repair.
Virus Removal

Mon. - Fri. By Appointment Only
207 North Main Street
(515) 532-2157
andrew@ad-techsolutions.com

TIMOTHY M. ANDERSON
ATTORNEY AT LAW

KNOSHHAUG ANDERSON LAW OFFICE
218 1ST STREET SW
P.O. BOX 111
CLARION, IOWA 50525

TELEPHONE (515) 532-2821
CLARION TOLL FREE (877) 532-2821
FAX (515) 532-2450
GARNER TOLL FREE (866) 923-2769

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
Wright County Amendment of Current Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - AMENDMENT OF CURRENT BUDGET
Board of Supervisors of WRIGHT COUNTY
Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

The Board of Supervisors of WRIGHT COUNTY will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of amending the current budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026

Meeting Date/Time: 5/4/2026 09:15 AM Contact: Amanda Meyer Phone: (515) 532-2771

Meeting Location: Wright County Board of Supervisors Chambers

There will be no increase in taxes. Any residents or taxpayers will be heard for or against the proposed amendment at the time and place specified above. A detailed statement of: additional receipts, cash balances on hand at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and proposed disbursements, both past and anticipated, will be available at the hearing. Budget amendments 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-gov-appeals.

Table with 4 columns: Description, Total Budget as Certified or Last Amended, Current Amendment, Total Budget After Current Amendment. Rows include Revenues & Other Financing Sources, Expenditures & Other Financing Uses, and Total Ending Fund Balance.

Explanation of Changes: Decrease in Revenue and Expenses. Capture grant money that was received.

Published on Thursday, April 23, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
Wright County Supervisors April 6, 2026 Minutes

April 6, 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 Loux and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries. Minutes of the previous regular meeting of March 30, 2026 were read and approved with one correction and previous special meeting of March 30, 2026 were read and approved. Approved claims for payment. In open forum, Herb Schreuer discussed property taxes in Wright County. Bosch congratulated Brian State and Cindy Berger for 5 years of service to Wright County. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Ellis to approve the liquor license for Pop's Pizza and Pub at the Eagle Grove Golf Course. Motion carries. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to receive the monthly revenue report from the Wright County Sheriff. Motion carries. Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to set the date and time for the Wright County Budget Public Hearing for April 27, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. Motion carries. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to appoint Kate Garner for one of the selection committee members for the Wright County Agribusiness Park Marketing & Brokerage RFP/RFQ. Motion carries. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to approve Resolution 2026-13 for the approval of the 2025 Comprehensive Plan. By roll call vote: Ayes - Kluss, Rasmussen, Bosch, Loux, and Ellis; Nays - none. Resolution 2026-13 duly passes and reads as follows: RESOLUTION NO. 2026-13 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR WRIGHT COUNTY WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors and Planning & Zoning Commission recognized the need for a new comprehensive plan for the County; and WHEREAS, MIDAS was hired to aid in the completion of the comprehensive plan including the solicitation of public input for the plan, and WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors held a public hearing to provide the public with a final chance to provide input into the comprehensive plan update. NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors for Wright County, that the 2025 Wright County Comprehensive Plan be accepted and approved. PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa on this 6th day of April, 2026.

Published on Thursday, April 23, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Dows Request Proposal

The City of Dows is requesting proposals for technical assist with a housing rehabilitation roofing project seeking funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program through the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA). The City of Dows is applying for funds to develop and implement an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation roofing program for low to moderate income homeowners. The selected vendor will work with the City of Dows to ensure compliance with CDBG program requirements. Activities will include, but are not limited to, application intake and processing properly inspections and write ups, lead hazard reduction work, and compliance with the National Green Build Standards. Proposals to the City of Dows should include the minimum information: Experience with IEDA's CDBG Program Description of past technical services provided Description of organizational capacity to complete all necessary technical service activities, including an estimated project timeframe Names and professional experience of key personnel who will be assigned to this project

Published on Thursday, April 23, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
CGD April 9, 2026 Minutes

