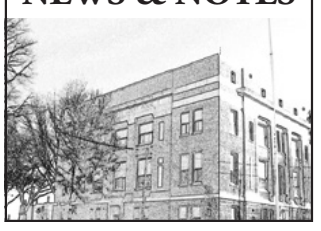
Ringgold County Courthouse NEWS & NOTES



SIMPLE MISDEMEANOR AND TRAFFIC CONVICTIONS

James Merrill Rucker, Hopkins, MO, speeding 55 or under zone (1-5 mph over), $89.50.

James Merrill Rucker, Hopkins, MO, operating non-registered vehicle, $135.50.

Joel Beck, Kellerton,IA, failure to provide financial liability, $615.63.

Joel Beck, Kellerton,IA, operating non-registered vehicle, $175.75.

Joel Beck, Kellerton, IA, no valid drivers license, $503.50.

Parker Thomas Varner, Creston, IA, speeding 55 or under zone (1-5 mph over), $89.50.

Keith D. Jackson, Des Plaines, IL, speeding 55 or under zone (11-15 mph over), $175.75.

RINGGOLD COUNTY DISTRICT COURT

Makayla Ann Dewees, Des Moines, IA, was charged with a probation violation and picked up on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in Ringgold County.

Any potential criminal charges identified above are merely allegations and any defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty. Filed November 19, 2025.

Matthew Anthoney James Mate, was charged with willful injury causing serious injury and assault w/ intent to inflict serious injury. violation of individual rights. Filed November 25, 2025.

Any potential criminal charges identified above are merely allegations and any defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

RINGGOLD COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOG

(Call Origination Code:CL= Clearfield, MA = Mount Ayr; KE = Kellerton; EL = Ellston; TI = Tingley; DI = Diagonal; DE = Delphos; MO = Maloy; BE = Beaconsfield; BO = Benton; SC = Shannon City; BL = Blockton; RCSO= Ringgold County Sheriff Office; RE = Redding; SV = Sun Valley; CO = In County; OC = Out of County; OS = Out of State, SOR= Sex Offender Registry, GR= Gramd River, NOADR=no address, OOC= Out of Specification; PPO= Personal Protection Order; water on line=911 call with line busy or dead when picked up)

