



Kerry Burmeister (center), president of the Humboldt-Dakota City Kiwanis Club, presented a \$300 check to Nolan Townsend (left) and to Gerald Davis (right) to support local boy scouts and cub scouts. Davis is the local scoutmaster while Townsend is working on a Sheldon Park improvement project as his Eagle Scout project. Submitted photo.

United Women in Faith to host Guest Day, Thursday, May 1

Come and join the United Women in Faith of Humboldt United Methodist Church on Thursday, May 1, at 2 p.m., for their annual GUEST DAY. It will take place in Morehouse Hall. A dessert will be provided.

The program will be “Music in Motion,” led by Marla

Norman, who will relate her journey of “signing” and she will “sign” some favorite hymns. It will be a wonderful time of fellowship and inspiration.

Please email [cjroghair@yahoo.com](mailto:cjroghair@yahoo.com), if you are planning to attend. This event is open to all women in the area.

# Community Calendar MEETINGS

*This space is available FREE to any non-profit organization wishing to announce a meeting or special public event.*  
*Email the Independent by Monday at 10 a.m., [heather@humboldtnews.com](mailto:heather@humboldtnews.com) for insertion.*

<b>American Legion Adams Post 119</b> , first Monday of each month, 7 p.m., VFW in Dakota City.
<b>Humboldt County Conservation Board</b> , third Wednesday of each month, 5 p.m., Conservation Office (208 5th Street North, Dakota City)
<b>Humboldt/Dakota City Kiwanis Club</b> , first Wednesday of the month, 12 p.m. and third Wednesday of the month 7 a.m., Miller's Landing
<b>Humboldt County Genealogical Society</b> , second Thursday of the month, March through October, Clancy Classroom at Humboldt County Historical Museum, 130 p.m. Anyone with an interest in history and genealogy is welcome to come.
<b>Humboldt County Democrats</b> , second Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. (social hour, 5:30 p.m.), Miller's Landing
<b>Humboldt County Republicans</b> , third Thursday of each month, 6 p.m., VFW in Dakota City
<b>Humboldt Lions Club</b> , first and third Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m., Humboldt County Fair Grounds, Event's building
<b>Humboldt Music Boosters</b> , fourth Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m., Humboldt High School Media Center
<b>Humboldt Rotary Club</b> , first and third Tuesday of each month, 12 p.m., Miller's Landing
<b>Humboldt School Board Meeting</b> , Monday, May 19, 5:30 p.m., Administration Office - 401 13th St S Humboldt
<b>Honeybee Quilters</b> , first Monday of the month, 9 a.m., Faith United Methodist Church

Individuals are always welcome to call the Humboldt County Public Health Office for **Free Blood Pressure Screenings** at 515-332-2492.

**Knitters & Crocheters**, second Tuesday of the month, 8:30 a.m., Faith United Methodist Church

**PEO Chapter BV**, second or fourth Tuesday of the month, 7:30 p.m. (except July & August)

**P.E.O. Chapter OA**, second and fourth Wednesday of April and May. Coffee at 9 a.m., meeting at 9:30 a.m. Location changes, if interested call 515-890-2299.

**Public Health Eligibility/Appointments** can be made by calling the office of Humboldt County Public Health at 515-332-2492

**TOPS #IA1348, Goldfield (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)** meets at The United Presbyterian Church, 220 E. Oak St., every Thursday morning. Weigh-in is from 9-9:30 a.m., with program and business meeting from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Open to women, men, teens. First meeting is free.

**Understanding Sisters**, fourth Thursday of the month, 12 noon, Faith United Methodist Church

**Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Clinic** is, second Tuesday of the month, Faith United Methodist Church

NOTE: Please check the meeting dates, times and locations and any other information. In case of error, please contact the Humboldt Independent at [heather@humboldtnews.com](mailto:heather@humboldtnews.com)

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# Congratulations on Your New Arrival

ELISE RENAE BOCKELMANN

Cole and Shelby Bockelmann of Humboldt became parents to their second child, a daughter, on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, at Iowa Specialty Hospital in Clarion. She has

been named Elise Renae and weighed seven pounds and 2.6 ounces.

She was welcomed home by older sister, Adeline, 2.5.

# Council

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with their portion of work on the trail and pedestrian bridge projects. Anderson Drainage and Excavation will finish the grading and construct the rock trail.