The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Board of Directors held their FY27 Budget Hearing and Regular Meetings on Thursday, April 9, 2026. In attendance were Troy Seaba, Megan Ring, SheRee Wharton, Craig Warnke, Alison Marshall, Supt. Joe Nelson, Principals Jared Carder and Adam Vorie, Board Secretary Anita Frye, Lori Beltran, Katrina TerHark, Maycie Rector, Representing Iowa Strong were Cindy Fletcher, Cindy Schaffer, Becky Ahrendsen, Kathy Schnell, and Rachelle Freyber, and Wright County Monitor Editor Amanda Ring. President Seaba Called the meeting to Order at 7:30 A.M. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. FY27 Budget Hearing: No one addressed the board with concerns about the Proposed FY27 Budget. Jared Carder presented the FY27 Budget and explained the funding sources and uses, comparing FY26 to FY27. The proposed Tax Rate for FY27 being \$13.15540 for all taxpayers in the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows CSD. Motion by Ring to Approve the FY27 Budget as presented. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0. Regular Meeting: The board then moved into their Regular Meeting. Motion by Ring to Approve the Agenda. Second by Warnke. Motion carried 5-0. Open Forum: None. Old Business: Response to Letter to the Board received from Public School Strong. Both Becky Ahrendsen and Cindy Fletcher addressed the board. They expressed concern and questioned why the board did not pass the Public-School Strong Resolution as was submitted to them, instead the board passed a resolution asking for full support of public schools, with a 5% increase in previous year's spending or percentage to match inflation. There was much discussion going back and forth between the board and the group members. Each board member was asked where they fall in support of the resolution on using public funds for private schools. Both Nelson and Carder responded by saying they are in total support of public schools and being adequately funded. Their concern is that private schools are not held to the same accountability as public schools regarding equal enrollment access, testing, or fiscal responsibility. Nelson asked if the members had spoken to their local representatives or gone to the state house and spoke to legislators there, as the board had spoken to Mark Thompson, and he himself had spoken to Rob Sand. The group had not had those conversations or been to the state house. All board members expressed their support for public schools and students; they too would like to see private schools held accountable or to the same standards as public schools when using public money. They do not see this issue or the voucher system going away but would like to see improved oversight and the income guidelines brought back into a requirement. It was noted that only thirteen schools out of about 320 had passed PK-8 Breakfast: \$1.95 PK-8 Lunch: \$2.65 9-12 Breakfast: \$2.15 9-12 Lunch: \$3.15 Adult Breakfast: \$2.60 Adult Lunch: \$5.25 Reduced Breakfast: \$0.30 Reduced Lunch: \$0.40 Extra Milk: \$0.50 Book Rental (Grades PreK-K) \$50 \$20 \$0 Book Rental (Grades 1-4) \$60 \$25 \$0 Book Rental (Grades 5-8) \$70 \$28 \$0 Book Rental (Grades 9-12) \$75 \$30 \$0 3-Year-Old Preschool (per month) \$60 \$60 \$60 4-Year-Old Preschool (per month) \$0 \$0 \$0 Activity Ticket (Adult) \$100 \$100 \$100 Activity Ticket (Senior Citizen) \$50 \$50 \$50 Driver's Education \$400 \$175 \$0 District Mileage Reimbursement Rate at \$0.65 per mile for personal vehicle use for approved school district business. Approve Medicaid Processing Service Agreement with Relay; Approve FY27 Leave Requests from Laura Odland and Cara Voigts. Second by Wharton. Motion carried 5-0. Financial Reports: April reports submitted to the board may be requested at the district office during normal business hours. Frye shared that the district received a request from their Auditor to ask the State Auditor's office for an extension in the filing of the FY25 Audit. This request was granted.

Published on Thursday, April 23, 2026

Legal and Public Notice
submissions must be received
by 12:00 P.M. on Friday for
publication the following week.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of Timothy J. Snyder

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: TIMOTHY J. SNYDER, Deceased. Case No. ESPR017803 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Timothy J. Snyder, Deceased, who died on or about March 21, 2026: You are hereby notified that on April 15, 2026, the undersigned was appointed Administrator of the estate. Notice is hereby 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,

Published on Thursday, April 23 & 30, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of Dennis L. Peterson

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR WRIGHT COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DENNIS L. PETERSON, Deceased. CASE NO. ESPR017802 NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Dennis L. Peterson, Deceased, who died on or about March 19, 2026: You are hereby notified that on April 10, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Dennis L. Peterson, deceased, bearing date of May 9, 2012, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Rohn D. Peterson and Kristi S. Hinkle be appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred. Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated: April 13, 2026. Rohn D. Peterson, Co-Executor of Estate 3825 Jordon Avenue N New Hope, MN 55427 Kristi S. Hinkle, Co- Executor of Estate 3208 305th Street Dows, IA 50071 Beau D. Buchholz, ICIS#: AT0009650 Attorney for Executors Engelbrecht and Buchholz, PLLC 123 1st Street SE P.O. Box 59 Waverly, IA 50677 Date of second publication Thursday, April 30, 2026.

Published on Thursday, April 23 & 30, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
CGD April 9, 2026 Claims

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Name, Amount. Lists various vendors and their amounts, including Clarion Goldfield Dows Community School, Iowa HS Music Assoc., and various suppliers.

Published on Thursday, April 23, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
Estate of Heinz W. Schmid

Any action to set aside the will of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated APRIL 8, 2026. Stefanie A. Brunner, Executor of estate 110 S. Ohio Ave., Mason City, IA 50401 Alesha Sigmeth Roberts, ICIS#: ATAT0009741 Attorney for Executor Sigmeth Roberts Law, PLC 101 1st Ave. NE - PO Box 402 Clarion, IA 50525 Ph: 515-532-2588 Date of second publication April 23, 2026

Published on Thursday, April 16 & 23, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Clarion Hearing on Proposed Plans and Specifications

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, AND ESTIMATE OF COST FOR THE 2026 SOUTH MAIN STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT FOR THE CITY OF CLARION, IOWA. Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Clarion, Iowa, will meet at the City Hall, 121 1 - St SW Clarion, Iowa on the 5th day of May, 21:26 at 5:00 p.m., at which time and place a hearing will be held on the proposed plans and specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2026 South Main Street Water Main Replacement Project in and for said City. Any interested person may appear at said hearing and file objections to the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated costs for said improvements. The general description of types of construction and their limits for which bids will be received shall be as follows: Base Bid The 2026 Main Street Water Main Replacement Project includes replacement of the existing water main along Main Street from 14th Avenue SW to 10th Avenue SE, new water services, and associated concrete patching and surface restoration necessary to complete the work. Project shall be awarded to Base Bid. Plans and specifications governing the construction of the proposed improvements have been prepared by the Engineer. These plans and specifications, and the proceedings of the City referring to and defining said improvements, are hereby made a part of this Notice and the proposed contract by reference, and the proposed contract shall be executed to comply therewith. Published upon order of the Clarion City Council in Clarion, Iowa. City of Clarion By: Rodney Heiden, Mayor Attest: Clint Middleton, City Administrator

Published on Thursday, April 23, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Dows Request Proposal

