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## EAGLE OUTLOOK

**TOI W. Division Cross Country Meet**  
 Thursday, Oct. 15  
 4:30 p.m.  
 EG Golf Course

**Wright County Drive Thru Food Pantry**  
 Thursday, Oct. 15  
 4:30 - 6 p.m.  
 221 W. Broadway  
*Details Inside*

**EG Football Playoffs**  
 vs.  
**E-Hawks**  
 Friday, Oct. 16  
 7 p.m.  
 At Emmetsburg

**2A State Cross Country Qualifier Meet**  
 Thursday, Oct. 22  
 Eagle Grove Golf Course

**EG Downtown Halloween Walk**  
 Friday, Oct. 30  
 4 - 5 p.m.  
 Broadway St.

*Watch for more details in next week's Eagle*

**Beggar's Night**  
 Saturday, Oct. 31  
 5 - 7 p.m.  
 Eagle Grove

**EGHS Fall Musical "Freaky Friday"**  
 Saturday November 7  
 7 p.m.  
 Sunday, November 8  
 3 p.m.

**State Drill Team**  
 Wednesday, Nov. 18  
 Times TBA  
 Wells Fargo - Des Moines

**Due to COVID-19**  
 The school district will not be hosting a community Veterans Day ceremony this year.

**COVID Cancellation**  
 The annual Holiday Craft Fair (held in November) has been cancelled for 2020



## FRIEDL WINS

her class at Dick Bell

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**F**or senior Lea Friedl, this was the way she wanted to go out in her last run at a Dick Bell Invitational.

While she can now enjoy that feeling for a moment, she has other goals ahead of her and is lucky to be able to run after those on the same course.

After posting a 22:13.84 a year ago on this course, she finished in 22:29.12 in the class B race which was still more than enough (by 27 seconds) to win. Teammates Alejandra Lopez and Madi Axtell stayed together to finish 12th and 13th, respectively. Lopez came home in 25:18.06, while Axtell had a 25:18.57 clocking at the finish.

West Fork took the Class B team title, followed by Saint Ansgar and South Hardin. Humboldt won class A, followed by Emmetsburg and Algona. Abby Christians of Garner-Hayfield/Ventura crossed in 20:56.58 to win that race.

They traveled to a meet Thursday at the Jewell golf course hosted by South Hamilton. Roland-Story took the team title with 36 points, followed by Panorama with



44 and Adair-Casey/Guthrie Center with 87 points. Ella Waddle of Panorama came home in 20:27.40 for first place. Friedl finished in 21:50.19 for 10th, Lopez in 24:34.61 for 35th and Axtell in 25:18.49 for 46th place at the finish line.

The RBMS runners were represented by: Savannah Gilbert in 15:26.76 for ninth; Peyton Terwilliger in 17:12.74 for 25th; Monique Garcia in 19:54.06 for 39th and Rene Withers in 23:38.70 for 45th.

The Top of Iowa-West Division meet is this Thursday at the EGCC course beginning at 5 p.m.



## The Eagle Grove Eagle is getting a new page width

BY TRAVIS FISCHER  
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A big change is coming for your hometown newspaper. Starting in the last week of October, Mid-America Publishing's newspapers will be slimming down from their current 25-inch width pages to a new 22-inch page.

The process of transitioning to a different width of paper has been a long journey for the company, as coordinating the change for 22 individual newspapers requires a lot of advanced preparation.

"This width change has been in the works for about seven years now," said Mid-America Publishing's CEO Matt Grohe. "Every major paper in the state and country has adopted the narrower width and most store racks are designed for it, so it was time for us to switch to the narrower format."

The thinner pages will have immediate benefits for Mid-America Publishing's bottom line, allowing the company to reduce the overall amount of paper they consume on a

weekly basis. Using slimmer sheets of paper also means using fewer resources to print on them, reducing the overall amount of metal used to create the plates that print each page of every newspaper.

"It's going to be a cost saving factor for the company all the way around," said Press Manager Mike Enzenauer. "You wouldn't think three inches of paper makes a lot, but it does."

In times where economic and environmental concerns are at the forefront of people's minds, reducing the amount of resources used to produce tens of thousands of newspapers every week, and transport them across the state and country, checks two important boxes.

The new 22-inch width will also open up new advertising opportunities for the company. As major newspapers across the country have transitioned to the thinner pages over the years, national advertising standards have adjusted with them. Printing at the new industry standard will allow Mid-America Publishing to sell advertisements that previously wouldn't be available.

For the readers themselves, the new width should make the newspaper a little easier to handle in both physical and digital formats. For those that read the newspaper on a digital device, the thinner width should improve readability as the full width of the paper will fit more easily on a screen.

"I am very excited about the change to our web width," said Mid-America Publishing President Toni Venteicher. "Besides being a much easier paper to handle, this platform will be a very easy read for our loyal consumers on our mobile friendly websites."

"We feel that the paper will be easier to hold when reading and better lend itself to half-folding for readers," said Grohe. "We hope everyone enjoys the new format and we appreciate the support of our readership as we adapt and change."



## AGP pledges \$75,000 to Eagle Grove Wellness Center

AGP representatives presented Eagle Grove Parks and Recreation Director Zach Whipple with their first instalment of \$25,000 towards a total \$75,000 over the next three years to the Eagle Grove Wellness Center expansion project on Monday, Oct. 12. They have designated the money to be used for the inclusion of a basketball court. "AGP supports the communities where we operate and appreciates the opportunity to contribute to community-led initiatives like the Eagle Grove Wellness Center," said AGP CEO Keith Spackler. "This project will benefit the health and wellness of the Eagle Grove community and serve an important role in continued regional economic development. We thank the City of Eagle Grove for its leadership on this important project and we welcome the opportunity to support it." Pictured from left: Mike Rolo, refinery manager; Shara Schmling, merchandise manager; Kyle Mosley, account manager; Zach Whipple, EG P&R; and Jeff Lampman, plant manager. Photo by Kim Demory

## ISH doesn't foresee role in home care as county decertifies

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As the November 1 date looms, many Wright County residents (and others across the state and country) are still voicing their anger and disappointment about the county Board of Health's decision to decertify home skilled nursing care. At last week's forum for the candidates running for supervisor, at least half the time was spent answering questions about Public Health and home care. More than once, angry interruptions and boos from the audience could be heard in response to the candidates' answers.

Various questions at the forum and elsewhere have asked what the local hospital's role in public health home nursing could or should be. In a recent interview, Iowa Specialty Hospital (ISH) CEO Steve Simonin explained the hospital's position on the matter and why they are not in the position to play a big role in home care.

Simonin says to understand the hospital's role, one must understand the history of the ISH and its tax structure. In 2007, Belmond Medical Center and Wright Medical Center in Clarion started working together, and in 2012, they came together under the umbrella of Iowa Specialty Hospital. Simonin says that ISH in Clarion is owned by the city but has little city oversight, while Belmond's ISH is more closely tied to the city.



STEVE SIMONIN  
 ISH CEO

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## Celebrating National 4-H Week

Senior Shea Whaley shares some adventures of nine years in the Wright Warriors

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Shea Whaley is a ninth-year member of the Wright Warriors 4-H Club in Eagle Grove. In that time, she's says she's learned a variety of things, but the most beneficial have been basic life skills like communication, leadership, and resume writing.

Yep, that's right, resume writing. While that's most likely not the first skill you think about someone learning in 4-H, it's something Shea learned from taking advantage of the countless opportunities the esteemed club offers. One of those for Shea came over Thanksgiving in 2019. She wrote a resume which earned her an in-person interview, and eventually a trip to the National 4-H Conference held in Atlanta, GA. She was amongst hundreds of delegates from across the nation (about 18 from Iowa) and Portugal who spent time listening to speakers, attending mixers, touring Atlanta, visiting the History Center, and closing



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County Fair judging.

## Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps qualifying low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs for the winter heating season. The assistance is based on household income, household size, type of fuel, and type of housing.

The application period runs from November 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, with early applications accepted beginning October 1, 2020, for households that have a member who is at least 60 years of age, or disabled, or where disconnection is imminent. Anyone facing disconnection at any time should contact their local community action agency for assistance.

We know Iowa families are facing many challenges to cope with the COVID-19 virus. Some have lost jobs or had their hours of employment reduced.

These circumstances and others could lead to difficulty in paying your utility bill. If you find yourself in that situation, there is help available through the State's network of local community action agencies that have offices in all 99 counties. Families and individuals can apply for the Energy Assistance program through their local community action agency. This program can help pay a portion of an eligible household's utility bill. Eligibility is based on household size and income. We encourage anyone facing difficulty in paying their utility bill to contact their local agency.

To find your local agency, you may call 2-1-1, visit <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/dcaa/> where-apply, or contact the Iowa Department of Human Rights at (515) 281-3861 or 1-800-351-4659. LIHEAP information is available in multiple languages on the Department's website.

## Iowa County Auditors provide safe and secure elections

Iowa County Auditors are working hard to provide all eligible Iowans the opportunity to vote safely and securely in the 2020 General Election. Please make sure you vote, and vote early if you are able.

- 1.REGISTER - Pre-register to vote by October 24.
- 2.REQUEST - Request an absentee ballot by 5:00 pm on October 24.
- 3.VOTE - Voting in Iowa begins October 5!

Questions about voting? Contact Wright County Auditor's Office at 515-532-2771

Important General Election Dates:

- October 5 - In-person Absentee Voting Begins
- Absentee Ballot Mailings Begin
- October 24 - Voter Pre-Registration Deadline (5:00 pm)
- Deadline to Request Absentee Ballot to be Mailed (5:00 pm)
- October 24 and 31 - Auditor's Office open 8:00 - 5:00 p.m.

County Auditor Open for Absentee Voting on These Extra Saturdays

- November 2 - Postmark Deadline for Absentee Ballots
- In-person Absentee Voting Deadline (5:00 pm)
- November 3 - ELECTION DAY - Polls open from 7:00 am - 9:00 pm (Bring your ID!)
- In-person Delivery of



Absentee Ballots Deadline (9:00 pm)

Polling Places:

Belmond City Hall - 112 2nd Ave. NE, Belmond, IA 50421

Includes Cities of Belmond and Rowan, Belmond Twp, Pleasant Twp, and Iowa Twp.

Dows Convention Center - 119 E. Ellsworth, Dows, IA 50071

Includes Cities of Dows and Galt, Blaine Twp and Vernon Twp.

The Red Shed Event Center - 908 2nd Street N, Clarion, IA 50525

Includes: Eagle Grove Wards #1, #2, #3, and #4 and the City of Woolstock, Eagle Grove Twp, Troy Twp, and Woolstock Twp.

Goldfield Legion Hall - 505 N. Main, Goldfield, IA 50542

Includes: City of Goldfield, Boone Twp and Liberty Twp.

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Includes the City of Clarion and Townships of Norway, Dayton, Lake, Lincoln, Grant, and Wall Lake.

Eagle Grove Memorial Hall - 200 South Park Ave., Eagle Grove, IA 50533

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## COVID-19 activity on the rise in Iowa

BY TRAVIS FISCHER  
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COVID-19 activity continues to spike in Iowa, driven by an increase in spread across the rural Northwestern part of the state.

The spread, particularly among the older population, has resulted in a rise in cases that result in hospitalization. The upward climb of hospitalizations continued for a third week, as 438 Iowans were hospitalized as of Sunday with the virus with 100 in an ICU.

"Hospitals across the region are experiencing a rise in admissions," said Reynolds on Wednesday, October 7. "Yesterday we reached an all-time high of 444 Iowans hospitalized across the state. This is disappointing news and sadly this is what can happen when we are experiencing community spread."

The bulk of the hospital admissions of the last two weeks have been older and elderly individuals struggling with the virus, emphasizing the danger it poses to the more vulnerable demographic.

"Even though positive cases are more evenly distributed across age groups in many areas where virus activity is high, it's the vulnerable population that remains most impacted," said Reynolds.

Deaths to COVID-19 are also on the climb as 79 Iowans died last week, bringing the total death count of the disease in Iowa to 1,460.

In total, approximately 715 elderly (49%), 584 older adults (40%), 131 middle aged adults (9%), 29 young adults (2%), and one child (.1%) have died from the virus since the pandemic began.

Of the new deaths, 30 have been attributed to outbreaks in long term care facilities, bringing the total number of deaths in long term care facilities to 739.

The number of long term care facilities reporting outbreaks increased again this week by two, with 54 now reporting outbreaks consisting of 1,169 positive individuals with 627 considered recovered.

Two weeks ago, Iowa Department of Public Health relaxed guidelines on visiting long term care facilities, allowing for indoor and outdoor visitation and communal activities among residents, though still warning that counties with a 10% positivity rate should limit indoor visits to only the most necessary of circumstances.

"One of the most heart wrenching consequences of COVID is the isolation and separation it's created between the elderly and their families and neighbors," said Reynolds. "The wall that we built to keep COVID-19 away from our most vulnerable seniors also kept out the loved ones that provide them with the day-to-day support that they need and the person-to-person interaction that means so much to them."

As of Sunday, October 11, there have been 99,687 confirmed cases of COVID-19

in the state, increasing the 92,599 total from the week prior by 7,088 cases, a significant increase from the previous week.

