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Easter Egg Hunt



Lettie and Hayden were patiently waiting to hear the starting whistle blow! (Photo: Amanda Rink)

Amanda Rink,
Editor

It was a chilly Saturday morning in Clarion.

But that didn't stop kids, parents, and grandparents from making their way to Tornado Park to see what the Easter Bunny had left. It might have helped that Nice Beans coffee trailer was on site with warm drinks in hand.

But even without a warm drink, nobody was thinking

about the cold for long. We were too busy watching the joy on kids' faces as they cracked open plastic eggs to find a prize or a piece of candy.

Each egg scattered across the not-quite-green park lawn got there because of a donor or a volunteer, led by the Clarion Development Alliance. To everyone who made it happen... thank you!



All smiles from the community! (Photo: Amanda Rink)



Vera (1) didn't seem to mind the cold as she filled her Easter bag, held dutifully by Mom, Olivia, with treats and prizes. (Photo: Amanda Rink)



James was beyond excited to claim his skateboard at the shelter house! (Photo: Amanda Rink)



Zoey and Noah posed for a photo with the Bunny of the hour, Jesse Howieson. (Photo: Amanda Rink)



The Dows Commercial Club has been organizing the Easter Egg Hunt for "well over 33 years," according to Kim Brinkman. This Easter, there were 35 kids at the indoor egg hunt. (Photo: Kim Brinkman)



Normally, the Easter Egg hunt is held at the football field on the north end of town. Because of the weather, it was held at the Dows Community Center. (Photo: Kim Brinkman)



Caroline Harrah was the lucky winner of a big wheel! (Photo: Kim Brinkman)

Supervisors Approve Comprehensive Plan, Hear Concerns Over Rising Taxes

Amanda Rink,
Editor

April 6, 2026 - The Wright County Board of Supervisors met Monday morning, approving several items, including the county's comprehensive plan, a secondary roads budget, and a five-year construction program. The meeting opened with feedback from a rural resident during the open forum about the burden of rising property taxes.

Herb Schreur addressed the board about the financial frustration of building a new home on his rural property.

"My story is that finally, after working hard all my life, and my wife and I together for 43 years, we put enough money together and put up a house, and so we put up a house, and we upgraded our little corner of the county. We put in a new well, we put in a new septic system. We are going to require no more services from the county than we did before we put our new house up, and it is going to cost us more to live in this county now," Schreur said.

Supervisors acknowledged the concern, noting that cutting services is the only alternative to the current system.

County Engineer Adam Clemons presented the secondary roads monthly update. Crews have removed snow equipment from blades and begun full-scale blading countywide. Shoulder reclaiming is underway on gravel roads to address curbing that has formed over the winter. Sixty-six work orders were completed, and crews have been stockpiling rock in Belmond to reduce travel time during slow weather days.

The Taylor Avenue bridge south of Belmond was reopened last week. Crews completed OSHA 10-hour safety training last week. Clemons also noted that a contractor is training county staff on the operation of the county's "hydro-seeder" ahead of spring seeding projects.

The board approved the FY27 IADOT Secondary Roads Budget after a lengthy presentation from Clemons, who noted the secondary roads budget mirrors the county's general budget to keep the two in alignment.

Total receipts, including carryover, are estimated at \$9.8 million, with total expenditures projected at \$9.39 million and an estimated carryover of \$46,000. Revenue sources include \$2.52 million from property taxes, \$3.7 million in road use tax, \$1.97 million in estimated bridge replacement funds, and various permit and planning reimbursement revenues.

The board approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027-2031 IADOT Secondary Roads Five-Year Construction Program, also presented by Clemons. Key projects include two bridge replacements in FY27: Bridge 155A at \$950,000 and Bridge 109 at \$420,000. Both are federally funded projects.

FY28 includes a \$2.775 million farm-to-market road project on Route 38 north and three additional bridge replacements. FY29 features Bridge 24, a blacktop bridge estimated at \$2.1 million using federal swap dollars. FY30 includes the previously approved \$3.275 million Surface Transportation Program (STP) project on Route 38 south, along with additional bridge work. FY31 includes Route 27 paving southeast of Eagle Grove and a shared bridge replacement with Franklin County.

Clemons also presented the 2026 construction season map. Two projects are currently under contract: the four-corner bridge replacement and a project on 185th Street. Local bridge replacements are planned for later in the summer, with pipe materials already ordered or being sourced for bridges near Eagle Grove and in the Southwest corner of the county.

Bridge 86, which has repeatedly been hit by farm equipment and oversized trucks, will be replaced with triple 108-inch pipes. This will remove the raised structure that has caused repeated damage. Local paving is expected to begin in mid-May.

Clemons noted that proposed state legislation raising the speed limit on state highways from 55 to 60 mph, which has passed the House and is before the Senate, would not affect county roads, which remain governed by state code at 55 mph.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a liquor license for Pop's Pizza and Pub
- Received the monthly revenue report from the Wright County Sheriff, totaling \$3,855.01.
- Presented five-year service certificates to Brian State and Cindy Berger.
- Approved Resolution 2026-13, the Wright County Comprehensive Plan.
- Set April 27, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. as the date and time for the Wright County budget public hearing.

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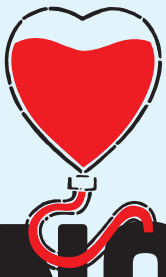
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- Approved the appointment of selected committee members, who will oversee the review of proposals for the Wright County Agribusiness Park Marketing.

The board then moved into closed session to "evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session."

The next regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors is scheduled for Monday, April 13, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. This meeting, and past meetings, can be viewed online at youtube.com/@WrightCountyIowaOfficial8312.

Lifeserve Blood Center now offering new Iowa License Decals



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2. Request your LifeServe license decal using the form on LifeServe's website.
3. Place your decal on your new license plates and install the plates to your car.

Currently, these decals are only available to Iowa residents.

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Clarion Sees Wave of Grant Funding

Amanda Rink,
Editor

A handful of recent grant announcements are adding up in Wright County, showing outside investment flowing into a community that's been doing the work to earn it.

Since 2018, locals have been raising funds to build an all-accessible trail system to connect the three major towns in Wright County: Eagle Grove, Clarion, and Belmond.

Clarion was one of just four communities in Iowa selected to receive a \$10,000 grant through the Iowa Economic Development Authority's Rural BOOST program, a competitive initiative that pairs communities with planning teams and funds. Clarion will use their share of the grant "to get accurate drawings and estimations for bids," shared City Administrator Clint Middleton with The Wright County Monitor.

The overall proposal is based on improving the connections linking three of Clarion's most trafficked areas: Main Street, the high school, and Lake Cornelia. The project builds on the countywide trails map.

"Rural communities know where they want to go, they just need the right tools and guidance to get there," said Debi Durham, director of the Iowa Economic Development Authority. The BOOST program, she said, is designed to turn local ideas into action.

Economic Development Director Aaron Budweg stated he was "thrilled to see the official announcement from the Governor's office."

While volunteers and the City of Clarion might be thinking about trails, at least one Clarion small business has been thinking about... refrigeration.