Monday November 24, 2025
Sunday November 30, 2025

November 24, 2025
5:38 a.m. vehicle accident (EL)
7:37 a.m. info request (MA)
7:42 a.m. medical (MA)
8:20 a.m. jail info (MA)
8:20 a.m. tech support (MA)
8:23 a.m. follow up (RE)
8:32 a.m. gun permit (DI)
8:44 a.m. medical (TI)
9:46 a.m. follow up (MA)
12:30 p.m. follow up (DI)
3:38 p.m. jail info (MA)
4:37 p.m. civil (MA)
4:38 p.m. controlled burn (MA)
4:39 p.m. jail info (OC)
4:49 p.m. jail info (MA)
5:15 p.m. jail info (MA)
7:40 p.m. assault (KE)
8:06 p.m. follow up (MA)
11:13 p.m. follow up (KE)
11:37 p.m. info request (KE)
November 25, 2025
1:39 a.m. medical (MA)
6:54 a.m. jail info (MA)
7:23 a.m. complaint (DI)
8:21 a.m. traffic stop (CO)
9:45 a.m. sales call (MA)
10:04 a.m. no event type (NOADR)
10:04 a.m. gun permit (MA)
10:29 a.m. fire (DI)
10:36 a.m. follow up (DI)
10:42 a.m. scam (MA)
10:46 a.m. follow up (MA)
10:49 a.m. water on line (CO)
11:02 a.m. follow up (KE)
11:08 a.m. no event type (NOADR)
11:08 a.m. gun permit (DI)
11:29 a.m. test (KE)
11:52 a.m. follow up (KE)
12:06 p.m. gun permit (MA)
12:13 p.m. test (MA)
12:23 p.m. jail info (MA)
12:36 p.m. jail info (MA)
12:40 p.m. civil (MA)
12:55 p.m. fingerprint appt. (KE)
1:16 p.m. 911 hang up (MA)
1:34 p.m. 911 hang up (TI)
2:09 p.m. follow up (MA)
3:18 p.m. follow up (DI)
3:20 p.m. medical (MA)
3:34 p.m. traffic stop (CO)
3:55 p.m. jail info (MA)
4:25 p.m. test (MA)
4:38 p.m. traffic stop (MA)
4:39 p.m. info request (MA)
5:32 p.m. civil (MA)
5:36 p.m. complaint (MA)
5:55 p.m. welfare (MA)
6:30 p.m. test page/siren (MA)
6:32 p.m. follow up (KE)
8:35 p.m. civil (MA)
November 26, 2025
6:58 a.m. jail info (MA)
8:30 a.m. warrant (MA)
9:36 a.m. tech support (MA)
9:50 a.m. follow up (MA)
10:03 a.m. tech support (MA)
11:39 a.m. unoccupied vehicle (CO)
12:17 p.m. walk in (MA)
1:53 p.m. uncategorized (MA)
2:01 p.m. animal complant (CO)
2:43 p.m. gun permit (MA)
3:08 p.m. traffic stop (CO)
3:26 p.m. uncategorized (NOADR)
6:30 p.m. test page/siren (MA)
6:41 p.m. info request (MA)
6:53p.m. animal complant (MA)
8:41 p.m. civil (DI)
10:35 p.m. traffic stop (OC)
November 27, 2025
12:56 a.m. traffic stop (MA)
2:54 a.m. medical (MA)
7:35 a.m. jail info (MA)
9:38 a.m. jail info (MA)
10:35 a.m. 911 hang up (OC)
10:47 p.m. uncategorized (MA)
12:43 p.m. controlled burn (MA)
12:52 p.m. traffic stop (CO)
1:58 p.m. traffic stop (CO)
2:13 p.m. traffic stop (CO)
2:27 p.m. traffic stop (CO)
2:55 p.m. traffic stop (CO)
3:38 p.m. traffic stop (CO)
4:52 p.m. traffic stop (MA)
5:30 p.m. jail info (CO)
6:30 p.m. test page/siren (CO)
6:35 p.m. traffic stop (MA)
6:50 p.m. traffic stop (MA)
7:05 p.m. traffic stop (CO)
7:27 p.m. traffic stop (CO)
8:07 p.m. traffic stop (CO)
November 28, 2025
4:13 a.m. complaint (MA)
6:39 a.m. uncategorized (CO)
7:39 a.m. jail info (MA)
7:46 a.m. jail info (MA)
9:39 a.m. fire (RE)
10:53 a.m. info request (OS)
2:01 p.m. animal complaint (DI)
4:20 p.m. civil (BO)
4:20 p.m. civil (MA)
4:36 p.m. traffic stop (CO)
5:06 p.m. traffic stop (CO)
6:51 p.m. test page/siren (MA)
7:43 p.m. civil (DI)
8:33 p.m. traffic stop (KE)
November 29, 2025
12:06 a.m. medical (MA)
7:09 a.m. 911 water on line (EL)
7:26 a.m. jail info (MA)
9:37 a.m. PPO violation (OS)
12:30 p.m. 911 hang up (DI)
12:47 p.m. fire (MA)
5:10 p.m. warrant (MA)
5:59 p.m. civil (DI)
6:30 p.m. test page/siren (MA)
7:49 p.m. follow up (KE)
November 30, 2025
7:45 a.m. jail info (MA)
9:37 a.m. controlled burn (MA)
11:05 a.m. jail info (MA)
11:06 a.m. 911 hang up (MA)
12:42 p.m. suspicious (DI)
1:22 p.m. traffic stop (CO)
4:25 p.m. theft (DI)
4:48 p.m. mental subject (MA)
5:40 p.m. unoccupied vehicle (CO)
6:07 p.m. follow up (MA)
6:30 p.m. test page/siren (MA)
6:34 p.m. theft (DI)
7:02 p.m. mental subject (MA)

RINGGOLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE NEWS

Ringgold County now has a website at www. ringgoldcounty.iowa.gov

• Assessor: Melinda England, 464-3233.