In total, approximately 3,897 elderly adults (age 80+); 13,956 older adults (61-80); 26,915 middle aged adults (41-60); 46,853 young adults (18-40); and 8,972 children have tested positive for the disease. These estimates are based on a percentage-based breakdown of the state's reported positive cases. As the total number of cases increase, the less accurate these estimates will become. A single percentage point difference can change an estimate by more than 990 cases.

With 76,258 cases considered recovered, that leaves roughly 21,969 Iowans currently known to be fighting the disease, an increase of 2,350 from the previous week.

862,305 individuals have been tested since the start of the pandemic, including 821,075 PCR tests and 41,230 by antigen tests. An average of 4,800 PCR tests per day were counted over the last week along with a total of 6,417 new antigen tests.

Current testing shows that roughly 61% of positive cases result in symptoms while 12% have been asymptomatic, with the remaining cases pending or unknown.

In addition, 62,364 Iowans have undergone serology testing for coronavirus antibodies, which would indicate that they have had the virus. Of that number, 3,594, about 6%, have tested positive for antibodies.

Three new test clinic sites are scheduled to open this week in Buena Vista, Wapello, and Winneshiek counties. This increases the number of TestIowa locations to seven sites and 21 clinics across the state.

With the increase availability of tests and the length of time Iowa has been in the midst of the pandemic, Reynolds says that while more than 800,000 individuals have been tested, the state has actually processed more than 1.3 million tests as Iowans take tests multiple times.

"As regular testing among individuals becomes the norm, reporting the total number of tests, instead of individuals tested, may become a more useful indicator of virus activity and more in line with how we monitor other respiratory viruses like the flu," said Reynolds.

The state will be looking into adjusting the ways they report testing statistics this week.

## COVID numbers in the county continue to rise

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At the Monday meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors, in her weekly update from the Emergency Operations Center on COVID-19, Sandy McGrath said numbers of positive cases are still "steadily going up" in the county. As of Monday, the case count stands at 660, up from 616 last Monday. McGrath said the cases are widespread across the county and not necessarily traced to a single event or location. She added that the positive testing for the county schools stands at 13.3% which keeps them in the same category of alertness. This would change should the positives reach 15%. The county continues aggressive testing and contact tracing.

During the weekly conference call with ISG Engineering about the Agribusiness Park, the engineers noted that they are

still waiting on contractors to move forward on the flume. They also reported that water tests initial results at the site look good.

The board approved a maintenance agreement with Nikolas Christensen for the Agribusiness Park for the next three years. The agreement sets terms for taking care of the unsold ground at the park. Christensen will be responsible for mowing and trimming the property, including the ditch on Hwy 17. He will also be able to harvest whatever he can from the area.

In other business, Wright County Engineer Adam Clemons reported that secondary roads has hauled 108,000 tons of rock so far in 2020 for the county's granular program. The board received the auditor's quarterly revenue report. They also approved three tax abatement orders for the US Fish and Wildlife Services on drainage assessments amounting to around \$675.

## School Board approves mask mandates

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Due to the recent new guidelines on COVID-19 issued by Governor Reynolds, Eagle Grove Superintendent Jess Toliver presented the School Board with two separate proposals for mask mandates for the buildings.

"Our original idea was either a mask or shield," said Toliver regarding the staff and student precautions. "We're not throwing the shields away, but are now changing up our policy following the Governor's announcement. Right now we currently have 90 percent of our students wearing masks instead of shields."

A motion to approve a mask mandate for all students, staff and visitors whenever reasonable and possible carried. Attention then turned to the second part, which was a mask mandate for all indoor sports events. "With the numbers climbing I recommend it," said Toliver. Director Aaron Parrott asked what other schools in the conference are doing. "Some of the schools have it (mask requirement at sports events), and some don't," Toliver replied. "I would say about half of our conference schools do not require masks." "Enforcement of this is a pain, but we don't have to let them in either (without one)", said director Darren Robinson. With that, the vote on the motion was called for and it was also approved.

Superintendent Goals for 20-21 were reviewed and approved. Those include the areas of finance, education and leadership, and state such specifics as basing staff on projected numbers and

in line with finances, meeting the needs of ELL students and demonstrating leadership through the pandemic as examples.

In other action the Board:

- approved the list of School Improvement Advisory Committee members for 20-21;
- approved the resignation of Daryl Roberts (bus driver), and contracts for Dan O'Hern (assistant baseball and a bus driver);
- approved an open enrollment for two students to the Iowa Virtual Academy, and unanimously voted no on a request for one student out to Webster City due to it being past the deadline. "My recommendation is to deny, as I'm not sure this is a door you want to open," said Toliver in his comment on the consent agenda item prior to the vote.

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— Eagle Grove Police Department —  
**Weekly Log**

**THURSDAY 10/1/20**  
12:26 AM  
Received assistance from the County in responding to a suspicious person at Casey's. Subject was passed out in the parking lot.  
5:26 AM  
Investigated a stolen vehicle at residence in 1100 block of Southwest First.  
6:58 AM  
Investigated a stolen vehicle at residence in 100 block of Northeast Eighth. Keys were left in it was unlocked. Someone was also using the owner's card to make purchases.  
1:09 PM  
Investigated a stolen vehicle found sitting at Lund Storage with no plates and a broken window. Taken to impound.  
1:11 PM  
Returned phone call concerning assisting in a program at the high school.  
2:31 PM  
Returned phone call concerning regulations on bow & arrow shooting within city limits.  
4:31 PM  
Returned phone call concerning getting a vehicle out of impound.  
4:42 PM  
Responded to possible break-in at Lund Storage.  
5:37 PM  
Returned phone call concerning permission to park a large trailer on the street for moving out purposes.  
6:30 PM  
Responded to a suicidal subject at residence in 100 block of Lincoln in Goldfield. Everything was okay.  
**FRIDAY 10/2/20**  
12:20 AM  
Responded to an unoccupied vehicle at River Park in Goldfield.  
1:14 AM  
Assisted by the County in making an arrest following a traffic stop.  
8:00 AM  
Responded to suspicious vehicle at River Park.  
9:42 AM  
Investigated a fraud report at First State Bank.  
1:20 PM  
Returned phone call concerning a copy of a report.  
4:39 PM  
Returned a phone call to the owner's insurance provider concerning a stolen vehicle.  
6:24 PM  
Investigated a 911 hang-up plotted to residence in 100 block of North Lincoln. Sounded like small child in background.  
6:59 PM  
Returned phone call concerning a recovered stolen motorcycle.  
7:15 PM  
Issued warning for equipment.  
7:35 PM  
Responded to a domestic at residence in 200 block of

Northwest Tenth.  
11:39 PM  
Issued warning for equipment.  
**SATURDAY 10/3/20**  
1:12 AM  
Issued citation for no valid drivers license.  
9:08 AM  
Responded to harassment at undisclosed residence. Threats being made on Messenger and texts.  
10:29 AM  
Responded to complaint on Washington. Water coming up and into street. Street department was called.  
11:15 AM  
Assisted in tornado siren test.  
2:19 PM  
Responded to a fraud report at residence in 900 block of West Broadway.  
2:21 PM  
Investigated a 911 hang-up. Unable to plot to a specific residence. Caller was on her cell phone in a vehicle and didn't know the address.  
5:31 PM  
Responded to possible drunk driver going north of Highway 17.  
6:06 PM  
Investigated a 911 hang-up plotted to Fareway. Accidental. Everything okay.  
8:32 PM  
Responded to a suspicious person in 400 block of South Cadwell. New renters moving in, and a man they don't know wandered in to help and had a pellet gun in his waistband. They would like him to just leave.  
9:05 PM  
Issued warning for equipment.  
11:39 PM  
Issued citation for failure to stop.  
**SUNDAY 10/4/20**  
1:33 AM  
Responded to a suspicious unoccupied vehicle at Ampride. Parking lights left on.  
10:48 AM  
Responded to alarm at Goldfield Vet Clinic. Everything okay.  
11:10 AM  
Conducted civil standby at The Grove hotel.  
11:31 AM  
Another alarm at Vet Clinic. A loose cat keeps tripping the alarm.  
6:22 PM  
Responded to a complaint at The Grove hotel. A subject wants to get back into his room, but has not paid his bill. He was removed from the premises.  
7:25 PM  
Returned phone call concerning stolen items.  
9:20 PM  
Responded to a call for assistance at Kum & Go.  
**MONDAY 10/5/20**  
9:17 AM  
Responded to Casey's in Goldfield. A bag of crystal meth

left on the counter.  
9:46 AM  
Returned phone call concerning a report on a previous domestic.  
10:28 AM  
Recovered a stolen vehicle.  
1:43 PM  
Responded to accident near AGP. Train and a semi truck. No injuries.  
6:16 PM  
Loose dog found in 600 block of Southeast First. Taken to Goldfield Vet Clinic.  
7:56 PM  
Conducted welfare check at residence in 400 block of South Commercial.  
8:31 PM  
Issued warning for equipment.  
8:46 PM  
Conducted welfare check at residence in 400 block of West Broadway. No other details given.  
**TUESDAY 10/6/20**  
9:42 AM  
Returned phone call concerning a domestic violence incident and the female doesn't want to report it.  
10:25 AM  
Returned phone call concerning an accident report from previous day.  
10:48 AM  
Returned phone call concerning a vehicle that was towed. Caller wants to know where it is and how to get it back.  
9:14 PM  
Responded to a complaint at apartments on Kirkwood. Couple trying to light a fire at their vehicle in parking lot. Male had a grill set up on the tailgate.  
9:20 PM  
Responded to a public intox of a resident walking past City Hall. Unable to locate on officer's arrival.  
9:55 PM  
Investigated a 911 hang-up plotted to residence in 200 block of South Garfield. Person being sought does not live at that address anymore. Everyone there is okay.  
**WEDNESDAY 10/7/20**  
5:41 AM  
Assisted by the County in responding to a break-in at residence in 400 block of South Commercial. Checked house. Everything okay.  
11:18 AM  
Returned phone call concerning getting a vehicle out of impound.  
12:29 PM  
Returned phone call concerning evidence and questions.  
1:35 PM  
Responded to a complaint at residence in 1100 block of Southwest First. Informed her it's a civil issue.  
2:01 PM  
Took a missing person's report. He was headed to Storm Lake and hasn't returned.  
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Responded to a public intox of a resident walking past City Hall. Unable to locate on officer's arrival.  
9:55 PM  
Investigated a 911 hang-up plotted to residence in 200 block of South Garfield. Person being sought does not live at that address anymore. Everyone there is okay.  
**WEDNESDAY 10/7/20**  
5:41 AM  
Assisted by the County in responding to a break-in at residence in 400 block of South Commercial. Checked house. Everything okay.  
11:18 AM  
Returned phone call concerning getting a vehicle out of impound.  
12:29 PM  
Returned phone call concerning evidence and questions.  
1:35 PM  
Responded to a complaint at residence in 1100 block of Southwest First. Informed her it's a civil issue.  
2:01 PM  
Took a missing person's report. He was headed to Storm Lake and hasn't returned.

**EGPD work to recover stolen cars**

BY KIM DEMORY  
EDITOR  
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The Eagle Grove Police Department received calls regarding a string of car thefts that occurred within a 48-hour period. Two incidents involved vehicles reported stolen from Eagle Grove. One of those vehicle was located in Fort Dodge. One vehicle was located in Eagle Grove. The third incident involved a vehicle stolen from Kansas

which was later located in Eagle Grove after a report of a suspicious vehicle.

On Monday, Oct. 12, according to Eagle Grove Chief of Police Ray Beltran, Fort Dodge officers arrested Christopher Smith of Ames in relation to one of the thefts. The other cases are still under investigation and a link between them has not been made at this time. The Eagle Grove Police Department continues to work with law enforcement in Fort Dodge and Kansas.

**COURTHOUSE NEWS**

**Births**  
Abel Alan James Breedlove, born on September 21 to Kassandra Ayre, Mason City.  
Alexandria Audrey Elana Fitz, born on September 22 to Destiny Benavidez, Coulter.  
Carter Paige Taft, born on September 23 to Dalton and Macey Taft, Kanawha.

**Deaths**  
Jerry Smith, 71, Belmond, died on September 18.  
Sharon Skrovig, 73, Belmond, died on September 25.  
Robert Smith, 80, Belmond, died on September 27.  
Marjorie Halfpop, 86, Belmond, died on September 29.

**Marriage License**  
Gary Venner, Eagle Grove to Deborah Knowles, Eagle Grove on September 15.  
Troy Baumgartner, Rowan to Heather Link, Rowan on September 26.