References from previous clients of related work within the past five years Copy of Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor certification form for each inspector to work on a project. Description of firm's professional errors and omissions coverage Cost of services A full description of the work specifications is available at City of Dows at 119 E. Ellsworth Street, Dows, Iowa. Proposals must be submitted no later than April 29 at 4 p.m. Proposals should be submitted to Jeannette Wenzel, City Clerk, Dows City Hall, 119 E. Ellsworth St. Dows. Questions regarding this request for proposals should be directed to Jeannette Wenzel, 515-852-4327, citydows@iowa.gov. The City of Dows is requesting proposals for technical services to develop and implement an owner-occupied housing rehabilitation roofing program for low to moderate income homeowners which will be funded under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program through the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA). The proposed project includes installing new roofs for five to six homes in Dows. this resolution as requested. Motion by Ring to Approve MS Trip to Washington D.C. over Spring Break of 2028. Second by Wharton. Motion carried 5-0. Education Report: Lori Beltran gave a review of work with PLC's being done at the Middle School Level. The Guiding Coalition met and a committee was formed. This committee produced four areas of concern that included Attendance & Tardies, IEP's, WIN, and Behaviors. The team has spent a considerable amount of time outlining areas of behavior that have a substantial impact on the learning environment. This work will continue for the rest of school year, hopefully culminating in a building wide plan that can be used district wide. Superintendent's Report: Nelson reported on the Kosovo Trip over Spring Break, bringing back the CGD Cross Country Program to the district, and eliminating the sharing of wrestling with Belmond-Klemme effective fall of 2026. Enrollment has stayed steady the entire year and looks like we will end the year with only a couple less students than we started the year with. Consent Agenda: Motion by Ring to Approve Minutes of Meetings held on March 10, and March 24, 2026. Approve Payment of Bills in between meetings; Approve Payment of Monthly Bills; Approve Resignations from Caleb Vogel MS Wrestling pending suitable replacement, and from Jessica Smock HS Dance, and Jenny Maasdam MS Para as presented; Approve FY26 Contracts for Logan Holmes - MS Girls Track \$2,310.00, Jason Bering - MS Boys Track \$2,310.00, Cory Yoder - Asst. HS Girls Softball \$3,300.00, there are all one year contracts; Jasmin Garza - PT Nutrition Step 1 - \$17.54; Approve FY27 Contract James Todd - HS Chemistry Physics MA Step 9 \$61,729.39 plus Science Club Stipend of \$325.00. Lane Movement Request from Leah Deutsch from BA to BA+10; Approve Review of Policies - 103 Long-Range Needs Assessment; 103-R(1) Long-Range Needs Assessment Regulation; 505.08 Parent and Family Engagement District-Wide Policy; 505.08-R(1) Parent and Family Engagement District-Wide Policy-Building Level Regulation; 506.01 Education Records Access; 506.1E1 Request of Non parent; 506.1E2 Release Records; 506.1E3 Request for Hearing; 506.1E4 Examination of Records; 506.1E5 Transfer of Records; 506.1E6 Receipt of Subpoena; 506.1E7 Juvenile Justice Agency Info Sharing Agreement; 506.1E8 Annual Notice; 506.1R1 Education Records Access - Regulation; 506.02 Student Directory Information; 506.02E1 Authorization for Releasing Student Directory Information; 506.02-R(1) Student Directory Information-Use of Directory Information; 506.04 Student Library Circulation Records; Approve FY26 Potential List of Graduates; Approve FY27 Milk Bid to Anderson & Erickson, and the purchase bread from Bimbo Bakery or Market Basket through the AEA; Approve FY27 Fee Schedule as follows New Business: Motion by Ring to Approve Resolution appointing Jared Carder to form an Ad Hoc Committee and hold the SIAC Meeting in May of 2026. He is to provide a report to the board during the June 2026 Board Meeting. Second by Marshall. Motion carried 5-0. The next Regular Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, 2026, at 7:00 A.M. due to track meets and school concerts in the evenings. Motion by Ring to Adjourn. Second by Marshall. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 A.M. Anita Frye, Board Secretary

Published on Thursday, April 23, 2026

YOUR COMMUNITY. YOUR RIGHTS. YOUR NOTICES. Stay informed on government actions that impact you. Find your local public notices in this paper or on our website. Search thousands of public notices from each county in Iowa all in one convenient location at iowapublicnotices.com. IOWA PUBLIC NOTICES iowapublicnotices.com

Church news

CLARION AREA

CLARION FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
201 3rd Ave. NE, Clarion, IA 50525
Pastor Craig Luttrell
515-532-2845
website: www.clarion.church
Church Office
Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon
- Sunday, April 26
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
- Sunday, May 3
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, CONGREGATIONAL
121 3rd Avenue N.W., Clarion
• Sunday, April 26
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 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 23
8:00 a.m. Sewing at St. John, Clarion
11:15 a.m. A/B and Rosary at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
12:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
• Friday, April 24
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. John, Clarion
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John, Clarion
• Saturday, April 25
2nd Haiti Collection
SCRIP Cards sold
3:15 p.m. A/B at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
4:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
7:15 p.m. A/B and Rosary at St. John, Clarion
8:00 p.m. Mass is Spanish at St. John, Clarion
• Sunday, April 26
2nd Haiti Collection
SCRIP Cards sold
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John, Clarion
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont
• Monday, April 27
8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis

Xavier, Belmont
5:30 p.m. OCIA Confirmation at St. John, Clarion
6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
• Tuesday, April 28
10:30 a.m. Mass at Belmont Care Center, Belmont
6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont
• Wednesday, April 29
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont
6:00 p.m. Adoration at all Parishes
6:30 p.m. YFF Classes at all Parishes
• Thursday, April 30
11:40 a.m. Rosary at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
12:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
219 First Street N.W. Clarion
515-532-2709
• Sunday, April 26
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
• Sunday 10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School Class
• Wednesdays 6:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
• Saturdays 8:00 a.m. Men's Group

