

IN THIS WEEK'S EAGLE

- ARTSY MAMA "MAKING IT" Pg 1
- EG POOL SEASON UPDATE Pg 1
- COVID NUMBERS RISING IN WRIGHT COUNTY Pg 2
- ELECTION NEWS Pg 3
- SCHOOL BOARD SETS COMMENCEMENT Pg 3
- COURTHOUSE CHANGES Pg 3
- COVID RECOVERY Pg 5
- SEVERE WEATHER REMINDER Pg 6
- COVID TESTING GOAL Pg 8
- THE ALTERNATIVE Pg 9
- 1990 SOFTBALL FLASHBACK Pg 10
- SENIOR SPORTS MOMENTS Pg 10



WEATHERING THE STORM Pg 2

PRODUCERS & PROCESSORS Pg 7

EAGLE OUTLOOK

Congregate Meals and Meals on Wheels have been suspended service until at least July 6.

Drive Thru Food Pantry
Thursday, June 18
4:30 - 6 p.m.
221 W. Broadway
Line will start in alley behind UDMO office - stay in car

2020 EG Summerfest
Cancelled

Wright County Fair Queen Contest
Cancelled

Iowa's Ride
Biking across the state has been rescheduled
July 18 - 24, 2021

EG Memorial Library Closed Until Further Notice

EG Citywide Clean-Up Day Rescheduled
Sept. 16 - 19

Weekly Weather Report

Weekly Rainfall	4-1-20
	1.17" 6.81"
Growing Degree Days	
4/11 - Current	~ 585
2019 - 527	
Average	~ 597

As the temperatures keep rising and moisture in the soil, these Growing Degree Days are rapidly adding up and the crops are growing fast. Be sure to check growth stages with the spray label to ensure proper application.

The Eagle Grove Eagle encourages you to continue sending us your news via email ~ egeagle@goldfieldaccess.net or by dropping it in the box between our two front doors.



Local doctors urge...

Wear a Mask

COVID-19 precautions still a necessity in Wright County

BY KIM DEMORY
EDITOR
egeagle@goldfieldaccess.net

As the State of Iowa, along with the entire nation, tries to get back to a "new normal" way of life, Iowa Specialty Hospital is reminding people that they still need to be proactive in protecting themselves against COVID-19. It is a very real concern and it needs to be treated as such, especially now with businesses, restaurants, theaters and more being allowed to open back up to the public.

"All of the precautions that were put in place in late March in our area are actually more useful now," said Dr. Michael McLoughlin with Iowa Specialty Hospital. "Now is when there is community spread of COVID-19 that we have no idea how the patient acquired it."

Last week, Wright County was identified as one of the top three "hot spots" in Iowa (see separate story in this week's edition) for COVID. But despite the rising numbers of positive cases and exposures to the highly contagious disease, many people have become lax on the use of masks and social distancing as things continue to open up.

Iowa Specialty Hospital reports that they have had seven hospitalized patients with COVID and one of them was Life Flighted to another facility for treatment.

"If everyone would wear a mask and decrease contact with others, this would decrease the spread forcing the disease to die out. But it only works if everyone does it," said Dr. McLoughlin. "The one thing I wish I could really get people to understand is that if everyone did nothing more than wear a mask, we could decrease the spread of COVID by as much as 90%. When a mask is worn, the particles can't spread as far and aren't able to enter the mucous membranes of others (eyes, nose, mouth). Doing this one thing, wearing a mask, would make a huge dent alone."

On a positive note, Dr. McLoughlin also mentioned that they are seeing good results with convalescent plasma in patients that do have COVID. He explained that this is simply taking the liquid part of the blood



If everyone did nothing more than wear a mask, we could decrease the spread of COVID by as much as 90%.
— Dr. Michael McLoughlin
Iowa Specialty Hospital

from a previously infected person and giving it to a patient who is currently infected. When your body is exposed to a foreign pathogen, your body's response is to produce antibodies. However in a sick individual, this can take time. When a patient is given convalescent plasma, the antibodies in the donated plasma can recognize the infection and help the patient fight the virus quicker. He also said that plasma treatment is actually a fairly common medical practice for some other diseases and so we know it's safe.

Iowa Specialty Hospital doctors and staff strongly encourage you to be mindful of proper precautions

only go out if it is necessary, social distance, avoid large gatherings, wear a mask, wash your hands often, and stay home if you're sick.

Vinnette Frank, PA-C at Iowa Specialty Hospital added, "We're seeing an increase of patients returning to the ER for issues that are non-emergent. If you have an issue that can be handled in a clinic setting, please call your provider's office. Often many of those items could be taken care through a telehealth visit so you don't have to be seen onsite at the hospital. Not only is this convenient, it keeps you in a safe environment — your own home."

Artsy Mama hoping she will be "Making It" soon

BY KIM DEMORY
EDITOR
egeagle@goldfieldaccess.net

What would you do if you knew you couldn't fail? What could be accomplished if we all took this mindset? What would we all be willing to try? Would we step out of our comfort zones and finally just go for it and pursue that dream that we all think is a little bit

unattainable? Jamie Johnston (Horn) Johnston, a 2006 graduate of Eagle Grove High School, has decided she's going to give her dream the best shot of "Making It" that she can. Although it took her two years to first find out how, and then work up the courage to try, she recently put in her application to be part of the hit NBC show, "Making It." Creating original

things by hand has become a worldwide phenomenon, and this show captures that passion of people who dream big and work small, creating masterpieces of all sorts from their homes. It challenges them to test their abilities in a variety of undertakings from week-to-week. Amy Poehler and Nick Offerman have hosted two seasons thus far. Johnston is hoping to be a part of the third.

"I was captivated (with the show) from the start," Johnston stated. "Poehler and Offerman are two very funny people and the competition takes place in this huge barn that is stocked with cool craft stuff, so that alone was enough to love."

Johnston admits that right off the bat she was curious as to how these people got on the show in the first place. She's been a crafter since she was little and she thought it looked like a fun challenge. So one day



Jamie Johnston shows off just one of many fun signs she has made for people. Photo provided

Artsy Mama cont. on Page 12

2020 EG Family Aquatic Center season still uncertain

BY KIM DEMORY
EDITOR
egeagle@goldfieldaccess.net

With COVID questions filling the minds of many in Wright County, one of the things they are wondering about is whether or not the Eagle Grove Family Aquatic Center will be opening or not. And if not, how will they stay cool and still stay socially distanced this summer while still finding some fun-in-the-sun?

According to Eagle Grove City Administrator Bryce Davis, the fate of the pool for this summer is unfortunately still uncertain due to the rising numbers of COVID-19 cases in Wright County.

"We are currently monitoring the situation regarding the number of active positive cases and community spread potential in and around Wright County," he said.

They also have a current list of best mitigation practices and guidelines from the CDC and Department of Public Health.

"We believe our next decision regarding the Eagle Grove Aquatic Center will be made on June 15, 2020," he went on to say. "Based on the situation and increased mitigation practices that our high school lifeguards would be required to implement and maintain makes this a very difficult decision. I,



The fate of the Eagle Grove Family Aquatic Center opening for the 2020 season will be decided on June 15.

personally, do not see the Eagle Grove Aquatic Center opening this summer, but that decision will remain open until the situation in Wright County stabilizes to ensure the safety and wellness of patrons and staff."

With that in mind, many people in the Eagle Grove community have been purchasing backyard, above-ground swimming pools in an effort to beat-the-heat at home. Davis reminds the public that there are city guidelines that must be followed should you decide to purchase one for your family.

The City Code regarding swimming pools states the following:

"All swimming pools located within the zoning jurisdiction of the City shall be surrounded by a fence or wall at least four feet in height. The fence or wall shall be designed to prevent entry into the pool by small children and by dogs and cats."

WHEN YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN, WE ARE THERE WITH YOU.

COVID numbers rising in Wright County - result of more testing

BY KIM DEMORY
EDITOR
eagle@goldfieldaccess.net
As first seen on our website
theeaglegroveeagle.com

Editors Note: Numbers have been updated since we first posted this last Thursday, June 4, 2020.

Last week, Wright County was listed as one of the top three COVID-19 "hot spots" in Iowa. Wright County Supervisor and Public Information Officer Karl Helgevold said that while this statement is true, the numbers are "skewed." If you would compare the number of tests given per capita, county numbers across the state would look a lot different.

"(Wright County is) doing the same thing we've been doing...Increasing the testing increases the number of positives found," he said.

Helgevold clarified saying that Wright County is taking a proactive approach to testing and identifying people who have come in contact with a COVID-19 person. They have offered pop-up site testing as well as continue to do spot checking in the nursing homes as well as production facilities.

"Per capita we are one of the more aggressive testing counties. We're even testing households - if there's a positive in the house, we will many times test the rest of the household. We don't always wait for symptoms. We try to shorten that cap from a potential exposure to testing. However, if someone is exposed they need to continue to isolate to assure that symptoms do not occur and avoid spreading the virus. Some of the testing in the pop-up clinics were potential exposures in a large crowd, so we erred on caution and offered testing to all those who weren't sure if they were within six feet for more than 15 minutes," said Wright County Public Health Nurse/epidemiology/RN Sandy McGrath.

"For every positive person we can identify with a test, that's one less person walking around spreading the virus," added Helgevold, addressing the fact that many of the positive results are in patients who are asymptomatic and don't even realize they have the virus and could potentially spread it to other people. Last week alone, Wright County Public Health administered roughly 600 tests. In total, they have tested close to 3,000 people. This number includes people who work in Wright County but do not live here, traveling here for work instead.

Iowa Specialty Hospital has tested an additional 2,000 people for COVID-19. This

number does not include those individuals who have been tested at Unity Point Clinics.

"So the numbers released are correct. We are a hot spot, but it's because we're testing," explained Helgevold. "We're doing a lot of extra testing that other counties are not doing. It's our obligation to test and our obligation to let people know."

McGrath clarified that the people they are testing are not already symptomatic. They are trying to prevent the spread of the virus.

"It's like walking through a dark room and you turn on the lights - you just see what's already there," said McGrath.

"Don't panic, but be aware," said Helgevold. "You can't compare us to other counties. Our population is smaller and we're doing more tests."

McGrath said she can not stress enough - IF YOU FEEL SICK, STAY HOME - TALK TO YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER - GET TESTED.

"GROUP GATHERINGS ARE JUST NOT A GOOD IDEA right now," she added.

In addition, remember the basic safety guidelines - wear a mask and continue to social distance - if not for your own safety, for those around you who are susceptible. All it takes is one unknown positive to create more positives.

McGrath said that she believes they are starting to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Wright County with all this testing, but that's all we can do until there is a vaccine.

According to the coronavirus.iowa.gov website as of Monday, June 8, there have been 244 positive cases reported in Wright County with a total of 60 recovered and 0 deaths.

McGrath noted that there are still 150 test results pending at this time as well. As the days and weeks go on, they will continue to do trace testing if individuals who come back positive have been in contact with others.

"If you have been around them closer than six feet for 15 minutes, then you have been exposed (and need to be tested)," said McGrath.

In addition, Mickey Cooper, Board of Health president, added, "Remember the basic safety guidelines."

You are encouraged to not only social distance, but stay home when you can. The less contact you have with other people the less likely you are to contract the virus. If you must go out, wear a mask and wash/sanitize your hands. Do not touch your face.

Weathering the storm... together

BY KIM DEMORY
EDITOR
eagle@goldfieldaccess.net

If you've ever donated to GoServ Global based here in Eagle Grove, you are part of an amazing thing that happened in our town on Saturday, May 30, 2020.

This story of compassion and the kindness of strangers begins back on Tuesday, May 26, when the tornado sirens went off in Eagle Grove shortly after 3:30 p.m. As many people took shelter, others in the country on the south side of Eagle Grove pulled out their phones and captured proof that a tornado was in fact located on the northwest side of Woolstock and headed straight for Eagle Grove. The National Weather Service later classified it as an EF-1 tornado with winds reaching as high as 110 miles per hour. While most homes and businesses escaped with no damage at all, there were a few branches and small limbs down on the east side of the City of Eagle Grove. It didn't look bad at all...at least from the streets.

But the backyard of Trish Backer, a recent widow who had just purchased a home on the southeast side of Eagle Grove a few weeks ago told a much different story. Backer wasn't there when the storm passed through, and found out about the destruction when she received a phone call from the people who had helped her move some stuff... people she said she didn't even know three months ago.

"It was just devastating. I didn't know which way to turn at the time," she said about the damage and the fact that she really knew no one in town. "Then all of these people that I didn't know came to help me. It's just surreal and I appreciate it so

much." Those people came thanks to her neighbor, Beth Wilson, who mentioned it at their Grace E Free board meeting on that next Thursday evening. Paul van Gorkom, the executive director of GoServ Global, also happened to be at the meeting that night.

"We got on the phones and got some people willing to come," said van Gorkom.

One of the people they called was Dennis Anderson, director of domestic disaster relief for GoServ who came with others from an hour-and-a-half away to help.

On Saturday, May 30, the GoServ Global team from near and far came to help a complete stranger. Members of the Grace E Free Church, as well as other Eagle Grove community members, also showed up in Backer's backyard to lend a helping hand and show her what community and kindness is really all about. They showed up with chain saws and skid loaders and a determination to put things back to normal for this new resident of Eagle Grove. They pulled out poles stuck in the ground, removed large tree limbs, scooped up branches and debris... and placed them in one of two dump trucks, one brought in by Wilson's brother-in-law, Duane.

"That was phenomenal that



Dennis Anderson, director of domestic disaster relief for GoServ Global, uses the skid loader to remove large debris.



There were two-and-a-half loads of debris removed from the backyard.

Photos from Facebook with permission

Duane brought over his dump trailer as well, that way we didn't have to wait to keep working while they went to go dump the GoServ truck," said van Gorkom.

It took 16 volunteers three hours to accomplish a job that will be appreciated for a lifetime by Backer.

That was unbelievably wonderful what they did. I am so happy for her," said Barb Jones, who Backer bought the house from. "She just bought the house on May 8 and to have this happen just a little over 2 weeks later, I can't imagine."

"This is a great example of a community helping each other out," added van Gorkom. I want to thank the volunteers that joined forces with GoServ Global to accomplish this job...I love it when we can help people in our own community."

"Everybody did such an awesome job," she said. "Thank you! Thank you!"

WRIGHT COUNTY: COVID-19 HAS ARRIVED



DO THIS



AND THIS



AND THIS



AVOID THIS

COVID-19 has hit Wright County in full force, including several cases requiring hospitalization. Now is NOT the time to relax on precautions that can decrease the spread of COVID-19. Do the right thing for yourself, loved ones, neighbors, and community. Mask up, social distance, avoid public areas whenever possible, stay home if you're sick, and wash your hands. Together we can win the COVID-19 battle.



Iowa Specialty
Hospitals & Clinics

Just under 36 percent of voters cast ballots in primary

BY LES HOUSER
SPORTS EDITOR

wrightcosports@gmail.com
1,385 Republicans (67 percent) and 682 Democrats (32.9 percent) voted in last Tuesday's primary election. For United States senator, the race was among democratic candidates with Theresa Greenfield carrying Wright County with 363 votes and nearly 54 percent of registered Democrats. She also won statewide, and will now face incumbent Republican Joni Ernst this fall. Ernst garnered nearly 98.2 percent with no opposition. Other democratic totals were Michael Franken with 161 votes for 23.9 percent, Kimberly Graham with 71 for 10.6 percent and Eddie Mauro with 67 for 10 percent.