**District Court**  
Wendi Lindstrom, 40, Clarion, pled guilty on September 30 to Sexual Exploitation of a Minor. Lindstrom was sentenced to ten years in prison, fined \$1,000 plus 15% surcharge (suspended), and \$400 in costs. Additional charges of Lascivious Acts With A Child - Fondle or Touch and Child Endangerment were dismissed.  
Jeremy Gildea, 45, Eagle Grove, pled guilty on October 1 to Public Intoxication. Gildea was fined \$65 plus 15% surcharge and \$60 in costs.  
Bryan Paxtor Gomez, 20, Clarion, pled guilty on October 1 to Public Intoxication. Paxtor Gomez was fined \$65 plus 15% surcharge and \$225.25 in costs.  
Dee Diaz, 42, Belmond, pled guilty on October 1 to Dog at Large. Diaz was fined \$65 plus 15% surcharge and \$60 in costs.  
Angela Dawson, 26, Goldfield, pled guilty on October 1 to Dangerous Animals. Dawson was fined \$65 plus 15% surcharge and \$60 in costs.  
Candace Flumerfelt, 41, Eagle Grove, pled guilty on October 2 to Public Intoxication (pled from OWI Second Offense). Flumerfelt was sentenced to two days in jail or two days at weekend program, fined \$625 plus 15% surcharge, and \$2,100 in costs.  
Michael Kahle, 61, Eagle Grove, received a deferred judgment on October 2 to OWI First Offense. Kahle was placed on one year probation, assessed a \$1,250 civil penalty, and \$100 in costs.

**Traffic Court**  
Speeding 55 or under zone (1 thru 5 over): Kari McCutcheon, Eagle Grove; Casey Thul, Eagle Grove; Vang Nguyen, Clarion;  
Speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over): Samuel Johnson, Clarion; Mayra Cabrera Gutierrez, Meservey; Phyllis Paul, Clemons; James May, Omaha, NE; Lori Basden, Goldfield; Mark Stevenson, Goldfield;  
Speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over): Jessica Rivera Antunez, Clarion; Elida Castorena, Iowa Falls; Santos Panti Martin, Belmond;  
Speeding 55 or under zone

(21 or over): Manuel Cobo Lopez, Cedar Rapids; Lynn Ewald, Waldorf, MN; Jeremy Spellman, W Des Moines;  
Speeding over 55 zone (1 thru 5 over): Kelly Korleski, Clear Lake;  
Speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over): Jeb Bedwell, Saint Charles;  
Speeding over 55 zone (11 thru 15 over): Kaitlyn Fields, Blue Springs, MO; Collin Warren, Omaha, NE; Brian Hart, Fair Grove, MO;  
Speeding over 55 zone (16 thru 20 over): Hamidreza Karimirad, Houston, TX; Sanjuana Lopez, Brainerd, MN; Rufus Gbieor, Fargo, ND; Israel Umoh, Cypress, TX;  
Speeding over 55 zone (21 or over): Emilia Khan, Minneapolis, MN; Aniso Warsame, Columbus, OH;  
Excessive Speed 6 thru 10: Ben Holteen, Boone; Misty Padilla, Eagle Grove; Pamela Page, Mason City; Jacob Schrauth, Algona; Jaxon Heinz, Humboldt;  
Speeding: Nicole Funk, Story City;  
No Valid Drivers License: Jamie Lopez Luna, Eagle Grove; Armando Castillo, San Angelo, TX; Miguel Alvarez, Eagle Grove; Santos Panti Martin, Belmond; Wade Willard, Eagle Grove; Sacoya Jenkins, Belmond; Aguedita Ordonez Tevalan, Belmond; Alex Spora, Clarion;  
Failure To Provide Proof of Financial Liability Coverage: Jessica Rivera Antunez, Clarion; Sacoya Jenkins, Belmond; Aguedita Ordonez Tevalan, Belmond;  
Permitting Unauthorized Person to Drive: Selvin Agustin Villeda, Belmond; Julisa Sanchez, Belmond;  
Failure to Change Lane Upon Approach to Emergency Vehicle: Miriam Estrada Gutierrez, Belmond;  
Failure to Maintain Seat Belt: Arthur Loyd, Somers; Brian Collins, Lu Verne;  
Failure to use Child Restraint Device: Jaime Lopez Luna, Eagle Grove; Brittany Lockey, Northwood;  
Improper Rear Lamps: Kelly Miles, Belmond;  
Failure to Comply with Safety Regulations:  
Open Container: Yashua Winters, Goodell;  
Possession of Alcohol by Person 18/19/20: Dayton Drake, Alexander;  
Permit Under 18 to Consume: Bryan Paxtor Gomez, Clarion;  
Increasing Loading Capacity: Kyle Watne, Belmond;  
Failure to Comply with Safety Regulations: Kyle Watne, Belmond;

**Small Claims**  
Lalor Construction vs. Kari McCutcheon, Eagle Grove. Judgment for the plaintiff on October 5 in the amount of \$3,202.61 with 2.14% interest from October 1.  
Community Choice vs. Marti McNabb, Clear Lake. Judgment for the plaintiff on October 1 in the amount of \$3,148.08 with 2.15% interest from August 3.  
Tesene, Maurer & Maurer DDS vs. Kristina Cook, Bel-

mond. Case dismissed without prejudice on October 2.

**Property Transfer**  
Warranty Deed: Marcia McMurray to Miranda and Chase Berneman; 19-93-23 NE Parcel F in NE1/4; Bliesmer, Deed & Mtg, 9.25 SMW 000008063002608871; 20-2139.  
Warranty Deed: Marcia Ketchum to Marcia Ketchum Life Estate, Nicole Olson, and Mark Ketchum; 35-93-24 NE SW1/4; 26-93-24 NW W1/2 Except; 26-93-24 NW W 17 Acres of E1/2; Belm First Addn Blk 16 Lot 3 S1/2 and Tract; Belm First Addn Blk 16 Lot 4 S1/2 and Tract; Belm First Addn Blk 16 Lot 5 S1/2 and Tract; Belm First Addn Blk 25 Lot 2 S1/2; Belm First Addn Blk 25 Lot 4 S1/2; 20-2146.  
Warranty Deed: Cynthia Mayo to Cynthia Mayo Life Estate and Eric Mayo; 14-93-24 SE Parcel C in E1/2; 20-2147.  
Warranty Deed: New Cooperative Inc to Rodney Claude; 34-92-23 NW Tract in S1/2; 34-92-23 NW Tract in SE1/4; Rown Orig Addn Outlot AH and Tract; 3003520-0063 New Coop 000007916002612170; 20-2152.  
Warranty Deed: Pricilla and Thomas Hoffman to Radar Enterprises LLC; 4-91-26 NW Except Tracts Court Officer Deed; 20-2155.  
Warranty Deed: Mary Noble Trustee and Arlene Shelton Irrevocable Family Trust to Radar Enterprises LLC; 4-91-26 NW Except Tracts Companion Deed to BK 2020 PG 2155; 20-2158.  
Warranty Deed: Joseph and Alina Bosch to Peter Decoster; 25-92-25 SE Parcel Letter C; 20-2160.  
Warranty Deed: Peter Decoster to Jeffrey Netcott; 25-92-25 SE Parcel Letter C; 20-2161.  
Warranty Deed: Judith Zander to Knights View Properties LLC; 16-92-24 NE Lots 16 & 17 in Lake View 2; 16-92-24 NE Dock Area D in Lake View 1; 20-2163.  
Warranty Deed: Lynn Braun, Kathy Braun, Chad Braun, and Dawn Isaacson to Eloy Ramos Jr and Yvette Ramos; 36-91-23 NE Tract in W1/2 of NE1/4; 20-2165.  
Warranty Deed: Sherry Clayton to R Holmes Farm LLC; 2-91-23 NE S1/2; 20-2166.  
Quit Claim Deed: Loren and Angela Lienemann to Jennifer and Carlos Balderas; Dows Orig Addn Blk 1 Lot 8 Fulfillment of Contract BK 2015 PG 1459; 20-2168.  
Warranty Deed: Patrick McCormick to Eunice Ramos; 6-91-24 NW Tract in NE1/4; 20-2174.  
Warranty Deed: Lewis Nickell to Rebecca Porter, Vicki Adams, Peggy VanGrevenhof, Cheryl Jacobsen, and Lewis Nickell; EG Northwestern Addn Blk 4 Lot 9; EG Northwestern Addn Blk 4 Lot 10 N2/3; 20-2175.  
Warranty Deed: Curtiss and Malinda Stoller to Joe Roberts; Belm First Addn Blk 14 Lot 5; Belm First Addn Blk 14 Lot 6; Belm First Addn Blk 14 Lot 7; Belm First Addn Blk 14 Lot 8; 20-2186.

**Single vehicle rollover near EG**

According to the Wright County Sheriffs's Department, a mother and adult son from Dakota City were involved in a single vehicle rollover just before 10 a.m. this morning, Thursday, Oct. 8. The accident happened just west of Eagle Grove near the cemetery curve. The Eagle Grove Fire Department, police, EMS, and the Wright County Sheriff's Department responded to the call. Both the mother and son were transported by ambulance to an area hospital.



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**Figueroa goes 16 for 16**

Eagle Grove High School freshman, Celeste Figueroa went 16 for 16 serves in the second match against the JV Garner-Hayfield-Ventura team on Monday, Oct. 12 in Garner. The teams faced off in four matches and split the set, each winning two games. Photo by Kim Demory

**Two scholarships available for college students**

The Wright County Soil and Water Conservation District has two scholarships that are available to eligible college students. These scholarships are for students who have completed at least 1 year of college or who are entering their sophomore year of college or above. The applicants should be originally from Wright County. The scholarships will be awarded after the completion of the first semester of the sophomore year or above. Each scholarship is in the amount of \$250.

1) The Phyllis Tourtelotte Memorial Scholarship is for students who are active in pursuing a career in soil conservation work or an agriculture-related field. The student should be working towards a goal that would help contribute to the protection and improvement of land and water resources.

2) The Carol McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship is for

students who are active in pursuing a career in Business Management; Administrative Office Assistant; or Agriculture Information Technology (GIS; ArcView; etc). The student should be business-minded working in an office or an agricultural field.

The recipients of both scholarships should maintain a full-time status while enrolled in college. They must continue to make satisfactory progress while enrolled in college.

Please call the SWCD office at 515-532-2165, ext 3 to request an application.

The Wright County Soil and Water Conservation District office is located at 1133 Central Ave. W. in Clarion.

Scholarship applications are due by November 6, 2020 to the district office.

The Wright SWCD Board of Commissioners will choose the recipient.

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

*6-year-olds laugh an average of 300 times a day. Adults only laugh 15-100 times a day. Let's all be 6 again!*



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*Thank You*

The family of Kay Derscheid would like to thank our family and friends for their kinds words, prayers, and support shown to us during this difficult time. The many cards, flowers, gifts, and food brought in were greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank the EG ambulance, Rotary Senior Living administrator, and St. Croix Hospice for the compassion and care given to Kay. Thank you also to Pator Alaira for your words of comfort and Chad and Lisa Foust for your kindness and emotional support.

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Obituaries

Thomas Hamer

1929-2020

Thomas Dale Hamer, the son of Harvey O. and Florence O. (Smith) Hamer, was born on January 27, 1929, in Clarion, Iowa. He was raised and educated near Woolstock, graduating from Woolstock High School in 1947. Tom was the last surviving member of his graduating class. He was a lifelong farmer, working the land and raising hogs, cattle, sheep and chickens.

On October 4, 1953, Tom married Elaine Odland in Woolstock and they had three children, Glenda and twins Dale and Dean. Elaine preceded him in death on November 29, 1965. In 1977, Tom married Barbara (Christensen) Blue at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Eagle Grove.

Tom enjoyed traveling in the motor home, fishing, watching college basketball – cheering for the Hawkeyes and most of all, he lived to mow!!

Tom passed away on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, surrounded by his family, at Van Diest Medical in Webster City, at the age of 91 years. He was also preceded in death by his parents and son Dale.

Survivors include his wife, Barb Hamer of Eagle Grove; daughter, Glenda Schincke (Merlin) of Dakota Dunes, SD; son, Dean Hamer (Jody) of Story City; daughter-in-law, Cindy Hamer of Murray; ten grandchildren: Chad, David, Janet, Kevin, Andrew, Michelle, Eric, David, Megan and Katy; ten great-grandchildren; step-son, Doug Blue (Bridget) of Trimont, MN and step-daughter, Donna Waltz (Howard) of Peoria, AZ.

Private family services will be held on Friday, October 9, 2020. Burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery, Eagle Grove.

Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family. Arrangements by Foust Funeral Home, Eagle Grove.

**Services:** No public services  
**Visitation:** No public services  
**Foust Funeral Home**  
515-448-3674, www.foustfh.com, Eagle Grove



Andy Hanson

1950-2020

Andrew James Hanson was born December 18 1950 to parents Lester and Esther (Hansen) Hanson in Goldfield Iowa. Andy attended Goldfield schools graduating in 1969.

Andy served our country in the US Navy in 1969-1973. On December 15, 1973, Andy was united in marriage with Cynthia Jeanne Engman, in New Port, RI, where Andy was stationed. The couple returned to Iowa and made their home in Goldfield.

Andy worked several years at G & H Napa, Eagle Grove Iowa; C & R Buick Pontiac, Clarion Iowa and Sparboe Foods, Eagle Grove Iowa.

Andy enjoyed driving and repairing automobiles. He also was an avid fan of TV westerns.

Andy passed away on Thursday, October 8, 2020, at the age of 69 years. He was preceded in death by his wife, Cindy, his parents, son, Jacob O. Hanson, brother Donald Way and nephew Brett Andersen.