THE LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Dana Wendel, Pastor
1010 2nd Street SW, Clarion
515-293-3003
FREE Dinner will be on the first Sunday of the month.
• Sunday
9:30 a.m. Coffee Time
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship
• Tuesday
11:00 a.m. Prayer Time
• Iglesia del Nazareno
6:00 p.m. Sabado
6:00 p.m. Domingo
Lay Minister Mynor
515-851-9699
Bienvenidos

GOLDFIELD AREA

Rejoice Church: A Word and Spirit Church
Pastors Cris and Jennifer Decious
Sunday worship 10:30 am
www.Rejoicechurchiowa.com
or watch us on facebook
NEW LOCATION! We will begin IN PERSON WORSHIP services starting on DECEMBER 1, 2024 in our home worship room at 3320 210th St. Goldfield, IA 50542

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
220 E. Oak St., Goldfield, IA 50542
515-825-3581
goldfield.upc@gmail.com
Facebook@goldpres
"A Church for the Community"
Office M-F 7:30 - 11:30 a.m.
• Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Goldfield
Pastor Ron Rasmussen
• Sunday, April 26
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, aflege@gmail.com
Pastor cell 412-874-9878
www.HolmesLutheran.net
HolmesLutheran@gmail.com
www.Facebook.com/holmeslutheranchurch
• Sunday, April 26
9:30 a.m. Praise & Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
Praise Songs & Worship last Sunday of the month
Everyone Welcome!

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

WRIGHT CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
1730 130th Street, Kanawha
641-762-3947
• Sunday, April 26
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
Jet, Highway 69 & 3
Pastor Mark Eichler
• Sunday, April 26
10:30 a.m. Divine Services, 11:45 a.m. Bible Study

DOWS AREA

SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH
109 N. Eskridge St., Dows
Dows / www.sgcdows.com
Doug Holmes, Pastor

• Sunday, April 26
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 26
9:00 a.m. SS/Conf/Coffee
10:00 a.m. Worship

UNITED METHODIST & PRESBYTERIAN
• Sunday, April 26
10 a.m. Dows Joint Worship at Untied Methodist

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

IMMANUEL U.C.C.
204 E. South St., Latimer
Joe Dunnwald
• Sunday, April 26
10:30 a.m. Worship

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
304 W. Main, Latimer
Travis Berg, Pastor
• Sunday, April 26
9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. ABC/ Sunday School

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Morgan, Lee Center, Bradford
Erling Shultz, Pastor
• Sunday, April 26
8:30 a.m. Worship (B), 9:30 a.m. Worship (L.C.), 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, April 26
9:30 a.m. Joint Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion, Coffee to follow
• Dinner is the first Sunday of the month

Clarion Wire

** BINGO continues at the Clarion Senior Citizens Center every Friday at 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Anyone wanting to volunteer at the center or with ideas of programs, contact Gloria Johnson - 515-835-7728.
** Mark your calendars for Wright County Humane Society's Bags Tournament and Silent Auction on Saturday April 25. 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!
** CGD Junior/Senior Prom with its theme "Glow" will be held on Saturday, April 25. ** 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.
** "Meet & Eat" at Clarion's Church of Christ on North Main on Wednesday, April 29 at 6 p.m. Once per month: this month it's a SOUP BUFFET. Freewill offering.
** Clarion's Growth Alliance begins its summer celebrations in downtown Clarion, "Wright Nights on Main". First one is Monday, May 4 from 5 - 8 p.m.
** Clarion's Blood Drive is the first Tuesday afternoon

of each month. The next one is Tuesday, May 5 - United Presbyterian Church from 1 - 6 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 May 14 and 28.
** Wright County Economic Development and MIDAS have teamed up to launch the 2026 CDBG Roofing Replacement Program, offering up to \$24,000 per household for critical roof repairs. Interested residents should contact their local City Hall or Aaron Budweg at (515) 532-6422 for more complete information or immediately to be added to the interest list.
** AT THE CLARION THEATRE: "Michael", showing on Friday - Sunday, April 24 - 26. Show time is 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 26 matinee at 2:30 p.m.
** FOCUS ON BUSINESS: Sally's Sewing Room, Clarion will be closed Thursday, April 20 to Saturday, May 2 while Sally helps her mother celebrate Hester's 100th birthday!
** THANK YOU: To the Rich Bordwell family for agreeing to help our area recognize all Rich meant to us over the years -- as Festival in the Park -Memories of Rich Bordwell Grand Marshals.

Obituaries

Donald Schroeder 1933 - 2026



Donald Schroeder, 92, of Clarion, left this earth on Thursday, April 9, 2026 at Country Meadow Place in Mason City.
Memorial services were held at 1:00 PM on Monday, April 20, 2026 at First Lutheran Church, 420 First Street Northwest in Clarion. Burial took place in Evergreen Cemetery in Clarion.
Visitation was held from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM prior to services at the church on Monday.
Don was born July 18, 1933 in Clarion, Iowa, the son of Norman and Ruby (Chapman) Schroeder. He attended school in rural Clarion, enlisted in the Marine Corp after school, serving as a Military Police, stationed in San Diego, California and attended Lineman/Electrical college in Chicago after his time in the Marine Corp.
Don met the love of his life, an elementary teacher, Diane Carlson. They were united in marriage on July 6, 1957 in Stanhope by her father, Reverend Walter E Carlson. Their first home was in New Jersey. Don worked for Western Electric and Diane was a substitute teacher. They soon moved back to Clarion where they established their home and raised a wonderful family of three children: Steve, Missy and Charlie.
Don was involved in many community activities. He was a Boy Scout Master for over 20 years, taking numerous scouts on monthly camping trips and several boundary water canoe trips. He shared his love of the outdoors with those Scouts as well as family and friends. He had many fishing trips into Canada and Minnesota and hunted deer and turkey in the Leon area for over 50 years. If