For U.S. Representative District 4, incumbent Steve King carried the county but lost the statewide vote to put an end to his run in that office. King got 525 votes for 39.4 percent, with Randy Feenstra at 457 for 34.3 percent and Bret Richards at 212 for 15.9 percent. Feenstra carried the state vote, and will now square off with Republican J.D. Scholten to decide a new congressman for Iowa. He received 634 votes as the only candidate.

Dennis Guth was unopposed as a incumbent State Senator for District 4,

and garnered 1,216 votes for 98.9 percent. Terry Baxter won the Republican vote in State Representative District 8 with 1,230 votes for 99 percent. He will face Glenn Kiss, the Democratic winner, in the fall. Kiss got 518 votes for 99.6 percent.

At the county level, it appears two incumbent supervisors beat back challengers to be the only names on the fall ballot. In District 1, Rick Rasmussen grabbed 788 votes for 58.1 percent. He defeated challenger Jason Wessels, who had 564 votes for 41.6 percent. Karl Helgevold carried District 3 on the Republican side, getting 853 votes for 64 percent. He bested challenger Mike Boyd with 476 votes for 36 percent. Both will face no opposition in the General Election.

Two other county offices were on the ballot, with both Republicans winning with no opposition from within or outside of their party. Betty Ellis looks to be reelected in the fall after getting 1,276 votes for 98.9 percent. Jason Schluttenhofer will be going for another term as sheriff after picking up 1,313 votes for 99.5 percent.

November 3 will be the General Election, when voters will also be deciding on a President of the United States.

Iowa Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program application period extended to June 30, 2020

Funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has been provided under the recent Cares Act passed by Congress and the deadline for individuals to apply has been extended to June 30, 2020.

Iowa families are facing many challenges as they cope with the COVID-19 virus. Some have lost jobs or had their hours of employment reduced. These circumstances could lead to difficulty in paying their 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 can apply for the Energy Assistance

program at 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. Those who have not already applied, or, who are facing disconnection, are encouraged to do so at this time.

Community action agencies also have other types of help available, such as food and clothing pantries, and other services. You can find a link to information about your local community action agency by going to the Iowa Department of Human Rights' website at <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/dcaa/where-apply> or by dialing 2-1-1.

Wright County Courthouse open by appointment only

For the continued safety of the staff and public, the Wright County Courthouse will continue the buildings restricted access with the following changes:

Starting Monday June 8, 2020, the Wright County Courthouse will be open BY APPOINTMENT ONLY during normal business hours. County offices not accessible in person will continue to conduct business through email, mail and by telephone. Contact information for all county offices can be found at www.wrightcounty.org.

To make an appointment, you must call the appropriate office in advance. Appointments are at the discretion of that individual office. All visitors will be screened for symptoms or possible exposure prior to entering the courthouse using a health questionnaire and will need to wear a mask or face covering.

The following offices will be by appointment and only for those services that are unable to be conducted via telephone, email or regular mail.

Assessor 515-532-3737
Auditor 515-532-2771
Recorder 515-532-3204
Treasurer 515-532-2691
Economic Development 515-532-6422
County Planning & Zoning 515-851-8878
Sanitarian 515-851-8878

We appreciate the patience of our Wright County citizens as we continue to provide these essential services in a manner that protects our employees and the public and will continue to modify our operations with the health and safety of our citizens in mind.



Poll worker Carissa Lehman greeted Wright County voters from behind a plexiglass barrier last Tuesday. This is just one health and safety measure the county took at the polling place. Other measures included hand sanitizing, frequent cleaning and spacing out voting booths. Photo by Bridget Shileny

Election goes smoothly with record turnout despite virus concerns

BY BRIDGET SHILENY
WRIGHT COUNTY MONITOR, EDITOR
wrightcomonitor@gmail.com

The last few months have been out of the ordinary for Wright County Auditor Betty Ellis. She is used to preparing for elections, but the primary this year looked very different from past ones. She found herself having to think about face masks, plexiglass barriers and hand sanitizer as she tackled planning an election in the midst of concerns about COVID-19. Most significant of all, the usual system of several voting precincts across the county was changed to one centralized location and absentee ballots were pushed. And apparently, the adjustments worked out just fine.

Several weeks ago, Ellis and her fellow Iowa county auditors started to encourage voters to apply for absentee ballots. Then Iowa Secretary of State Paul Pate decided to allow the mailing of absentee ballot request forms to every registered voter and extend the early voting period for mailed ballots from 29 days to 40 days. This was a measure to prevent groups from having to gather at polling places and risk exposure to coronavirus.

This initiative was more successful than Ellis could have imagined. Over 1,900 absentee ballots were requested throughout Wright County. By the end of last week, Ellis had received back 1,718 ballots that were countable. This is impressive as in the last primary in 2016 she explained only 44 absentee ballots were returned.

The in-person voting was understandably less popular. 369 Wright County voters came out to vote at the county's one official polling place, the Red Shed Event Center in

Clarion. The county usually has 10 precincts but with health and safety concerns, they decided to have all voters come to one location for in-person voting, something that many counties throughout the county did as well.

Ellis noted that having the one polling place allowed them to control the situation very well. There was a hand sanitizing station right when voters came in the door, poll workers were behind plexiglass barriers, pens were not shared, and areas were cleaned after each voter. Ellis added that the Red Shed, which is a large event venue, allowed plenty of social distancing space. She admits that she was initially concerned about voters having to travel if they wanted to vote in person, but it didn't seem to be too much of a problem.

In the end, all of the efforts from Ellis and her staff and helpers paid off. She noted that voter turnout was above and beyond what it was four years ago at over 37% for the county with 2,067 ballots cast. In 2016, the number was 568. Statewide, Iowa broke their previous 1994 record and saw 24% turnout.

Overall, Ellis said she was very pleased with how everything went throughout the county. She was happy with her staff and poll workers and even said voters did a great job filling in ovals on ballots this year, which makes her job easier.

She added that she is not sure what to expect for the general election in November. Decisions have not been made regarding polling sites and absentee ballots yet. But whatever does happen, Ellis is confident that Wright County will meet all challenges to get out the vote.

Supervisors continue drainage repairs discussion from last week

BY BRIDGET SHILENY
WRIGHT COUNTY MONITOR, EDITOR
wrightcomonitor@gmail.com

At the Wright County Board of Supervisors Monday meeting, the public hearing from last week regarding drainage district #107 was continued. This week, Dan Wiedmeier of McClure Engineering showed the breakdown of costs that landowners would be responsible for depending if they own land in Wright or Hancock County. Hancock landowners are only responsible for some costs including excavation, spoil leveling and band seeding as they don't benefit from some of the other repairs. The final breakdown with that considered is that Wright Co. landowners will pay 80% and Hancock 20%. Bid letting for the project will take place in the near future.

The board reviewed the contract with Cost Advisory Services, Inc. to develop an annual central service cost allocation plan for the next three fiscal years. This company works with the county to review records in order to get reimbursed for state and federal programs. The county pays them \$4,125 per year and have in the past been reimbursed close to \$20,000. The board elected to stay with that company at the same cost.

They also reviewed fuel bids for the next fiscal year. They went with the low bidder, AgVantage FS, who bid 7.5 cents over the rack price. The rack price includes the cost of the gas itself, as well as transportation, overhead, and profit costs. Assistant County Engineer Jeremy Abbas noted that this price is pretty consistent with last year.

In other business: -The canvass of votes for last Tuesday's primary was moved from the supervisors meeting to the next morning.

-Drainage attorney David Johnson appeared to discuss two topics. The board went into closed session for both, per Iowa code, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent.

-Sandy McGrath gave the weekly update from the Emergency Operations Center on COVID-19 in Wright County. She said they completed major industry testing in the county on Friday and noted there are still positive cases out in the community. She expects that numbers could still go up.

-The board also took some time to recognize Larry Olson, who died last week. Olson was a Wright County Supervisor for 32 years.

School Board sets Commencement for June 20

If weather postpones, it will be 21st with no reschedule date

BY LES HOUSER
SPORTS EDITOR
wrightcosports@gmail.com

The Eagle Grove Board of Education spent some time discussing the holding of the Graduation ceremony. According to Superintendent Jess Toliver, the directors needed to make a decision on this now. "I've had several conversations with Sandra McGrath at Public Health," stated the head administrator. "With the rising numbers the question is could we do an outdoor graduation, keeping in mind distancing. Parents only would be allowed. I would only need two board members on the stage. What guidance do you want to give me?"

Toliver went on to say that Public Health won't recommend it, but wouldn't necessarily stand in the way either. "I would like to have a ceremony, but don't want to go against their wishes," he said. The Board spent several minutes in discussion and weighing their desire against the safety of everyone involved. Director Darren Robinson then made the motion to hold Commencement on Saturday, June 20 starting at 2 p.m., with Sunday, June 21 being a rain date. It was also added that if either doesn't work there would be no rescheduling. The motion was seconded and approved. Toliver also wanted a decision on Prom. "I don't see having it," he said. "It would be irresponsible to try to have it," said Robinson. He made a motion to cancel Prom for this year, which was also seconded and approved.

The Board also heard of plans for next school year, at least if it happens. "We held a meeting with the EGEA and the EGESA Leadership Team and administrators to discuss our return to traditional classes and what we could do to prepare our staff and benefit our students," said Toliver. "We also want to start earlier to increase our educational time. We are very blessed to have association leadership who are student-centered, so they were very supportive."

Toliver went on to say that, basically, they will trade four contract days at the end of this year for adding four earlier days to the next school calendar. "It will allow one additional week to work with students, or to prepare for online education if schools are not allowed to open at that time. The question is very fluid, so it could change again."

Under the plan, there will be four days of voluntary Professional Development (PD) August 11-14 with the final day allowing teachers to prepare their classrooms for students arrival. If they miss those days, they will have to make up the

PD training online on their own time. Classes will start on August 17, with the first three days as half-days with PD time to follow.

"The 17th and 18th will replace the two flex-days that are on our teacher calendar," said Toliver. "Non-certified staff will be paid for additional days worked. If the Governor doesn't allow schools to open yet, we will use these as PD days to prepare for online education. However, right now we are planning on having school as normal next fall." Toliver added that the 'return to learn' plan required by the state would remain on the agenda every month until then, due to changes that may have to occur.

The Board reviewed and approved a proposal for design services for the Emerson Building. This would allow for classrooms to be utilized on the second level. "We are out of room at the high school," said Toliver. "We can put some classrooms upstairs starting with the 21-22 school year. We will use the \$1 million we received in TIF money to do this." Down the road, he stated he eventually sees the lower level also being used as the building is then connected to the high school. The Board approved accepting a proposal for phase 1 of \$70,000 from SVPA Architects of West Des Moines.

In other action the Board: -tabled the awarding of bread and milk bids until the July meeting;

-approved a resolution designating Toliver for first signature, and Nicole Verbrugge as alternate or second signature, for any payments for the Activity or Nutrition Fund or electronic transfer of funds as provided by law;

-approved extension no. 3 of pandemic pay for hourly employees;

-approved suspension of the driving portion of driver's ed until after July 4 (classes online), and will re-evaluate it at the July meeting;

-set a special meeting for Tuesday, June 30 at noon for any end of fiscal year business that comes up;

-approved revisions to the Policy Manual. Following revision, the entire manual will be approved next month as required by the IASB;

-approved contracts for Shelby Jacobson (First Grade) and Faith Slinger (Third Grade) as new teachers, Beth Carder as new RN and for Jaci Lochray (TLC Leader) and Lanny Parrott (assistant football (with Aaron Parrott abstaining from vote));

-approved contract changes for Emily Wasing (to BA+8 - Step 6), Geri Inge (MA+15 - Step 12) and Angela Anderson (MA - Step 16).

EAGLE GROVE



EAGLE

Weekly Coverage in Eagle Grove and Surrounding Communities

News and Ads E-Mail
eagle@goldfieldaccess.net

Sports E-Mail
wrightcosports@gmail.com

Web Site Address
www.theeaglegroveeagle.com

Deadlines:
All News, Ads, Legals, Classified Ads, Obituaries, and Churches
Noon on Friday prior to publication

Contacts
Kim Demory, News Editor and Office Supervisor
eagle@goldfieldaccess.net
Les Houser, Sports Editor
wrightcosports@gmail.com
Cari Anderson, Marketing Consultant
wrightcosales@midamerica-pub.com
Shelby Fisher
Graphic Design
egeoffice@goldfieldaccess.net

Postal Information:
USPS 163-740

Weekly periodicals postage paid at the Eagle Grove, IA, and additional mailing offices. Send address changes to the Eagle Grove Eagle, P.O. Box 6, Eagle Grove, IA 50533

Location
314 West Broadway

Mailing Address
P. O. Box 6, Eagle Grove, IA 50533

Office Hours
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Monday through Friday, except Holidays

Telephone
515-448-4745
Toll-free 1-888-448-4745



Keith W. Berg, CFS, MSFS & Adam T. Good

Ogden & Ames - 515-275-2856
Eagle Grove - 515-603-6300

STOCKS - BONDS - MUTUAL FUNDS - EMPLOYER RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES
ANNUITIES - LIFE & HEALTH - LONG TERM CARE - FINANCIAL PLANNING
Securities and advisory services are offered through LPL Financial, a Registered Investment Advisor, Member FINRA/SIPC.
Insurance products offered through LPL Financial or its licensed affiliates.



COURTHOUSE NEWS

Births
 Mileena Leigh Thompson, born on April 23 to Chelsie Marckmann, Dows.

Deaths
 Carl Burras, 67, Eagle Grove, died on March 3.
 Doris Olson, 92, Eagle Grove, died on May 20.
 James Madson, 72, Eagle Grove, died on May 24.
 Mariel Betts, 80, Clarion, died on May 28.
 Bernard Toillion, 64, Eagle Grove, died on May 28.

Marriages
 Amanda Bromley, Eagle Grove to Jason Purcell, Eagle Grove, on May 23.
 Matthew Nelson, Belmont to Mandy Berhow, Belmont on May 30.

Civil Court
 Bank of America vs. Jody Kern. Case dismissed without prejudice on June 2.

District Court
 The court handled two probation revocations.
 David Anderson, 38, Anderson, pled guilty on May 29 to Theft in the Fifth Degree (pled from Burglary in the Third Degree - Motor Vehicle). Anderson was fined \$65 plus 35% surcharge, \$125 Law Enforcement Initiative, and \$277.52 in costs.