Bockelmann said the city did file a vacant property petition to claim a property as 711 3rd Avenue North as authorized by Iowa Code Section 657A. The city has an outstanding court order to repair the property, but the structures are beyond repair and the property is considered vacant.

The city is holding retainage on several of its 2024 projects, including Three Rivers Industrial Park, airport runway rehabilitation and the Summer Avenue resurfacing project. Upon completion of the punch list and any outstanding items, council will approve the final pay applications and issue retainage payment.

Bockelmann said he and Chief Miller are reviewing the federal COPS Safer Outcome grant to see if it is a viable option to enhance the city's training. It is a no-match grant that opens later this month.

The council approved an agreement with Strand Associates Engineers to provide services to

evaluate the city's water plant, which was last upgraded in 2012, at a cost of \$135,000.

The water treatment facility was originally constructed in 1932. Additional modifications, maintenance and operational needs will be necessary in the next 20 years to maintain reliability of the facility. Strand and Associates will create a capital improvement plan to schedule projects and evaluate water rates.

After lengthy discussion, the council tabled action on extending sanitary sewer services further south into Valley Drive. A handful of homes in that street, which has no outlet, have their own septic tank system. A new home is being built on the southwest side of the street.

The council discussed the pros and cons of extending sewer services on the street knowing that over time, homeowners will be faced with the cost of installing a new system or possibly hook into an existing city line. The city will come back with more information before coming back with a recommendation.

# Final Karl King Band indoor concert April 27

by JERROLD P. JIMMERSON

The third and final indoor concert for the 2025 season by the Karl L. King Municipal Band will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 27, beginning at 3:30 p.m. in the Fort Dodge Middle School Auditorium, located at 800 North 32nd Street in Fort Dodge. There is no admission charge, with these concerts being provided by the City of Fort Dodge for everyone's enjoyment. The band will be led by Conductor Dan Cassidy, with Paul Bloomquist serving as the band's announcer and also as chairman of the scholarship committee.

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

All students who audition for a scholarship will be invited to join the Band in playing Karl L. King's march, "The Iowa Band Law", during the concert, and the major scholarship recipient will perform their award-winning solo during the afternoon program.

This concert will open with Henry Fillmore's musical tribute to one of Fort Dodge's most famous citizens, "King Karl King". Both King and Fillmore were natives of Ohio and well-known composers. Fillmore directed the municipal band in Cincinnati OH, for many years, while King was famous for his nine-year circus career and his 50 years spent

directing the municipal band here.

Selections to be performed include two of Karl King's marches, "Sells-Floto Triumphal" from 1914, and "The Ohio Special" from 1946. Also included will be King's popular 1912 overture, "Princess of India"; his ragtime selection from 1919, "Kentucky Sunrise"; and his exciting 1910 circus galop "Excelsior".

Other selections on this one-hour concert include Narciso Serredell Sevilla's beautiful Mexican waltz, "La Golondrina (The Swallow)"; one of America's finest and most popular hymns,

"Amazing Grace"; along with a medley of popular songs from several well-known musicals, titled "The Golden Age of Broadway", by the famous song-writing team of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II.

All concerts conclude in the traditional way with the playing of our National Anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner". In case of inclement weather (even though it is on April 27), the concert may be cancelled. Any announcement will be made on the Band's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/karlingband/>, or on the band's website at [www.karling.us](http://www.karling.us). No make-up date will be scheduled.

# Celebrating community and remembrance: Before They Were Soldiers book event

On April 22, Iowa Central Community College hosted a significant event at the Center for Performing Arts Decker Auditorium to mark the release of "Before They Were Soldiers". This book is a collection of biographies and so much more; it is a heartfelt tribute to the young men from Central Iowa who ultimately gave their lives in the Vietnam War. However, rather than focusing on their experiences in combat, this student-centered project captures the essence of their lives before they became soldiers—highlighting their families, friendships, and the communities they once called home.

This special event, open to the public, will serve as a book exhibition and a significant occasion to honor the families and friends who contributed their stories to this meaningful project. The program will feature a guest speaker, a presentation of the book to the families, and a military salute to recognize and commemorate these fallen heroes.