Grand View Beef, a Clarion-based operation specializing in grass-fed, Iowa-raised beef, was awarded \$22,372.50 through the Iowa Department of Agriculture's Choose Iowa Value-Added Grant Program. The funding will cover half the cost of a refrigerated trailer, a \$44,745 investment in total, allowing the business to safely and reliably transport its meat product across Iowa.

It may not sound as glamorous as a new trail system, but cold chain logistics are often the difference between a small farm business that stays small and one that can reach across the state.

Grand View Beef was one of 30 recipients chosen from 130 eligible applications.

Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig noted that consumer demand for local food is strong and growing. "These grants help farmers, entrepreneurs, and small businesses grow their operations, expand processing capacity, and bring more customer-ready Iowa products to market,"

he said.

It might be easy to overlook a \$1,000 tree grant when we're talking about grants totaling much more. But it isn't easy to overlook the shade a tree can provide for decades.

Wright County's Buildings & Grounds department received \$1,000 through MidAmerican Energy's long-running "Trees Please!" Program.

This grant is awarded to Iowa municipalities for strategic tree planting on publicly owned properties. The U.S. Department of Energy estimates that "carefully positioned" trees can reduce a typical building's energy use by as much as 25 percent. For a county with aging buildings and tight budgets, that's real money over time. MidAmerican's Trees Please! program has been running since 1998 and has put more than \$4.7 million into Iowa communities.

The Clarion Locker was named one of 100 recipients of the 2026 Paint Iowa Beautiful grant, a program run jointly by Diamond Vogel and Keep Iowa Beautiful. The grant provides free paint for projects that improve public spaces.

Clarion Development Alliance Director Bailey Sebbly shared with The Wright County Monitor that The Clarion Locker will use the paint for the exterior south side of the building.

The timing carries some extra meaning. Diamond

Vogel, the Orange City-based paint manufacturer behind the program, is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2026, and expanded the grant to 100 awards this year, one for each year of the company's history. Out of communities across the entire state, Clarion made the list.

"These projects do more than improve the appearance of public spaces," said Doug Vogel, Vice President of Marketing and Strategic Relationships at Diamond Vogel. "They bring people together, build pride, and create lasting value in the places Iowans call home."

"Projects like this play an important role in keeping our community looking its best. A refreshed exterior not only preserves the building, but also contributes to a positive first impression, supports local business visibility and reflects the pride we have in our town," shared Sebbly.

Also worth noting... Eagle Grove landed not one but two Paint Iowa Beautiful grants, awarded to the Steel Wheel Homestead and the Wright County District Junior Fair.

None of these grants fell out of the sky and onto someone's desk. Someone sat down and wrote the applications, made the phone calls, and built the case that their improvement in Wright County was worth investing in. Turns out, it wasn't a hard case to make.

Rural Revival: Local Voices, Common Goals - Forum Series Kicks Off on April 21

Rural Revival: Local Voices, Common Goals is a series of public forums created by and for community conversation to explore key issues central to our communities' futures, build shared understanding of the forum topic, and encourage more active involvement with the issues.

The series will kick off Tuesday, April 21, 6:30-8:00 pm at the Clarion Public Library, 302 N Main St. focusing on Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement's (Iowa CCI) Public School Strong campaign. The public is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Public School Strong is

a people-driven, grassroots campaign that calls for Iowa's school boards to adopt a resolution seeking to fully fund public schools at a 5% increase in State Supplemental Aid and stopping the flow of public tax dollars to private schools.

To date, 11 of Iowa's 325 school boards have adopted the Public School Strong resolution. Two north central Iowa school districts, Belmond-Klemme (BK) and Clarion Goldfield Dows (CGD) school boards have both been encouraged by local citizens to adopt the resolution. BK School Board adopted the complete resolution unanimously last December.

CGD school board adopted a partial version of the resolution in March.

Tim Glaza, community organizer with Iowa CCI will explain the goals and practices of Public School Strong followed by open discussion. Mr. Glaza and local volunteers will also share what's involved with bringing this campaign to additional school districts.

If you want to learn more about this first forum, contact Kathy Schnell at klschnell@comm1net.net

Rural Revival is organized by participating Democrat county committees from the North Iowa County to County Collaboration. This collaboration is

committed to providing a welcoming space for all to learn from one another and gain a

deeper understanding of the issues that affect the vitality of our communities. Please come ready to engage in the topic with respectful comments and be open to approaching the topics with curiosity.

Future forums will cover topics ranging from health care and Medicaid to water quality to candidate forums. If you want to get involved with this regional collaboration or learn more about upcoming forums, contact libbey.jan@gmail.com

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reading between the lines

with Amanda Rink

What a Dyed Wedding Dress Taught Me About Change

Amanda Rink,
Editor

"Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." -Dan Wilson/Semisonic

The other day, I was doomscrolling through my Facebook feed, instead of reading like I should have been, and came across a video of a teenage girl dyeing an old wedding dress she had found at Goodwill. She was transforming it so she could wear it to prom.

I love that idea. Repurposing clothing used to be such a common thing, but somewhere along the way, we learned to buy more, buy new, and move on quickly. It was refreshing to see it making a comeback with the younger generation.

But what really stood

out to me was the comment section.

One woman shared a photo of herself on her wedding day and said she was pretty sure the dress, now dipped in a rich pink dye, had once been hers. She wasn't upset about it. If anything, she seemed happy to see the dress given a second life by someone else.

That thought stuck with me, and it sent me down a path of reflection.

Easter, which we just celebrated, centers on resurrection. In the Christian faith, it's the story of Jesus rising again... hope where there shouldn't have been any.

But that idea isn't unique to one belief system. You can find it everywhere. In Passover, in Holi, in Buddhist teachings... this shared understanding that things can begin again. That something can change, evolve, or even come back stronger than it was before.

It seems like no matter where you look, people hold onto the belief that life doesn't just end... it renews. You don't even have to look that far to see it.

Here in rural Iowa, we live it every year. We push through the part of winter that feels like it might never end: the cold and wet that settles into your bones, the snow that melts just enough to turn the driveway into mud, the dreary days that all blur together.

But then the snow melts for good, and the now nourished grass starts to turn

green again. The air feels fresh. You realize, you made it through another winter.

That's why this season, Spring, feels like the right time for change. Around here, change doesn't mean something is ending. Sometimes it just means something is becoming.

While this issue may be the last Wright County Monitor published by Mid-America, it's not the end of the paper. Next week marks the first issue printed in Armstrong, Iowa, under new ownership!

To me, that feels a lot like that wedding dress; still the same at its core and still holding history, stories, and meaning. Just given a second chance to be something beautiful again for someone new.

Sometimes change isn't about losing what was... sometimes it's about letting it become something more.

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*In The Sky During April**
David Voigts

April will be an interesting month with several events happening that would be outstanding if it wasn't for the conditions for observing them. Two events will involve comets, so while comets can be among the best sights in astronomy, it is hard to predict how bright they will be. The first comet, C/2026 A1 (MAPS), is a sungrazer that will round the Sun on April 4th very close to its surface. If the Sun's intense heat and gravity don't tear the comet apart, it may grow a long striking tail for a few days after April 4. Look for a slanting feather-like tail extending to the east-southeast low in the early evening twilight.