Traffic Court
 Speeding 55 or under zone (6 thru 10 over): Roxanna Partida, Belmont;
 Speeding 55 or under zone (11 thru 15 over): Michael Cowell, Story City;
 Speeding over 55 zone (6 thru 10 over): Yahia Abbakar, Silvis, IL; Shelley Boots, Colo;
 Excessive Speed (6 thru 10): Kevin Yeoman, Fort Dodge;
 Failure to Stop: Michael Shea, Hampton;

Property Transfer
 Warranty Deed: Jon and Susan Bakker to Rodney and Shannon Schroeder; Dows Orig Addn Blk 6 Lot 6 Except; 20-996.
 Warranty Deed: Barbara and Duane Stuckey to Cahalan Investments LLC; EG Hewitt's Park Addn Blk 6 Lot 1 N 70'; EG Hewitt's Park Addn Blk 6 Lot 2 N 70'; Fulfillment of Contract BK 2014 PG 1116; 20-1001.
 Warranty Deed: Barbara and Duane Stuckey to Cahalan Investments LLC; EG Hewitt's First Addn Blk 2 Lot 4; Fulfillment of Contract BK 2014 PG 1117; 20-1002.
 Warranty Deed: Barbara and Duane Stuckey to Cahalan Investments LLC; EG Wright's 3rd Addn Blk 28 Lot 9; EG Wright's 3rd Addn Blk 28 Lot 9; Fulfillment of Contract BK 2014 PG 1118; 20-1103.
 Warranty Deed: David and Regina Larsen to Jared Dirks; 2-92-24 SE Parcel C; 20-1004.
 Warranty Deed: Travis and Carmen Jones to Katherine Hodge; Gold Orig Addn Blk 51 Lot 7 Exc E 56'; Gold Orig Addn Blk 51 Lot 8 Exc E 56'; 20-1007.
 Quit Claim Deed: Matthew Ridgeway to Heather Ridgeway; Belm O'Larry Third Addn Blk 1 Lot 7; 20-1009.
 Warranty Deed: Cesar and Asuncion Ramirez to Daniel and Reynaldo Hernandez; 10-93-25 SW Tract; 20-1011.
 Warranty Deed: Richard and Annette Taylor to Tara Behrendsen; 28-91-26 SE Tract NE1/4

Exc Pt Outlot 10; 28-91-26 SE Part of Outlot 11 NE1/4; 20-1015.
 Quit Claim Deed: Christine-Teixeira Moffitt of Halydean to George Lugatic LLC; EG Broadway Drive Addn Blk 4 Lot 1; 20-1017.
 Warranty Deed: Donna Barker to Loren and Angela Lienemann; Dows Smith's Addn Blk 1 Lot 8; 20-1021.
 Quit Claim Deed: Ricky Richmond to Quicken Loans LLC; Belm Morse Brother's ADdn Blk 19 Lot 2; 1590677288174 1590677288174-Lieu of Foreclosure; 20-1025.
 Quit Claim Deed: Melissa Shipman to Quicken Loans LLC; Belm Morse Brother's Addn Blk 19 Lot 2; 1590677288174 1590677288174-2 Lieu of Foreclosure; 20-1026.
 Warranty Deed: Quicken Loans LLC to Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Belm Morse Brother's Addn Blk 19 Lot 2; 1590677288174 1590677288174-6; 20-1030.
 Warranty Deed: Roger Main Trust, Main Roger Trustee, Carol Main Trustee, and Carol Main Trust to Main Family LLC; Clar King's Addn Blk 1 Lot 8; Clar Original Addn Blk 15 Lot 2 Except W 2'; Clar Box's Addn Blk 3 Tract; Clar Sturgeon's Second Addn Tract; 20-1037.
 Warranty Deed: Eugene Drury to Eugene Drury Life Estate, Robert Drury, and David Drury; 26-92-23 SW Except SW1/4 of SW1/4; Rown Emerson's 2nd Addn Blk 4 Lot 1; Rown Emerson's 2nd Addn Blk 4 Lot 2; Rown Emerson's 2nd Addn Blk 1 Lot 1 Except N 67'; Rown Emerson's 2nd ADdn Blk 4 Lot 8 N 55'; 20-1039.
 Warranty Deed: MT Shearing LLC to Mark Thayer; 9-92-23 NEE 445'; of N 1126'; 20-1041.
 Warranty Deed: 11T IA LLC; Kaiser Properties I LLC; EG Wright's 2nd Addn Blk 1 Lot 8; 20-1042.
 Warranty Deed: James and Janice Heiden to James Heiden Heritage Trust; 31-90-23 NE W1/2; 1590766783056 1590766783056-1; 20-1047.
 Warranty Deed: Karen and John Heiden to James Heiden Heritage Trust; 31-90-230NE W1/2; 1590767068971 1590767068971-1; 20-1048.
 Warranty Deed: Heiden Doris Trust, John Heiden Trustee, and Doris Heiden Trust to James Heiden Heritage Trust; 31-90-23 NE W1/2; 1590767289713 1590767289713-1; 20-1049.
 Warranty Deed: James and Janice Heiden to John Heiden Heritage Trust; 30-90-23 SE 1590767567237 1590767567237-1; 20-1050.
 Warranty Deed: John and Karen Heiden to John Heiden Heritage Trust; 30-90-23 SE 1590767770158 1590767770158-1; 20-1051.
 Warranty Deed: Doris Heiden Trust and John Heiden Trustee to John Heiden Heritage Trust; 30-90-23 SE 1590768027689 1590768027689-1; 20-1052.
 Warranty Deed: Betty Perez to Dennis and Marie Matthews; Dows Eskridge's 2nd Add Blk 1 Lot 5; 20-1060.
 Warranty Deed: Sandra Anderson to Sandra Anderson Life Estate, Jeffrey and Jan Anderson and Lance and Lane Chandler; Belm Morse Brother's ADdn Blk 16 Lot 7 S 1/2; Belm Morse Brother's Addn Blk 16 Lot 7 S 1/2; Belm Morse Brother's Addn Blk 16 Lot 8 S1/2; 20-1061.

— Eagle Grove Police Department — Weekly Log

THURSDAY 5/28/20
 12:27 AM
 Responded to a complaint at residence in 500 block of North Wright. Loud music. Resident was advised to turn it down.
 8:38 AM
 Returned phone call concerning a burglary report.
 11:47 AM
 Returned phone call concerning a previous welfare check.
 12:26 PM
 Attempted to conduct a traffic stop in 300 block of North Iowa. Driver took off and officers pursued vehicle to a house. Driver fled on foot. He was later found in Goldfield, and was arrested and taken to the jail.
 4:30 PM
 Responded to a complaint at residence on South Park. Neighbor's dogs broke through a gate and onto his property. Dogs are back with owner.
 5:28 PM
 Investigated 911 hang-up plotted to residence in 800 block of West Broadway. Accidental. Everything okay.
 6:31 PM
 Responded to a dog incident on Garfield. Dog ran out into street and was struck and killed. Owner of dog was making threats to driver.
 9:06 PM
 Responded to harassment at residence in 500 block of Northeast Fourth. Caller being harassed by daughter's boyfriend.
 9:16 PM
 Investigated a child abuse at residence in 400 block of North Iowa. Eight-year old boy came to another house and said his stepfather hit him. Boy went to grandmother's house for the night. DHS was contacted.
 9:50 PM
 Investigated a missing person report from residence in 300 block of Northwest Second. 19-year old breaking up with girlfriend, and hasn't been seen for past 10 hours and parents are worried. For now it's considered a welfare check.
 10:40 PM
 Investigated a 911 hang-up at residence in 500 block of Northeast Third. Not able to plot, and no answer at door.
 11:40 PM
 Responded to problem at railroad crossing on East Second. Arms are stuck in down position. UP office contacted.

FRIDAY 5/29/20
 1:41 AM
 Responded to call for assistance at residence in 300 block of South Iowa. A bat in the house.
 6:00 AM
 Responded to vandalism at residence in 700 block of Northwest Third. Vehicle was keyed and back window smashed.
 10:44 AM
 Returned phone call concerning a vehicle sitting for several years and now caller wants to get an abandoned title.
 3:15 PM
 Responded to complaint at a railroad crossing in Goldfield. Train sitting for over half an hour. The train was stalled and needed a repair.
 6:29 PM
 Issued warning for speeding.
 6:57 PM
 Issued warning for speeding.
 11:32 PM
 Issued citation for no valid driver's license.

SATURDAY 5/30/20
 10:51 AM
 Responded to a loose dog at residence in 100 block of South Jackson. Dog taken to Emerson's.
 1:14 PM
 Responded to alarm at vet

clinic in Goldfield.
 3:56 PM
 Attempted to serve nuisance violation at residence in 400 block of South Commercial.
 5:41 PM
 Responded to driving complaint at Northeast Fifth & Kirkwood. Mini dirt bike with male driver and child going through private property. A video showed them on roadway at the time. Since bike was registered, and no law on minimum age of a rider, determined that no laws were broken.
 5:57 PM
 Responded to complaint at residence in 1100 block of North Wright. Son lives on West Broadway, and was at parents house and threatening to cause physical injury to his father. Father wants him off the property and to have no contact with them. Extra patrol requested.
 7:41 PM
 Responded to unknown problem at residence in 1100 block of Northwest First. Resident suspects drug dealing from house on West Broadway.
 8:07 PM
 Responded to a complaint at residence on Southwest Tenth. 3-4 year old boy running across street with no apparent adult supervision.
 9:03 PM
 Returned phone call concerning a mangy looking raccoon under their backyard shed. Would like help in getting rid of it.
 10:47 PM
 Issued warning for using only fog lights and no headlights.
 10:53 PM
 Responded to a loose dog in 300 block of South Lucas. Dog taken to Emerson's.
 11:25 PM
 Conducted welfare check at Bomgaars.

SUNDAY 5/31/20
 1:28 AM
 Responded to a complaint at residence on Spruce Drive. Loud music. Told him to cut the music for the night.
 12:33 PM
 Investigated a theft at residence in 500 block of Northeast Fifth. Kayak was missing. He knows who took it and wants to press charges. The son of subject admitted his dad took the kayak. Owner of Kayak called later and said it was back, but that other stuff is still there so he still wants to press charges.
 3:13 PM
 Responded to harassment at residence in 300 block of South Lucas.
 4:02 PM
 Responded to a driving complaint at North Arthur & Monroe. A four-wheeler driving fast on the street with younger kids playing. Spoke with owner of ATV about rules and that the machine needs to be insured and registered.
 5:07 PM
 Served a nuisance violation on resident in 400 block of South Commercial.
 5:36 PM
 Investigated a 911 hang-up plotted to residence in 500 block of North Washington. No response on call back and couldn't hear anything.
 6:22 PM
 Responded to loose dog in 300 block of South Lucas. No tag. Checked residents on the block but no one claimed the dog. Taken to Emerson's.
 7:43 PM
 Responded to complaint at residence in 600 block of Southeast First. A 7-year old girl punched in the face by 30-year old female. Mom won't

press charges, but just wants her to stay away from child and the residence. Advised subject to have no contact with them.
 9:11 PM
 Issued warning for not using headlights.
 11:28 PM
 Responded to a domestic at residence in 400 block of North Main in Goldfield. Verbal only. Male subject left for the night.

MONDAY 6/1/20
 8:35 AM
 Responded to alarm in 400 block of North Main in Goldfield. Vault is secure. Made contact with keyholder. Everything okay.
 11:12 AM
 Investigated a 911 hang-up plotted to residence in trailer park.
 12:19 PM
 Responded to complaint at residence in 200 block of North Water in Goldfield. Found a book bag and other stuff left in their yard.
 5:55 PM
 Investigated a 911 hang-up plotted to undisclosed residence. Everything is okay.
 6:26 PM
 Issued citation for no valid driver's license and warning for illegal u-turn.
 7:43 PM
 Responded to the same dog loose again on South Lucas. Owner cited for dog at large.

TUESDAY 6/2/20
 3:25 PM
 Responded to complaint on Richards Drive.
 4:21 PM
 Responded to driving complaint in 900 block of Northeast Second. Driver was cited.
 5:11 PM
 Returned phone call concerning taking a vehicle without permission.
 5:24 PM
 Responded to a complaint at residence in 1300 block of Southwest First. No other information given.
 8:14 PM
 Investigated a 911 hang-up plotted to residence in 200 block of South Fort. Accidental. Everything okay.
 8:48 PM
 Had someone turn in a set of keys found near State Farm building.
 9:25 PM
 Issued citation for no valid driver's license, no proof of insurance and carrying a flashing blue light on the dash.
 10:26 PM
 Responded to a domestic at undisclosed residence on East First. Intoxicated male violent with female. No weapons involved. Male was arrested for assault.
 11:31 PM
 Responded to call for assistance at residence in 500 block of Northeast Third. Someone banging on the side of their house. Officer patrolled area but found nothing.

WEDNESDAY 6/3/20
 1:13 AM
 Assisted another agency in investigating an assault at residence in 500 block of South Jackson. People were throwing things, but no weapons involved. One of the females wants to press charges.
 1:27 AM
 Conducted welfare check at residence in 500 block of Southeast First. Male subject threatening to kill himself. The male stated female was cheating on him and he was done with it and that's why he left.
 5:14 AM
 Responded to a domestic at residence in 500 block of North

Kirkwood. Female thinks male is high on meth and so doesn't want him around. He agreed to leave.
 6:12 AM
 Investigated vandalism at post office. Back of outside box was forced open. A local postal inspector will be contacted.
 9:04 AM
 Responded to a complaint at residence on Richard Drive. Getting tired of the neighbor screaming profanities and tried to kill their cat.
 9:59 AM
 Responded to information from someone on Second. Male from previous domestic was seen walking near aquatic center. Male was removed from her apartment again.
 10:26 AM
 Responded to call for assistance at undisclosed location.
 10:27 AM
 Responded to a theft from garage at undisclosed location. Several hand tools missing.
 11:02 AM
 Assisted another agency on a welfare check at residence in 300 block of North Wright. Sheriff's department put out bulletin for seeking whereabouts of the male who has dementia and fell in the house this morning. He has taken off in a vehicle and might not be aware of where he is. He did finally return home.
 11:43 AM
 Returned phone call seeking report on a previous theft.
 12:58 PM
 Responded to a theft at residence in 1000 block of North Montgomery.
 1:03 PM
 Investigated a 911 hang-up plotted to residence in 100 block of North Iowa. Would not tell any information on call back.
 1:08 PM
 Returned phone call concerning a completed report.
 1:16 PM
 Returned phone call concerning their daughter living here.
 4:15 PM
 Responded to a domestic at residence in 600 block of South Lucas. Boyfriend is trying to throw her out, but her name is on the lease. Did a stand-by for property exchange.
 4:37 PM
 Responded to a disturbance at residence on East Second. A dispute over custody of property. Advised them it's a civil matter.
 5:18 PM
 Returned phone call concerning some items found that might belong to them.
 6:56 PM
 Responded to a complaint at residence in 700 block of Northwest Fourth. People taking stuff from a shed. Advised the two males they did not have permission to be there, and if they returned they would be arrested for trespassing.
 7:13 PM
 Responded to a complaint at Fishpond Park.
 8:00 PM
 Investigated an accident North Monroe. Minor damage involving train and semi. No injuries.
 8:39 PM
 Responded to loose dog in 500 block of Southeast Tenth.
 10:11 PM
 Returned phone call concerning statements ready to be turned in.
 10:51 PM
 Investigated a 911 hang-up plotted to residence in 200 block of Northwest Ninth. Everything okay.