Survivors include his sons, Dan Hanson and wife Heather of Madrid Iowa, Gabriel Hanson of Goldfield Iowa and Nathan Hanson of Goldfield Iowa; granddaughters, Katelyn and Genevieve; sisters Carolyn (Gene) Awtry, Reasnor Iowa, Leandra (Nick) Andersen, Clear Lake Iowa, Cindy (Duane) Sampson, Stuart Florida, Fae (Mark) Lykke, Spencer Iowa.

Visitation with family present Tuesday October 13 from 5pm to 7pm at Foust Funeral Home, Eagle Grove Iowa. Private family funeral services will be held with burial in Glenwood Cemetery.

Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family. www.foustfh.com

**Services:** Private family funeral services  
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**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Fr. Jerry Blake  
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Ph: 515-532-3586  
Thursday, Oct. 15

12:00 noon Weekday Mass/with Confession after, at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove  
Friday, Oct. 16  
8:00 am Weekday Mass/with Confession after, at St. John, Clarion  
Saturday, Oct. 17  
Baby Needs Weekend  
4:00 pm Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont

(Confession before Mass)  
Confession by appoint to Father Blake  
8:00 pm Spanish Mass St. John, Clarion (with Live Stream)  
7:00-7:45 pm Confessions at St. John  
Sunday, Oct. 18  
Baby Needs Weekend  
8:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove (with Live Streaming)  
(Confession following Mass)  
10:30 am Mass at St. John, Clarion  
(Confession following Mass)  
Monday, Oct. 19  
8:15 am Rosary at St. Francis, Belmont  
6:30 pm CDA at St. Francis, Belmont  
Tuesday, Oct. 20  
10:00 am Cluster Office Closed (Staff Meeting)  
11:00 am Fatima Rosary at Sacred Heart Eagle Grove  
Wednesday, Oct. 21  
Youth Faith Formation Classes  
8:00 am Mass at St. Francis Xavier, Belmont  
(Confession available)  
9:00 am Sewing Mission at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove  
Thursday, Oct. 22  
Time: Event:  
Cluster Office Closed Pastoral Leadership Study Day  
NO Mass at Sacred Heart, Eagle Grove

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Thursday, Oct. 15:  
10 a.m. Pastors' Prayer  
Sunday, Oct. 18:  
9 a.m. Worship Following Social Distancing (MASKS REQUIRED)  
Monday, Oct. 19:  
5 p.m. Worship on Cable - CH -12 or 117.3  
Tuesday, Oct. 20  
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee  
6 p.m. Church Council  
Wednesday, Oct. 21:  
9 a.m. Bible Study  
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— One recipe at a time —

BY JANICE ANDERSEN  
EG Eagle Contributor

I was at Fareway this week when Elaine Jorgensen stopped me. She handed me a copy of the Fareway Cents Able Health Issue 37 July – September 2020 and asked if I had tried any of the recipes in it. She particularly said that I should try the Blueberry French Toast Bake. Elaine had made it and said it was really good.

I told her I would check it out. In looking at the recipe, I noticed that it was an overnight recipe. I was going to my sister's house on Saturday, so I brought all the ingredients to her home and we made it together. We put it together the first part and put it in the refrigerator. In the morning, we took it out and the first thing we noticed was that the bread soaked up all the liquid. We put the topping on and popped it in the oven.

We served up the French Toast Bake and we drizzled maple syrup on top. It was a warm, sweet and delicious. The blueberries were a perfect addition. I would make this again.

I would like to share more recipes and need your help. Do you have a recipe that you would like to share? Please let me know by calling the Eagle Grove Eagle or emailing me at Andersen-71@hotmail.com

Blessings and Enjoy Breakfast!

Blueberry French Toast Bake  
Makes 6 servings

- 6 slices bread
- 4 Eggs
- 1/4 tsp Cinnamon
- 1/4 cup & 2 Tablespoons Brown Sugar
- 1/2 cup Blueberries
- 1 cup & 2 Tablespoon Milk
- 1 tsp Vanilla Extract
- 1/4 Cup All-Purpose Flour
- 3 Tablespoon, Unsalted Butter, Cold and Cubed

Spray an 8' x 8' baking dish with nonstick spray. Cut bread into 1-inch cubes and spread into the baking dish. Top with blueberries. Whisk together eggs, milk, cinnamon, brown sugar and vanilla. Pour over the bread and blueberries. Cover the dish and refrigerate for at least three hours, up to overnight.

When ready to bake, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare streusel topping by combining ingredients in a small bowl. Mix with two forks, cutting in butter. Sprinkle topping over the French toast and bake for 30 minutes or until middle is set.

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### Rights and votes

My jaw dropped as the clerk said, "What's your social?" I had always thought of it as a Social Security Number. I'm learning to get modern little by little as the language evolves.

I was talking with some friends about rights the other day. It turns out that I had a pretty closed minded idea of what rights are. I had thought that a right, if it took away the rights of another person was no longer a right because it canceled itself out. The idea of a "right" to an education, for example, would violate the property rights of the people who paid for that education.

Frederic Bastiat was a French economist who wrote a book called "The Law" published in 1850. (I've mentioned him many times. The short book is available online for free. Search Google, "the law bastiat.") "The Law" was written two years after Marx and Engles' "The Communist Manifesto."

For those of us who think things are just hunky dory, this voting season should be easy. I happen to think things are great in my life, but need improvement for so many others and especially for future generations. Being in the rural Midwest, most people probably feel the same way as I. The local papers have statements and interviews to help us decide which candidates or issues to vote for.

What is lacking is a set of principles that we can use to judge the candidates' positions. Principles are an interesting thing, in that they develop from analyzing events or policies from the past and how they've shaped the present.



THE ALTERNATIVE Fritz Groszkruger

I talk to a lot of people who "vote their pocketbook." For instance, Theresa Greenfield and Joni Ernst have attacked each other, in the corn state, for lack of support for ethanol. If Bastiat's principles were followed, support for ethanol would not be an issue at all. Ethanol producers and fuel producers in general would simply produce what consumers want.

Bastiat's book is a job description for government. If you got a job cleaning out sewers (like Jimmy Stewart did in "Seventh Heaven," a 1937 film. See it!), you wouldn't paint murals down there too. That would be a waste of the sewer budget. And those funds could have been used to fill potholes.

I was once a politician. I ran for Iowa Secretary of Agriculture. I lost. People would ask, "How will you address the complicated issues?" I probably over simplified things a bit but I said I would base any decisions on the job description.

As we research for our votes we need to look at these job descriptions (especially for federal offices because they are the most profitable

to abuse). In the examples of the sewer worker and fuel producer, the unseen is what could be done with the energy wasted on murals and mandated fuel blends that don't provide consumers and producers with a market driven profit.

While I am on the subject of information and its effect on the vote I need to point out the lack of availability of information. I have personal knowledge of censorship on Google, YouTube, and Facebook. I am just one person, so if you take that times millions of other people the extent of that censorship could amount to enough to influence a lot of votes.

An interesting development recently is Joe Rogan selling his business to Spotify. Joe Rogan is a real journalist. He interviews a hugely diverse range of people, in contrast to radio shows on public radio and conservative talk radio. He probes, he listens, he lets interviewees talk. Now Spotify employees are threatening to strike if Rogan's freedom of speech is allowed by the company.

Bastiat's book describes government as a protector, not a grantor, of rights. Beyond that, people can get along just fine in mutually agreeable arrangements. But as Country Joe McDonald said in 1967, "There's plenty of money to be made."

Any responses to The Alternative maybe sent as a letter to the editor or to Fritz's email address 4selfgovernment@gmail.com. His blog, www.alternativebyfritz.com, is now being updated regularly. It's diverse, like the universities claim to be.

### For What It's Worth



The Eagle Grove City Council voted recently to go ahead with Beggar's Night this year. This is great news in the eyes of all the local kids who enjoy their annual Trick-or-Treating. If you have kids, or hand out goodies every year, you know what a night of fun and excitement this is, not only for the kids, but for their parents as well.

While it's true things will have to be done a little differently this year in light of COVID, it doesn't mean it has to be "not as good" of an experience for the little ghosts, goblins, and princesses of Eagle Grove. On the contrary, it can be even better. How, you're wondering?

I'm totaling stealing this from a Facebook post I saw from Kate Porter. It looks like she was the original author...if you were not, I apologize to the one who wrote it. Regardless, it is a BRILLIANT idea. Here's what the post said:

"How about this year, we all make an effort to make this the best trick or treat these kids have seen? Turn every porch light on. Give away extra candy. Sit in your driveway with a costume on. Decorate your house more. Play music. Be extra spooky. Buy the BIG candy bars. Go as far as to set up a drink station for adults (we like trick or treat too). Give away hot chocolate. Make every house a party! Don't get mad that there are kids from other neighborhoods showing up. (They may not live in an area that has trick or treat) And for Pete's sake let the kids who may be older come and have something normal that they can enjoy. So many of these kids are struggling for some normalcy in their lives just as much as the adults. This is the year to just LET THEM BE KIDS! This is such a small way we can help some kids feel like kids again!"

Like I said, BRILLIANT! Imagine the joy on the faces of these kids to feel not only some sense of normalcy for a change, but to feel the extra love being poured out. And let's be honest...costumes, spooky music, extravagant decorations - that's fun for the adults too as they walk around with their little ones. Over the years of Trick-or-Treating with my girls, some of the most memorable places for them have been the Davis house when someone dressed up like a scarecrow with a jack-

o-lantern head and it moved and talked when they came for candy and the Harkema House that has such fun Halloween Decorations that even adults like to have their pictures taken there. Of course other favorites included the house that always gives away a full size candy bar, the couple that gives out juice pouches, one year there was Play-Doh and super balls; and last year someone even gave out books. Wow!

Back when I was a kid, growing up on the farm, Trick-or-Treating was just as much a social event for the adults as it was for the kids. Our parents had the route all worked out so some were taking their kids around while others were home to hand out the candy, then they swapped so those kids could go out while we stayed home to hand out candy. We had an old cellar-like basement that had access from inside the house. It was awesome...it was unfinished, but big and clean and where we made inside Hop-Scotch frames, listened to records on the 45 turn-table, roller skated....and turned it into a Haunted House on several Halloween occasions. It took some work, but it was just as fun for us setting it up as it was for the people going through. I remember peeled grapes in a sink of water, stuffed clothes with foam heads lying on the freezer, scary music playing, cobwebs, and my sites being dressed up in costumes to add a little bit of an eerie feeling. Let's just say it was a "kind of haunted house." :)

I agree with Kate (or if you borrowed the idea from someone else a shout out to them and my apologies for not knowing you were the original author of the post) let's make this the BEST HALLOWEEN Ever for these kids. It's something we can FINALLY CONTROL during COVID. There are ways to be safe and still have fun. If you live in a part of town where there aren't many Trick-or-Treaters, think about reaching out to someone who lives in a busy part of town and maybe teaming up. You can social distance while you do it. I've seen some pretty cool ideas on Pinterest and other social media sites how people are getting creative about handing out candy - some are using PVC pipe to make long slides that the candy will go down and into their bags. Check it out and see what might inspire you.

— Editor, Kim Demory

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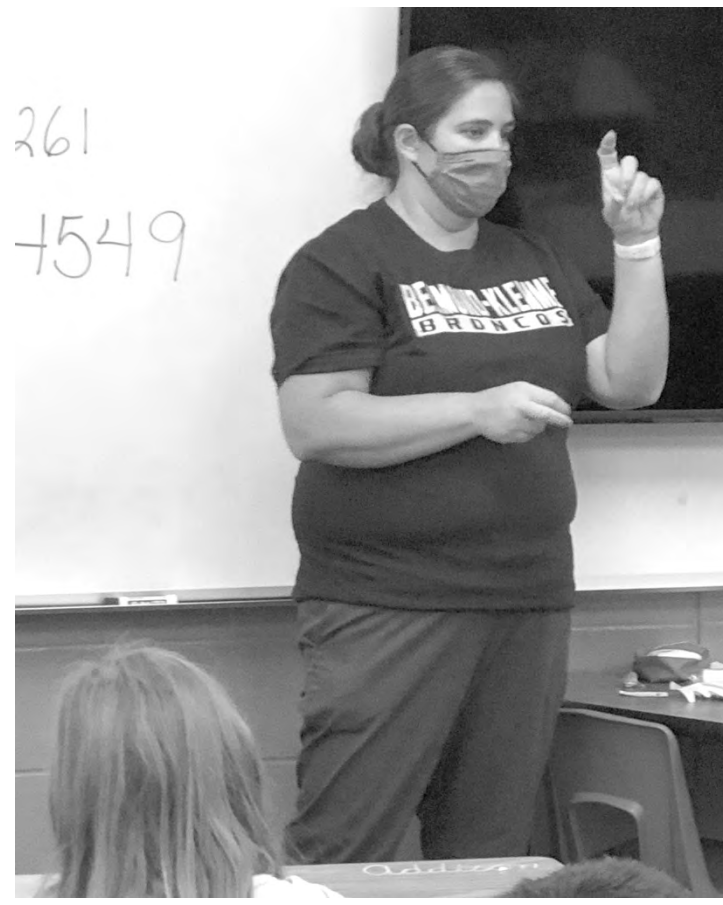
### Safety Day Camp, 2020 style

Due to schools' field trip restrictions because of the COVID-19 outbreak, the Wright County Farm Bureau and ISU Extension's Safety Day Camp for third graders was unlike any other. Since the students could not travel to the camp, a small part of the camp came to them!