The second comet, C/2025 R3 (PanSTARRS), may become visible to the naked eye, however there is as good of a chance that it will only be visible with binoculars. It should be easiest to see on April 13-15, low in the eastern sky within the Great Square of Pegasus (the Flying Horse) about an hour before sunrise. Unfortunately, the Moon will also be in the sky, which may make it harder to see the comet. After the 15th, it will move eastward and may be visible until early May when it will be in the southernmost part of Taurus (the Bull). It will pass closest to the Sun on April 20 and be closest to Earth on April 27, but it will likely still be lost in the Sun's glare. You should be able to follow both comets' paths with the Sky Tonight

app. On April 23, brilliant Venus will pass very close to the planet Uranus. The conjunction of two planets is one of the best sights in astronomy, but the dimness of Uranus will remove some of the luster from this one. Although binoculars will be needed, this will be one of those times when Uranus should be easy to find. It will be only about a finger width held at arm's length to the left of Venus. The two planets will be in the same binocular field of view, and even better, there will be no prominent stars in the area, so Uranus should be unmistakable.

The last event will be on April 25 when the Moon will move over or occult the bright star Regulus. Occultations are another of the best sights in astronomy, but this one will begin in daylight for all but the eastern parts of the country, so it may be difficult to see without binoculars. In central Iowa, the unlit, east side of the Moon will start to cover Regulus at 7:01 p.m. CDT, before sunset that will be at about 8:00. Regulus will reappear on the bright, west side of the Moon at 8:09 in twilight. The time will vary somewhat in different places since the Moon will be moving in its orbit and it is much closer to the Earth than Regulus.

Observing Highlights

Apr. 2 Spica, the brightest star in the constellation Virgo (the Maiden) will rise just before the Moon at about 9:00.

Apr. 4 The tail of comet C/2026 A1 (MAPS) may be visible low in the evening twilight for a few days.

Apr. 13 Comet C/2025 R3 (PanSTARRS) may be visible in the morning sky through early May.

Apr. 18 The Moon will be to right or lower right of brilliant Venus in the evening twilight.

Apr. 19 The crescent Moon will be above the Pleiades (or Seven Sisters) open star cluster and to the right or lower right of Aldebaran in the constellation Taurus (the Bull). Venus will be below the Pleiades.

Apr. 22 The Moon will be above very bright Jupiter and below Pollux (on the left) and Castor (on the right), the bright twin stars in Gemini (the Twins).

Apr. 22-24 Brilliant Venus will pass very close to Uranus. Use binoculars to see Uranus.

Apr. 25 Celebrate Astronomy Day at the Grout Museum, Waterloo, with special programing, 7:00-9:00. If the sky is clear, binoculars and telescopes will be available at 6:30 to see the Moon move over Regulus. After the occultation, the Moon will be very close to Regulus, the brightest star in Leo (the Lion).

Apr. 28 Brilliant Venus will pass to the right of Aldebaran, the brightest star in Taurus (the Bull).

Apr. 29 The Moon will have orbited the Earth during April and will be near Spica for the second time.

Moon Phase	Date	Rises	Highest Point	Sets	When Visible
Full moon	Apr. 1	Sunset	Midnight	Sunrise	All night
Last quarter	Apr. 9	Midnight	Sunrise	Noon	A.M.
New Moon	Apr. 17	Sunrise	Noon	Sunset	Not visible
First quarter	Apr. 25	Noon	Sunset	Midnight	P.M.

*Dates and times are approximate.

Sources: StarDate, Jan-Feb 2026. Vol. 54, No. 1.

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Your Horoscope

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you have a certain energy that is building this week. Momentum increases the second you stop overthinking, so jump into whatever you were planning to do with two feet.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Something cozy, such as a hobby, recipe or routine could turn into something surprisingly productive, Taurus. Don't dismiss passion projects this week when comfort meets opportunity.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21

Gemini, your words equal magic this week. Conversations open doors and can help clear up confusion about important topics, even about budding relationships.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Peace will look good on you this week, Cancer. You will be exuding quiet confidence. It is a good time to organize your space or schedule a spa session. Relax as stress levels drop.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

The spotlight is yours, Leo, even when you are not trying to be in it. This is a great week to share ideas, pitch something creative or post fun content on social media.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

A small, healthy habit or tweak to your lifestyle can change your whole week, Virgo. Tiny improvements will produce a huge payoff that you will enjoy.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

A random invite or chat leads to a helpful connection, Libra. Say yes to invitations to go out, as it is time to be a social butterfly for the foreseeable future.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, you are giving off quiet power vibes this week. Your focus and follow-through is all based on trusting your instincts.

Someone in your circle is noticing your efforts.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, going on an adventure doesn't have to necessarily mean traveling. This is a good time to try a new class, go to a show or experiment with new cuisine.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, you are building something solid behind the scenes. It may take a lot of time, but steady effort now will likely lead to bragging rights.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Collaborations sparkle for you this week, Aquarius. All of those ideas that you think are unusual will turn out to be genius. It's all about perspective and looking at things the right way.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Your inner world could intersect with the outside world this week, Pisces. Expect a few days of creative, dreamy and intuitive moments where you day-dream on purpose.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

APRIL 12
Claire Danes, Actress (47)

APRIL 13
Rick Schroder, Actor (56)

APRIL 14
Adrien Brody, Actor (53)

APRIL 15
Chris Stapleton, Singer (48)

APRIL 16
Sadie Sink, Actress (24)

APRIL 17
Jennifer Garner, Actress (54)

APRIL 18
Conan O'Brien, TV Host (63)



Let's Make Magic

Unfortunately, this is my last cooking column with Mid-America Publishing. I have enjoyed sharing recipes with you, the reader, for several years now. Thank you for reading!

Last night, I was able to accompany my husband as he covered the Fayette County Dairy Banquet at the West Union Event Center. It is always a good main meal catered by the event center. Appetizers are often provided by various people, usually either the dairy producers themselves or participants from a dairy promotion contest that the organization did in the past, and recipes are posted next to the dishes. Last night's appetizers were entries in the Milk Maid Magic Contest.

Here are a few of my favorites I tried.

HAMBURGER HELPER DIP:

SOURCE: Donna Bauler
1 box Cheesy Enchilada Hamburger Helper
1 cup milk
2 ¼ cup water
2 pounds browned ground beef
4 ounces cream cheese
½ cup Cheez Whiz
8 ounces shredded mozzarella cheese
16 ounces shredded mild Cheddar cheese
8 ounces shredded

Mexican taco cheese
1 cup sour cream
1 package taco seasoning
1 quart salsa

Prepare Hamburger Helper as directed, simmering for 20 minutes, using milk and water, but omitting topping. Add beef, cheeses and taco seasoning. Stir well in large skillet until melted. Add salsa, using more if too dry. Place in crockpot if needed to keep warm while serving. Serve with crackers or chips.

OREO SALAD:

SOURCE: Brylie Volker
2 cups buttermilk
2 small packages French vanilla pudding
1 tub (16 ounces) Cool Whip, thawed
1 package (16 ounces) Oreo cookies, crushed
Mix buttermilk with pudding package. Fold or mix in Cool Whip and cookies.

CREAMED CORN:

SOURCE: Briella Schutte
4 quarts frozen sweet corn, drained
1 stick butter
8 ounces cream cheese
1 pint whipping cream
Cook in crockpot until melted.