DHS Launches COVID Recovery Iowa



(Des Moines, Iowa) - The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) is pleased to announce the State of Iowa has received nearly \$1 million in funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to offer free crisis counseling to any Iowan who has been affected, in any way, by the COVID-19 public health emergency. The program, called COVID Recovery Iowa, is available starting today. Counseling will take place via virtual sessions, chat or phone call. People of all ages may join groups online to find support and learn new strategies to cope with the effects of the pandemic in a variety of creative ways.

"We are so grateful to our federal partners for providing Iowa with this critical funding," said Director Kelly Garcia. "It's not uncommon to experience feelings of stress or anxiety during uncertain

times. This funding will help us support Iowans across the state who are trying to find their new normal."

Iowans can access services through the following options:

- Call 800-447-1985 to connect with a counselor specializing in rural issues and agriculture 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Call the Iowa Warm Line, 844-775-9276; to connect with a peer counselor or request to get in touch with a COVID Recovery Iowa counselor
- Visit www.COVIDrecoveryiowa.org and complete a contact form and a counselor will get back to you

DHS has contracted with five providers throughout the state to provide counseling, virtual activities, referrals and help finding resources. COVID Recovery Iowa will announce additional programs in the coming weeks to help Iowans build coping skills and resilience.

NEW Cooperative Foundation donates to 4-H clubs

Fort Dodge, IA- Once again, the NEW Cooperative Foundation has shown their commitment to supporting our local 4-H youth. Recently, the foundation donated \$39,870 to 127 area 4-H clubs totaling to be 2,664 individual 4-H club members. The money is donated for half of each 4-H youth's dues in NEW Cooperative's trade territory, which includes Webster, Calhoun, Carroll, Greene, Franklin, Sac, Pocahontas, Humboldt, Hamilton, Kossuth, Cherokee, Crawford, Plymouth, Monona, Wright, and Woodbury counties.

NEW Cooperative takes great pride in supporting our area youth 4-H programs. We strongly feel that 4-H helps these youth build the foundation to become future leaders in our local communities. We are excited for them as they gain all of the valuable skills and

knowledge the 4-H program offers.

About NEW Cooperative, Inc. & the NEW Cooperative Foundation

NEW Cooperative, Inc. is a farmer-owned grain, agronomy, energy and feed cooperative headquartered in Fort Dodge, Iowa. As a leading agriculture retailer, NEW Cooperative is focused on being an innovative and efficient provider of today's agriculture markets and services to 5,000 members throughout their 39 locations in Iowa.

The NEW Cooperative Foundation is the charitable giving entity of NEW Cooperative, Inc. The Foundation is committed to investing in organizations that are dedicated to youth and education, human services, and civic purposes that further enhance the quality of life in our member's local communities.



Pictured Holly Reicks (NEW Cooperative Communication Specialist), and Kelly Grandgeorge (Wright County Extension and Outreach). Photo submitted



EAGLE GROVE NEWS

BIRTHS

It's a Girl!

Kelsey Potter and Nick Shindelar are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Violet Ann Shindelar, at Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion, on Monday, June 8. She weighed 5 pounds 13.8 ounces. She joins Sage, 6, and Oliver, 11 months.

Grandparents are Jane Ann Powers & Velpo Potter of Fort Dodge, and Linda Nelson of Goldfield. Great-grandparent is Melinda Guenther of Fort Dodge.

Morningside Dean's List released

Sidney J. Cross of Clarion have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester at Morningside College.

The Dean's List recognizes Morningside College students who achieve a 3.67 grade point average or better and complete at least 12 credits of coursework with no grade below a "C-." Students that achieved a 4.0 grade point average are denoted with an asterisk (*).

Dalton Schaffer 2020 Upper Iowa University Honors and Awards recipient

FAYETTE, IA (06/04/2020)- Upper Iowa University has announced its 2020 Honors and Awards Scholarship recipients. As one of the honorees, Dalton Schaffer of Eagle Grove, IA, was awarded the Bruce I. Campbell Endowed Scholarship & The Pery Scholarship for Excellence in Teaching.

Morningside Dimmitt Scholars

Sidney J. Cross of Clarion have been named a Dimmitt Scholar for the 2019-20 academic year at Morningside College.

Dimmitt Scholars must be full-time students who have completed at least 45 credits of college work with a cumulative grade point average between 3.50 and 3.75. The award is named in honor of the late Lillian Dimmitt, who served as a teacher and administrator at Morningside College for more than 60 years.

USDA issues first Coronavirus Food Assistance Program payments

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) has already approved more than \$545 million in payments to producers who have applied for the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. FSA began taking applications May 26, and the agency has received over 86,000 applications for this important relief program.

"The coronavirus has hurt America's farmers, ranchers, and producers, and these payments directed by President Trump will help this critical industry weather the current pandemic so they can continue to plant and harvest a safe, nutritious, and affordable crop for the American people," said Secretary Perdue. "We have tools and resources available to help producers understand the program and enable them to work with Farm Service Agency staff to complete applications as smoothly and efficiently as possible and get payments into the pockets of our patriotic farmers."

In the first six days of the application period, FSA has already made payments to more than 35,000 producers. Out of the gate, the top five states for CFAP payments are Illinois, Kansas, Wisconsin, Nebraska, and South Dakota. USDA has released data on

application progress and program payments and will release further updates each Monday at 2:00pm ET. The report can be viewed at farmers.gov/cfap.

FSA will accept applications through August 28, 2020. Through CFAP, USDA is making available \$16 billion in financial assistance to producers of agricultural commodities who have suffered a five-percent-or-greater price decline due to COVID-19 and face additional significant marketing costs as a result of lower demand, surplus production, and disruptions to shipping patterns and the orderly marketing of commodities.

In order to do this, producers will receive 80 percent of their maximum total payment upon approval of the application. The remaining portion of the payment, not to exceed the payment limit, will be paid at a later date nationwide, as funds remain available.

Getting Help from FSA

New customers seeking one-on-one support with the CFAP application process can call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer general assistance. This is a recommended first step before a producer engages the team at

the FSA county office at their local USDA Service Center.

Producers can download the CFAP application and other eligibility forms from farmers.gov/cfap. Also, on that webpage, producers can find a payment calculator to help producers identify sales and inventory records needed to apply and calculate potential payments. Producers self-certify their records when applying for CFAP and that documentation is not submitted with the application. However, producers may be asked for their documentation to support the certification of eligible commodities, so producers should retain the information used to complete their application.

Those who use the online calculator tool will be able to print a pre-filled CFAP application, sign it, and submit it to your local FSA office either electronically or via hand delivery through an office drop box. Please contact your local office to determine the preferred delivery method for your local office. Team members at FSA county offices will be able to answer detailed questions and help producers apply quickly and efficiently through phone and online tools. Find contact information for your local office at farmers.gov/cfap.

Policy Clarifications

FSA has been working with stakeholder groups to provide further clarification to producers on the CFAP program. For example, the agency has published a matrix of common marketing contracts that impact eligibility for non-specialty crops and has provided a table that crosswalks common livestock terms to CFAP cattle categories. Updated information can be found in the frequently asked questions section of the CFAP website.

More Information

To find the latest information on CFAP, visit farmers.gov/CFAP or call 877-508-8364.

USDA Service Centers are open for business by phone appointment only, and field work will continue with appropriate social distancing. While program delivery staff will continue to come into the office, they will be working with producers by phone and using online tools whenever possible. All Service Center visitors wishing to conduct business with the FSA, Natural Resources Conservation Service, or any other Service Center agency are required to call their Service Center to schedule a phone appointment. More information can be found at farmers.gov/coronavirus.

Local students named to BVU's Spring 2020 Dean's List

STORM LAKE, IA (06/05/2020) - Buena Vista University congratulates over 500 students who were named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List. The following local students who made the list are:

- Brayden Collins of Thor
- Hannah Reno of Goldfield
- Kaitlyn Wagner of Woolstock
- Caleb Dahlgren of Goldfield
- Jessie Peterson of Eagle Grove

The Dean's List recognizes full-time students achieving a 3.5 grade point average or higher for the semester.

FAREWAY
MEAT & GROCERY

Weekly Fareway flyers are available at 8 a.m. Wednesday morning in store

NEW & USED FURNITURE

LARGE SELECTION!

FLEXSTEEL • LA-Z-BOY
SIMMONS • CHROMCRAFT

CHRIST Furniture
4 Floors
Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533
205 West Broadway Ph. (515) 448-3415

www.christfurniture.com

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that **everyone** between the ages of 13 and 64 get tested for HIV **at least once**.

EVERYONE!

Ask your doctor for a test.

Visit StopHIVIowa.org for more information.

STOP HIV IOWA

IPDH
IOWA Department of PUBLIC HEALTH

AMPRIDE W&H COOPERATIVE

Enjoy a sandwich or a cup of coffee on us!

Buy 9 cups of coffee, get the 10th ONE FREE.

Buy 9 sandwiches, get the 10TH ONE FREE

With our punch card.

Double Punch Mondays

Specializing in Collision Repair!

"In business since 1995"

Lawson
AUTO BODY & DETAIL SHOP

- Down Draft Paint Booth w/Baked Curing Cycle
- Frame Machine • Computerized Paint Matching
- Computerized Estimates
- A preferred shop with insurance companies

Quality Pre-Owned Vehicles
Weather Tech Dealer • Detailing • Interior/Exterior Cleaning

118 N. Commercial • Eagle Grove • 448-3944

www.lawsonauto.com

Faith

Depending on the Lord

Because of the growth of Genesis Church in Peru, we began seriously looking at a property just down the road from our current building. We made a deal by February and the renovations began immediately. My job was the installation of all things production. Early mornings, late nights ... never enough time to get everything done ... realizing you forgot to each lunch again! It was a long and tiring process, but a process worth every second to see it all come together.

It has humbled me though. Going from high-tech production while working at a church in the States and then coming to Genesis Church in Peru was a hard adjustment for me. It often frustrated me and I knew we could do so much better if only we had new equipment. Over and over again though it taught me grace. It taught me that the church is not and has never been about the performance. God doesn't want perfection or a performance. More than the lights and the cameras and the sound, He wants His children to come to Him. And if we give our best effort, to the best of our knowledge, He'll take care of the rest.

So, when the reality hit of new equipment, it made me ecstatic!! I thought that this was finally going to be the day that being in production doesn't frustrate me and things will for once be "easy."

The night before our dedication service (and our first "service" in the new place) in February, I had double and triple checked all my sound, cables and production to be sure it was all in its place and working well. Having it all ready, I locked up for the night. I was finally looking forward to sound being "easy" and me actually enjoying the sound I made.

Upon showing up the next morning, less than 11 hours later, I had no sound. It wasn't working. Fast-paced trouble-shooting and frantic phone calls to my own personal sound family, nothing seemed to fix the problem. I had to move the whole system to practically under the stage, and that was where I ran sound from.

Ending the dedication service, as everyone was exclaiming how much they enjoyed the worship and prayer and the moving of the Holy Spirit during the dedication, I had nothing but frustration and annoyance. Frustration that I still didn't know where the problem was or have the solution and annoyance that everything worked last night and now I had nothing working with a brand-new system.

Making sure to tell God exactly how I felt, I'm pretty sure I used the words, "This is not how it was supposed to go, God! It was supposed to be easy!!" As if it was me who now made the "game plan" of how things should be.

The Lord's response to me? It went something like this ... "If things were easy though, you wouldn't need Me. I want you to be dependent on Me." And it's true. The low quality and frustration and uncertainty I had with the previous production system (as much as I hated it) kept me dependent on nothing else but God's goodness to hold it together for each service. In the new building, with new equipment, I wasn't dependent on Him. In every test I ran, I was dependent on my own knowledge. I didn't need Him.

Yet again, as a the Good Father that He is, He humbled me and reminded me that He doesn't care about our production or our performance. He wants us to depend fully on Him, in the easy and in the difficult.

--Riley Brinkman is a missionary in Iquitos, Peru with GoServ Global

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
421 W. Broadway St.
Eagle Grove
Email: egumc@goldfieldaccess.net
Rev. Jim Roth, Pastor
(515)448-4701

Website: eaglegroveumc.org
Dial-A-Devotion:
(515)448-3355

10am Sunday Services:
"Drive-In" thru June 28
"Live-Streamed" on our Facebook Page.
Indoor Services to resume on July 5

GOLDFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
P.O. Box 214
Pastor Lynn Gardner
Goldfield, Ph: 515-825-3754

GOLDFIELD UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Sara Sutter
220 E. Oak St.
Goldfield, Ph: 515-825-3581
goldpres@goldfieldaccess.net
"Like" us on Facebook

Upon the recommendation of the Presbytery of North Central Iowa, and our Board of Session, the church building will remain CLOSED throughout the month of May. This means no worship services, group meetings, events, and no regular office hours until June 7th. The Session will review this at the end of the month. This may seem extreme and yes, it is sad, but we take seriously the need to do what we can to contain and limit the spread of the coronavirus on our communities.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Sunday schedule:
10 a.m. - Pre-worship with Rev. Sara Sutter, and her husband Steve, live on our Facebook page - United Presbyterian Church of Goldfield.
10:30 a.m. - Worship service debuts on our Facebook page, and on YouTube.
11 a.m. - Join church members and friends in a Zoom fellowship chat.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Fr. Jerry Blake
Eagle Grove,
Ph: 515-532-3586
Father Blake is streaming Masses and the Rosary on our Cluster Facebook page.

Weekdays:
Rosary streamed 2 pm on Mon. through Wed. and Fri. & Sat.:
Rosary in Spanish at 7:30 pm
Mass in Spanish at 8 pm
Sundays:
Rosary at 8:40 am
Mass in English at 9 am
The Mass in English also airs on Eagle Grove Mediacom channel 12 Tuesdays at 5 pm.
* Arch bishop Jackels will stream Mass on the Archdiocese website (dbqarch.org) every Sunday at 9 am (English) and 10 am (Spanish).
Rosary is streamed on Thursdays at 2 pm (English) and 2:30 pm (Spanish).

CROSSROADS Christian Youth Center
Corner of Chestnut and Main, Goldfield
515-825-3383

HOLMES BAPTIST CHURCH
2137 Hancock Ave.
Holmes, Iowa
Pastor Zach Fischer
515-825-3110

EAGLE GROVE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
(CONGREGATIONAL)
Pastor Todd Edeker
1115 SW 2nd St. • P.O. Box 333
Ph: 448-3584
Everyone is Welcome!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Steven Swanholtm
Eagle Grove, Ph: 448-4612
Worship at 10:00 a.m.

GRACE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH
Ph: 448-5414
www.graceefc.com

SOUTH ENES LUTHERAN CHURCH
205 Johnson Street
Vincent - Pastor Gina Sterk

SAMUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Eagle Grove, Ph: 448-5038
Meeting at 9 a.m. on Sundays beginning June 7.

HOLMES EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Holmes
Meeting at 10 a.m. on Sundays beginning June 7.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Fr. Jerry Blake
Eagle Grove, Ph: 515-532-3586

NEW HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Eagle Grove
Pastor Gina Sterk
515-603-6151
A Congregation of the ELCA

ULLENSVANG LUTHERAN CHURCH, N.A.L.C.
Pastor Darryl Landsverk
Thor

LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH GOLDFIELD LCMC
Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ
Pastor Truman Larson

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH—LC-MS
EAGLE GROVE
Pastor Mark Peterson
Ph: 515-448-4668

EAGLE GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
615 SW 2nd Street
Eagle Grove, Iowa
Pastor Jason Cooper
Phone: 515-448-3697
www.egehc.org

Services are being broadcast live each Sunday at 9 a.m. on KQWC and on Facebook mevo.