• Auditor: Amanda Waske, 464-3239.

• Board of Supervisors: Randy Taylor, Colby Holmes, Steve Knapp, members, 464-3244.

Supervisors meetings are open to the public and are held in the supervisors conference room located on the second floor.

On days the board is not scheduled to be in office, please direct all inquiries to the auditor's office. To schedule a meeting time with the supervisors, contact the auditor's office.

Regular board meetings are held on Mondays with official public notice of the meeting agendas posted at the Ringgold County courthouse, Mount Ayr Record News, Sun Valley Lake and Diagonal city hall the day before.

• Ringgold County Secondary Roads: Phone: 464-3232.

• Clerk of Court (a state office): Jackie Saville, 464-3234; fax: 464-2478. Office hours: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. - noon and 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The clerk's office handles alimony and child support payments, probates, civil and criminal filings, magistrate's court and records and services of adoptions, conservatorships, court proceedings, divorces, estates, grand jury, guardianships, judgements, juvenile proceedings, mechanic's liens, mental health admissions, petit jury, surety company certificates, state hospital, traffic violations, trust funds, trusteeships. Certified copies can be made of above listed records. Court records are also available at www. iowacourts.gov. As of May 21, 2014 all records will be paperless.

• County Conservation Board: Travis Scott phone: 464-2787, email: RinggoldCCB@ringgoldcounty.us.

• Dragoon Trace Nature Center: Phone 464-2983 - Open Wed-Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Closed Sunday - Tuesday. Please call to schedule a visit for large groups.

Please contact for information on rules and regulations, parks, trail ways, camping, shelter reservations, environmental education and more. Parks are open March 15 - November 15. Walk-in traffic is allowed year round.

• Development and Tourism: If anyone has any calendar events, please contact the development office at 641-464-3704.

• Emergency Management/ E911 Coordinator - Melissa Stark: 109 W. Madison St. - 1st floor, phone: 464-3344; fax: 464-0654, Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The tornado sirens in Mount Ayr will be tested the first Tuesday of each month unless there is severe weather.

• General Relief: Ringgold County Public Health 109 W. Madison St., Mount Ayr, IA 50854 641-464-0691 www. rcph.net

• Recorder: Kisha Martin, 464-3231. Passport applications are taken daily from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. Certified vital records can be obtained from 8-11 a.m. and noon - 4 p.m.

The recorder's office serves as a passport agent.

Items needed to apply are: certified copy of birth certificate, driver's license or state issued ID, two-inch square passport photos and passport application (both available at recorder's office) and fees. Allow four to six weeks from date of application to receive passport book or card from the passport agency. Expedited service is available for an additional fee.

Individuals with recent name changes can get their passport book/card updated without a fee within one year of issue. Forms may be obtained at the recorder's office. For additional information, call the recorder's office or go to www.travel.state.gov/ passport.

• The newborn birth certificate wallet cards issued in Iowa from May 1993 to October 2009 did not contain enough vital record information to be used for identification purposes, essentially making them useless documents for the purpose they are intended to be used for. The birth certificate wallet card was printed as a perforated attachment to a larger document. The newborn birth certificate wallet card measures 2 5/8 inches by 4 inches. The entire document that parents received measures 3 1/2 inches by 8 inches.

The newborn birth cards may be exchanged at the Ringgold County Recorder's office, by mail or in person with the Bureau of Health Statistics, 321 E. 12th St., Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Stop by the recorder's office for all your hunting dates.

• Sanitarian: Ringgold County Public Health Agency, 464-0691. Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• Public Health Agency: 109 W. Madison St., 464-0691. Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• Sheriff: Rob Haley, Emergency Only 911, Non-Emergency (Available 24/7) 464-3921 or 464-2911. Hours are 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Road Conditions - dial 511 or online at www.IowaRoadConditions. org.