CHEESY MEATLOAF:

SOURCE: Melissa Fagle
MEATLOAF
3 eggs
2 ½ cups milk
1 ½ cup oatmeal
3 pounds ground beef
1 onion, finely chopped
1 green pepper, finely chopped
1 Tablespoon salt
1 ½ teaspoon pepper
1 ½ cup American or Swiss American cheese, cubed
TOPPING
1 ½ cup ketchup
½ cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon mustard
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 9x13 pan or two 8x8 square pans. In large bowl, beat egg with a form. Stir in the milk and oatmeal. Let sit 5 minutes. Add chopped onion and green pepper, salt, pepper and ground beef. Squish together with your hands until evenly combined. Stir in cubed cheese. Spread evenly in greased pan(s). Mix topping ingredients with whisk until smooth. Spread evenly across the top of the meatloaf. Bake, uncovered, 9x13 pan for 45 minutes. If using smaller pans, bake for 30 minutes. There should be bubbling juice around the edges when it's done. Remove liquid around the edge with a turkey baster before serving.

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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. ESPRO17799
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, 2026
Glen E. Southard
120 Paradise Road
Park City, Utah 84098
Executor of Estate
 Collin M. Davison
 ICIS Pin No. AT0010905
 Laird Law Firm
 120 Central Avenue West
 P.O. Box 73
 Clarion, Iowa 50525
 Attorneys for Executor
 Date of second publication
 8th Day of April, 2026.

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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.

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 this 23rd day of March, 2026.

Edward H. Southard Revocable Trust

Glen E. Southard, Trustee
 120 Paradise Road
 Park City, Utah 84098
 LAIRD LAW FIRM
 BY: Collin M. Davison
 Attorney for Trustee
 120 Central Avenue West, P.O. Box 73
 Clarion, IA 50525
 Address
 Date of Second Publication
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PUBLIC NOTICE

City of Clarion March 30, 2026 Minutes

The Clarion City Council met in special session Monday March 30th, 2026, at 5:00pm in the Council Chambers with Mayor Heiden presiding. Present were Council members Dave Flurer, Dan Hennigar, Nick McOllough, Mike Ennis (Absent Elmarie Nel). Also, in attendance City Administrator Clint Middleton, Attorney Zach Chizek, and PWD Jon DeVries.

Mayor Heiden called the meeting to order. Nick Fredricksen from ISG was present and gave an overview of the project and the items that were to be acted upon.

Motioned by Flurer seconded by Hennigar to approve Resolution (26-13) Approval of Supplemental Agreement between City and Peterson Construction (Motion passed 4-1, absent Nel).

Motioned by Hennigar seconded by Flurer to approve Resolution

(26-14) Approving Change Order #6 for WTP Project (Motion passed 4-1, absent Nel).

Motioned by Flurer seconded by McOllough to approve Resolution (26-15) Approving Pay Application #32 Semi- Final Pay Application (Motion passed 4-1, absent Nel).

Motioned by Hennigar seconded by Flurer to approve Resolution (26-16) Approving Pay Application #33 Retainage (Motion passed 4-1, absent Nel).

Motioned by McOllough seconded by Flurer to approve Resolution (26-17) Approving Notice of Acceptability of WTP Project (Motion passed 4-1, absent Nel).

Motioned by Flurer seconded by McOllough to adjourn. All Ayes. (Motion passed 4-0).
 Respectfully Submitted,
 Clint Middleton City Administrator

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Meeting on PTP

PUBLIC MEETING ON PTP
 The Region V Regional Planning Affiliation (RPA) will hold a public input meeting on the 2026-2030 Passenger Transportation Plan (PTP).

The PTP is a document produced every five years that analyzes public transit ridership trends, lists transit providers and their capabilities, and prioritizes improvement to public transit for Region V. A public meeting will be held to discuss the plan and give those present a chance to provide input on the

plan and its recommendations.

The Region V RPA will hold a **public meeting on Monday, April 20th at 2:00 PM** in the MIDAS Council of Governments Conference Room at 602 1st Avenue South, Fort Dodge, Iowa.

If you have questions on the plan or if you require special accommodation to attend the hearing, such as handicap accessibility or translation services, you may contact Steven Stransky at MIDAS Council of Governments, (515) 576-7183 ext. 212.

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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. ESPRO17800
NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Mary L. Johnson, Deceased, who died on or about on 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 oc-

cur 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 4th 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
 Date of second publication: April 8, 2026.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Application for Construction Permit

PUBLIC NOTICE
 (This section is to be completed by the applicant)

The Wright County Board of Supervisors, has received a construction permit application for a confinement feeding operation, more specifically described as follows:

Name of Applicant: Thomas Huntley & Nathan Huntley Location of the operation: Section 14, Boone Township.

Type of confinement feeding operation structure proposed: Increase in animals only at an existing swine confinement facility.

Animal Unit Capacity Of The Confinement Operation after Construction: 1920 animal units (4800 head of swine finishers)

Wright Co- Public Health (This section is to be completed by the county) Examination: The application is on file at the County Office and is available for public inspection during the following days: 3/31/26 and hours: 9 am to 3 pm.

Comments: Written comments may be filed at the County Auditor Office, until the following deadline: apset 17th - Public Heariz Cipril # A confinement feeding operation structure = a confinement building with a below the floor concrete pit; confinement building with an earthen basin or anaerobic lagoon; aboveground steel tank, etc. (see definition in footnote 1, page 1 of this application form). 20th

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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,

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.

Notice is further given that the will of the Decedent has been admitted to probate without present administration in the Iowa District Court of Wright County, that such will designates the Trust as the residual beneficiary of the estate, that all persons indebted to the estate of the Decedent are requested to make immediate payment to the Trustee, and that any person or entity possessing a claim against the estate must mail proof of the claim to the Trustee at the address listed below by certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four months (4) from the date of 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 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

City of Clarion Proposed Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING -- PROPOSED BUDGET

Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

City of: CLARION

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Budget at: Clarion City Hall Council Chambers Meeting Date: 4/21/2026 Meeting Time: 05:00 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.				
The estimated Total tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on regular property				17.73615
The estimated tax levy rate per \$1000 valuation on Agricultural property is				3.00375
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				City Clerk/Finance Officer's NAME
(515) 532-2847				Clint Middleton
		Budget FY 2027	Re-estimated FY 2026	Actual FY 2025
Revenues & Other Financing Sources				
Taxes Levied on Property	1	1,697,760	1,640,111	1,832,226
Less: Uncollected Property Taxes-Levy Year	2	0	0	0
Net Current Property Taxes	3	1,697,760	1,640,111	1,832,226
Delinquent Property Taxes	4	0	0	0
TIF Revenues	5	723,268	573,053	639,486
Other City Taxes	6	632,228	630,173	422,957
Licenses & Permits	7	22,000	26,500	216,640
Use of Money and Property	8	481,000	539,500	378,927
Intergovernmental	9	774,342	1,351,281	1,023,277
Charges for Fees & Service	10	2,652,119	2,528,024	2,609,850
Special Assessments	11	25,000	45,000	79
Miscellaneous	12	24,300	148,934	240,511
Other Financing Sources	13	0	11,310,000	3,596,775
Transfers In	14	2,186,277	3,010,277	2,735,691
Total Revenues and Other Sources	15	9,218,294	21,802,853	13,696,419
Expenditures & Other Financing Uses				
Public Safety	16	1,453,719	1,351,463	1,237,116
Public Works	17	592,260	593,174	621,498
Health and Social Services	18	24,000	27,000	19,490
Culture and Recreation	19	528,432	546,437	510,215
Community and Economic Development	20	289,593	241,480	365,328
General Government	21	817,909	829,952	810,095
Debt Service	22	572,606	603,865	719,738
Capital Projects	23	266,500	1,009,664	949,740
Total Government Activities Expenditures	24	4,545,019	5,203,035	5,233,220
Business Type / Enterprises	25	1,533,099	13,760,128	5,247,049
Total ALL Expenditures	26	6,078,118	18,963,163	10,480,269
Transfers Out	27	2,186,277	3,010,277	2,735,691
Total ALL Expenditures/Transfers Out	28	8,264,395	21,973,440	13,215,960
Excess Revenues & Other Sources Over (Under) Expenditures/Transfers Out	29	953,899	-170,587	480,459
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	30	8,759,550	8,930,137	8,449,678
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31	9,713,449	8,759,550	8,930,137