EG MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION FOOD PANTRY
510 S. Jackson
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday,
1 - 3 p.m.
Helping Families in Need!
Please call to verify open.

SEVERE WEATHER: Don't Ignore the Risks

They happen frequently during summer months, severe thunderstorm warnings. And it can be easy to disregard their potential to threaten our lives.

Jonathan Erdman, The Weather Channel Senior Digital Meteorologist, says the exact location and intensity of summer thunderstorms is somewhat unpredictable. That means, when conditions are right, a severe storm can pop up quickly and intensify in a matter of minutes.

"Anytime thunderstorms are possible in your location, you need to keep an eye to the sky and look for weather updates on your phone's weather app," Erdman says. "Storms that will affect your location tend to develop in the western sky. If the sky begins to look dark, it's likely that thunderstorms are developing."

Ordinary midsummer thunderstorm can produce lightning. However, severe thunderstorms can produce more frequent cloud-to-ground lightning.

Most weather apps feature lightning alerts and using them can provide ample warning of

an approaching storm. Knowing that lightning strikes are near and it's time to take shelter could save your life.

Lightning strikes can occur up to 25 miles ahead of an approaching storm. When you hear the sound of thunder, you are within the range of lightning strikes.

Tractor cabs or even barns do not provide adequate lightning protection.

Lightning strikes don't always kill a victim but they can cause lifelong physical impairment.

When taking shelter from a storm producing lightning, avoid contact with electrical devices, corded phones, metal pipes, etc. Stay inside for at least 30 minutes after hearing the last clap of thunder.

Hail and high winds are often produced by severe thunderstorms. Criteria for designating a storm as severe includes hail from .25-inch to 1-inch in diameter and wind gusts of at least 58mph.

"One of the most dangerous elements of a severe thunderstorm

is the potential for a tornado that forms with little advance warning," Erdman says. "That can happen so quickly that the weather service can't get a tornado warning out before it strikes."

Tornadoes that form quickly on the leading edge of a long line of severe thunderstorms may occur during the night or be wrapped in rain and difficult to see.

Even if a severe storm doesn't spawn a tornado, the straight winds it produces can do comparable damage. The most common form of severe weather in the United States is from strong and/or damaging straight-line winds which aren't associated with tornadoes.

"When a trained meteorologist evaluates wind damage, they can tell the difference between straight winds and tornadoes. Straight winds produce a starburst pattern in debris whereas tornado winds cause a spiral pattern."

Hail, especially when driven by wind, can smash car windows and windshields and cause severe

damage to buildings. These types of storms can travel either from west to east or from east to west.

"If you're in your house when a severe storm strikes, go to your basement," Erdman says.

In late spring or summer, thunderstorms may form a long-lived fast-moving complex of high winds known as a derecho. These types of storms are capable of widespread tree damage and power outages. They may also cause some structural damage from wind gusts that top 100mph, the equivalent of an EF1 tornado.

Severe thunderstorms tend to develop from the afternoon hours into the evening, overnight and early morning.

Weather apps can play an important role in helping agricultural workers keep up with weather conditions and alerts.

"Be aware of the threats severe thunderstorms pose before you're caught in one," Erdman says. "The more time you have to prepare to take shelter from a storm, the better off you will be."

— UNMC, Central States Center for Agricultural Safety and Health, Omaha, NE

THIS CHURCH PAGE MESSAGE IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THESE FINE SPONSORS.

Iowa Specialty Hospital
Specializing in You
Family Practice Clinic
Clarion • 532-2836

GOLDFIELD ACCESS NETWORK
GAN
536 N. Main
Goldfield, IA 50542
515-825-3996

MALLOY LAW FIRM
Goldfield, IA 50542
515.825.3181

FAREWAY STORES
ECONOMICAL FOOD DISTRIBUTION
Grocery 515-448-3241
Meat 515-448-3526
Eagle Grove, Iowa


FAMILY TABLE RESTAURANT
EAGLE GROVE • 448-4321
Hours: Mon. - Thurs - 6 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Fri & Sat - 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. • Sunday - 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Take out orders available!

T & D SERVICE
500 N.W. 10th Street
P.O. Box 124
Eagle Grove, Iowa 50533
Complete Auto & Truck Repair
Tim Peterson Owner
515-448-5436
TND@goldfieldaccess.net

SADLER CONSTRUCTION, INC.
1905 North Iowa Avenue • P.O. Box 185
EAGLE GROVE, IOWA 50533

Community Pharmacy at Iowa Specialty Hospital
215 13th Ave SW
Clarion, IA 50525
515-532-2801

Our Father, Who Art



Jesus called God "Abba", which translates as "Daddy".
That says our awesome all-powerful God also is approachable, loving, caring and nurturing.
Spend time with your "Daddy" this week in church.

For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God.
Galatians 3:23-29

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a Luke 8:26-39 Psalm 42

Revised Common Lectionary © 1992 by the Consultation on Common Texts for
cpm P.O. Box 301 Siren, WI 54872

Sunday, June 14, 2020

EAGLE GROVE PHARMACY
Your Total Healthcare Specialists!
www.EagleGrovePharmacy.com

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
www.FirstIowa.bank

FOUST Funeral Home
Chad D. and Lisa M. Foust, Directors
1115 SW 2nd Street
PO Box 345
Eagle Grove, IA 50533
Phone: (515) 448-4674
Fax: (515) 448-5476
Email: foustfh@mchsi.com

ROTARY SENIOR LIVING
Full campus of care
(515) 448-5124
Skilled Nursing Assisted Living
Long Term Care with Memory Support
Residential Care

Stevenson Insurance Services
ABENS - MARTY - CURRAN AGENCY
319 Hwy 3 East • Goldfield
515-825-3476

Oldson's
Plumbing, Heating & A/C
114 N. Commercial Avenue
Eagle Grove, IA 50533
(515) 448-3456

EAGLE GROVE EAGLE
Nobody brings you hometown news like the Eagle Grove Eagle.

Lalor Construction
Free Estimates • Professional Crew
Family Owned - Over 40 Years • Licensed & Insured
Residential and Agricultural
• New Construction • Remodeling • Additions • Garages • Siding • Windows
• Concrete and Masonry • Plumbing • Electrical • Decks • Pole Buildings
Call Gary Lalor
Office: 515-448-5040 • Cell: 515-293-1579

Rejoice in our confident hope.
Be patient in trouble, and keep praying.
— Romans 12:12

EAGLE GROVE EAGLE
Nobody brings you hometown news like the Eagle Grove Eagle.

Lalor Construction
Free Estimates • Professional Crew
Family Owned - Over 40 Years • Licensed & Insured
Residential and Agricultural
• New Construction • Remodeling • Additions • Garages • Siding • Windows
• Concrete and Masonry • Plumbing • Electrical • Decks • Pole Buildings
Call Gary Lalor
Office: 515-448-5040 • Cell: 515-293-1579

Processors trying to manage through a difficult situation



This is the Purple Ribbon Beef team. Pictured, from left, Ashley Recknor holding Rylan Recknor, Jess Recknor, Cindy Hunter, Pete Hunter and Sara Hunter. Photo provided

BY LES HOUSER
SPORTS EDITOR
wrightcosports@gmail.com

The news has been full of stories about how livestock producers are trying their best to cope with the problem of getting animals to the processors, some of which have shut down due to employees testing positive for COVID-19. Unfortunately, it could even lead to the sad point of euthanizing their investment. The plants are doing the best they can to handle the situation, but it continues to be frustrating as the backlog of animals ready for slaughter only gets worse.

According to 2017 information supplied by the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers, Wright County has 39 percent of its population employed in agriculture and ag-related businesses. In addition, 20 percent of those jobs are in raising of livestock compared to 10 percent in crop production only. Over \$1.93 billion in total agriculture sales was generated in the county from 735 farms. The average farm size of 485 acres shows that there's still a place for the smaller operations. The market value of all livestock sold was over \$294 million, and of that 818,860 hogs were sold and 2,947 cattle sold for slaughter.

According to a press release from the Iowa Pork Producers Association, this state raises one-third of the nation's pigs. It doesn't happen overnight, and it takes approximately 10 months from conception for a pig to be ready for market. The virus has disrupted the food supply chain, and has led to difficult decisions on the farms. An average workday in Iowa would normally see 150,000 pigs delivered to the state's processing plants. That is simply not the case right now. Processing is down by nearly 40 percent, so farmers cannot get pigs processed and pork products cannot get to stores and ultimately to your table. Pork producers take great pride in putting a nutritious and affordable protein on your table, so this really impacts their life's work and livelihood.

Both Jere Null, CEO of Prestage Foods of Iowa, and Ryan Pudenz, General Manager of Prestage Farms of Iowa, also contributed updates of their operations during the pandemic.

"In terms of increased capacity at plants across the country, there has been steady progress in the last few weeks," said Null concerning the current state of the processing industry. "We are currently operating at over 90 percent of our daily capacity."

When asked about the difficulty of getting pigs to market, to the point of even producers being forced to destroy animals, Pudenz bluntly stated, "The impacts are real, and they are real for producers all across the country. There are current backlog estimates of over 600,000 market pigs in Iowa that may have to be euthanized in the coming weeks."

Null went on to say that Prestage recognizes that their team plays important roles in producing food that this country needs. "With the health and safety of our team members at the top of our mind during this time of COVID-19, we have put in place numerous additional safety measures at our plant to help maintain a healthy work environment so we can continue operations along with our supply chain partners," he said. "We are carefully monitoring all aspects of our operations so that we can minimize impacts of this virus. We are doing all we can to help our industry sustain the nation's food supply. We appreciate and salute our team members for all they are doing, day in and day out."

Pudenz believes there is already a bit of light at the end of this dark tunnel of uncertainty. "All plants in Iowa are operating at this time, though most are at a reduced capacity," he said. "That's something we are grateful for, but we still have a huge backlog of pigs that we have to work through. That is definitely a challenge." He also admits that not knowing future plant operating capacities is the biggest issue going forward post-pandemic. "If plants are only able to run at 80-90 percent of capacity, producers will be in the position of evaluating the size of their herds."

Pudenz also has a message for producers at this difficult time. "I would recommend them to reach out and utilize resources available to them through the National Pork Board, Iowa Pork Producers and the Iowa Resources Coordination Center," he said.

"They would be more than happy to help."

Null leaves a message for consumers. "The inventory of pork at some grocery stores might be temporarily limited, but that should not be a long-term issue," he said. "As operating capacity normalizes, any selection or availability issues should be resolved."

A recent press release, provided by Communications Director Jen Sorenson with Iowa Select Farms, states in part, "Every U.S. pork producer has been forced to make difficult decisions on how to manage the backlog's impact on their operation. The thought of euthanizing entire herds is devastating, since a farmer is dedicated to feeding families around the world. Sadly, Iowa Select has been forced to make this heartbreaking decision for some of its herd. Veterinarians and production well-being professionals are overseeing the process to ensure accordance with the American Association of Swine Veterinarians and the American Veterinary Medical Association. This is sad and difficult work. Our team members grieve as they implement our plan, and yet, given the devastating effects of COVID-19 on those who work in food supply, there are few options."

The beef industry has also been affected, but according to Ashley Recknor of Blue Ribbon Beef just not to the same extent as with pork. "There is a longer window for marketing the beef than the pork producers have, and our production is not so closely timed," stated Recknor. She went on to say that they are moving product through their store (Purple Ribbon General Store), online sales (www.purpleribbonbeef.com) and from their Facebook page. "In addition, we've restarted the farmers markets in Ames and Clear Lake," she said. "They have online ordering available for pick up there and those have been going well."

She feels that the backlog should be a relatively short-term trend as processing facilities open back up. "They're implementing additional numerous safety precautions and cleaning procedures," added Recknor. "Additionally, as consumers are buying more regular quantities at any one time this helps the supply chain too." Unfortunately, she admits this has all had a drastic change for the worse on market prices. "The cattle market is in rebound now," she said. Recknor admits that there's always a chance that some producers might not survive when it's over. "When there is great fluctuation in the markets, and the loss of the corn by-products markets, we will ultimately lose some producers," she said. "It's the uncertainty of the future of the future that makes it difficult."

She asks for everyone to be patient during this time. "It takes all parts of the supply chain to get beef or pork to the consumers table," said Recknor. "From the farm to the processor or locker, then to the store or retailer. It also takes time to have a quality product. We will get back to having the best and safest consistent supply." She also wishes to thank everyone who has supported both the beef and pork industries during this time, and continuing to do so. "Whether you are buying locally and direct, or through your favorite grocery store, we truly appreciate it," said Recknor. "If you ever have questions please reach out as we are happy to answer any questions. We also encourage people, if you can't find your favorites at the meat counter, to try new and different cuts of meat during this time. For ideas on substitutions, ask us or someone at the meat counter. We're all happy to help!"

The Fareway Corporate office in Boone also provided a statement for this story. This is from the Market Operations team, and sent to us by Fareway's Outreach and Communications Manager Emily Toribio. It reads: "Fareway is in constant communication with our great suppliers and we have been preparing for this potential issue. At this time, our supply is steady and we are not seeing dramatic shortages. However, we continue to reserve the right to limit quantities. One of the quickest ways to adversely affect available supply is for people to over-purchase. We are mindful of the fact that people are attempting to shop once per week. Therefore, we ask customers to use responsible judgment, be considerate of others, and not over-purchase. If this occurs, we remain optimistic that our supply will continue to meet demand."

WE REMEMBER OUR LOVED ONES

Sheryl Ahrens, 69, Eagle Grove

Sheryl Ahrens, 69, of Eagle Grove, formerly of Watseka, IL, passed away peacefully, with her family by her side, on Monday, June 1, 2020, at Rotary Senior Living in Eagle Grove, following a battle with cancer. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at Oak Hill Cemetery, Watseka.

Sheryl Ann (Dukes) Ahrens, the daughter of Sherril and Bertha (Wilt) Dukes, was born on October 10, 1950, in Watseka, Illinois. She was raised and educated in the area of her birth and received her cosmetology degree after attending Kanka Kee Community College. Sheryl worked in the school cafeteria and for many local restaurants.

On June 27, 1971, Sheryl was united in marriage with Harold Ahrens in Watseka. After Harold's sudden death in 1997, she moved to Eagle Grove, Iowa in 1999.



Sheryl Ahrens

Sheryl continued to care for people's food needs and served many breakfasts at Ampride in Eagle Grove and cared for

others while she worked for Krysilis in Belmond.

Sheryl was a member of the Centennial Christian Church in Watseka. She loved gardening, flowers, feeding birds (and other wild animals) and her dogs!!

Sheryl is survived by her sons, Robert Ahrens and Shawn Ahrens and his wife Jenna and two granddaughters, Emily and Sarah all of Eagle Grove. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Harold, son, Ryan Ahrens and sister, Freida Schaumburg.

Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family.

Arrangements by Foust Funeral Home, Eagle Grove, Iowa and Baier Funeral Home, Watseka, Illinois.

