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PHOTO COURTESY OF GRUNDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
Gladbrook-Reinbeck senior Nattalee Brinkman, left, receives the 2025-2026 Evelyn Covington Scholarship from Grundy County Sheriff Kirk Dolleslager.

## G-R's Brinkman receives Evelyn Covington Scholarship

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GRUNDY CENTER — Gladbrook-Reinbeck senior Nattalee Brinkman was recently named as one of 15 recipients of the Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association (ISSDA) 2025-2026 Evelyn Covington Scholarship. Nattalee is the daughter of Adam and Megan Heise; Adam has been a Grundy County Deputy for 22 years.

The ISSDA Evelyn Covington Scholarship is named after Sergeant Evelyn Covington of the Linn County Sheriff's Office. She was employed with the Sheriff's Office for 23 years. At the time of her retirement, Evelyn was a sergeant in the Civil Division. She served on the ISSDA board for many years and, in 1989, was the first woman elected as president.

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## Senate passes bill restricting eminent domain for carbon pipelines

10 amendments, countless discussions, four years and five hours later

CAMI KOONS | IOWA CAPITAL DISPATCH

DES MOINES — Iowa senators voted 27-22 late Monday (May 12) to pass a bill to limit the ability of carbon sequestration pipelines to use eminent domain, sending it to the governor's desk after a drawn-out debate.

The decision follows four years of Iowans and House lawmakers urging for eminent domain reform in response to the proposed Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline.

House File 639 comprised a number of bills passed by the House aimed at eminent domain. Senators tried repeatedly to change the scope of the bill with various amendments, none of which were adopted.

Sen. Tim Kraayenbrink (R- Fort Dodge) said amid debates on eminent domain and carbon capture pipelines, that senators were "missing the point" that the bill was poorly written and likely to create problems.

"The point is a crappy bill that we're going to be voting on here in a little bit," Kraayenbrink said.

### Four years coming

Landowners opposed to the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline have traveled to the Capitol countless times over the past four years, urging lawmakers to move on the issue.

Many of those opposed to the pipeline own land in its path and fear its impact to their land, property values and safety.

The pipeline would transport carbon dioxide, captured from ethanol facilities, across Iowa, Minnesota,

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## WEEKEND FORECAST:

Saturday: SUNNY/BREEZY

High: 76 / Low: 55

Sunday: MOSTLY SUNNY

High: 73 / Low: 51



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# Remembering the fallen 50 years later



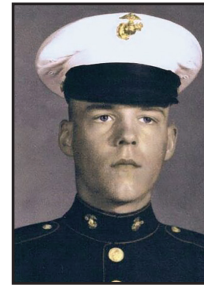
Sgt. John Gaylord Kopriva



Cpt. Norbert Albert Podhajsky



Pfc. Terry Roberts



Pfc. Gary Ladd Squiers



Sgt. Richard Clive Youngbear



PHOTO BY MIKE DONAHEY  
Pictured is the Meskwaki Casino and Hotel's "Wall of Honor" featuring Settlement members who perished in World War II and the Vietnam War. From upper left to right clockwise are Pfc. Robert Morgan, WWII, Pfc. Clement Mauskemo, WWII, Pfc. Terry Roberts, Vietnam, Pfc. Dale Benson, Vietnam, and Sgt. Richard Clive Youngbear, Vietnam.

## Tama County Vietnam War casualties honored, pt. 2

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*Editor's Note: This is the seventh story in a series of nine first published by the Times-Republican newspaper honoring the 32 men from Grundy, Hardin, Marshall and Tama counties who perished during the Vietnam War including one man considered as missing-in-action. From Nov. 1, 1955 to April 30, 1975, the conflict raged in Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam. Nearly 3 million servicemen and women served in the Southeast Asia theater – of which 115,000 Iowans served in Vietnam. The war*

*claimed the lives of 58,220 Americans including 868 Iowans. There were an estimated 250,000 South Vietnamese troops killed, according to military sources. As a tribute, the newspaper is listing at a minimum the rank, full name, branch of service, hometown and, if available, date of birth, death, age and burial location of those who perished. The information was obtained courtesy of the Central Iowa Vietnam Veterans Involvement Committee archives, findagrave.com and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's "Wall*

*of Faces." Dan Gannon, a Vietnam combat veteran, provided the Iowa Vietnam War Memorial Directory of Names. Kennan Seda, historian of the Sons of the American Legion Post 73 in Tama, provided biographical details. Additional information was submitted by family and friends. This installment is the second to feature fallen veterans from Tama County; Pt. 1 published in last week's Sun Courier.*

**Sgt. John Gaylord Kopriva**

Nov. 27, 1948–June 22,

1969; age 20 – Army – Traer Burial: St. Paul's Cemetery, Traer

Kopriva was on a search-and-destroy mission deep in enemy territory. He and other members of his unit were mistaken as enemy combatants and fired upon by friendly forces from a helicopter. He was wounded and evacuated to a hospital where he died from his wounds, according to information on the VVMF's "Wall of Faces."

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## Gladbrook Legion Auxiliary hosts annual Mothers Tea

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GLADBROOK — The Gladbrook American Legion Auxiliary hosted their annual Mothers Tea on Monday, May 12. President Jeanne Paustian opened the program, welcoming everyone to the tea on a beautiful spring day.

Special guests this year included Dept. President Verlinda Prior of Columbus Junction, 3rd District President Stacy Bane of State Center, and Tama County President Diane Caloud of Clutier; all brought greetings and received a gift card

The Memorial Service was conducted by Unit President Jeanne Paustian, Chaplain Joyce Swangel, Poppy Chairman Rose Russell, and Membership Chr. Jolene Denbow. During the service, hymns were sung and led by pianist Sue



PHOTO COURTESY OF JEANNE PAUSTIAN  
The Gladbrook Legion Auxiliary's annual Mothers Tea included both guests and special membership honorees. Front row (l-r) County President Diane Caloud, Dept. President Verlinda Prior, and District President Stacy Bane. Back row (l-r) Kay Lowry, Mary Jane Schaeferle, Pam Thomas, Dinny Nielsen, Becky Fevold, Diane Brown, and Jolene Denbow.

Koster, prayers lifted up, and a poem on Faith read.

The Unit lost three ladies since the last service in May

2024, including members Lavera Arp and Mary Lee Goos, and Gold Star Sister Darlene Hatcher. A candle

was lit for the deceased, a poppy placed, and the gift of

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