• Treasurer: Debbie Cannon, 464-3230.

REMINDER: Effective 1/1/2020 a bill of sale is now required on all title/registration transfers. Generic forms are available in the office or a handwritten bill of sale is acceptable provided it contains the vehicle description, sale amount and is dated and signed.

Vehicle registrations can be done in office or online at www. iowatreasurers.org.

To renew online you will need your PIN number from the renewal notice sent in the mail, or the audit number from your current registration. Contact the office with questions. Those with December birthdates are reminded to register their motor vehicles by January 31, 2026. Bring in your renewal statement for quicker processing.

Driver's License Office: Located in the Treasurer's Office. You have 60 calendar days to renew after the expiration date. You may be eligible to renew online at www.mymvd.iowadot.gov. Licensing hours are Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. If you are coming to Iowa from out of state, specific documentation is required. Please call the office at 641-464-3230 for details. The schedule is subject to change depending on staffing.

First half 2024 property tax are now due and payable by September 30, 2025. Call for verification of amounts due. You may choose to pay in office or online.

Elderly and Disabled Property Tax Credit, Birthdate by 12/31/2024.

Totally disabled and 18 years or older by 12/31/24 you may apply. If you are 70 years of age by 12/31/24 you may qualify if your income is less than 250% of the federal poverty level. Applications may be obtained online at www.iowatreasurers.org under property tax forms or may be picked in office. Call 464-3230 if you prefer and we will mail an application.

Real ID goes into effect May, 2025 in order to fly by commercial plane or to enter federal or nuclear facilities. If you do not provide a Real ID other documentation and/or screening may be required. Note: Two forms of address verification now required on all issuance.

Contact the office or go to Iowadot.gov for required documentation.

Please check our Facebook page for periodic updates and pertinent information.

• Veterans Affairs: 109 W. Madison St., 464-2397. Hannah M. Rush, Administrator. Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Commission meetings every second Thursday of every month, 9 a.m. courthouse assembly room, meetings are open to the public. Email contact is : veteransaffairs@ringgoldcounty.us

Notice: Beginning March 5, all Veterans who were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving in the military~either at home or abroad~will be eligible to enroll directly in VA Health Care.

This means all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror, or ANY other combat zone after 9-11 will be eligible to enroll directly into VA without first applying for VA benefits.

Also, Veterans who never deployed but were exposed to toxins while training or on active duty in the United States will also be eligible to enroll.

Please to https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/

Veteran Emergency Room Protocol: Whenever a Veteran presents at the hospital emergency room, it must be reported to the VA in order to receive compensation for their ER bill.

There is only a 72 hour time frame to report the ER trip to VA compensation for the medical bill. Always get in contact with the VA before transporting the veteran to another hospital or facility if possible.

Veteran or Veteran Family Member Numbers to Call within 72 hours:

ER care for Veterans: 844-698-2411 selection option 1, then option 3 to verify your elgibility for Urgent Care Services, or for general questions related to Urgent Care.

Email: VHAEmergencyNotification@va.gov

Emergency Care Reporting Portal: https//emergencycarereporting.communitycare.va.gov/

Other:

VA eligibility office Des Moines 515-699-5888

VA eligibility office Omaha 402-346-6735

Patient Advocate: 515-699-5522

Ringgold County Veterans Affairs: 641-464-2397

Hannah Rush ~ Ringgold County VA Administrator Cell: 641-321-0074

It is required that the Medical Provider report a Veteran visit to the Emergency Room in order for the VA to compensate the Medical Provider. If the VA isn't notified within 72 hours, the Veteran will be respondsible for the medical bill.