Stella Burras, 91, Renwick

Stella Ethel (Shirley) Burras died at the Iowa Veterans Home on June 06, 2020. Stella was born March 10, 1929 to Paul Wilbur and Eloisa Isabell (Owens) Shirley on her Grandmother Shirley's farm near Queen City, Missouri. Stella was the 6th child and 5th daughter in a family that saw 11 children grow to adulthood. In 1935, the family moved 40 miles north to a farm near Blakesburg, Iowa. Stella attended Wapello County rural elementary schools. She graduated from Blakesburg High School in 1947, where one of her favorite memories was playing guard on their 6-player girls' basketball team.

Stella attended Iowan Wesleyan College in Mount Pleasant for one year before becoming a rural schoolteacher near Blakesburg. In 1949 she moved to rural Wright County (near Olaf and Kanawha) in order to be the teacher in a rural Norway Township (section 17, T93N, R25W) school. She lived across from the school with Richard and Jennie Veldhouse where she met their neighbor, Irving B. Burras. Stella and Irving were married on June 27, 1951, in Winterset, Iowa.

Stella spent her married life as a farmwife and mother. Stella and Irving's first farm was near her parents outside of Ottumwa, where their eldest son, Bernie, was born. In 1954 they returned to Wright County, settling on Renwick as their long-term home in 1963. All seven of their children were confirmed at the St. Paul Lutheran Church and graduated from Boone Valley High School. Stella's children are Irving ("Bernie," 1951);

James (1954); Gail (1954), Rex (1956), Raymond Burdett ("Ray," 1957), Lee (1959) and Bruce (1967). Stella routinely mentioned she only planned to have three children.



Stella Burras

Stella returned to teaching in 1964 when she became the 6th grade teacher at Titonka Elementary School. Over the next decade she taught 6th grade at West Bend, Wesley and Goldfield. Tiring of the beat-up farmhouse, Stella bought a large house in Renwick in 1969. In 1971 - as a 42-year-old mother of 7, schoolteacher, farmwife and commuting student - Stella graduated from Drake University with her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. In 1974, Stella switched from teaching to welding at Trigg's Manufacturing in Belmond. She worked there for 2 years, before becoming a welder and then the welding supply manager at Hagie Manufacturing in Clarion where she remained for five years. Irving died in 1983.

In 2014 Stella moved to the Iowa Veteran's Home, a place she very much enjoyed and where she was wonderfully treated. She lived there because of Irving's naval service aboard the USS Swasey (DE 248) during World War II.

Stella was preceded in

death by her parents Paul and Isabell Shirley (1974, 2001, respectively), her husband Irving (1983), son Ray (2005), daughters-in-law Joanna (2017) and Alicia (2012), infant grandson Samuel (1997), and siblings Lawrence, Keith, John, Laura, Jean, Esther, and Ruth. Survivors are three siblings - Robert (Shirley) of Billings, Montana, Charles of Walnut, Iowa, and Joyce (Marvin) Brooks of Knoxville, Iowa, six children - Bernie of Renwick, James of Middleburg, Florida, Gail of Pontiac, Illinois, Rex (Chris) of Mauldin, South Carolina, Lee (Lori) of Ames, Iowa, and Bruce (Maryca) of West Lafayette, Indiana, 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Overall, Stella's life was a wonderful testament to being a good human, Christian, citizen, wife, mother and grandmother. To the very end she was especially proud of her grandchildren, her flower and vegetable gardens, her rural upbringing, her Grandfather Benjamin Stone's combat service in the US Civil War's 17th and 114th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiments, her membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution..... and maybe - just maybe - her kids in general. Stella will be buried alongside Irving in Norway Cemetery, Wright County, following a service at St. Paul Lutheran's Church in Renwick.

Funeral services for Stella was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Renwick. Interment will be in Norway Township Cemetery in Kanawha.



PUBLIC NOTICE Board of Supervisors

MAY 2020 CLAIMS GENERAL BASIC FUND

Table listing various claims and reimbursements for the Board of Supervisors, including items like Eric Rector, Reimbursement, Barb Redig, Mileage, Riedel Tree Service, etc.

Table listing various claims and reimbursements for the Board of Supervisors, including items like Gold-Eagle Cooperative, Supplies, Goldfield Access, Service, Hanson & Sons, Supplies, etc.

State reaches testing goal as COVID-19 steadily spreads

BY TRAVIS FISCHER
MidAmerica Publishing
Protests across the state directed attention away from the COVID-19 pandemic last week, however the lack of daily headlines has not slowed the spread of the disease.

for opportunities to provide TestIowa in more communities through partnerships with local healthcare providers. I fully expect that we will continue to expand its footprint across the state in the weeks and months to come."

adults, 60 have been middle aged, and 12 have been young adults. Half of the deaths attributed to COVID-19 in Iowa have come from outbreaks in long term care facilities. An additional outbreak was reported last week, bringing the total to 40 current outbreaks and 1,556 current positive cases.



PUBLIC NOTICE Board of Supervisors

MAY 26, 2020
Chairman Kluss called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Helgevoold, Rasmussen, and Kluss.

PUBLIC NOTICE Probate

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS PROBATE NO. ESPR017192
To All Persons interested in the Estate of DORIS M. OLSON,

PUBLIC NOTICE Probate

to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate must file them with the clerk of the above named court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Oldson's Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc.

Advertisement for Oldson's Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning, Inc. Eagle Grove/Clarion. 515-448-3456. Services include Furnaces, Air Conditioners, Fireplaces, Boilers, Geothermal, Heat Pumps, Ductless Systems, and Water Heaters.

STOPPING HIV STIGMA MATTERS

Advertisement for Stopping HIV Stigma Matters. Features a stethoscope and a clipboard. Text: "When people are afraid of experiencing discrimination, they are less likely to be tested or treated for HIV." Includes logo for Let's Stop HIV Together and #StopHIVTogether.

HAVE AN OPINION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE? The Eagle welcomes your Letter to the Editor. All letters must be signed to be considered for publication. Letters are at the discretion of the publisher.

A.B.A.T.E of Iowa is a go

A.B.A.T.E OF IOWA FREEDOM RALLY

JULY 2 - 4, 2020 IN ALGONA, IOWA
WWW.ABATEIOWAFREEDOMRALLY.COM

A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa is pleased to present the lineup for the 36th Annual Freedom Rally - to be held in Algona, Iowa July 2-4, 2020. ALL are welcome to the Freedom Rally - You do not need to be a member or a biker to attend. Though by becoming a member you SAVE on this year's tickets (even after purchasing your membership). "Member" includes membership in any state supported motorcycle rights organizations (any state). Non-Member Rally tickets are \$100 and include access to the festival (July 2-4), camping and all the concerts. Member tickets are \$40 through June 21. Become a member for only \$25 at www.abateiowa.org. All attendees must be 18 years of age or older. The Freedom Rally will be headlined by country superstar Randy Houser, rock icons Buckcherry and legendary southern rock band Confederate

Railroad! Kicking off on Thursday July 2, the 3-day festival includes a multitude of activities including 14 bands, a tattoo contest, bike show & rodeo, burnout pit, DYN0, fireworks, sled pull, duck race, vendors and more! Tent camping is included in all tickets and the rally is open to the public. The complete musical lineup is listed below in performance order:
Main Stage:
 Thursday: Confederate Railroad with Tyrant Souls and Alyssa Ruffin
 Friday: Randy Houser with Cody Hicks and Jammer
 Saturday: Buckcherry with Hinder and Adelitas Way Beer Barn
 Wednesday: 303 Band (Late)
 *Wednesday entry limited to members only
 Thursday: 303 Band (Early) and Alyssa Ruffin (Late) Friday: The Ice Breakers (Early) and

Jammer (Late)
 Saturday: Mud Wrestling (Early) and Mr. Sinister (Late)
 About ABATE of Iowa Freedom Rally - For thirty-six years A.B.A.T.E. of Iowa has been sponsoring the Freedom Rally. Motorcyclists come from Iowa and nearby states, even as far as Canada and the western states. The rally attendees come to visit with friends, see great bands, a bike show and rodeo, mud wrestling, and other entertainment. There are vendors with a variety of food, motorcycle-related merchandise, and tattoo artists. ABATE of Iowa sells beer, Tito's vodka, Red Bull, cigars & cigarettes. Find out more about the festival by visiting www.abateiowafreedomrally.com or by following them on Facebook @iowafreedomrally.
Paid for by A.B.A.T.E of Iowa

— THE ALTERNATIVE —

Learning from experts



I was kinda disappointed when I went away to college that I missed out on the Peoples' Park riots. College was a small art school in Oakland adjoining Berkeley. Peoples' Park was a vacant lot full of trash owned by the university and acquired through eminent domain (they stole it). Locals cleaned it up, removing derelict cars and demolition debris, planting flowers, trees and shrubs, and installing playground equipment. They claimed it as their own. The university thought otherwise. After the lot was improved, the university wanted to make a parking lot out of it. They erected a fence and eventually "the people" moved to take back the park. Law enforcement used tear gas, pepper gas, and buckshot to "control" the crowds. Why in the world I was disappointed to miss out, I have no idea. I did participate in other demonstrations. I was among 400,000 people who marched up Market Street in San Francisco. When we arrived, the sidewalks were overflowing and an elderly lady was crowded off into the street. An Alameda County deputy sprang into action beating the woman with a nightstick and screaming, "Get back on the sidewalk." Nobody had a cell phone camera so we grabbed her and got her to safety. Soon the police were over-whelmed; the entire street was filled storefront to storefront for miles. I never encountered the violence like at Peoples' Park and I never witnessed a pro-

tester calling a serviceman, "baby killer." In fact a huge number of protesters were Vietnam Vets. They had seen it, unlike most of the hawks of today. While living in Oakland I witnessed a huge societal change. Oakland was a working class town. It was predominately white before I lived there. There were good industrial jobs to be had and that attracted an influx of black folks looking for stable work and a place to raise a family. Being from Southern California, I found it uplifting to see well-maintained neighborhoods housing workers for the local factories. I lived two blocks from the high school where the founder of the Black Panther Party attended. While the families found things to be better in Oakland that showed there was always room for improvement. The Panthers conducted free breakfasts and pre and after school programs. People appreciated their help. But along with that help came indoctrination. The room for improvement came with roadblocks. Quite truthfully, one of those roadblocks was skin color. The Panthers claimed overcoming those roadblocks could only be achieved through Soviet style revolution. The children were being stolen from their parents. The U.S. government has taken on the same role that the Panthers assumed. Bullying and destroying, and toppling rulers around the world has become accepted

as our role in a beneficent and self-righteous crusade. What we see in cities where criminals overwhelm peaceful protesters shows that they have learned well from their own government. The cops that murdered George Floyd, the looters, and the vandals are a microcosm of their own government. The enabling element in all these tragedies is the adoption of identity politics as a legit-mate way of thinking. In order to discuss any news, it has to be simplified to conserve time. What is lost in doing so is the truth that we are all individuals. I'm waiting to see who gets fired for keeping Derek Chauvin on the Minneapolis Police Department after multiple complaints. I'm waiting to see the vandals and looters arrested and jailed. I'm waiting to see governors order protesters and rioters to be kept six feet apart. I'm waiting to see the U.S. government resume "peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations - entangling alliances with none," as George Washington wrote in his Farewell Address. Any responses to *The Alternative* may be 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.

Change of Plans????????

Have you had to change or reschedule your wedding because of the COVID-19 pandemic? I would love to share your story. Call Kim today to schedule a phone interview (515-448-4745) or drop me an email at egeagle@goldfieldaccess.net. We would also love pictures of any unique ways individuals might be holding graduation parties.



P.O. Box 6 • 314 W. Broadway
 Eagle Grove, IA • 515-448-4745
egeagle@goldfieldaccess.net



TIP OF THE WEEK:

Get moving! Walking is a good exercise. Start slowly with a few warm-up exercises and stretches first. Start with a 20 minute walk, then increase gradually.

Our slogan... "Wellness Works in Wright County"...was created to cultivate a spirit of wellness among the residents of Wright County. The logo's continuous motion of the coil, or spring, represents the persistent activity and forward-thinking required to bring about the changes necessary to improve the health of our citizens.

Your Custom Printing Specialists



BUSINESS & PERSONAL PRINTING

- ✓ Business Cards
- ✓ Letterhead
- ✓ Envelopes
- ✓ Newsletters
- ✓ Wide Format Banners & Posters
- ✓ Photo Printing
- ✓ Business Forms
- ✓ Brochures & Flyers
- ✓ Custom Invitations
- ✓ Graphic Design Services
- ✓ Print Marketing

www.MidAmPublishing.com

FREE
No-Obligation Quotes

FREE
Local Delivery

FAST Service

Becky Bottorff

Printing Project Coordinator

641.456.2585, ext. 113

CustomPrinting@midamericapub.com

Call Us Today! **800.558.1244**

One last moment with senior Hannah Huntley

BY LES HOUSER
SPORTS EDITOR
wrightcosports@gmail.com

How do you think it went for you sports-wise during your four years? “The three year’s that I was here were very challenging, and I faced many obstacles, but I made great friends and experiences out of it.”

What would be your highlight? “My last season of basketball. Our whole team was super close and we all bonded very well.”

Hopefully you don’t have, but any regrets? “Not going out for more sports.”

What’s the biggest lesson or life skill you’ll take with you into the world beyond high school? “The biggest lesson will be to always put forward your best effort no matter what.”

Do you feel sports involvement has prepared you well for life? “I think it has helped create good friendships and teaches you how to overcome obstacles.”

Anyone you wish to thank? “My coaches for sticking by my side through struggling times and never giving up on me.”

Ten things inquiring minds want to know about you:

Your favorite sport- Volleyball

Your favorite sport to play just for fun & recreation- Volleyball

Your favorite pro sports athletes- Shawn Johnson. The way she carried herself was inspirational.

Your favorite sports-related movie- “The Blind Side”

Your favorite concession stand food- Walking tacos. Always a go-to.

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would it be- Florida or somewhere along the coast where it’s nice, warm and sunny.



Favorite music-Country by far

If you could meet anyone in the world who would it be- no answer

Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat or Tik Tok. Which is your favorite social media form- Snapchat

One last moment with senior Enzo Gebara

BY LES HOUSER
SPORTS EDITOR
wrightcosports@gmail.com

How do you think it went for you sports-wise during your four years? “It went very well. We had our ups and downs, but we were able to have winning seasons in basketball and football. We created multiple memories throughout high school, and created friendships and memories that we will cherish the rest of our lives.”

What would be your highlight? “Beating Bishop Garrigan at Wells Fargo Arena my sophomore year. The atmosphere was unreal and I’ll never forget the crowd erupting as the buzzer went off.”

Hopefully you don’t have, but any regrets? “I have no regrets.”

“What’s the biggest lesson or life skill you’ll take with you into the world beyond high school?” “I’ve learned that things will not always go as planned and that you must be resilient to come back and reach your final goal.”

Do you feel sports involvement has prepared you well for life? “I believe it’s been huge for me. I created an extraordinary work ethic along with resilience, and I most importantly learned to be unselfish and to be a team player.”