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Courthouse news

BIRTHS

Cory Allan Hauge was born on March 24, 2026 to Marissa and Allan Hauge Thompson of Winnebago.

Hendrick Dean Weiland was born on March 24, 2026 to Stephanie Logan Weiland of Britt.

Leighton Irene Thompson was born on March 25, 2026 to Kayla and Austin Thompson of Mason City.

Kainan Alan Brown was born on March 25, 2026 to Lacey and Dylan Brown of Garner.

Lane Earl James was born on March 25, 2026 to Alyssa Brock and Dylan James of Forest City.

Saylor Leigh Goeman was born on March 27, 2026 to Paige Fransen and Quinton Goeman of Clear Lake.

Everett Lawrence Gambrill was born on March 27, 2026 to Alyssa and Jared Gambrill of Eagle Grove.

Loveland Rae Jensen was born on March 29, 2026 to RaeLynn Nash of Mason City.

DEATHS

Angel Ruiz Tamayo of Belmond was born on August 2, 1981 and died on March 30, 2026 at the age of 44.

Constantino Cruz Barradas of Belmond was born on May 21, 1985 and died on March 30, 2026 at the age of 40.

Dennis Lee Peterson of Dows was born on June 17, 1935 and died on March 31, 2026 at the age of 90.

Carole Irene Martin

(Robinson) of Eagle Grove was born on October 14, 1939 and died on March 27, 2026 at the age of 86.

Alice Jean Lessmeier (Asche) of Eagle Grove was born on December 29, 1937 and died on March 27, 2026 at the age of 88.

Mary Kay Hovland (Johnson) of Thor was born on March 17, 1953 and died on March 31, 2026 at the age of 73.

MARRIAGE

Steven Vaughan, 51, of Belmond, was wed to Linda Debban, 44, of Belmond, on March 20, 2026.

TRAFFIC

Dimas Santiago Garcia, Clarion, no valid driver's license.

Tulip Ann Pertuis, Klemme, no valid driver's license.

Jens Joseph Greff, Ogden, failure to maintain or use safety belt.

Ashley Dawn Kochuyt, Clarion, speeding (1-5 over).

Jose Alberto Cornejo Jr., Alexander, operating non-registered vehicle.

Godfried Hermann Liebetrau, Dows, no valid driver's license.

Ethan Ammon Kuns, Eagle Grove, failure to maintain control.

Jorge Amparo Palma Hernandez, Belmond, no valid driver's license (two counts).

Liam Michael Weis, Galt, dark window or windshield violation.

Taylor Annmarie Grissom,

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. ESPRO17793
NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Barbara A. Noonan, Deceased, who died on or about 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 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. Rechkemmer, Proponent
 Attorney for estate:
 Philip M. Johnson, ICIS#: AT0014857
 216 North Commercial Ave
 PO Box 109
 Eagle Grove, IA 50533
 Phil@JohnsonsLawfirm.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Wright County Supervisors March 23, 2026 Minutes

March 23, 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, and Loux, with Ellis absent.

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

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of March 16, 2026 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

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

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

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

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Church news

CLARION AREA

CLARION FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
201 3rd Ave. NE, Clarion, IA 50525
Pastor Craig Luttrell
515-532-2845
website: www.clarion.church
Church Office
Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - Noon
• Sunday, April 12
9:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
• Sunday, April 19
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 12
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 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
7:30 p.m. Novena A La Divinia Misericordia at St. John Clarion
• Friday, April 10
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. John, Clarion
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John, Clarion
2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena and Rosary - Live Streamed
7:30 p.m. Novena A La Divinia Misericordia at St. John, Clarion
• Saturday, April 11
Divine Mercy Sunday
First Communion
Mass Schedule Changes
2:00 p.m. Baptisms at St. John, Clarion
2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena and Rosary - Live Streamed
4:00 p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove
7:30 p.m. Novena A La Divinia Misericordia at St. John, Clarion
8:00 p.m. Mass is Spanish at St. John, Clarion
• Sunday, April 12
Divine Mercy Sunday
First Communion
Mass Schedule Changes
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. John, Clarion
10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Francis

Xavier, Belmont
2:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Novena and Rosary - Live Streamed
• Monday, April 13
8:15 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont
1:30 p.m. Mass at the Meadows, Clarion
5:30 p.m. OCIA Confirmation at St. John, Clarion
7:30 p.m. Baptism Preparation in Spanish at St. John, Clarion
• Tuesday, April 14
Offices Closed
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting - Offices Closed
2:00 p.m. Mass at the Clarion Care Center
• Wednesday, April 15
7:40 a.m. Rosary at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont
8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont
6:30 p.m. YFF Classes at all Parishes
No Adoration
• Thursday, April 16
Pastoral Leadership Study Day
Offices Closed
No Weekday Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
219 First Street N.W. Clarion
515-532-2709
• Sunday, April 12
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
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 12
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, aflegeo@gmail.com
Pastor cell 412-874-9878
www.HolmesLutheran.net
HolmesLutheran@gmail.com
www.Facebook.com/holmeslutheranchurch
• Sunday, April 12
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
• Sunday, April 19
9:30 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
Communion 1st & 3rd 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 (1st - 6th grades - during school year)

WRIGHT CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
1730 130th Street, Kanawha
641-762-3947
• Sunday, April 12
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 12
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
Dows / www.sgdows.com
Doug Holmes, Pastor
• Sunday, April 12
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 12
9:00 a.m. SS/Conf/Coffee
10:00 a.m. Worship
• Wednesday, April 15
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Free Community Meal

UNITED METHODIST & PRESBYTERIAN
• Sunday, April 12
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 12
10:30 a.m. Worship

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN
304 W. Main, Latimer
Travis Berg, Pastor
• Sunday, April 12
9 a.m. Worship, 10:15 a.m. ABC/Sunday School

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Morgan, Lee Center, Bradford
Erling Shultz, Pastor
• Sunday, April 12
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, April 12
9:30a.m. Joint Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion, Coffee to follow
• Dinner is the first Sunday of the month



HAVE YOU TALKED TO GOD LATELY?