WCFB received grants from the Wright County Charitable Foundation (WCCF) and Iowa's Center for Agricultural Safety and Health (I-CASH) to purchase first aid kits for all of Wright County's third graders. In past years, nurses from Wright County Public Health Department have

presented breakout sessions on first aid and ways to stay healthy to the boys and girls. Since the camp was not held, the school nurses stepped in and presented a lesson about hand washing and other ways to prevent the spread of germs. The first aid kits were presented to the children following the lesson.

Wright County Farm Bureau thanks the school nurses for their willingness to assist with this project. Thank you to WCCF and I-CASH for making it possible to purchase the kits. We hope to hold Safety Day Camp in September 2021.



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# Wright Warriors celebrate National 4-H Week

National 4-H week celebrates the power and promise of youth. 4-H'ers pledge their head to clearer thinking, their hearts to greater loyalty, their hands to larger service, and their health to better living for their clubs, their communities, their country, and their world. Get involved. Become a 4-H member or volunteer. Call the Wright County Extension and Outreach Office at 515-532-3453.



Four members of the Wright Warriors 4-H Club decorated the new Eagle Grove Eagle newspaper office window to start off National 4-H Week. They used the theme "Unmask your potential," which played off the current pandemic which has forced them to even learn how to do meetings a different way...and of course the Wright County Fair. The window featured several projects that the kids have done in the past for the fair. Helping with the window, from left, were: Jaclynn Demory, Quinn Whaley, Mollie Demory, and Olivia Andersen. Photo by Kim Demory



Pictured at left: Quinn Whaley represented the Wright Warriors in the National 4-H Week trivia competition sponsored by the Wright County ISU Extension Office. The event took place at Gazebo Park in Clarion with one member from each Wright County club showing just how much they knew about the rich history of 4-H. Quinn got the most answers right and as a reward won a free pizza party for the entire Wright Warriors club. This was a new event held this year to celebrate the national week. Photo by Allison Whaley



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### 4-H Cont. from Page 1

the event out with a semi-formal Gala.

"It was so much fun meeting new people and getting to know what other 4-H Clubs do," said Shea.

While Shea brought back many new and interesting ideas with her from this conference, she was especially inspired by a program she heard about called Samaritan's Feet, a nonprofit organization that collects gently used shoes to send to impoverished children in South Africa and around the world. She had planned to organize her own collection drive for the organization during the annual 4-H Fun Nite held each March in Wright County, but unfortunately, the event was held just after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic so her mission was unable to happen this year.

In April of 2021, she will have another amazing opportunity that came from taking the time to write a resume and show off the communications skills she's learned from participating in county fair cattle shows, static

entries, and working exhibits over the year. She has been selected to attend the National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C. This trip will provide 4-Hers from all across the United States to learn more about our Nation's government than 4-H. They will be staying at the National 4-H Conference Center, visiting the Capital, and meeting with the Senators to talk with them about current issues as well as 4-H and the impact it makes on young minds. Shea is highly anticipating this trip despite the fact she has already been to D.C. one other time through 4-H as part of a Citizen Focus trip.

These three are just a few of the possibilities kids have when they join 4-H. Whether you chose to participate in traveling adventures like Shea, or decide to focus your time and talents on things more locally like the Wright County Fair and State Fair entries, there's a world of opportunities waiting for you, and Shea encourages you to take advantage of them. You never know what you will learn or discover as a new hobby.



One passion Shea discovered through 4-H that she might not have otherwise known she enjoyed was showing cattle.

When she was in fifth grade, a family friend said he had a heifer she could show if they wanted. Shea decided to give it a try, and not only has she been showing cattle at the Wright County Fair and earned trips to show them at the Iowa State Fair, but she has also entered numerous other cattle shows not even associated with 4-H. She has competed in Iowa Junior Beef Breeds Association Jackpot Shows, Junior Nationals, and the AKSARBEN show to name just a few of the many she's competed in over the years. Her brother, Quinn, a sixth year member of the Wright Warriors 4-H Club also shows cattle at these shows.

Other favorite areas of interest Shea has competed in at the county and State level through 4-H include photography, animal science, and vet science - but she has competed in a large majority of other divisions also available through 4-H.

"But what I've enjoyed most about being involved in 4-H is the opportunity to meet so many new people," said Shea. "I wouldn't have the friends I have today without it."

The Wright Warriors meet the first Sunday of the month at 4 p.m. They are currently enrolling new members who are in the fourth through 12 grades. If you are interested, please call Allison Whaley, Paige Grandgeorge, or the Wright County Extension Office in Clarion.

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## "Start With Hello"



The recent addition of a "Buddy Bench" at Eagle Grove Elementary allows kids who are feeling left out to sit down and let others know they would like to be invited to play. Elijah Weber (left) and Cristina Waldo (right) show us how the Buddy Bench can still be used during COVID with social distancing guidelines in play.

Photo by Kim Demory

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If you have an elementary student at home or living next door, ask them about school last week. If they give you the usual "Nothing," ask them again, and be more specific this time. Ask them about "Start With Hello" week. Ask them if they met anyone new or found out something interesting about a friend? They might have an entirely different answer and be excited to tell you all about "Start With Hello Call to Action Week."

The Eagle Grove Elementary students participated in the "Start With Hello" week for the second year in a row. The program is part in the nation-wide Sandy Hook Promise which encourages students to take "small but powerful actions to promote connectedness and inclusion, and to identify and help lonely students who are showing signs of social isolation." Eagle Grove Elementary Guidance Counselor Carrie Niehaus was excited to bring it back to the young students in her building in a fun and conversation-provoking way that included social distancing due to COVID-19.

Last year, Niehaus asked community members to come in one morning and greet the kids as they walked into school. Since she could not do that this year, she instead encouraged the entire community to make videos and post them to their line at link: <https://flipgrid.com/e8359efa>. The kids then viewed them in school. If you didn't make a video, don't worry, you can still do so. It's never too late to spread a "Hello" to people in our community...especially kids.

Last year, during lunchtime, whereas students are usually seated together by grade, Niehaus mixed the students up. This gave them the opportunity to sit by someone new. To encourage conversation, Niehaus placed conversation starter cards on the

table. This year, however, again due to COVID, Niehaus found a way to still do the activity, but still keep the kids safe. She just kept them in their usual lunch pods. Yes, they may already have known each other because of this, but they learned more about them than they knew the day before. The kids had a lot of fun getting to know each other. There was a lot of laughter, a lot of smiles, and even some deeper friendships being formed from these questions and answers taking place.

Some of those questions were very easy - What's your favorite subject in school; If you could have any pet, what would it be and why? Some got very creative with that and said things like a tiger or a monkey. I mean really - who wouldn't think a monkey's fun to have as a pet?! Other questions were more difficult, like "If you could change your name, what would it be?"

Niehaus is hoping to continue the "Start With Hello" tradition in the coming years at Eagle Grove Elementary School. Hopefully next year, the worries of COVID will be gone and the activities can once again be a little more interactive - more high fives in the hallways, more hugs, more mixing kids up and getting them to know new people.

Kids are amazing. They have so much to offer if they only get the chance. While some students are very comfortable making conversation and making new friends, others are more shy or have less confidence. The same is true with adults. The truth of the matter is, all anyone wants is to be included; to feel like they matter; to feel like they have friends. "Start With Hello" was held for the elementary kids, but it's a great reminder for all of us. If you see someone alone, invite them to sit with you. Maybe they're new to the school/community and all they need is for someone to reach out to them. Happier people equal a happier world, and that's something we all benefit from.



Jessica Gonzales enjoyed asking people lots of questions from the stack of conversation starters placed on the tables during lunch time. Photo by Kim Demory

## Iowa ready for a surge of absentee voting

BY TRAVIS FISCHER

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Election Day is officially Tuesday, November 3, however one could argue that the 2020 General Election truly begins in just a couple weeks.

On Monday, October 5, county auditors across the state will start to allow in-person voting at their offices and begin the process of mailing out general election ballots to voters who have requested to vote absentee.

"That's what's special about Iowa. We have a lot of options and Iowans like to have choices," said Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate. "November 3rd is not the one and only day. Every day is an Election Day for somebody that is casting a ballot in Iowa."

### Ballot Request Bombardment

The State of Iowa has always had a very flexible system for voters that want to cast their vote early, but having a highly contested Presidential election during a deadly pandemic has put a spotlight on the state's absentee voting system.

In a typical election, the state often sees between 35-60% of voters using the absentee ballot process, but with more people inclined to avoid crowded polling areas this year, that percentage is expected to significantly increase.

"I think the state average will easily exceed 60%," said Pate. "If it's not a record year, it's going to be pretty close."

The Secretary of State's office recently mailed out absentee ballot request forms to every registered voter in the state, but it's likely that mailer is far from the only ballot request form voters have received in the last several weeks. Voter advocacy organizations and political parties have been extremely proactive in this election, mass mailing ballot request forms to make sure every potential voter has a chance to apply.

With so many ballot request forms being sent out and high profile figures casting doubt on the validity of voting by mail, there are some misconceptions about the security of the absentee voting process and its ability to keep track of who is voting.

Contrary to what some might assume, receiving multiple applications for an absentee ballot is not a sign of a scheme to commit voter fraud. The application form is freely available on the Secretary of State's website to be printed out by anybody and while Iowa courts have ruled that state entities cannot use voter registration data to pre-fill some of the information on the forms, private organizations such as the Center for Voter Information or the Iowa Voter Project have no such restrictions.

"If you're a registered, active voter, you're going to be receiving ballot request forms," said Franklin County Auditor Michelle Giddings.

Regardless of how many request forms out there, each voter still only gets one vote. When a county auditor receives an absentee ballot request, that request is checked against the voter's registration information and that voter is designated to receive an absentee ballot. Once a voter is marked to receive a ballot, the county's computer system will not assign another one, so even if the county receives multiple request forms, only one ballot will be issued.

"Everybody has been receiving multiple absentee request forms," said Giddings. "If they do happen to send in multiples, that's okay. We catch that."

In Cerro Gordo County, County Auditor Adam Wedmore says that his staff



Cerro Gordo County Auditor Adam Wedmore and his staff sent out the first wave of absentee ballots on October 5. Photo submitted

has already received doubles and even triples of applications, mostly from people who have received multiple application forms and sent them in just to be sure.

"That's absolutely fine," said Wedmore. "It's not attempting voter fraud or anything."

If somebody does send multiple ballot request forms, those forms will be filed together. In the event that there is conflicting information between the forms, county auditors will contact the voter to make sure the correct information is on file.

"We'll start an investigation to determine if it's accidental," said Wedmore. "We check multiple fields to make sure that voter is that voter."

Those that send in an absentee ballot request can even track the status of their request through the Secretary of State's website, letting them know that their request has been processed. Outside of that, voters can also call or e-mail their local county auditor to check on the status of their ballot request.

### Voting Begins In October

On October 5, auditors will finally start the process of mailing out ballots.

To receive an absentee ballot by mail, the request form must be delivered to the county auditor's office by Saturday, October 24.

The process can be done entirely through the mail or the voter can take care of it during a single trip to their local courthouse at any point between October 5 and the day before the election. Some county auditors will even be open on Saturdays during the weekends before the election in order to make sure everybody has a chance to get in.

"You can still come to our office and fill out an absentee request form there, or just fill it out before you come and drop it off," said Giddings. "There's no excuse why somebody can't vote."

One way or another, ballots must be returned to the auditor by Monday, November 2. If a ballot isn't in before then, the voter will have to vote at a polling place on Election Day.

Typically, most voters wait until Election Day to cast their ballot, however since the COVID-19 pandemic began, absentee voting has skyrocketed in popularity. During the primary election earlier this year, some counties saw the ratio between absentee voting and in-person voting completely invert and that trend is expected to continue for the upcoming general election.

During the 2016 General

Election, Cerro Gordo County saw a 72% voter turnout, with 10,000 of those votes coming from absentee ballots. This year Wedmore is anticipating double that number of absentee ballots.

"We are projecting a record setting turnout in general and a record setting absentee turnout," said Wedmore. "We're prepared to handle more than 20,000 absentee ballots."

Even in the more sparsely populated Franklin County, the auditor's office has received a thousand requests for an absentee ballot.

"That's a lot," said Giddings. "That's not the normal that it has been in years past."

### Tallying The Absentee Vote

Absentee voting may be more convenient for some voters, but it does come with some additional logistic steps for county auditors. Anticipating a significantly higher percentage of absentee ballots, auditors are shoring up their staff and volunteers to make sure they can be processed in a timely manner.

"We've forwarded significant federal grant money to the counties to help pay for the additional help and machinery," said Pate.

In Cerro Gordo County, Wedmore has assembled a 35-member bi-partisan absentee board that will meet at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, November 2 to start reviewing every single absentee ballot that his office has received.

The board will be split into teams of three and review ballots in groups of 200 at a time to make sure they are properly filled out. Each ballot package is assigned a tracking number and its journey is documented from the voter's hands through the county auditor's office right up until the moment it is removed from the secrecy envelope.

"I can tell you who touched it and when," said Wedmore.