Robert Brecht, a student at Iowa Central Community College, summed up the spirit of the project with these words: "Everyone has a story; sometimes we just need someone else to tell it." This project exemplifies that sentiment by preserving the narratives of 55 men who once lived as brothers, students, farmhands, baseball players, grocery clerks, and

more before they answered the call of duty. The book paints a picture of life in 1950s and 60s Central Iowa and acts as a memorial to those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom.

The idea for this book was conceived by T.J. Martin, Dean of Distance Learning at Iowa Central. With a desire to create a lasting tribute to the fallen servicemen from the region, he collaborated with history professor Kurt Schmid to develop a unique course that would allow students to engage in hands-on learning. Through interviews and writing exercises, students documented the personal histories of these men, bridging past and present while strengthening community connections.

The project was no small feat. With over 58,000 American lives lost in the Vietnam War, selecting a representative group to memorialize required careful consideration. Ultimately, 55 names were chosen, each name and story sharing the past of a young man who once lived in one of the nine counties within Iowa Central's service area.

Through their hard work, these students have created a valuable historical resource and, more importantly, a tribute that ensures these men's lives are remembered for generations to come. "Before They Were Soldiers" is a testament to the power of storytelling, the importance of community, and the impact of hands-on education.

This event is not just about a book, it is a tribute to honoring lives, preserving history, and strengthening the ties that bind a community together. We invite you to join us in celebrating this remarkable project and the people who made it possible. Before They Were Soldiers they were Iowans, just like us.

- Individuals Included**
- Binder, Calvin William II., Rembrandt
  - Buckley, Jimmy Lee, Sac City
  - Bull, Billy Bruce, Lake City
  - Carrington, Thomas William, Storm Lake
  - Claussen, Henry Robert, Palmer
  - Crouse, Leslie DeWayne, Fort Dodge
  - Davis, Rollin Duane, Grand Junction
  - Despard, Jerold Virgil, Manson
  - Dillon, Patrick Maurice, Belmont
  - Fisher, Randy Lee, Webster City
  - NorthPark Dentistry
  - Northland Auto
  - Northwest Bank
  - Pasquale's
  - Power Co-op Credit Union
  - RenUSA
  - S&L Equipment
  - Sande Builders Mart
  - Satern Service
  - Seiler Appliance Service
  - Sister's Home Style Entrees
  - Subway
  - Sundance Lanes
  - Syntax
  - The Real Thing Salon
  - Town & Country
  - V&S Variety Store
  - VFW Dakota City
  - Wempen's Garden Center

# Plan regular cleanings for bird feeders, waters and baths

Spring weather arrived and with it, the annual spring cleaning and garden prep rituals going in backyards and acreages across Iowa.

Iowans who set out bird feeders and waters are encouraged to include regular feeder cleaning as part of their annual to do list, to avoid unintentionally spreading disease among birds that frequent these feeders.

Clean bird feeders and waters with a 10 percent bleach solution about once each month and make sure the

feeder is dry before refilling it with seed. Hummingbird feeders should be cleaned every 3-5 days with hot water and dish soap or with the 10 percent bleach solution, and rinsed thoroughly, and bird baths should get fresh water and a good scrub at least once per week.

Of equal importance to disinfecting the feeder is cleaning up spilled seed and bird droppings below feeders.

Be sure to wear rubber gloves while cleaning the feeders, since humans can contract

some diseases, such as those caused by some Salmonella bacteria, from affected feeders or sick birds. If people do find sick birds at their feeders they should take the feeders down for at least two weeks to help stop the spread of disease and contact the DNR.

Feeder birds are not typically impacted by avian influenza, which circulates mostly in waterfowl, shorebirds, and waterbirds, and unless there are waterfowl using the feeders, there is no concern with continuing to feed.

# Humboldt-Dakota City Kiwanis ~Thank You!~

Thank You, to all businesses listed who helped sponsor the Easter Egg Event! From, Kiwanis Club.

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- Humboldt Engraving/ The BIZ
- Humboldt Independent
- Humboldt Mutual
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# Birthday Get Together

for Keno Underberg on Saturday, May 3rd from 2 - 4 pm at the Livermore Legion basement.

Stop by and help him celebrate his 97th Birthday.

If you would like to send him a birthday card, please send to: Keno Underberg 64923 Lincoln Highway Nevada, IA 50201