The Clarion Wire

** CGD Boys Track Meet locally beginning at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9!
** 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.
** 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.
** CGD FFA members will be presenting their experiences in a community presentation; on Friday, April 10 at 7 p.m. for a presentation and light refreshments afterwards. All are welcome to hear about our "Kosovo Adventures!" Contact Mrs. Charlson with any questions at acharlson@clargold.org
** Dows Lions is hosting its Breakfast Omelet/Scramble on Saturday, April 11 at the Dows Community Center, serving from 7 - 10 a.m. Freewill.
** Celebrating the Life of Willie Kluss on Saturday, April 11 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Red Shed.
** 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!
** 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 one is April 16, beginning at 6 p.m.
** Saturday, April 18 is Dows Legion FISH FRY. Serving from 4 - 7 p.m. Free-will offering.
** Rowan's Night of Country Music
Saturday, April 18 at 6:30 pm Doors open at 6. Iowa River Players Theater, Listen to an evening of live country music scheduled performers. Freewill offering with proceeds going to help with upkeep of the Theater.. For more info call Terri Avery 515-689-3986.
** Annual St. John's Catholic Church "Swiss Steak Dinner" is Sunday, April 19 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Take Out Only; deliveries to Clarion only. Call Mary Waters for delivery on April 18; 515-293-1870;
** 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 one is April 23.
** 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!
** AT THE CLARION THEATRE: Showing "The Super Mario Galaxy Movie" (PG) on Friday - Sunday, April 10-12 @ 7 p.m.; Sunday Matinee at 2:30 p.m. - April 12 (2nd of two weeks).
** FOCUS ON BUSINESS & MONEY SAVING TIP: Ali Disney and her Italics Boutique is going out of business (and we are sad!). Lots of discounts on Italics merchandise.
** THANK YOU: To Kristin Grabinoski and her family for becoming the new owner and publisher of the Wright County Monitor! And to the community members for helping to make this much needed business 'go' in our area!!

Monitor Memories

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE WRIGHT COUNTY MONITOR
1984 - 1949

42 Years Ago
April 12, 1984

Former Clarion wrestler Les Anderson joined Dale Brand as an inductee in the Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame on Monday during a banquet held in Cresco. After winning a state championship at Clarion under the guidance of Brand, Anderson went on to become the first national champion for Iowa State Head Coach, Dr. Harold Nichols.

Florine Swanson of rural Galt is the new Iowa Division president of the American Association of University Women. She was installed last weekend at the 32nd Biennial Convention in Des Moines. She is a member of AAUW, having served in many activities in the organization; Clarion branch president, Vice-president of program, International relations representative, EFP chair, Topic chairman. Swanson is co-manager of the family farm with her husband Ronald. They have three sons: Kendall, Stuart, and Steven.

Murray Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Anderson of Clarion, has been named the "Outstanding Freshmen" on the Central College wrestling team. Anderson, who was also awarded his first varsity letter, won the Iowa Conference championship at 126 pounds and went on to the NCAA Division III national meet where he placed seventh, earning All-American honors.

77 Years ago
April 14, 1949

Oysters, in just about every form imaginable, were the main bill of fare at the meal served Wednesday night at the local United Presbyterian Church. They were served in stew, fried, escalloped and raw. About 50 persons attended the meal, which was held in the church basement. The oysters were shipped by air-express to Des Moines and brought to Clarion by a church member.

One hundred and four baby chicks were destroyed when a brooder house at the Elmer Dahlgren residence caught fire and burned on Saturday. Damage to the brooder house was estimated at \$100. Firemen were called Friday to extinguish a grass fire in a field belonging to Elmer Breckinridge near the city dump. Damage was slight.
"Cowboy Squad Wins Triangular." The Humboldt Wildcats got off to a fast start with two firsts and a second in the initial three events of the afternoon but the Clarion Cowboys ended on top to take first place in the Triangular track and field meet held here last Friday. Humboldt was second and Eagle Grove third. This was the first meet of the season each of the three teams entered. Clarion finished with 89 points. Humboldt had 75 and Eagle Grove managed 51.



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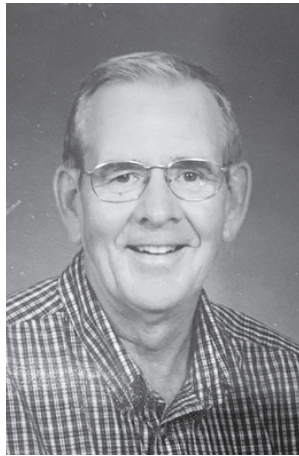
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The Choice of Peace
When Christ entered Jerusalem, as we celebrate on Palm Sunday, he was greeted by excited and joyous crowds. A further acknowledgment of the historical circumstances surrounding this event from scripture leads to great reflection 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

Obituaries

Douglas DeNio

Douglas DeNio died peacefully at home on March 23rd, 2026 in Loveland, Colorado. He is survived by his wife, 2 children, 3 grandchildren and sister. He was preceded in death by his parents Thurman and Carol DeNio and brother David. Honoring his career with the National Park Service and National Forest Service, memorial donations may be made online at <https://protectnps.org> or to: The Coalition to Protect America's National Parks, 2 Massachusetts Ave NE, Unit 77436.



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Obituaries

E. Clement McLaughlin 1938 - 2026

E. Clement McLaughlin, a cherished father and grandfather, peacefully passed away on April 1, 2026, at the age of 87. Clem, as he was affectionately called, left this world surrounded by his family at StoryPoint in Urbandale.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 1207 3rd Street Northeast. Burial took place in St. Francis Catholic Cemetery in Belmond.

Visitation was held from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Monday, April 6, 2026, with a Rosary and Scriptural Wake started at 4:00 PM, at Ewing Funeral Home, 111 Luick's Lane South in Belmond. Visitation continued one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

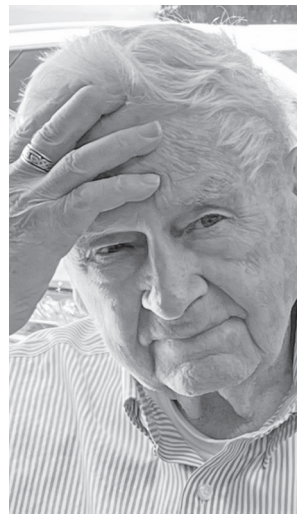
Born on May 8, 1938, in Des Moines, Iowa, Clem was the beloved son of Edward and Vineta McLaughlin.

Clem spent his formative years in Gilmore City, where he graduated from St. John's Catholic School in 1953 before attending Belmond High School, graduating in 1957. He furthered his education at Iowa Central Community College and North Iowa Area Community College, specializing in Business Management and earning his Welding Certification.

Clem married the love of his life, Cheryl Benson, in 1959, raising 7 children and enjoying many grandchildren and great-grandchildren over 66 years of marriage.

Clem's career was diverse and fulfilling. He began working for the Iowa Highway Commission, a role that sparked his lifelong love for infrastructure and development. He cherished a 17-year tenure in farming, where he raised Hereford and Angus cattle alongside his sons. His skills in carpentry, electrical work, and welding found him at Maasdam Construction, Henning Construction and Kiefer Built. He joined Chicago & Northwestern Railroad as a foreman, where he nurtured his passion for trains. Later, Clem dedicated 15 years at Winnebago Industries before officially retiring in 2003. Together, Clem and Cheryl delighted in delivering Winnebagos across the nation and capturing school memories with Lifetouch Photography.