he wasn't on an electrical job, he was fishing the rivers or creeks around Wright County. He always had a great hunting or fishing story to share.
Don and Diane were partners in life. They were devoted members of First Lutheran Church in Clarion. They had a cabin at Elm Lake and enjoyed many family and friend times there. They were Winter Texas for 22 years together and Don went another 2 years after Diane's passing. They loved to travel the United States, going to all but 3 states and both Canada and Mexico.
Donald is survived by their children, Steven Schroeder of Johnson City, Texas, Charlie (Bill Brown) Hammel of Floris, Iowa; Son-in-Law, Mark Huling, Garner, Iowa; grandchildren, Megan (Chad) Baker and their children Emma, Koen, Kennedy, Avery and Reagan, Cassandra (John) Leslie, Jessica (Andrew) Noe and their child Virginia, Tyson (Laura) Huling, Mataya Huling and her child Hayzel, Jennifer Hammel and her children Amaya, Jayla, Trey and Aliyah, Logan (Jessica) Hammel and their children Harmony and William, Patrick (Dana) Hammel and his child, Aiden; brother-in-law Walter Carlson.
He is preceded in death by his wife Diane in 2018; parents, his in-laws; all of his siblings; and daughter, Missy Huling, of Garner, on April 12, 2026.

Birth ANNOUNCEMENTS
Welcoming OUR COMMUNITY'S NEW ARRIVALS!

Baby Boy

Jasmine Fliehe of Humboldt, IA would like to announce the birth of their son Oliver James. He was born Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at the Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion, IA. He weighed 7 pounds 15 oz. Proud Grandparents are: James and Sara Fliehe of Humboldt, IA. Proud Great Grandparents are: Kat Beeghy-Fliehe, the late Doug Fliehe of Clarion, IA and Roger Schliesman and the late Karen Schliesman of Watertown, South Dakota.

Baby Boy

Reyana Hahn and Ian Soesbe of Clarion, IA would like to announce the birth of their son Benson Lee. He was born Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at the Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion, IA. He weighed 6 pounds 11.9 oz. Proud Grandparents are: Diana and Kevin Hahn of Clarion, IA; Elizabeth Santos of Eagle Grove, IA and Jeremy Soesbe Sioux City, IA. Proud Great Grandparents: Willis and Sally Soesbe of Clarion, IA and Dan and Nancy Reyna of Clarion, IA.

Classifieds

NOTICES
NOTICE: Garage door sales, service and repairs. Farm, home and commercial garage doors and operators. For prompt service, phone Mike Sampson in Kanawha at 641-762-3330

Water and Sewer. CALL AL 641-494-7965
FOR RENT
1&2 BD Apartments in Goldfield. 62 and older or disabled/handicapped at any age. Income Based, rental assistance if qualified. Contact Connor Management & Real Estate, LLC 641-435-4788/ lkconnor@connormgt.com Equal Housing Opportunity Provider.

OLDSON'S
Plumbing, Heating and A/C, Inc.
114 N Commercial, Eagle Grove
515-448-3456

Find the House That Fits Your Budget
Get ahead with a pre-approval to start searching for the home you can afford.
Gene Rosenbaum
NMLS #401695
641-494-5822
First Citizens Bank
315 Central Ave E • Clarion
NMLS #401453
myfcb.bank/personal-home-loans

HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD LATELY?

CHURCH DIRECTORY
Contact
design@wrightcountymonitor.com
to support the Church Directory,
only \$10 per week!

A Perseverant Season
The familiar adage that "April showers bring May flowers" is more than a childhood rhyme; it is a profound observation of the natural order. As we witness the landscape transform this month, we are invited to reflect on the relationship between adversity and growth. This period marks a peak emergence of life across the natural world—a collective display of resilience that follows weeks of erratic spring rain. This process serves as a compelling metaphor for our own personal development. Just as the soil requires the saturation of a storm to nourish the seed, our own periods of challenge often precede our most significant seasons of renewal. By viewing our difficulties not as permanent setbacks, but as the necessary rain for a future bloom, we can maintain a steady perspective even when the clouds seem most persistent.
-James Stone

Comm1
The Local
www.comm1.net
Phone, Video, & High Speed Internet
All on a Fiber Optic Network!
641-762-3772 or 515-825-3766

CLARION
WELLNESS & REHABILITATION CENTER
Caring Staff... Quality Rehabilitation
515-532-2893
110 13th Avenue SW
Clarion, Iowa 50525

HAZEL
Building Supply
204 E. Broadway St.
Eagle Grove, IA.

FIRST BANK
Serving You First
www.firstiowa.bank Member FDIC

THRIFTY WHITE PHARMACY
Committed to Healthy Outcomes
210 North Main • Clarion
515-532-6626
Laura Phillips
Pharmacy Manager

BRIDGESTONE
HANSON & SONS
Tire and Auto Service
1407 Central Ave. East
Clarion, IA 50525
Phone 515-532-2444
Fax 515-532-2299
www.hansontire.net
Email: che_hanson72@yahoo.com

FIRST CITIZENS
First Citizens Bank
myfcb.bank

THE SCARLET & BLACK

THE CLARION-GOLDFIELD-DOWS STUDENT NEWSPAPER

6 The Wright County Monitor • Wednesday, April 23, 2026

www.clarionnewsonline.com

CGDMS Peer Helpers



The CGDMS Peer Helpers helped to fill Easter Eggs for our city wide hunt as a service project. (Photo submitted by Tanja Jensen)

Elementary Student Lighthouse Team



The Elementary Student Lighthouse Team recently completed a meaningful service project, personally delivering cards to those at the school who have made a difference in their lives. (Photos: Tanja Jensen)

Poetry Collection



Kyrie Huntley
Luna is naughty
She tears up every
nice thing
But she is caring.