Anyone you wish to thank? “I thank my family, friends, girlfriend, teachers and coaches throughout my time spent at



Eagle Grove. I would not be the person I am today without the guidance and encouragement from these people and the Eagle Grove community.”

Ten things inquiring minds want to know about you:

Your favorite sport- Basketball

Your favorite sports to play just for fun and recreation- Basketball

Your favorite pro sports athlete- Kobe Bryant

Your favorite sports-related movie- “Coach Carter”

Your favorite concession stand food- Walking taco

If you could travel anywhere in the world where would it be- Peru

Favorite music- I like all genres, rap, pop, country, rock etc.

If you could meet anyone in the world who would it be- Steph Curry

Facebook, Twitter, SnapChat or Tik Tok. Your favorite social media form- Snapchat

An unusual thing people might not know about me is... I am ambidextrous

Tom Simmons reflects back on his time in Eagle Grove

Former Park/Rec director here retires after 30-plus years

BY LES HOUSER
SPORTS EDITOR
wrightcosports@gmail.com

Tom Simmons recently retired after 30-plus years as the Clarion recreation director. Some of you may not know that he started out here in Eagle Grove in the same position for five years prior. He left rather suddenly after being offered that job, and feels now that he really didn’t get a proper chance to say goodbye and to thank everyone who helped him achieve what he did here. He has chosen this as a way to do that.



Tom Simmons is pictured after the move in 1980 to his new office at the Iowa Central building (now the district office). It allowed him to use a classroom for meetings in connection with his park/rec position. File Photo

Simmons came here from a two-year stint at Opportunity Village, where he even met the woman he would later marry. “They eventually moved me into the rec program there,” he said. “I was not a swimmer myself, but I became a swim coach and actually helped one of my swimmers to four medals!” Soon he was applying for the position in Eagle Grove.

“Even though I had never been a fulltime park & recreation director before I wanted that job so bad,” Simmons recalls. “It was in this area and a perfect fit for me.” In November of 1979, he was hired here to replace the departing Steve Fischer. “I started from scratch, and for a time wondered ‘what am I doing?’” said Simmons. “It truly was a trial and error experience for me, but I had a lot of good people that rallied around me to help out. It turned out to be truly a great time in my life, and I still have a lot of fond memories of my time in Eagle Grove.”

for Peewee, Midget and Junior Leagues and all compiled weekly by Simmons. “I also did the same for men’s 3 on 3 basketball and adult volleyball leagues in the winter,” he said. It could be safe to say that summer ball was his favorite time of year, as he could be busy doing something he truly enjoyed... grooming the fields. “It’s one of the passions I’ve always had, and still enjoy today,” said Simmons. “Even though it may seem like a mundane task, manicuring, dragging and chalking the fields was so much fun for me.”

The summer of 1980 brought another highlight, as he got to prepare the field that the Eagle Grove Merchants fast pitch softball team would use to take on the well-known ‘King & his Court’ traveling team. “The Merchants played a good game, but they just couldn’t beat Eddie Feigner and his four-man team,” said Simmons. The following summer brought with it a busy than usual time for Simmons, as it was also the year of the Eagle Grove Centennial.

and boys 5-15,” he said. “I had softball for grades 3-8 age girls, with all participants playing and learning the fundamentals of the game. The 2-8 grade boys could learn and develop their baseball skills. Again, all participants were guaranteed of playing in each game.” He also started a weekly fun and healthy activity called ‘Follow the Yellow Brick Road.’ “It was an exercise and walking program for all ages one night a week at Greenwood Park,” said Simmons.

He fondly recalls when there was an Eagle Grove Blues men’s amateur baseball team, consisting of players with either high school, college or junior college experience. “These were talented players from surrounding communities,” he said. “We were part of a league and played on Sunday afternoons, and we hosted our games at Greenwood Park. George Miller was head coach and I was his assistant. Zip Tanner was the home plate umpire for all home games.”

got real excited,” said Simmons. “However, I had to supervise co-ed church volleyball league so I had Jim Wallace get me the autographed photo. I still have that picture signed by Mr. Gable!”

In January of 1985, Simmons resigned his position here to take the same job in Clarion. He must have left quite an impression in the community, according to an editorial piece written by then Eagle owner/publisher John Neibergall. He wrote, in part, “Tom Simmons is going to be missed in Eagle Grove. He brought unbounded enthusiasm to the job, backing it up with an energetically full slate of activities year-round. In his words the decision ‘was maybe the toughest one in my life because Eagle Grove has been so good to me.’ Tom has been good to Eagle Grove too. He credits the ‘people who have volunteered to make the programs succeed.’”

In February of that year, Lori Hawn was introduced as the new park/rec director for the city. “I have heard Tom is highly respected in the community, and so I want to carry on what he accomplished and build from there,” said Hawn. Big shoes to fill, but it sounded like she was up for the challenge! As for Simmons, he was grateful for everyone who helped him out during those years as they were truly the ones who made it all work. In fact, a few of them shared their thoughts on Simmons for this story.

Tom is the best of the best,” stated Mel Sampson. “He related to both kids and parents well. He was energetic, fair and personable. We hated to see him go to Clarion.”

“During Tom’s employment in Eagle Grove, he asked me to help him lay out the ball diamonds with our survey equipment,” stated Ladell Olson. “I also went to Clarion to help him when base sockets had pulled out of the ground. Tom was hard to keep up with as he ran from one spot to the next. I always enjoyed talking with him about area sports and especially wrestling. I wish him well in his retirement.”

Simmons was a 1970 graduate of Clarion High School, and attended Iowa Central for two years followed by a year at DMACC. He graduated from Buena Vista in 1977 with a BA in physical education and an emphasis in recreation. His first office was at city hall, and by February of the following year he moved to an office adjacent to Dick Dyas in the Iowa Central building.

“Park/Rec provided a number of activities for the celebration,” recalls Simmons. “A highlight for me was making two separate trips to Des Moines to appear first on the Dolph Pulliam Show, and then on the Duane and Floppy Show, to promote the centennial activities.” The long list of events for centennial-goers included both a cow chip and frying pan throw, horseshoe and archery tournaments, a century bike ride, swim events at the pool, radio-controlled model airplanes and a mini-Olympics. There were also softball and baseball tournaments for youth on up to old-timers and an all-comers track meet.

Another thrill for him was a trip to the old Metrodome in Minneapolis. “It was during baseball season, and Jim Wallace (former Eagle sports editor), my cousins John and Steve and I took a trip up there to visit Dick Erickson, who was the head of the grounds crew,” said Simmons. “I had about an hour with him, and he showed me his equipment. The other three got to go out into the outfield and watch the players warm up.” Soon it was time for Erickson to chalk the field in preparation for the game. “He sent us to visit the guy who was in charge of running all the technical equipment they use inside the dome. We enjoyed a good game and a good time with them.”

“There are several things I can tell you about Tom,” stated Joe Chamberlin. “The first words I would use are high energy. It seemed that Tom never walked. He always seemed to run to where he was going. Another thing I remember about Tom is how he treated people. He was always kind and treated people with respect, which wasn’t always easy as a parks & rec director. Tom was also always hard working. If you wanted to do an activity for kids, he was always there to help. He was so good with the kids he worked with”

“Dick Dyas arranged the office move,” relates Simmons. “He was very good to me, and treated me as his equal.” In fact, Simmons added that the City rec department went in together with the community college to offer aerobic dance classes in that building. “I was also free to use empty classrooms for evening meetings to organize activities,” added Simmons.

“One of my favorites was the cow chip throw,” said Simmons. “Don Callen was the Methodist minister at the time, and he gave me a name of a guy in Oklahoma that would provide cow chips. He sent them by UPS in a big box. We broke off small pieces and put them on plaques for the winners. We had a rule that you could not lick your fingers between throws.”

Winter programs also kept him busy as the activities moved indoors. Those included men’s basketball for either three-player or five-player teams, co-ed church or women’s league volleyball and open gym adult volleyball. “When I left in January 1985, we had 17 total teams participating in the women’s volleyball league,” said Simmons proudly. “I enjoyed being a part of both shuffleboard and exercises classes for senior citizens.” A memento that means a lot to him is an autographed photo of Dan Gable, even though he never got to meet him! “He was a guest speaker at the wrestling banquet so I

“God has blessed me with a wonderful and understanding wife as well, so that I could serve others in the Eagle Grove community,” said Simmons in closing. Well said Tom, and the community appreciated what you did. Enjoy your retirement, you have earned it!

He then started softball and baseball leagues for the youth that summer. A scoreboard column started appearing weekly in the Eagle, with game scores and current standings

He then started softball and baseball leagues for the youth that summer. A scoreboard column started appearing weekly in the Eagle, with game scores and current standings

He then started softball and baseball leagues for the youth that summer. A scoreboard column started appearing weekly in the Eagle, with game scores and current standings

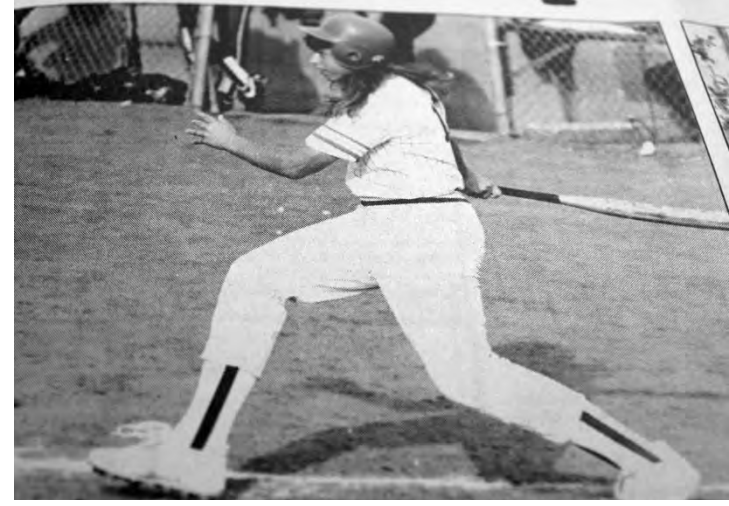
He then started softball and baseball leagues for the youth that summer. A scoreboard column started appearing weekly in the Eagle, with game scores and current standings

1990 Flashback



Coach Linda Brundeen goes out onto the field to congratulate the Eagle Grove Lady Eagles after their big win over Terril last Tuesday night to send them to the state softball tournament in Fort Dodge. On their arrival back into town that night, they were greeted with a fire truck and police support. The girls rode on the truck around town to let everyone know they were heading to State.

The Eagle Grove High School softball players storm the field as the celebration begins after a regional final win over Terril. Archive photo from The Eagle Grove Eagle



Mollie Thomason bangs a triple to deep center. She drove in a run vs. Terril in the regional final win. Archive photo from The Eagle Grove Eagle

Wright County Shooters open their season schedule

After a month’s delay, the Wright County Shooting Association was able to get their competition going on May 31 at the gun range east of Clarion on Reed Avenue. Lynn Barz reports it was a good day. “Everybody brought their guns out,” he said. “We had nine shooters and 21 total guns. Also had a new shooter, Mark Thompson. COVID-19 was not going to stop us this time.”

In the limited class, Mike Townsend was the winner with 179 total points in a time of 36.84. He had no penalties for a final score of 4.858. Second went to Cody Larue with 162 points in 37.42. He had 20 in penalties for a score of 3.794. Third went to Denny Mraz with 182 points in 55.38. He had 20 in penalties for a score of 2.925. Others in the class were L. Barz (2.890), Jennilee Townsend (2.712), Pat Star (1.771), Jason Barz (1.750), Brian Bangs (0.912) and Thompson (0.614).

In the open class, it was Larue in first with 174 points in 35.67. He drew 10 in penalties for a score of 4.597. Second was M. Townsend with 188 points in 34.59. He had 30 in penalties for 4.567. Taking third was J. Townsend with 170 points in 48.36. She had 20 in penalties for a score of 3.101. Others in the class were Bangs (2.762) and L. Barz (2.598).

In the optic class, it was M. Townsend with 183 points in 34.83 for the win. He had 40 in penalties for a score of 4.105. Second went to Larue with 178 points in 38.44. He had 30 in penalties for a score of 3.850. Third went to L. Barz with 178 points in 57.45. He had 10 in penalties for a score of 2.924. Also competing was J. Townsend (2.803). There were no revolvers in competition.

The next event is June 28, and new shooters whether experienced or novice are always welcome!

Editors Note: We are re-running this article due to updated information.

HELP WANTED

Iowa Specialty Hospital

Iowa Specialty Hospitals and Clinics are currently accepting applications to work in our hospitals and clinics.

OB CNA-WEEKEND PACKAGE: Full-time night position in Clarion OB Department, weekend package working 5 out of 6 weekends and a holiday rotation. Position is primarily in the OB department but will be required to float to the Med-Surg floor. Prior labor and delivery and or surgical scrub experience preferred but willing to train. Requires BLS certification.

ENTRANCE HEALTH SCREENER: Part-time positions covering clinic and Emergency Department entrances between Belmond, Clarion and Garner. Variable shifts, with hours ranging from 5 a.m.-10 p.m. May include weekend and holiday rotations. Duties include, but not limited to: taking temperatures of employees, patients, and visitors; asking standard health screening questions; maintaining and keeping confidentiality; directing individuals accordingly; cleaning and disinfecting screening items; and other duties as assigned. Position requires excellent communication skills, customer service, flexibility, outgoing personal demeanor, confidentiality, and dependability.

RADIOLOGY SECRETARY: Full-time position available between Belmond and Clarion facilities. Primary hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Job duties include basic office and computer skills, personal demeanor, confidentiality, excellent communication skills and dependability are required. Position will require you to answer the phone, schedule patient appointments, enter patient orders, fax results as needed and other duties as assigned.

INFORMATION TECH: Full-time position available, hours are primarily Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. but will require flexibility and include a call rotation. Candidate will provide level 1 and 2 technical supports for software, hardware and network problems as well as assisting network administrators. Candidate must have excellent phone and customer service skills as well as the ability to multi task and be a self-starter. Position requires a 2 year degree in Computer Science or related field and extensive knowledge of Microsoft products preferred. Candidate will be required to work at all Iowa Specialty Hospital locations as needed.

HOUSEKEEPER: Full-time housekeeper. Hours are Monday through Friday 5 a.m.-1:30 p.m. along with a weekend and holiday rotation. This position is responsible for cleaning, disinfection, and floor care activities in areas of the facility. Skills require being motivated; detail oriented, and be able to work well with others. This position is required to work at all Iowa Specialty Hospital location as needed.

COOK/COOK HELPERS- CLARION: Full-time position available in Clarion with a weekend and holiday rotation with a weekend and holiday rotation. Responsibilities will include preparing meals for patients, residents, and employees, as well as other duties as assigned.

Positions offer competitive compensation, medical, dental, vision benefits, IPERS, PTO, exciting growth opportunities and more.
Equal Opportunity Employer.
Apply online at www.iowaspecialtyhospital.com/careers

NOW HIRING!

Agri Star Meat & Poultry LLC, a family managed leading producer of Glatt Kosher meat products, is seeking to fill open positions plant wide. We offer health and dental insurance, 401K, FSA, PTO and paid vacation to all full time employees.

Agri Star is an equal-opportunity employer with highly competitive compensation plans throughout.