From there the ballots will be stacked, sealed, and stored in a vault until counting begins on Monday night. Two computer systems, completely isolated from any outside network, will scan the ballots and tally the results, which will be posted when the polls close at 9:00 p.m. on Election Day.

From there, the tallied absentee votes will be reported in the same way as any other precinct.

Wedmore's absentee board has already run simulated trials to make sure they will be able to process the anticipated high

number of absentee ballots, however he says he would welcome a bit of additional breathing room.

By law, the earliest that absentee ballot counting can begin is the day before the election. However, the Secretary of State is seeking permission to allow counties to get a head start on the process.

"I have put in a request before the legislating council to extend that processing time to the Saturday before the election because of what we perceive to be a high amount of absentee activity," said Pate.

### In-Person Voting Still An Option

Making sure that traditional polling places will be properly staffed and equipped has been a major challenge for auditors across the state.

Due to the pandemic, auditors have struggled to find volunteers and to make sure that polling places can facilitate social distancing. Because poll workers are traditionally older volunteers in high risk health categories, many have understandably declined to staff a polling location in this election.

"We need 10,000 folks to help us out and with COVID there are some unique challenges there," said Pate. "That's a big issue."

During the primary election earlier this year some auditors made the decision to consolidate their polling locations into fewer locations, with some counties operating just a single location for voters to cast their ballot in person. Since then, the state legislature has mandated that a county auditor cannot reduce the number of their polling places by more than 35%, forcing auditors to staff and operate at least two-thirds of their normal polling locations.

In Franklin County, County Auditor Michelle Giddings reduced her polling places from 11 locations to one during the primary election, utilizing the county convention center to make sure that voters were able to keep spread out as they went through the process. For the general election, Franklin County will have eight polling places open on Election Day.

"I have had a difficult time finding election workers, but I think now I have a full roster," said Giddings. "Now I'm just looking for people to be on reserve in case someone can't come last minute."

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## Eagle team third at Dick Bell Invite

### Weland fifth, four others in top 17

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The Eagle varsity did a nice job of taking advantage of their home course last Tuesday at the Dick Bell Invitational. West Fork won Class B with just 54 points, followed in the top three of seven complete teams by Bishop Garrigan with 57 and the Eagles with 61 points. Riley Witt of St. Ansgar came home in 17:39.41 for the win. Clear Lake won Class A, with Eric Wittrock of Humboldt crossing in 17:05.48 for first place.

"This is the one meet all season that I put a lot of emphasis on with our athletes," stated head coach Ben Demuth. "I want them to understand how important it is to run well on our home course for a variety of reasons. We as a coaching staff kind of ramp up our expectations for this meet, the main reasons being we are competing in front of a favorable fan base and we want to do well for our fans. It is also later in the season, and so I want to understand how important our meets are at this time of year. We are heading into the final weeks of the season, and a little pressure can usually be a good thing when applied correctly. I thought that our team responded very well to these ideas, and ran very well on a course that in my opinion is one of the toughest we run all season. It was also unusually warm and windy, so it made for a perfect combination of things to test us."

Drake Weland led the way with another fine performance, taking fifth in 18:59.37. Not far behind, and packed together, were Noah Thul in 20:16.32 for 13th, Jensen Cooper in 20:26.30 for 14th, Justin Agtun in 20:43.36 for 16th and Derricklee Harms in 20:50.63 for 17th. Just three spots back was Cael Wesselink in 21:06.05 for 20th, followed by Adam Herrington in 23:13.68 for 35th.

"The varsity had one of their closest finishes in the team order yet," said the coach. "I thought Drake ran as well as anybody in our class, and he was top five throughout most of the course and he gave us a great effort to finish in the top five overall. Our next four did exactly what we needed them to do in running with a pack mentality and ran the course as a group. That was fun to watch and coach on the night. They were all relatively close to each other, and while I would like to see their times come down a bit they did what they need to do for future meets. Adam continues to build strength in his leg and mentally I knew this would be a tough course to test him. I thought he ran as well as can be expected based on the amount of time his injury has robbed him of. JV runners Alexander and Jaden continue to push each other for a top eight spot on varsity, and it is fun to watch their competitiveness with each other and the rest of the runners. Both of them are back next season and should be people we can

rely on for the future. Cael, Alex, Felix and Jose also ran well and I was pleased with how they did overall."

He also wants to give a huge shoutout to the home fans at the meet. "I encourage you to come this week to the conference meet and next week to the state qualifier, both at home," said the coach. "I also want to thank everyone who helped make the Dick Bell the high quality meet that it is. We always hear a ton of comments about how well our meet is run and that is because of all the volunteers who help out."

On Thursday they ran at Jewell in a meet hosted by South Hamilton. The Jim Klein Invitational saw Madrid take the title with 20 points, followed in the top three by East Marshall with 85 and AC/GC with 87 points. The Eagles were eighth. Jason Benze of Madrid won with a 16:12.33 at the finish.

"This has always been a tough meet for us due to the fact that we put so much energy into our home meet, and I was a little worried about how things would go as we were sore, tired and maybe a little distracted," said Demuth. "However, they came to compete and did what was needed even though we had five guys total out of our lineup. Of the ten that ran, seven of them had a season best effort. This is a fast course and is one that generally we should see good times on, but I was not real sure how we would respond. Great thing is that I am not a betting person, as these guys showed some true heart and went out and gave me their very best. Our team standing was not great, and had everyone been in our lineup I believe we would have finished in the upper half."

Weland ran a 18:42.12 for 20th, followed by Harms in 19:41.24 for 34th; Agtun in 19:41.76 for 35th; Cooper in 19:42.49 for 36th; Herrington in 21:35.36 for 68th; Frakes in 21:59.29 for 75th; Armstead in 22:19.83 for 81st; A. Gaspar in 24:20.07 for 103rd; F. Gaspar in 25:43.00 for 109th; Crail in 26:28.27 for 113th and Lizama in 26:52.71 for 115th.

"There was no classification, so varsity and JV ran together and we did the best we could with what we had," said Demuth. "Jaden earned himself a varsity letter which was pretty special as a coach to watch as he always does everything we ask of him and gives 110 percent all the time. Our varsity counters did well and we had a pack mentality again. At this point of the season that is a great thing to see."

Middle school finishes were as follows: Dylan Beck in 13:17.34 for seventh; Zabdi Castro in 14:07.15 for 13th; Evan Cooper in 14:38.71 for 20th; Patrick Heaton in 15:22.07 for 31st; Zach Hogrefe in 15:39.68 for 34th; Cohen Mason in 16:04.80 for 36th; Felix Reyes in 17:56.71 for 47th; Felix Gonzalez in 19:06.91 for 53rd and Drew Robinson in 21:02.87 for 62nd.



Felix Gonzalez competes for the Eagle JV at the home meet last Tuesday. Photo by Gloria Becker



Patrick Heaton runs for RBMS at the Dick Bell Invite. Photo by Les Houser



Cael Schafer competes on the home course last Tuesday. Photo by Les Houser



Renee Withers runs for the RBMS team at the Dick Bell meet. Photo by Les Houser



Freshman Darci Anderson enjoys her run at the Dick Bell Invitational meet last Tuesday. Photo by Les Houser



Zabdi Castro keeps up his pace as part of the RBMS runners last Tuesday. Photo by Les Houser



Pictured at left: Monique Garcia represented RBMS in that race at the home invitational last Tuesday. Photo by Les Houser

## Eagle girls cross country...

### The team with a strong bond

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The Lady Eagle cross country team has become more determined than ever in making a promise to be there for each other and do what it takes to be successful. It's a 'One for All and All for One' attitude that just might lead to some good things!

They first reflected back on last Tuesday's event. Senior Lea Friedl will be trying for her fourth straight trip to Fort Dodge. "It is my last year, so my goal was to win at the home meet as a senior," said the Dick Bell champion. "It was exciting. Fans were cheering for me as I came to the finish."

Junior Alejandra Lopez enjoyed her moment on the home course. "It was harder than I expected," she said in referring to the challenging run. "I tried to stay relaxed. I made fans proud of my effort."

Sophomore Madi Axtell felt her day went good. "I had never ran at home before, so I was nervous," she said. "Since I had practiced on the course, that made me feel better about my chances. I was able to run down and pass a few ahead of me."

When asked for their goals, each one has a focus on what is important to them for their running career. "Make first team at the conference meet, and then at regionals place in the top ten to qualify again for state," said Friedl.

"I just want to be faster than my previous race," said Lopez.

"I want to be closer to my teammates," said Axtell.

"My goal would be to have all three make all-conference," added coach Mike Herrington. "I want to see them walk off the home course as top 30 finishers."

The answer from Madi on being closer to her teammates is already literally true, as this group of girls is closer to each other because of not only a small in numbers team but also that they genuinely care about each other and are willing to help each other be better and faster. They know, from the practice routine that coach Herrington uses, that they can pull each other along

to achieve the goals they each have. And when that happens, all three of them can celebrate and feel good about themselves as being the perfect teammate for the others.

"They've helped me a lot," said Friedl about her teammates at practices. "Everyday that they improve, I have to try harder to catch them." "It feels good to be able to help each other get better," added Lopez. "I always look back to see if they're coming, and I always try to keep up my pace," said Axtell.



Photo by Les Houser

and I can forget about everything and just run my race. It's a fun sport. Yes it's hard, but can be rewarding at the end of a race."

"Mentally, it's made me believe in myself and challenge myself everyday," said Axtell. "When I come to the finish, I know that I pushed through and accomplished something. I can see a physical change too." They all agree that everyone on the team is supportive of each other, and that other girls who maybe think they are not good runners can still benefit from trying it.

In this sport, anyone is welcomed no matter your skill level. If you want to try it, they will find a place for you. That is the beauty of cross country, as there are simply no 'bench warmers'!

"This team is a true reflection of what cross country should be," said coach Herrington. "They're a band of sisters that come together and work to make themselves better but individually make their team better. Day in and day out, you see a greater degree of unity and support for each other. Darci is also at every meet, and runs a length of the course while all three of them cheer her on. At South Hamilton, they ran with each other pulling her along."

Herrington went on to say that, since 2008, he has promoted the idea that the word team 'doesn't have an 'I' in it'. "Our goal

at all levels always has been to make others better through our own individual efforts on a daily basis," said the coach. "I have three primary goals that we foster, which are commit to improve, accept challenges and most importantly that we should go after things that we know are not simple, easy and natural to do. Whether you're a middle school or high school runner, I should always be what can I do to make everyone better, then I'll make myself better too!"

The formula has produced conference titles, individual and team state appearances, opportunity to build positive memories and build confidence in our team members over the years!

## 8th grade volleyball

BY JIM MCLAUGHLIN  
Coach

This is another large group of players and this will definitely help create larger numbers for the high school program. The team has been working hard on individual and team skill development. Some of the individual skills they are improving on are passing, setting, attacking (hitting, downballs, and deep pushes), blocking, digging, and just competing. One of the team skills they are working on is transitioning from their defensive positioning to their offensive positioning and back to their base defense. Other team skills that they are improving are

communicating, supporting each other when things are going good or bad, and not accepting excuses. They have played 4 matches so far with 3 left to go in the season. They defeated West Hancock and Garner-Hayfield-Ventura and lost to Belmont-Klemme twice.

Team members are Maya Aguilar, Michelle Calles, Yazmin DeLeon, Myah Edwards, Jocelyn Gonzales, Addy Jeske, Gabby Lobato, Mylee Lofton, Tarissa Middleton, Destinee Murphy, Genesis Padilla, Natalie Pedersen, Gizelle Perez, Gracie Severson, Kennedy Thacker, Izzy Tilley, Emma Weber, Piper Willard and Jersey Wilwerth.

## EGHS Athletes of the week



LEA FRIEDL - CC  
Daughter of Amanda Friedl



DARCI ANDERSON - CC  
Daughter of Mike and Angie Anderson



DRAKE WELAND - CC  
Son of Billie and Mitch Weland

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## EG Girls swim results

### Dodgers vs. Mason City

10/6  
Varsity  
200 medley relay: (C) 2:31.26 (5th) Andersen-1st leg 38.96 split; Dawson-2nd leg 42.59 split  
200 free: Kienzle 2:21.18 (4th)  
200 free relay: (A) 1:46.83 (2nd) Kienzle-3rd leg 27.78 split; (C) 2:12.71 (6th) Dawson-2nd leg 34:15 split  
100 back: Andersen 1:27.59 (6th)  
100 breast: Kienzle 1:19.21 (4th)  
400 free relay: (A) 4:22.50 (4th) Kienzle-4th leg 1:06.03 split  
Final score: Mohawks 104, Dodgers 76  
JV  
50 free: E. Johnston 34.43 (6th)  
100 bfly: Dawson 1:27.74 (2nd)  
100 free: Andersen 1:10.14 (3rd)  
100 back: Dawson 1:34.15 (2nd)  
Final score: Dodgers 59.5, Mohawks 59.5

Coach Beaumont comments: "A few of the Eagle Grove girls were back in our lineups for this meet, and they swam great for being out of the water for a couple weeks!"