Messiah Solis
I like Yarnaby
He can sure eat
food quickly
He runs very quickly.

Ada Lingenfelter
I like volleyball
I try to hit the ball once
I don't like losing.

Kaden Meinke
I love basketball
Soccer is my worst
sport ever
I run very very fast.

Max Dahlgren
Prototype is cool
Nightmare Huggy
Wuggy died
I like Yarnaby.

Grady Clemons
Football is the best
Sports are really really fun
I love sports a lot.

Brynlee Smith
I love dance so much
I love dancing with
my friends
I love recitals.

Laurel Disney
I like playing sports
I love to play in the sun
I love sports so much





SPORTS

Howell Jumps for Silver at Cowgirl Relays



Johanna Perez takes the baton from Kennedy Hoelsing to anchor the distance medley. (Photo: by Taylor Smith)



Adelynn Howell receives the baton from Aleena Schaffer in the 4x2. (Photo by Taylor Smith)



Lydia Langfitt speeds through the open 200. (Photo by Taylor Smith)



Rosa Matul handles the lead-off leg of the distance medley. (Photo by Taylor Smith)

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Last Tuesday afternoon, the Clarion-Goldfield-Dows girls track and field team hosted eleven other schools at the Cowgirl Relays.

Eagle Grove, Forest City, Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, Hampton-Dumont-CAL, and Iowa Falls-Alden competed in Class A against CGD.

West Fork, West Hancock, Pocahontas Area, North Iowa, St. Edmund, and Belmont-Klemme all battled in Class B.

"The outdoor track season got off to a strong start at the Cowgirl Relays, where favor-

able weather and determined performances highlighted the meet." long-time track and field coach and first-year Cowgirl Head Coach Craig Warnke told the Monitor. "Coming off the indoor season, the team showed its progress, with many athletes recording personal bests across multiple events."

Addy Howell was CGD's top placer. She tied for second in the high jump after clearing 4'8". Hampton-Dumont-CAL's Madison Heilskov won the event with a jump of 4'10".

"Fourth-place honors went to Lea Charlson in the discus, the 4x800-meter relay

team, and Samantha Seaba in the 1,500-meter run," Warnke added. "Additional athletes contributed valuable points, helping round out a successful team effort."

Clarion-Goldfield-Dows placed fifth in Class A with 45 team points. Forest City (200), Garner-Hayfield-Ventura (141), Iowa Falls-Alden (75.5), and Hampton-Dumont-CAL (69) were also in the top-five.

"Overall, the meet marked a promising beginning to the outdoor season, with strong performances and a positive outlook setting the tone for the weeks ahead," Warnke said.

High Jump -

2 - Adelynn Howell 4'8"

Long Jump -

10 - Mynae Espinoza 12'
11 - Jewell Routh 9'11"

Discus -

4 - Lea Charlson 89'11"
5 - Harper Nerlien 77'10"

Shot Put -

6 - Harper Nerlien 27'9"
7 - Taylor Johnson 27'5"

CLASS A VARSITY RESULTS:

Sprint Medley -

3 - Schaffer, Morris, 2:06.08
Tijull Villatoro, Eglad

4x800 -

4 - Perez, Hoelsing, 12:45.89
Bobadilla, Seaba

100m -

10 - Adelynn Howell 14.79
12 - Olivia Meyers 17.58

Distance Medley -

5 - Matul, Morris, 5:27.77
Hoelsing, Perez

4x200 -

3 - Schaffer, Howell, 2:00.61
Tijull Villatoro, Eglad

100mH -

6 - Aleena Schaffer 19.66

800m -

8 - Yaquelin Bobadilla 3:16.84

200m -

10 - Lydia Langfitt 32.79

1500m -

4 - Samantha Seaba 6:19.22

4x100 -

5 - Matul, Howell, 58.4
Schaffer, Espinoza

4x400 -

3 - Morris, Tijull Villatoro, 4:48.42
Hoelsing, Eglad



Cowboys Run, Jump, and Throw in Clear Lake

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

On April 14, the Cowboy track and field team battled in the Clear Lake Invitational.

Middle-distance man Logan Torsell scored eight points for CGD after securing silver in

the 800-meter run. The junior clocked a time of 2:12.49. Clear Lake's John Amos took first in 2:10.6

Torsell's classmate Huxley Lingenfelter took bronze in discus after his hurl of 155'9" surpassed the previous meet

record of 151'7". Algona upperclassmen Max Nevitt and Will Limbaugh earned first and second with throws of 169'3" and 163'1", respectively.

As a team, Clarion-Goldfield-Dows collected 31 points for eighth place. The

Lions won their home meet with a score of 185, followed by Algona (128), Osage (83), Saint Ansgar (83), and Forest City (81).

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Last week, the Wright County boys soccer team continued their season to remember with three shut-out wins in four days.

Monday night, on their home field, the Broncos handled Humboldt's Wildcats, 4-0.

A few underclassmen led the way on offense, and senior goalkeeper Juan Ulises Medina protected the net with five saves.

"This team has kept other teams off the scoreboard for five games straight now, which is a testament to their defensive discipline," Head Coach Ethan Krogman gushed over the weekend.

Luis Guzman conjured up two goals for the Broncos, while Jerry Hernandez and Josue Hernandez both had a score apiece.

Adam Dak, Elvis Chay, Jonathan Bamaca, and Kennedy Puac all contributed an assist in the win as Wright County improved to 5-0-1.

