



Ag Secretary Mike Naig inspects flavored honey soda during his visit at Boernsen Bees gift shop last Tuesday.



Workers show off honey process

Jill Boernsen informs Naig about the machine that assists with bottling honey, located on the table. The Ag Secretary and Senator Lynn Evans toured the honey production facility and helped to promote the Choose Iowa campaign.



Mara Boernsen scrapes a honey screen as Naig looks over her shoulder. The screen is then put into the extractor which spins the honey out of the comb.

Special September Teal season opens Sept. 6

Iowa's duck hunters will later and for fewer days than notice that the 2025 special in recent years. The nine-day September teal season opens season opens Sept. 6.

The 2025 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service population estimate for blue-winged teal is just below the 2024 estimate, which follows its downward trend over the past decade. The Fish and Wildlife Service released its Waterfowl Population Status Report Tuesday afternoon online at <https://www.fws.gov/story/migratory-bird-annual-status-reports>. "The population is still within the parameters that allows for a nine-day season, but below the threshold that would

allow for a 16-day season," said Orrin Jones, state waterfowl biologist for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR). With the nine-day season, Iowa law requires it to open on the first Saturday in September, which is Sept. 6. The season closes on Sept. 14. These are bonus days and do not impact the regular duck season. The Iowa DNR issued its first migration report last Friday and Jones said while the teal counts were low, the

weather forecast over the next week calls for some low temperatures that should trigger teal migration into the state. Only teal are legal during the special September teal season," Jones said. Shooting hours for the special September teal season begin at sunrise, which is later than the regular duck season. That change is intended to help with duck identification. Media Contact: Orrin Jones, State Waterfowl Biologist, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, 641-231-1957.

Supporting Our Communities!



FNIC Team presenting a donation to Osceola Community Express' Pam Juber, Denise Kuiper and Amy Glade.



FNIC Team presenting a donation to Sibley-Ocheyedan Athletic Club's Travis Ten Napel and Amy Glade.



Dawn Butler & Julie Behrens presenting a donation from FNIC to Tom Wiezema on behalf of the Otter Creek Shooting Complex.

LAND AUCTIONS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025  
120 AC MORE OR LESS  
Lyon County | Grant Twp | Section 3  
1 mile west of Little Rock on Hwy 9 & 1 mile South on Log Ave.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025  
TRACT 1: 149.29 AC +/- | TRACT 2: 130.9 AC +/-  
Osceola County | Wilson & Horton Twps | Sections 36 & 33  
Tract 1: NE corner of Hwy 9 & 59 | Tract 2: 1 mi W of Ocheyedan on Hwy 9

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ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

The Osceola County courthouse will be closed on  
Wednesday, September 17, 2025,  
from 8 am – 10 am for  
active shooter training.

Jayson Vande Hoef  
Chairman, Osceola County  
Board of Supervisors

Public notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE OSCEOLA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR PETITION OF REZONING PROPERTY IN THE W 1/2 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 OF SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP 100N RANGE 39W, OSCEOLA COUNTY, IOWA FROM AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT (AG) TO RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT (RR)

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 22.1 of the Osceola County Zoning Ordinance, the Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on September 11 at 3:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the Osceola County Courthouse, 300 7th Street, Sibley, Iowa 51249. The purpose of the hearing will be to discuss a petition for the rezoning of property. Phil King has made an application to rezone property within Sec2/Twp100N/Rng39W. The parcel identification is 070012833010 and has a brief legal description of W 1/2 SW1/4 SW1/4. A detailed map of the proposed rezoned area can be viewed at the Osceola County Engineer's Office in the Osceola County Courthouse.

The land is currently the site of a private residence and is proposed to be rezoned from the current zoning of Agricultural (AG) District to Rural Residential (RR) District in order to accommodate the intended future use splitting the property to allow a separate residence. If you have questions concerning this proposed zoning amendment, or if you require special accommodations to attend the public hearing, you may contact the Osceola County Engineer's Office at 712-754-2303 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Copies of the proposed zoning ordinance amendment are available for public review in the County Engineer's Office from Keith Brann, County Engineer and Zoning Administrator. All interested parties are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Osceola County Board of Supervisors will be accepting sealed bids to re-side an existing storage shed. Please stop in the auditor's office for specifications/details or go to website at [osceola-countyia.gov](http://osceola-countyia.gov). Sealed bids are to be submitted to the auditor's office by Thursday, September 4th at 4:00 p.m. Any and or/all bids may be rejected by the supervisors.

Jayson Vande Hoef,  
Chairman  
Osceola County Board