A man of unwavering faith, Clem served diligently on the Church Council and as a member of the Knights of Columbus at St. Francis. His involvement



in 4-H and FFA reflected his commitment to fostering growth and learning, whether it was showing livestock with his sons or supporting his daughters in 4-H events.

Clem's home was his sanctuary. He and Cheryl took pride in beautifying their Lake Cornelia farm, tending to their garden, and nurturing a cherished apple tree. His machine shed was a haven of innovation, where he sketched and tinkered, ever eager to improve farm life. Known for his infectious smile and warm wink, Clem shared his time mentoring his children in sports and the importance of prayer, often kneeling with them at bedtime. His grandchildren were a focal point of his joy, whether attending their events or sharing simple pleasures like wagon rides and tractor adventures.

Clem is survived by his children: Scott (Terry) McLaughlin, Jeff (Charlotte) McLaughlin, Tami (Dale) Kroll, Jackie (Brent) Thomas, Alison (Eric) Russell, and Kristie (Chris) Houdek; 14 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and another great-grandchild on the way; along with his sister, Francis Gilroy, brother-in-law Dan Gilroy, and sister-in-law Janice McLaughlin. He was also a cherished uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. Clem was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Cheryl, and son Todd; sister Cecilia Hanson and brother Thomas McLaughlin.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate staff at StoryPoint Senior Living in Urbandale, whose kindness and care made Clem's final days comfortable. The echoes of Johnny Cash music, a shared favorite, brought smiles to both Clem and those around him.

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Obituaries

David R. Wilson 1940 - 2026



David R. Wilson, 84 of Clarion, IA, Sun Lakes, AZ and Corvallis, MT passed away on October 25, 2024.

He was born in Madison, Wisconsin on April 11, 1940.

Dave graduated from Clarion Highschool and quickly established himself as a farmer in the area.

He married Sharon Hoffmann on December 30, 1960 in Renwick, Iowa.

Dave worked as a Farmer for much of his life.

He had many passions, among them piloting planes, traveling the world with Sharon and sometimes family members and friends, being a hobbyist blacksmith and gardener. Dave made his community a better place through his volunteer work at the Boys and Girls club, helping develop the Oakridge Golf course in Iowa and many hours spent getting to know people and helping

where he could. All this with a positive attitude and a smile.

In retirement, one of his favorite volunteer activities was helping at the Daly Mansion in Hamilton, Montana. Many happy hours were spent making the grounds beautiful. He also spearheaded a butterfly garden there in tribute to his mom, Ethel.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Wilson, daughters Suzanne McLaughlin and Michelle Murray, grandson, Matthew McLaughlin and brothers, Richard Wilson and Tom Wilson.

A Graveside Service will be held at Holmes Lutheran Cemetery with fellowship afterwards at Holmes Lutheran Church.

Location: Holmes Lutheran Cemetery, Holmes Lutheran Church

Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026.
Time: 2-4 p.m.

Words of Wisdom

Last week's Easter questions:
What words did the angel say to the women at Jesus' empty tomb? Answer: "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; He has risen, just as He said!"



Who was the first person to see the risen Jesus, according to the Gospel of John? Answer: Mary Magdalene.

How many days after His resurrection did Jesus ascend into heaven? Answer: 40 days.

This week's trivia questions:
What is a male duck called?
What is a male goose called?

April 8 is International Pageant Day; April 9 is National Unicorn Day; April 10 is Golfer's Day, National Siblings Day, and National Farm Animals Day; April 11 is National Pet Day; April 12 is National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day, and International Day of Human Space Flight; April 13 is National Scrabble Day, and Thomas Jefferson Day; April 14 is Air Force Reserve Birthday, National Dolphin Day, and National Gardening Day.

How did Noah see the animals in the ark at night? With flood lighting.

What happened when 500 hares got loose on Main Street? The police had to comb the area.

How do spiders communicate? Through the World Wide Web.

Why do the French eat snails? They don't like fast food.

Why do cows have hooves instead of feet? Because they lactose.

Amazing track and field world records
The fastest 100-meter sprint record is 9.58 seconds, set by Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt in 2009. Bolt reached a top speed of 27.7 miles per hour during his 100-meter world record run.

The world record for a long jump stands at 29 feet 4.25 inches, achieved by Mike Powell of the United States in 1991.

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SPORTS

Soccer Boys Kick Off Season with Undefeated Record



Adam Dak dribbles past a Clear Lake midfielder. (Photo: Taylor Smith)

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The Wright County boys are undefeated!

After opening their spring season with hard-fought road wins over Iowa Falls-Alden and Ballard early last week, the Wright County Bronco soccer team tied Clear Lake at Lions Field this past Thursday.

"Their determination, grit, and resilience is amazing," second-year Head Coach Ethan Krogman told The Wright County Monitor in a recent interview. "The communication is what has kept this team going. In the first game against Iowa Falls, we had a total of 23 shots, and none of them until a late penalty kick came through for us. Did that stop the boys? Absolutely not, they kept

their head in the game, kept moving forward, and preserved until they got the result that they deserved."

Sophomore midfielder Adam Dak had a team-high four shots on goal and scored the first goal of his young varsity career in the 1-0 victory.

Senior goalkeeper Juan Ulises Medina had eight saves vs. the Cadets.

Less than 24-hours later Tuesday, the Broncos were back on the road for a windy match at Ballard High School.

Angel Cortes scored Wright County's first goal off a Jerry Hernandez assist in the 22nd minute of the first half, and freshman forward Jorge Luis Guzman had a score of his own just eight minutes later.

"They cemented their lead for the rest of the game,



Senior Angel Cortes readies a throw-in. (Photo: Taylor Smith)

but also had to endure a very rough and trying second half where we had to hold strong against the wind and relentless offensive pushes from the Ballard team," Coach Krogman commented.

Medina added another 14 saves to his season tally, and the Broncos went on to defeat the Ballard Bombers, 2-1.

The weather wouldn't be much better Thursday night in Clear Lake, but the artificial turf on Lions Field allowed for the teams to play in the rain.

An Anir Akdim assist would set Guzman up for Wright County's only goal of the contest with just a minute remaining in the first half. Clear Lake's Ryerson Luyabya scored an equalizer midway through the second, and the two

teams tied, 1-1.

Medina had 11 saves for Wright County.

"Overall, no matter whether any of the players on the team gets five or forty minutes, when they're called upon, they go in and give 100%," Coach Krogman added. "They're willing to give each other their undivided effort and energy until the final buzzer. I'm excited to be able to watch this team be successful, and cannot wait to see how they carry this success on through the rest of the season."

The Broncos were 5-10-2 in Krogman's first season as head coach last year.

After a Monday, April 6 home contest vs. Charles City (0-1), the boys will hit the road again for a Thursday night match-up at Webster City (1-0).



Freshman forward Jorge Luis Guzman scored a first half goal in Thursday's tie with Clear Lake. (Photo: Taylor Smith)



Senior goalkeeper Juan Ulises Medina has 33 saves in three starts this season. (Photo: Taylor Smith)

Broncos Fall to Lions, 1-0



Senior goalkeeper and team captain Lily Pigman had several athletic saves against the Lions. (Photo: Taylor Smith)



Freshman wing Adriana Toj Lopez throws in the ball. (Photo: Taylor Smith)

Taylor Smith, Sports Editor

The Wright County girls soccer team saw their first action of the season last Thursday night in Clear Lake.