### Dodgers vs. Spencer, Carroll

10/8  
Varsity  
200 free: Kienzle 2:20.78 (3rd)  
100 free: Kienzle 1:04.43 (6th)  
200 free relay: (A) 1:48.99 (3rd) Kienzle-3rd leg 28.33 split  
100 back: Andersen 1:31.96 (6th)  
400 free relay: (A) 4:19.45 (4th) Kienzle-4th leg 1:03.85 split; (B) 4:47.70 (6th) Andersen-4th leg 1:11.58 split  
JV  
200 IM Relay: (A) 2:25.98 (2nd) E. Johnston-2nd leg 39.34 split; Dawson-3rd leg 36.51 split; (B) 2:51.04 (4th) Kreitlow-4th leg 37.30 split  
200 free: Dawson 2:44.12 (5th)  
100 bfly: Dawson 1:26.63 (3rd)  
100 free: Andersen 1:10.53 (4th)  
200 free relay: (A) 2:16.24 (2nd) Andersen-1st leg; Dawson-2nd leg; E. Johnston-3rd leg; (B) 2:44.10 (5th) Kreitlow-1st leg 39.05 split  
100 breast: E. Johnston 1:22.93 (2nd)



Sophomore Korey Anderson looks for someone to block at the line of scrimmage last Friday in Clarion. Photo by Les Houser



Dustin Dawson holds his block at the line versus the Cowboys. The sophomore finished with a tackle assist in the road loss. Photo by Les Houser

# Eagle football team unable to contain Cowboys

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The Clarion-Goldfield-Dows Cowboys rode to a 76-0 win over the Eagles on their home field last Friday night. The bright spot of the night was Nick Huntley's 62 total yards of rushing offense, but four interceptions of Jake Jeske passes proved two much to overcome. His brother Preston Huntley finished as the leading tackler with four solo and 7.5 total stops.

### Passing

Jeske 0/12 0 yds. 0 TD 4 int.

### Rushing

N. Huntley 5 att. 62 yds. 12.4 avg.  
P. Huntley 4 14 3.5  
Calles 4 11 2.8  
Gearhart 2 3 1.5

### Special teams

Calles 1 kick 20 yds. 20.0 avg.  
Hansen 3 punts 55 18.3

### Kick returns

N. Huntley 8 120 yds. 15.0 avg.

### Tackles

P. Huntley 7.5 total 4 solo  
Calles 4.0 2  
Olson 4.0 1  
N. Huntley 3.0 2

Darland	2.5	1
Jeske	2.5	1
Canavan	1.5	0
J. Pamperin	1.5	1
Z. Pamperin	1.5	0
Mendoza	1.5	0
Schultz	1.0	0
Richardson	1.0	0
Orozco	1.0	0
Morgan	0.5	0
Carr	0.5	0
Dawson	0.5	0
Sorenson	0.5	0
Hansen	0.5	0
Christopher	0.5	0
DornathCook	0.5	0

The Eagles travel to Emmetsburg this Friday for their playoff opener versus the 5-1 E-Hawks. They play in 1A, District 1.



Emily Dawson had a good past week in the pool for the Dodgers. She swam a second leg of the second place 200 freestyle relay and the third leg of the second place 200 IM relay for the JV. Individually, she took second place in both the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke for the JV team. Photo by Brit Kudla, the Messenger



## The game must go on

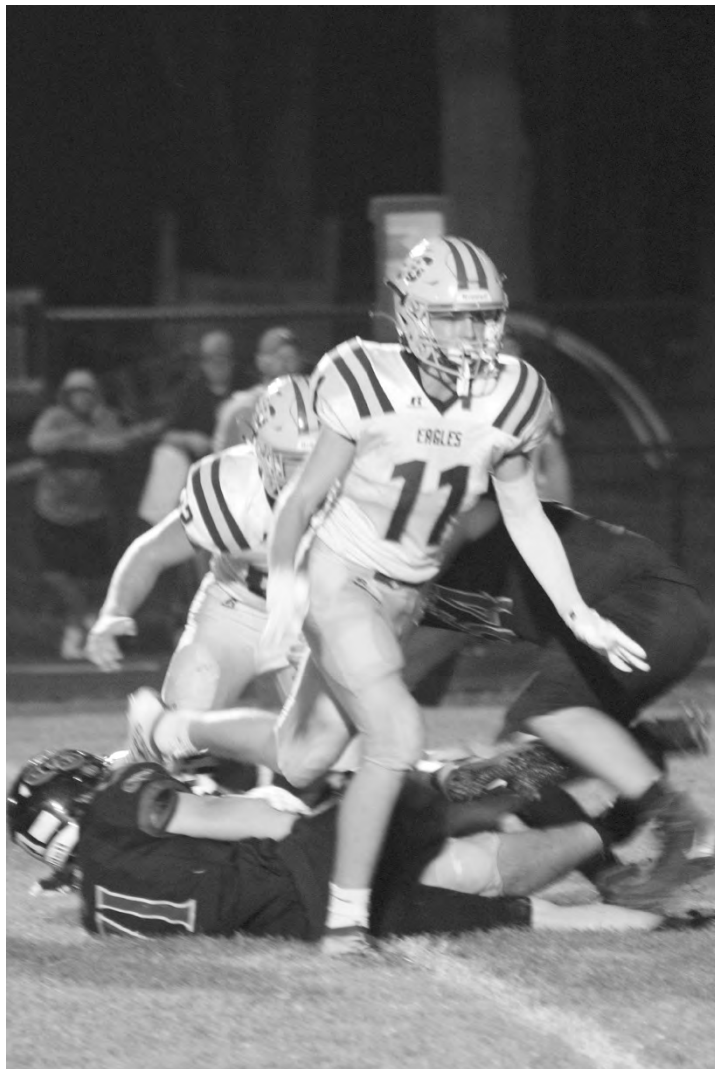
Head volleyball coach Alyssa Dooley has been out sick. While she is away, JV coach Lexie Miller (left) and JJV coach Beth Egemo (right) have been filling in coaching the varsity team. These two coaches wanted to make sure Dooley knew, however, that even though she isn't there in body, her presence is still felt, which is why they put a caricature of her on the seat where she usually sets during last week's home competition.

Photo by Kim Demory



Senior varsity player Emmy Huse had a good night on the line vs Lake Mills. Photo by Kim Demory

Sophomore Suzi Kaiser did well receiving the ball against Lake Mills last week. Photo by Kim Demory



Drake Canavan watches the play from his line position at Friday's game in Clarion. The freshman finished with 1.5 tackle assists. Photo by Les Houser



Jack Mendoza tries to get past his blocker in the game with the Cowboys. The sophomore finished with 1.5 assists on defense. Photo by Les Houser

### EAGLE GROVE SPORTS CALENDAR

#### THU, OCT. 15

4:00 p.m. – MS/JV/V G/B Cross Country- Top of Iowa Meet at NIACC  
4:15 p.m. – 7th Volleyball at

#### Clarion-Goldfield-Dows

4:15 p.m. – 8th Volleyball vs. Clarion-Goldfield-Dows  
5:30 p.m. – Varsity Volleyball vs. Paton-Churdan, North Union

#### FRI, OCT. 16

7:00 p.m. – Varsity Football-State Playoffs – TBA  
MON, OCT. 19  
Rain date for Top of Iowa-West Cross Country Meet  
WED, OCT. 21  
7:00 p.m. – Varsity

#### Volleyball-Regionals (TBA)

THU, OCT. 22  
4:30 p.m. – 2A State Cross Country Qualifier-here  
FRI, OCT. 23  
7:00 p.m. – Football-State Playoffs (TBD)

PUBLIC NOTICE City of Eagle Grove

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF EAGLE GROVE SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-04 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EAGLE GROVE, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO TOBACCO USE. BE IT ENACTED BY

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAGLE GROVE, IOWA, that on Sept. 21, 2020, the City Council of the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa passed the aforementioned ordinance and a summary is as follows: SECTION 1. SECTION REPEALED. Chapter 56 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa, is hereby repealed. SECTION 2:

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE: If any section, provision, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. SECTION 3: WHEN EFFECTIVE: This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance -- Actual and Budget For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 County Name: WRIGHT COUNTY County Number:99 FY 2019/2020 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT Update Date: 10/8/2019

Table with columns: General, Special Revenue, Capital Projects, Debt Service, Permanent, Actual Totals, Budgeted Totals. Rows include Revenues & Other Financing Sources, Expenditures & other Financing Uses, and Changes in fund balances.

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Table listing SEPT. 2020 CLAIMS with columns for item name and amount. Includes categories like General Basic Fund, State Medical Examiner, Rural Services Basic Fund, etc.

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Since these Wright County hospitals came together, they have done well. More specializations and locations have been added over the years. "We have been uniquely successful," says Simonin. "There has been only one year when we were in the red." He adds that they are happy to maintain the two hospitals in the county so they can still be a Critical Access Hospital, which is a designation given to eligible rural hospitals by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

In the midst of the current controversy, some have noted that other hospitals in the area, like the Hancock County Health System, provide skilled nursing home care. Simonin points out that this is because that is a county hospital, not a community hospital. The hospitals in Clarion and Belmond are not affiliated with the county. This means that they do not receive county tax dollars. Simonin adds that because there are two hospitals in Wright County, it would be difficult to decide which one would be the 'county hospital' even if that is a direction they'd want to go. If this system did change to allow a county/hospital affiliation, it would come at a large cost to county taxpayers.

Simonin also points out that the factors that in part led to the county decertification also affect the hospital and would make it difficult for them to be successful at providing that service too. "When Medicaid went towards Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to deliver services, it really hurt small healthcare entities, like ISH and county public health." Consequently, Medicaid reimbursements

have not been good for rural hospitals either. "We get cents on the dollar when we bill," said Simonin. In short, the hospital would likely have the same problems providing cost effective home care. "If there is anyone to blame for this whole situation, it really is the changes in Medicaid," Simonin summarizes.

Additionally, like the Board of Health officials and the county supervisors have said many times, Simonin brought up the concern of competition in home health care. The point has been made that there are other entities that can provide Wright County patients services, both from other counties and private groups. "This is an emotional issue, but we still have to think of the business side of things" Simonin said. "Why would the hospital jump in where someone else is already providing services?"

Finally, Simonin emphasizes that even if the hospital was in the position to come to the rescue, it would not be possible in the next month before the November 1 decertification deadline. "The applications, red tape and bureaucracy would take several months to over a year to get through to become certified."

At the end of the day, Simonin is proud of the services ISH is currently providing for people in and around Wright County. Though there is no plan to take over home nursing care, he says they are happy to offer opportunities like telehealth to make receiving care even more accessible. He emphasizes, "We have creative partnerships and we are here to help people in whatever way we can."



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS The City of Eagle Grove is Requesting Proposals for Pre-Demolition Asbestos Survey. Details available at City Hall, 210 E. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa. Deadline for proposals will be Oct. 16, 2020 no later than 4:30 p.m. Proposals will be accepted at City Hall, 210 E. Broadway, Eagle Grove, Iowa. Please call (515) 448-4343 for questions. By order of the City Council.

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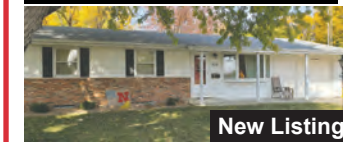
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## Wright County receives over \$25,000 in grants for elections

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**BY BRIDGET SHILENY**  
WRIGHT COUNTY MONITOR, EDITOR  
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With the state of Iowa recognizing the difficulty that elections have posed and will pose this year, they are opening their coffers to county auditors to help lighten the burden. Wright County Auditor Betty Ellis reports that the county has received a grant amounting to \$16,600 for the upcoming election.

Ellis explains that the state decided to give counties grant moneys of \$600 per precinct. Since Wright County has eleven precincts, this means \$6,600 to use toward the election. Ellis notes that this is in addition to \$3,300 that they also received for the primary back in June.

With those funds, the auditor says they have made various purchases to make election business easier and safer. For her office this includes equipment like a folding machine, envelope opener and a ballot scanner. Ellis emphasized, "With over 2,000 requests for absentee ballots so far, such equipment makes handling all the forms

and mail easier."

She has also used funds for various protective measures, such as a plexiglass barrier in the auditor's office and other PPE. Ellis added that the state is again providing masks, face shields and sanitizer in addition to the grant to be used by poll workers and at the precincts.

Additionally, Ellis explained that she had applied and received another grant that is proving helpful. This one was for \$6,550 and came from a non-profit group. The funds were designated to be used for voter education.

Ellis says she is finding various ways to use that grant as she works to inform voters of timelines, election security, and voter safety. This has entailed running ads in the county papers and even planning to have her office open the two Saturday's before the election from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

As November 3 looms, the auditor's office has already sent out many of the over 2,000 requested absentee ballots. Ellis encourages people to mail back ballots as

soon as they can. There is also a drop box in the auditor's office if people don't want to put their ballot in the mail. Absentee ballot requests must be mailed by October 24. Completed ballots must be postmarked by November 2. In-person absentee voting is also an option at the auditor's office, though Ellis says to plan ahead if you decide to do that since the office only fits a person or two at once.

She emphasizes that people can check on the status of a ballot request or the ballot itself by visiting the website: [sos.iowa.gov/elections/absenteeballotstatus/](http://sos.iowa.gov/elections/absenteeballotstatus/)

The polls will be open for regular election day voting as well. All polls are in their usual locations accept the precincts that usually vote at the courthouse. The polling place for those will be the Red Shed Event Center.