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ASSOCIATION OF IOWA FAIRS

FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT of MEMBER FAIRS

INCORPORATED NAME OF FAIR & LOCATION	Ringgold County Fair Assoc Ringgold Co.		
ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE	2,000	CARNIVAL (name if applies)	
CHECK CORRECT ANSWER	GROUNDS ADMISSION PAID ☐ FREE X	GRANDSTAND ADMISSION PAID x FREE ☐	
Financial Report for Fiscal Year	(Start Date) Nov 1 2024	(End Date) Oct 31, 2025	

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES (DO NOT ALTER THIS FORM)	
RECEIPTS	
FAIR INCOME	$265,274.13
NON-FAIR INCOME	+ $44,503.34
COUNTY FUNDING	+ $15,000.00
GRANTS (Community & Private Grants, & Others)	+ $29,031.80
STATE FUNDING	+ $10,322.78
MONEY BORROWED	+
TOTAL RECEIPTS	= $634,132.05
EXPENSES	
FAIR EXPENSES	$102,214.37
NON-FAIR EXPENSES	+100,908.37
CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS	+ 465,536.76
EQUIPMENT PURCHASES	+
PAYMENTS TO DEBTS	+
TOTAL EXPENSES	= $668,659.50
SIMPLE CASH RECONCILIATION	
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE (FIRST DAY OF FISCAL YEAR)	$670,822.33
PLUS TOTAL RECEIPTS	+ $634,132.05
LESS TOTAL EXPENSES	- $668,659.50
ENDING CASH BALANCE (LAST DAY OF FISCAL YEAR)	= $366,294.88
LESS TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS (BALANCE OF LOANS PAYABLE)	-
NET ENDING CASH STANDING (AS OF LAST DAY OF FISCAL YEAR)	$366,294.88

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PREMIUMS PAID AFFIDAVIT

Incorporated Name of Fair: Ringgold County Fair Assoc

We, the undersigned President, Secretary and Treasurer of the above stated Fair, being duly sworn on oath depose and say the said Association/Society, being duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Iowa held a Fair known as the Ringgold County Fairgrounds on these days of July 8th-13th, in or near the city of Mount Ayr, and said Fair consists of a true exhibition of livestock, together with agricultural products and farm implements as contemplated by law (either Section 174.1 or 174.10).

We further depose and say that the following is a statement of the actual amount paid in cash premiums by the Association/Society for the current year, this statement corresponds with the published offer of premiums, and that no deductions have been made for entry fees, stall or pen rent. We further depose and say that no part of the below statement was paid for speed events or to secure games or amusements. We further depose and say that state appropriated funds received were used for infrastructure purposes only.

STATEMENT OF CASH PREMIUMS

4-H & FFA DEPARTMENTS		OPEN CLASS DEPARTMENTS	
Beef	45	LIVESTOCK	
Dairy		Beef	
Dog	1	Dairy	
Goats	12	Sheep	
Horse	68	Swine	
Poultry	26	Other Livestock	
Rabbit	32	NON-LIVESTOCK	
Sheep	27	Arts & Crafts, Textiles & Related	85
Swine	26	Culinary & Related	55
Other Livestock		Flowers/Plants	19
Static Exhibits (Building Projects)	138	Other Non-Livestock	285
TOTAL	375	TOTAL	444

NUMBER OF EXHIBITORS AND EXHIBITS

AREA	4-H & FFA	OPEN CLASS
Livestock Exhibitors	83	
Livestock Exhibits	74	
Non-Livestock Exhibitors	58	444
Non-Livestock Exhibits	138	

Report Verified by following Officers of the Association/Society

President (print name): Aaron Breneman (Signature): Aaron Breneman

Secretary (print name): Liz Stewart (Signature): Elizabeth Stewart

Treasurer (print name): Liz Stewart (Signature): Elizabeth Stewart

Complete all areas and send (first class mail only) original signed report by November 15 to:

Association of Iowa Fairs, 242 8th Avenue West, Cresco, IA 52136

As per Iowa Code, failure to complete this report in its entirety and submit to the AIF office by November 15 will result in forfeiture of State Funding. Submit proof of publication of this report in a local newspaper (required).

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