"The movement and passing as a team has been second to none," Krogman continued. "This allows us to constantly be looking for opportunities to take advantage of our possession. We are consistently putting up three to five goals a game on the offensive side of things. The years of dedication and work within the group are producing the results these young men deserve."

Broncos Blank Opponents, Improve to 7-0-1



This season, senior goalkeeper Juan Ulises Medina has 54 saves while allowing only two goals. Last week, he had an assist and scored on a penalty kick for the undefeated Wright County Broncos. (Photo by Taylor Smith)

On Tuesday, the Broncos hosted winless Waterloo East at BKHS.

The home team would triumph, 5-0, with all five goals coming in the second half.

Guzman found the back of the net twice and added an assist for good measure in the win.

Sophomore winger William Ordenez and junior midfielder Obed Herrera also scored, and Medina added three saves and even converted on a penalty kick.

The boys finished their week on Thursday with a victory over Garner-Hayfield-Ventura, who came into the match with a 4-1-1 record.

Guzman sustained his streak of two-goal games with both of his scores coming in the first half vs. the Cardinals. He now has 11 goals on the season.

Medina added six saves and an assist, and Anir Akdim scored his third goal of the season in the 3-0 win.

"Another week of games, and another week of consistent, strong, and amazing gameplay from this group of young men," Krogman concluded. "This Wright County soccer team has shown that no matter the obstacle that is placed in front of them, they can overcome the challenge and succeed."

"Our job is not over, and we are still hungry to keep the energy, determination, and success going for us."

VARSIITY RESULTS:

100m -
13 - Maxton Downing 12.09
18 - Joseph Cummings 13.13

200m -
13 - Reed Campbell 26.03
14 - Jallen Stewart 26.3

400m -
13 - Brian Tevalan Ajtun 1:02.19

800m -
2 - Logan Torsell 2:12.49
8 - Juan Murillo Velasquez 2:21.15

1600m -
14 - Carson Gump 5:41.11

3200m -
10 - Carson Gump 12:50.06

400mH -
11 - Eduardo Rivera 1:04.92
12 - Daven Duncalf 1:04.98

4x100 -
8 - Downing, C. Campbell, 46.66
P. Lingenfelter, Hernandez Ordenez

Shuttle Hurdle -
6 - Rivera, H. Lingenfelter 1:11.7
P. Lingenfelter, Duncalf

4x200 -
5 - Downing, H. Lingenfelter, 1:38.01
P. Lingenfelter, Hernandez Ordenez

4x400 -
7 - Rivera, Duncalf, 3:58.51
Murillo Velasquez, Torsell

Sprint Medley -
7 - Downing, Tavalan Ajtun, 1:42.13
Hernandez Ordenez, P. Lingenfelter

Distance Medley -
6 - Rivera, R. Campbell, 4:08.28
Murillo Velasquez, Torsell

High Jump -
9 - Brian Tevalan Ajtun 5'4"

Long Jump -
8 - Jared Hernandez Ordenez 18'3 1/4"
15 - Reed Campbell 14'4 1/4"

Shot Put -
13 - Huxley Lingenfelter 41'4 1/2"
14 - Armando Melendez 41'
15 - Chase Cramer 36'8"

Discus -
3 - Huxley Lingenfelter 155'9"



Golfers Play Twice in Three Days

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

Last Tuesday afternoon, the Cowboy golf team traveled to Jewell Golf and Country Club for a triangular vs. South Hamilton and Eagle Grove.

Three South Hamilton seniors placed first, second, and third. Brody Harris was meet

medalist with a score of 38 (+2). Junior Adam Dodson and senior captain Tristan Kakacek led the Cowboys with scores of 44 (+8) and 45 (+9), respectively.

Jacob Ruba shot a 46, and sophomore Teddy Yackle also scored for CGD with a 48 on the par-36 course. The Cowboys had a team total of 183, good enough for second place.

South Hamilton won their home triangular with a score of 165, and Eagle Grove finished a distance third with 198.

Juniors Crew Garza (52) and Mason Warnke (57) also represented CGD in Jewell.

Thursday afternoon, the team placed third at River Bend Golf Course in Story City. Roland-Story won with a

low score of 158, followed by Saydel's 196 and CGD's 217 points.

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



Clarion - Goldfield - Dows School District

Middle School/High School Sports Calendar

Thursday, April 23

Varsity Girls & Boys Golf @ South Hardin Triangular, 4:15 p.m.
Middle School T&F @ Hampton-Dumont-CAL, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls T&F @ WCHS, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity/JV Girls Soccer @ Iowa Falls-Alden, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity/JV Boys Soccer vs. Iowa Falls-Alden @ BKHS, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 24

Varsity Girls Golf @ Oak Ridge Golf Course, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Boys T&F @ Pocahontas, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Boys Golf @ Webster City Links Golf Course, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls T&F @ BKHS, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 25

Varsity Boys Golf @ Algona Golf Tournament, 9:00 a.m.

Monday, April 27

Varsity Girls Golf @ River Bend Golf Course, 1:00 p.m.
Varsity Boys Golf @ Oak Ridge Golf Course, 4:00 p.m.
Middle School Boys T&F @ Algona HS, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls T&F @ Lake Mills, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls & Boys Soccer vs. Clear Lake @ BKHS, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28

Esports vs. Emmetsburg, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Girls Golf @ Garner, 4:15 p.m.
Varsity Boys T&F @ GHV, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls T&F @ Jewell, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity/JV Boys Soccer @ WCHS, 5:30 p.m.