Both teams were scoreless in a cold and rainy first half, but the Lions finally got on the board five minutes into the second.

Senior goalkeeper and team captain Lily Pigman had a multitude of diving, athletic saves in the second half, and the Bronco's stingy defense successfully subdued Clear Lake's offensive attack for the remainder of the match.

Wright County's best scoring opportunity would

come with about 22-minutes left, but Clear Lake's keeper came to the home team's rescue.

The girls lost the nail-biter, 1-0.

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

The Broncos are scheduled to host three games this week: Monday, April 6 vs. Charles City, Thursday, April 9 vs. Webster City, and Friday, April 10 vs. Aplington-Parkersburg.



Future Outlook: A look at ISU's Incoming Freshman Class

AMES, Iowa – With the 2025-26 wrestling season in the history books, it's time to look ahead to the future of Cyclone wrestling. Iowa State will bring in five exciting high school wrestlers, including four

top-100 prospects, to its freshman class.

California native Coby Merrill is the highest-rated recruit of the incoming Cyclone class, joining ISU as the nation's No. 12 overall recruit and No. 2 heavy-

weight by FloWrestling. Oklahoma prep product Jake Miller is the No. 43 overall prospect while Valentine Popadiuc (No. 81) and David Perez (No. 82) were also rated in the top-

100 on FloWrestling Class of 2026 Big Board. Four-time Iowa high school state placewinner Cale Vandermark, rated No. 181 by MatScouts, will also join the Cyclones.

"We're really excited about how our high school signing class turned out," head coach Kevin Dresser said. "There are some great young men in the class with high upside on the mat who

are excited to get to Ames and get to work. We'll look to add a few guys in some key weights from the transfer portal this month as well, so stay tuned."

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Middle School/High School Sports Calendar

Thursday, April 9

Varsity Boys Golf @ Oak Ridge Golf Course, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Boys Track & Field @ Cowboy Relays, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls Track & Field @ Eagle Grove, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity/JV Girls Soccer vs. Webster City @ BKHS, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity/JV Boys Soccer @ Webster City HS, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 10

Varsity Girls Soccer v. Aplington-Parkersburg @ BKHS, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Central IA United @ BKHS, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 13

Middle School Girls/Boys Track & Field @ South Hamilton Co-Ed Relays, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity/JV Girls Soccer @ Humboldt Soccer Field, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity/JV Boys Soccer vs. Humboldt @ BKHS, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14

Varsity Boys Golf @ Jewell Golf Course, 4:00 p.m.
Esports vs. Cardinal, 4:00 p.m.
Varsity Boys Track & Field @ Clear Lake, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity Girls Track & Field @ Cowgirl Relays, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity/JV Boys Soccer vs. Waterloo East @ BKHS, 5:30 p.m.



Aerial views

Bruce Voigts, Aerial Photographer (Photos taken March 30, 2026)



On March 26-27 there was a fire at the Hawkeye Pride Egg Farm near Corwith, Iowa, approximately 6 miles west of Kanawha, Iowa. Due to higher north winds, it was decided to save the barns north of the fire as the winds were making it too hard to save those barns south of the fire.



Field work in our area is just getting started. Farmers getting the anhydrous application unit for nitrogen ready and tillage is being done at the ISU Northern Research Farm at Kanawha.



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Heiden, Stuelke Earn WBCA All-America Honors

IOWA CITY, Iowa – University of Iowa sophomore Ava Heiden and senior Hannah Stuelke earned All-America Honorable Mention the Women's Basketball Coaches Association announced on Thursday. P. Sue Beckwith, MD, head women's basketball coach Jan Jensen was also named a finalist for the WBCA Division I Coach of the Year Award.

Heiden led Iowa with 18.0 points per game and 7.2 rebounds per games while shooting 64 percent from the floor this season. She recorded the third-most points (612) and the seventh-most (246) rebounds by an Iowa sophomore in program history.

Heiden also earned honorable mention All-America honors from the Associated Press and United States Basketball Writers Association earlier this month and was a First Team-All Big Ten selection.

Stuelke averaged 13.4 points per game and a team-best 9.0 rebounds per game. She recorded the 14th-most points (1,565) and the fifth-most (910) rebounds in school history. Stuelke is the fourth Hawkeye in program history to

record 1,500+ points and 900+ rebounds in a career. In her final game as a Hawkeye, Stuelke tied the school record in an NCAA Tournament game with 19 rebounds. She was also named Second Team All-Big Ten for the third time in her career earlier this month.

Jensen led the Hawkeyes to a 2-seed in the NCAA Tournament and became the fastest coach in program history to record 50 wins in just two seasons.

Menu:

Monday, April 13, join the Dows Senior Citizens for a delicious meal at noon. The cost is \$10.00. Everyone is welcome. Carry-outs are available. Menu: Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Salads, Dessert.

Kyle Green Named University of Northern Iowa Head Men's Basketball Coach

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa - University of Northern Iowa President Mark Nook and Director of Athletics Megan Franklin on Wednesday, announced that Kyle Green has accepted the position of head men's basketball coach.

Green becomes the 26th head coach in program history after a coaching career that has spanned over 30 years across multiple NCAA divisions, including 16 seasons as an assistant coach at Northern Iowa.

Franklin confirmed that Green has agreed to a five-year contract.

Green returns to Cedar Falls after spending the previous five years as an assistant coach at Iowa State under head coach T.J. Otzelberger. The Cyclones reached the NCAA Tournament in all five seasons with Green on staff, which included 124 total wins, a pair of trips to the Sweet Sixteen and a 2024 Big 12 Tournament title. Iowa State also recorded 29 victories over AP top-25 ranked opponents

with Green on the bench, including three against No. 1 ranked challengers, as well as three All-American athletes in Tamin Lipsey, Curtis Jones and Joshua Jefferson.

Green's impact on the ISU defense was felt immediately with his hiring in 2021 with the Cyclones ranking in the top-25 nationally in scoring defense, steals per game and three-point percentage defense in his first season. Iowa State jumped from just two wins a year prior to Green's arrival to 22. Iowa State has ranked in the top-25 in Division I in scoring defense in four of Green's five years in Ames, with a top-25 ranking in steals per game each season as well.

Green spent 16 total seasons as an assistant coach at UNI during three separate stints with the Panthers from 2001-

03, 2006-11 and 2012-21 under head coaches Greg McDermott and Ben Jacobson. He spent his last four years in Cedar Falls as associate head coach under Jacobson.

A contributor to more than 300 Panther victories, Green helped Northern Iowa to four Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) tournament championships (2009, 2010, 2015, 2016), three MVC regular season titles (2009, 2010, 2020) and four trips to the NCAA Tournament (2009, 2010, 2015, 2016), including UNI's historic run to the 2010 Sweet Sixteen with upset wins over UNLV and top-ranked Kansas.

In total, UNI players earned 33 All-MVC honors during Green's time with the Panthers with three Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year winners, including his son, AJ in 2020.

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