Don't miss this opportunity to join our family and the chance to start a new and rewarding career!

Agri Star Meat & Poultry LLC utilizes the E-Verify System

Contact information:
hr@agristar.com
Agri Star Meat & Poultry LLC.
220 West Street P.O. Box 920
Postville, Iowa 52162
Phone: (563)864-7811
Fax: (563)864-7899



Office Hours

Temporarily closed due to COVID-19

We still want to hear from you! If you have news or photos to drop off, please leave them in the mailbox between the two front doors, call, or email.



P.O. Box 6 • 314 W. Broadway, Eagle Grove, IA
315-448-4745 * egeagle@goldfieldaccess.net

How You Can Avoid 7 Costly Mistakes if Hurt at Work

Each year thousands of Iowans are hurt at work, but many fail to learn the Injured Workers Bill of Rights which includes:

1. Payment of Mileage at \$.545 per mile
2. Money for Permanent Disability
3. 2nd Medical Opinion in Admitted Claims. . . . A Bold New Book reveals your other rights, exposes insurance company secrets and much more.

The book is being offered to you at **no cost** because since 1997, Iowa Work Injury Attorney Corey Walker has seen the consequences of client's costly mistakes. If you or a loved one have been hurt at work and do not have an attorney claim your copy (while supplies last) **Call Now** (800)-707-2552, ext. 311 (24 Hour Recording) or go to www.IowaWorkInjury.com. **Guarantee-** Corey stands behind his book and if you do not learn at least one thing call us and we will donate \$1,000 to your charity of choice.

MISC.

GENERATE LEADS for your business and run your classified ad in over 200 newspapers statewide and reach 1.9 million IOWANS with your message! Call this paper or 800-227-7636 (INCN)

SERVICES



YOUR #1 SOURCE FOR IMPROVED INDOOR AIR QUALITY AND ENERGY EFFICIENT SOLUTIONS

Air Duct Cleaning • Home Air Purifiers • LED Lighting • Solar • Residential/Commercial
Solar Attic Fans • Attic Insulation • Smart Thermostats • Energy Monitoring

Contact Now for a Free Estimate
(515) 408-9178
JWEFFICIENCIES@GMAIL.COM


WORKBOOTS that work




Brown's SHOE FIT CO.

210 S. 25th • 515-955-8200
Mon.-Thurs. 9-7, Fri. 9-6,
Sat. 9-5, Sun. 12-5


Abstracting Messenger Reader's Best Abstract Company
Abstracting by ILTA Certified Land Professional
Abstracting, Fast, Accurate, & Friendly Staff
Abstracting & Easy On-line Ordering
Abstracting Certified Title Plant
Abstracting & Free Pick up
Abstracting to Re-finance
Abstracting for Realtors
Abstracting & Search
Abstracting Services
Abstracting Integrity
Abstracting Quality
Abstracting From...



Danielle Michalski



Voted Readers Choice
Seven Time Winner



ABSTRACT ASSOCIATES of Wright County

Abstracts & Accuracy
Abstracting Free Delivery
Abstracting Locally Owned
Abstracts to Show Clear Title
Abstract to Title Opinion Attorney
Abstracting and Customer Convenience

ABSTRACT BUSINESS IS WELCOMED AND APPRECIATED

Bradford Center • 215 No Main St. • Clarion, Iowa 50525
515-532-0065 • abstractassociatesofiowa.com

BUILDINGS

30' x 40' x 10' Building \$25,500



GINGERICH POST & FRAME
Committed to Quality & Customer Service

- (2) 3'x3' Windows
- (1) 3'x6' Entry Door
- (2) 9'x8' OH Doors
- 4" Concrete
- 4' Wainscoting
- 12" Overhangs

Garages/workshops - Equestrian - Commercial - Agricultural - Metal Homes - And More!
* Travel Charges May Apply * Erected on your level site * Heavy 26 GA Roof Steel * #1 Grade Lumber

Call Today! Free Estimates!
Simon Gingerich (319)464-7781
www.gingerichpostandframe.com

3% Veterans Discount offered Year Round

An Exclusive Offer for Mid-America Publishing Readers

Get a Trial Subscription to ReMIND and Save 60%

Your customer just ordered online



Call your marketing consultant to take back your business today!



Call **Cari** at 515-851-9087
Email wrightcosales@midamericapub.com



70 TOP HITS OF THE SEVENTIES
PUZZLES + NOSTALGIA + TRIVIA + COMICS + PRIZES

- SEASONAL FEATURES like summertime swimsuits and cocktails from the 60s, Halloween costumes through the years, celebrating holidays like you used to
- RETRO TV AND CLASSIC MOVIE GUIDES - So you know where to watch your favorite classic TV shows and movies
- COLOR COMICS from Beetle Bailey and Betty Boop to Popeye and Dennis the Menace
- AMAZING STORIES of yesteryear, told by people just like you
- PLUS puzzles, contests & prizes!

Let the good times roll, every month!

Mail in form

SIGN ME UP! **LOWEST PRICE Anywhere!**
100% Satisfaction Guarantee

1 year/12 issues **\$23.88 SAVE 60%**

Name (please print)
Address
City State Zip

Email Telephone.....

Payment Enclosed (payable to ReMIND Magazine)
Charge My Credit Card: Visa MasterCard AMEX Discover

Card # Exp. /

MAIL ORDER TO: ReMIND Magazine, 213 Park Drive, Troy MI 48083
Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery of your first issue. All subscriptions are delivered via U.S. mail.

SUBSCRIBE TODAY
1-855-322-8784
remindmagazine.com/rmcp

NEW RETRO TV SECTION!
Your monthly guide to CLASSIC MOVIE & TV LISTINGS

Promo Code: **RMCP**

8 FAREWAY MEAT & GROCERY

2-DAY SALE!

FRIDAY & SATURDAY | JUNE 12-13

<p>BUY TWO GET ONE FREE BREW PUB PIZZA 12"</p>	<p>4/\$5 Little Debbie Family Pack Cakes select varieties, 6 or 10 ct.</p>	<p>\$1.88 Ritz Crackers 8-14 oz.</p>
<p>\$4.99 Supreme Choice Cooked Shrimp 51-60 ct., 12 oz pkg LIMIT 2 TOTAL</p>	<p>\$1.99/lb Fareway Bratwurst regular only LIMIT 5 LBS</p>	<p>2/\$3 Florida's Natural Lemonade 59 oz.</p>
<p>3/\$5 WHEN YOU BUY 3 Keebler Cookies select varieties 7.7-16.4 oz.</p>	<p>\$1.48 7UP or RC Products 6 pk., 5L. btl. +dip where applicable LIMIT 4 TOTAL</p>	<p>69¢ Hunt's Ketchup 20 oz.</p>
<p>3/\$5 WHEN YOU BUY 3 Keebler Cookies select varieties 7.7-16.4 oz.</p>	<p>\$1.99 29¢ SINGLES Fresh Sweet Corn dozen</p>	<p>99¢/lb Washington Extra Fancy Honeycrisp Apples</p>

Artsy Mama **Cont. from Page 1**

she finally did a Google search and found the application process. Unfortunately, they weren't accepting any entries at the time. When she checked in a while later for the second time, she was delighted to see they were, but her nerves kept her from filling out the form.

"It might sound cheesy, but the current situation of the world was a push for me," admitted Johnston about finally submitting her application for season three. "In this time of uncertainty, family and personal happiness has become more important than ever and when I randomly checked their website again one day to see that casting was still open, I just kind of thought, 'Why not?' and mentioned it to my husband (Kyle), and he said 'Yes, do it.'"

A second motivation came from her older brother, Travis Horn. He grew up a professional wrestling fan who found a way to make his way into the sport as well now as an adult.

"I had no idea how a person can just decide one day that they are going to try and do that, especially here in Iowa, but he has worked hard and found some great opportunities and success through it and that made me feel like I should never hold myself back from taking these steps of pursuing my dream," said Johnston.

Now all that's left is the waiting...waiting to see if they call and give her the news she's been day-dreaming about hearing since she first saw the show. And by the way, she said she's watched every single episode from the start, some more than once.

"All of the contestants on there seem to have different types of arts or crafts that they specialize in or enjoy most, and they are all insanely creative and kind," noted Johnston. "Even though it is a competition, you can tell they all get along and are truly rooting for each other. Some of the ideas they have for crafts on there are not things I would have ever thought of, but I feel so inspired by it all. Each week, when someone is sent home, all of the contestants cry, and I cry right along with them from home."

Johnston admits that just in case she does get her shot at "Making It," she's been storing up some ideas in her head.

"I have tried to think with each of the challenges as I watch the show what I would do if I was given that challenge? It is so overwhelming to even think about, and some of the ideas I have seen on the show have encouraged me to try to

really think out-of-the-box, even more than I already do," she said. "Now that I have actually taken the step to apply, my mind is constantly racing with ideas."

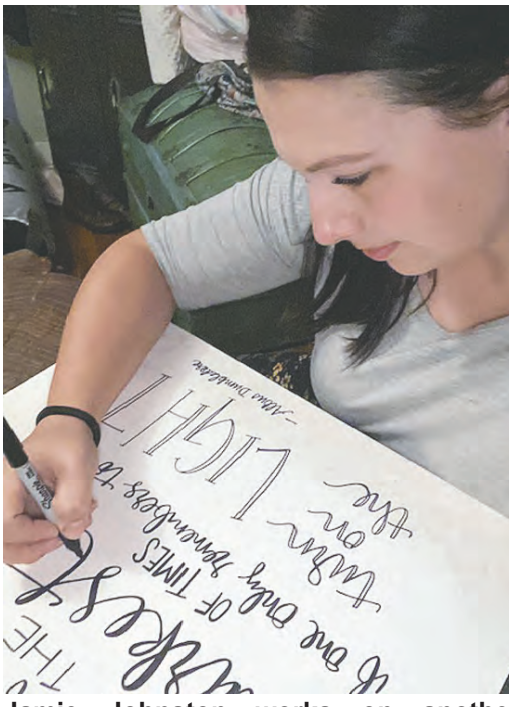
While everyone who knows Johnston is excited for her and waiting with anticipation for the phone call, there were three people who were not thrilled...in the beginning. She said her three kids, ages eight, five, and almost two, did not want their mom to leave if she was cast in the show, because it tapes in California. That all changed when their dad, Kyle (who Johnston said is always a huge supporter of hers) told them that if she got on, they would get to watch their mommy on television and cheer her on.

"They thought that was pretty cool," she said.

It seems as though Johnston has been preparing for this opportunity her whole life, as being creative seems to run in the family.

"I think I just kind of had a knack from the start. I grew up in a house with very creative, artistic parents. Whether they were painting things, creating cool stuff for the garden, or coming up with amazing outfits for dress up days at school, I quickly learned to appreciate how inventive they could be," she said.

There were always bright cans of spray paint her father had sitting around. Her mom was "the queen" of reusing stuff she could find around the house. Her brother and sister also enjoyed arts projects, so it's no wonder she fell in love with the hobby too. Johnston took every art class she could throughout high school. While she enjoys a variety of projects and mediums, her favorite type of art is working with paint pens, and she uses them often for her creations for her home business, "Artsy Mama." She uses them to hand write on canvas, wood, glass, ornaments...and is willing to try whatever it is her customers want. Last Christmas, she even hosted her first sip and paint class where she invited others



Jamie Johnston works on another creation. Photo provided

business. "It is a huge bonus to live in great communities where I can get my name out."

She has also set up an Etsy store that she is dabbling with.

Kyle has also found a passion for being creative. Last year he decided to give woodworking a try, creating a wooden coffee table with a blue epoxy "river" running through it. He calls his business "Deathly Hallow customs" as he is a major Harry Potter fan. He has displayed some of his items along with his wife's during vendor shows she has participated in. Even their three children, which is no surprise, have developed a love of the arts.

"I really love that everyone in our house enjoys being crafty so it is something we can do together," Johnston said.

In the daytime hours, Johnston keeps busy working as a family development specialist with Upper Des Moines Opportunity. She works in-home with families, helping them set goals to achieve self-sufficiency. She has also been teaching dance some evenings for the past six years and is currently teaching at CDTA in Humboldt.

"It feel so great to have people enjoy my arts and crafts enough that they want to display them in their home or business. When people contact me and say they saw something they liked and wonder if I would make it for them, it is a huge honor. I love feeling like I found my talent and that I can share that with others," said Johnston.

Now, she just hopes she can share that passion for creating in front of a national audience as part of "Making It." Either way, contestant or not, this small-town girl has already made it big in the eyes of the people who know her and have her work on display in their own homes and businesses.

Johnston encourages each of us to give crafting a try. Creativity lives in all of us.

"If you watch even one episode of "Making It," you are bound to come up with some ideas you want to try.

If Johnston does make it on one of her favorite television shows, she would be in the running to win \$100,000 and be named the "Master Maker." Johnston said if that dream came true, she would love to move her family into a bigger house where they could equip the ultimate workshop and crafting spaces for her and her husband, and of course, their budding little artists that are following in their footsteps.



Jamie Johnston's masterpiece she made for her own home. Photo provided

Community Pharmacy Curbside Pickup

Curbside medication pickup available at Community Pharmacy. Just follow these easy steps:

- Call 24 hours in advance for prescription refills.
- Call again prior to arriving to verify refills are complete.
- When checking prescription completion, ask for curbside pickup.
- Make sure you are healthy or send a healthy family member or other authorized person to pick up the prescription.

515-532-2801
215 13th Ave SW
IowaSpecialtyHospital.com

Online at MyIowaHome.com

Your helpful source for home searches, reports and valuations!

Serving the metro area since 2003

Matt Grohe

RE/MAX Agent

Mobile/Text/SMS: 515-988-3726

<p>2BR - 1 BA</p> <p>GOLDFIELD - 207 W WEBSTER</p>	<p>3 BR - 1.5 BA</p> <p>EG - 14 PARKVIEW DRIVE</p>	<p>3-4BR - 1.5 BA</p> <p>EG - 1214 W BRDWAY</p>	<p>3 BR 1.5 BATH</p> <p>EG - 1401 SW 2ND</p>	<p>2 BR - 1 BA</p> <p>EG - 606 N LINCOLN</p>
------------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------	------------------------------------------------------------

CALL US FOR SHOWINGS OF NEW MORNINGSIDE HOMES!!

<p>3 BR - 2.5 BA</p> <p>EG - 300 S IOWA</p>	<p>LAKE CORNELIA Bldg large lot w/lake access, new low price.</p> <p>EG - HWY 17 7000 sf bldg 94'x100' lot</p> <p>HWY 17 N. EG</p>
-----------------------------------------------------------	---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------

HomeLand REALTY

201 S. Commercial Ave
Eagle Grove, IA

Licensed in Iowa Call ~ 448-3717

JENNY VAN JAARSVELD 515-293-1818	KURT KNUDSEN 515-293-2000	ALEC AMONSON 515-851-8049	DARREN ROBINSON 515-293-1207
--------------------------------------------	-------------------------------------	-------------------------------------	----------------------------------------

Visit www.homelandiowa.com or realtor.com or zillow.com

Land for Sale

79A Wright Co. - Dayton Twp
All tillable • Cash leased - 2020
Call Alec Amonson - 515-851-8049