Though it has been a busy last several months of preparation, Ellis says she is confident Wright County is well prepared for the election and that everyone's vote will be safe and counted.



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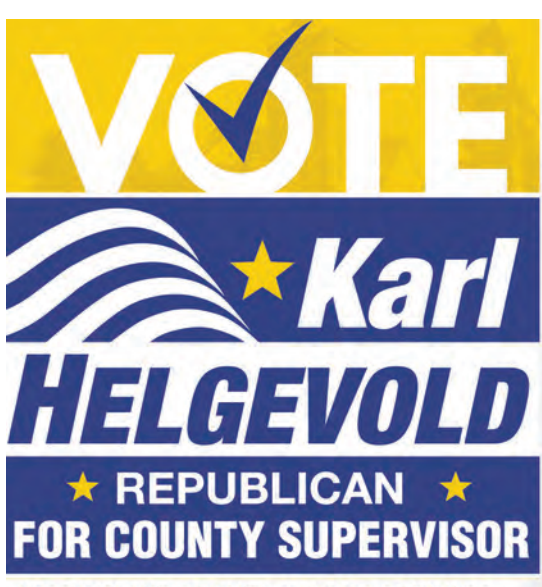
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# United States Senate, Iowa Candidates Q&A

The race for a seat in the U.S. Senate pits Republican incumbent Joni Ernst against Democratic challenger Theresa Greenfield, a Des Moines businesswoman. The race is considered one of the most competitive—and expensive—Senate contests in the country. Ernst is seeking a second term, while Greenfield has not previously held elected office.

The candidates graciously responded to a questionnaire prepared by Mid-America Publishing newspapers to introduce themselves to voters and explain their positions on a variety of issues.

Senator Joni Ernst – Republican Candidate

1. What is your background and what experiences did you gain in your first term in the U.S. Senate?

I have spent my life in service to Iowa and our country. I was raised on a small Iowa farm, worked my way through college, then dedicated my life to serving my country, as a local official, a lieutenant colonel in the Iowa Army National Guard and as senator. Serving the people of Iowa has always been, and remains, my purpose.

Every year I meet with folks in every single county in Iowa on my 99 County Tour so I can bring their voice to Washington and advocate for our state.

In the senate, I work every day across the aisle to get results for Iowa. More than 60 percent of my bills have bipartisan support. Georgetown University ranked me one of the most bipartisan senators, from any state, of the last 25 years. The results of that work are clear: I'm a champion for farmers, and rural Iowa, and am proud to have the endorsements of the Iowa Farm Bureau and the Iowa Corn Growers Association because of my work for our rural communities.

As a survivor of sexual assault and domestic violence, I'm a tireless advocate for women and abuse survivors.

I'm working on behalf of our veterans and families and am a fighter for Iowa jobs. I will take on any country, regulation, or tax that would slow down our

recovery and our growth.

I am proud of what we've accomplished but there is so much more to do. And so, I'm humbly asking to let me keep serving, and keep fighting, for Iowa.

2. What is your top priority if elected?

I'm a champion for farmers, veterans and working families and a tireless advocate for abuse survivors. I've fought successfully to protect and promote ethanol, expand trade for Iowa products and deliver critical COVID assistance to farmers and families. I wrote the law to expand mental health services for fellow veterans. I've helped implement sweeping reforms to improve care for military sexual assault survivors, protect them from retaliation and hold perpetrators accountable. As a mom, I'm working so parents have access to affordable childcare. Additionally, I'm fighting to lower prescription drug costs by taking on big pharmaceutical company greed and forcing a cap on out-of-pocket expenses.

3. What is your vision for the future of Medicare and Social Security?

We must continue to grow and strengthen our economy in order to ensure these programs are around for our kids and grandkids.

As a daughter whose parents count on their Social Security and Medicare each month, I know just how important these programs are to Iowans who have worked hard and paid into the program their entire lives. I never once voted to cut benefits for seniors on Social Security and Medicare, and never will. Iowa seniors should receive, in full, the benefits they are owed, plain and simple.

4. Affordable, quality health care for all is an important issue. Do you support the Affordable Care Act in its current form? What would you propose to improve or replace it?

I come from a modest family that has struggled with pre-existing health conditions, including my brother and sister who have Type 1 diabetes. No American should ever be denied coverage because of

pre-existing conditions. That's why I have led efforts to force insurance companies to cover them and voted to protect pre-existing conditions.

I've also helped change the law to get more affordable prescription options for Iowans. And I'm working with Senator Grassley and AARP to help control drug costs for our seniors.

I'm fighting to protect choice, increase rural care, improve transparency, lower the out of control cost of drug pricing, and end surprise medical billing.

However, Ms. Greenfield's plan could take away your health insurance, eliminate your healthcare choices and insert government-run health care – putting a bureaucrat between you and your doctor. Wait times could increase while Iowa taxpayers will be saddled with a big bill. This radical liberal plan isn't the answer.

5. What can the Senate do to support Iowa's rural economy?

I was born and raised on a small Iowa farm, and I never left. I know Iowa's agriculture and rural communities because I'm a part of those communities. I saw firsthand the tireless hard work and commitment our farmers dedicate to our economy here in Iowa and nationwide. We owe our farmers a debt of gratitude and that's why I've fought successfully to protect and promote ethanol, expand trade for Iowa products, and deliver millions of dollars in critical COVID assistance to our farmers.

Additionally, I am proud to have the endorsements of the Iowa Farm Bureau and the Iowa Corn Growers Association because of my work for our rural communities.

But coastal liberals and Theresa Greenfield are spending about \$100 million to buy Iowa's senate seat. Their agenda includes pushing extreme new environmental rules that would kill American jobs and hurt Iowa farmers, while letting the world's biggest polluters -- like China -- off the hook. In contrast, I'm focused on always fighting for rural Iowa.

6. What should the Senate's role be in continuing to develop renewable energy industries, such as wind power and ethanol?

Iowa has led the way on supporting clean, environmentally friendly energy production – from our innovative wind energy industry to our hardworking biofuel producers and farmers. I'm

proud to support bipartisan bills to incentivize further use of clean wind energy. And I have been a relentless fighter for our biofuel producers and farmers, by securing E15 year round and standing up to Washington bureaucrats to always uphold the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

We must keep our air, water and soil healthy. Growing up on a farm and living in rural Iowa, I understand firsthand that our farmers are the first conservationists. That's why I've fought to strengthen our conservation programs and support the growth of renewable energy.

Unlike the radical liberals financing my opponent Theresa Greenfield's campaign, I do not support the Green New Deal. And, unlike my opponent, I do not want extreme new environmental rules that would kill American jobs and hurt Iowa farmers.

Theresa Greenfield – Democratic Candidate

1. What is your background and what do your experiences bring to the U.S. Senate?

I'm a businesswoman, mother of four and I grew up a scrappy farm kid. I'm in this race to put hardworking Iowans first.

Whether it's growing up during the farm crisis, putting myself through school, relying on Social Security as a young widow, or running a small business with eight employees, I've been through tough times, never given up and personally understand the struggles our working families are facing today. I'll use that experience to fight for our workers, farmers, and small businesses.

2. What is your top priority if elected?

Washington isn't working for working people. I believe we need to tackle political corruption in Washington in order to get real results for Iowans on expanding access to health care, lowering drug prices, and creating more economic opportunities.

Politicians like Senator Ernst are corrupted by massive donations from their corporate PAC donors, leading our government to work only for the biggest corporations. We can change that by getting big money out of politics. I'm not taking a dime of corporate PAC money and my plan for ending political corruption includes banning corporate PAC money, banning dark money,

overturning Citizens United and banning members of Congress from becoming lobbyists.

3. What is your vision for the future of Medicare and Social Security?

I was widowed at 24 when my first husband, a union electrician, earned great wages, benefits, retirement, and we were on our way to our American Dream. I became a single mom with a 13-month-old and another on the way. Social Security and hard-earned union benefits, along with friends and family and community got us back on our feet.

Whether you're a young widow like I was, or a granny, or a person with a disability, I want every Iowan to know I've got their back and I'm not going to let anyone lay a finger on Social Security. In the Senate, I'll do all I can to make sure that anyone who needs to can turn to these critical earned benefits – whether it's in the wake of an unexpected tragedy or after a lifetime of hard work.

Meanwhile, Senator Ernst talks about privatizing and gutting Social Security "behind closed doors," and voted for the tax giveaways to billionaires and big corporations that added \$2 trillion to the national debt, threatening Social Security and Medicare.

4. Affordable, quality health care for all is an important issue. Do you support the Affordable Care Act in its current form? What would you propose to improve or replace it?

Health care is the number-one issue I hear about on the campaign trail. Iowans are worried about higher costs, losing their coverage, keeping rural hospitals open, and lowering the cost of prescription drugs.

In Washington, I'll work with anyone to make sure everyone has access to the care they need. I'll fight to protect and strengthen the Affordable Care Act, protect our Medicaid expansion, create a public health insurance option that folks can buy into, cap drug costs, and allow Medicare to negotiate with drug companies to bring down costs.

All Iowans should have access to quality health care, no matter where they live or how much money they make. In contrast, Senator Ernst took massive contributions from Big Pharma and voted repeatedly to gut protections for Iowans with pre-existing conditions and opposes letting

Medicare negotiate with the drug companies for lower prescription drug prices.

5. What can the Senate do to support Iowa's rural economy?


My "Small Towns, Bigger Paychecks" plan focuses on creating good-paying jobs across Iowa. We need to invest in a robust infrastructure plan to rebuild our crumbling bridges and expand high-speed rural broadband. We need to make it easier for small businesses to get access to capital, boost apprenticeships and skills training programs to set folks on the path to good-paying jobs. We must protect the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid expansion, which have been a lifeline for Iowa's community hospitals.

I'm also focused on supporting Iowa's farm economy and biofuels industry, by rebuilding our markets and investing in new economic opportunities for our rural communities. It is vital that we have trade policies that give our farmers and manufacturers a fair shot to compete. We must also support reforms to level the playing field so farmers can put more money in their pockets and boost financial incentives for farmers who choose to employ conservation practices.

6. What should the Senate's role be in continuing to develop renewable energy industries, such as wind power and ethanol?

Iowa has been a leader in renewable energy - and I support a robust infrastructure plan that includes making crucial investments in wind power, solar power and so much more.

Additionally, as my "Fair Shot for Our Farmers" plan outlines, Iowa has a huge opportunity to lead in new economic opportunities and markets for conservation and biofuels. I'll always fight to protect our biofuels industry and we need more financial incentives and investments to create new streams of revenue for farmers engaging in conservation and promoting renewable energy, including improved soil health, sequestering and storing carbon, and capturing and converting methane to use and sell as fuel and energy. This will benefit local economies, communities, and manufacturers, with new opportunities and create new conservation and energy markets for our farmers.



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## Yard and Garden: Late Season Harvest of Vegetables

Summer vegetables can still be harvested late in the season, but it is important to know when to harvest. The following are some tips that can help.

**How do I harvest and store sweet potatoes?**

Harvest sweet potatoes immediately before or after a vine killing frost. When harvesting sweet potatoes, dig carefully to avoid cutting or bruising the roots. After harvest, cure sweet potatoes for one week at a temperature of 80 to 85 degrees Fahrenheit and relative humidity of 90 to 95 percent. Curing promotes healing of minor cuts and bruises, prolonging the storage life of sweet potatoes. Curing also improves the flavor of sweet potatoes as starches are converted to sugars during the curing process. After curing, store sweet potatoes at a temperature of 55 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit and relative

humidity of 85 to 90 percent. Storage temperatures above 60 degrees Fahrenheit may stimulate sprouting. Sweet potatoes may develop an off-flavor and the flesh may become discolored when stored at temperatures below 55 degrees Fahrenheit. If properly cured and stored, sweet potatoes can be stored for 4 to 6 months.

**When should I harvest Brussels sprouts?**

Wait until the plants have been exposed to one or more light frosts or freezes. Temperatures in the upper twenties and low thirties improve the favor of Brussels sprouts. The sprouts have a milder, sweeter favor. Harvest individual sprouts from the base of the plant as they become solid. Sprouts should be 1 to 1½ inches in diameter and tender and green. Remove the sprouts higher up on the plant as they become firm. Do not strip the lower leaves from the plant as

they are necessary for further growth.

Sprouts can be placed in a plastic bag and stored in the refrigerator for 2 to 3 weeks.

**How do I ripen green tomatoes indoors?**

Just before the first frost, remove all mature, light green fruit from the vines. (Small, dark green tomatoes will not ripen off the vine.) The tomatoes should be solid, firm, and free of defects. Remove the stems, then wash and dry the fruit.

Tomatoes that are starting

to turn color (have a pink blush) can be placed on the kitchen counter or a shelf to ripen. Individually wrap tomatoes that are completely green in a piece of newspaper. Place the wrapped tomatoes in a single layer in a box and store in a cool (60 to 70 degree Fahrenheit) location. Inspect the tomatoes frequently and discard any which show signs of decay. When the tomatoes begin to color, remove the newspaper and place the tomatoes on a counter top or shelf to fully ripen.



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