Arden Scott Collectibles

Vinyl records, guitars, collectibles & much more!
Tues/Fri. • 11AM-5PM | Sat. • 10AM-2PM
208 W. Broadway St., Eagle Grove, IA 50533
515-851-0037
ardenscott66@gmail.com
ebay.com/str/ardenscottcollectibles
discogs.com/seller/ardenscott66/profile
reverb.com/shop/scotts-gear-emporium-505
www.facebook.com/ArdenScottCollectibles



The Wright County MONITOR

If you would like to renew your newspaper subscription please send payment to: PO Box 28 Clarion, IA 50525

Wright County at Work continued from page 1

That same adaptability helped the studio continue to grow. "We turned one open room into three studio rooms, which allowed us to hold more classes and give students space to practice," Frink said.

Still, Johnson is quick to point out they're not doing it alone. Alongside Frink, a team of instructors, Hailey Rivera, Olyvia Calles, Clinton Carlson, Nicole Fusco, Jamie Johnston, Natasha Johnson and Jamie Varangkounh, as well as recital day help Aaron Johnson and Brandi Tammen, help keep everything running.

At the center of it all is a passion that started early for Johnson.

"This is the only thing I've wanted to do since I was 3 years old," Johnson said.

Her own dance journey began with local performances, including the Bill Riley Talent Show, where she advanced to the State Fair. What started with a love of performing, and a little encouragement from her parents after flipping off the couch at home, grew into years of classes, competitions, and travel across the Midwest.

Today, that passion has become a family effort. Her husband, Aaron, helps run music,

her kids are involved in the studio, and dance continues to be a central part of their lives.

Outside of the studio, Johnson enjoys spending time with her family and being outdoors, kayaking, fishing, camping, and taking trips when she can. But no matter how busy life gets, dance remains at the core.

"I want to share my passion and my gift from God with those that want to learn," she said.

For Frink, that purpose comes down to the impact they leave behind. "It's not actually about teaching dance," she shared with The Wright County Monitor. "It's the moment a dancer finally nails a triple turn and is so proud of themselves. It's the parent who says, 'I think my child has finally found her passion.'"

"It's those relationships," she added. "When a parent tells you, 'She won't dance with anyone else but you,' it makes it nearly impossible not to come back year after year."

And after 10 years, that passion, pride and relationships built are still there... in the dancers on stage, the families in the audience, and the recitals that continue to bring the community together.



"Bad Billie," featuring music by Michael Jackson, was a competition routine performed by Adriana Annis, Brooklyn Kunert, Brittany Schnetter, Jessica Simmons, Greta Webb and Teagan Webb. (Photo: Amanda Rink)



Jacob Elbers, Zach Daniels, Kyle Frink, Bryce Hamilton, Brandon Hauck, Keith Poolman, DJ Smith, David Vrba, Patrick Webb and Michael Weber perform during a special "Dad's Dance." (Photo: Amanda Rink)

Clover Kids Explore STEM with "Marvelous Marshmallows" Launcher Activity

Wright County Clover Kids put their engineering skills to the test during their April meeting with a hands-on STEM activity focused on building marshmallow launchers. Youth participants explored the fundamentals of design, problem-solving, and physics while creating their own devices to launch marshmallows across the room.

A key focus of the lesson was connecting literacy with hands-on STEM learning. Clover Kids began by reading A Camping Spree with Mr. Magee, a story about Mr. Magee's camping adventure in the woods. During the story, a bear is drawn to Mr. Magee's camper by the smell of marshmallows—his favorite treat. After the story, Clover Kids received a special letter from Mr. Bear asking for their help in building a marshmallow launcher to deliver him marshmallows to eat.

This challenge led youth into the engineering design process as they planned, built, tested, and improved their launchers. Using simple materials, participants discovered how different designs impacted performance and quickly learned the value of trial and error. They also

experimented with adjusting the angle of their launchers, observing how higher or lower angles changed how far their marshmallows traveled. Through this exploration, youth were introduced to basic concepts of force, motion, and trajectory in a fun and engaging way.

In addition to STEM learning, Clover Kids developed important life skills such as teamwork, critical thinking, creativity, and perseverance. Youth collaborated with peers, shared ideas, and made improvements based on their observations and results.

The "Marvelous Marshmallows" activity is a great example of how Clover Kids programming brings learning to life through hands-on experiences that spark curiosity and build confidence.

For more information about Clover Kids or how to get involved, please contact the Wright County Extension Office.

Clover Kids fosters positive relationships and builds valuable life skills through a variety of hands-on activities. Clover Kids is free to youth in Wright County thanks to the Wright County 4-H Endowment.



CDTA wraps up its recital with a balloon drop, a tradition that caps off the afternoon of performances. (Photo: Amanda Rink)

Dows American Legion



"A good time had by all. The Dows American Legion recorded another successful fish fry and Bake sale Saturday coupled with BINGO the evening before. Both events consisted of great food and fun. Dows legion post would like to thank everyone who participated this weekend and look forward to seeing everyone at our future events. (Photos Barb Serrano)



Dows Business & Professional Directory

Muhlenbruch Insurance
Shannon Muhlenbruch, Agent
515-852-4156



MORTS WATER 1-800-HEY-MORT (439-6678)
Local Authorized Kinetic Water Systems Dealer
Well Systems • Water Conditioning • Backhoe Sewer Systems • Trenching/Horizontal Boring • Drain Line Auger & Jetting • Plumbing
www.mortsline.com | Kent Morton - Owner
Geothermal • Heating • Air Conditioning
Air Quality Control • Plumbing • Duct Cleaning
1-800-579-6678

MENU:

Monday, April 27, join the Dows Senior Citizens for a delicious meal at noon. The cost is \$10.00. Everyone is welcome. Carry-outs are available. April 27 Menu: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Peas, Salads, Dessert.

