

OBITUARY

Collin R. Whitney

July 7, 1957 - March 24, 2026

Collin R. Whitney, 68, of Winthrop, Iowa, died Tuesday evening, March 24, 2026, at his home, surrounded by his family.



Collin Robert Whitney was born July 7, 1957, in Manchester, Iowa, the son of Robert "Bob" Leroy and Shirley Anne (Burns) Whitney. He graduated from East Buchanan High School with the class of 1975. On September 3, 1977, Collin was united in marriage to Joyce Ann Hoefler at Immaculate Conception Church in Masonville, Iowa. He worked for Brecke Mechanical for many years before transferring to Cedar Rapids Winpump working as an outside sales representative. Collin was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Winthrop. He enjoyed boating, golfing, cherishing his grandchildren, and spending time with family.

Collin is survived by his wife: Joyce Whitney of Winthrop; 2 sons: Dylan (Mollie) Whitney of Urbandale and Mitchell (Chelsey) Whitney of Marion; 4 grandchildren: Knox, Lola, Remington, and Elle; 4 Siblings: Linda (Terry) Peterson of Winthrop, Tim (Jenny) Whitney of Des Moines, Maria (Tom) Ball of Farmingdale, New York and Terry (Janet) Whitney of Cedar Rapids; 3 Brothers-in-law: Larry (Sherry) Hoefler of Edgewood, Dave (Michelle) Hoefler of Mason-

ville, and Ron (Sue) Hoefler of Masonville; 3 Sisters-in-law: Shirley (Ken) Knipper of Petersburg, Janet Hoefler of Quasqueton, and Carol (Jeff) Harper of Manchester, and many nieces and nephews.

Collin is preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers: Tom, Ted, and an infant brother; in-laws: Gerald and Verna Hoefler; brother-in-law: Dennis "Seymour" Hoefler; and great niece: Shelby Kearns.

Mass of Christian Burial: 4:00 P.M., Monday, March 30, 2026, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Winthrop with Reverend David Beckman officiating.

Interment: St. Patrick Catholic Cemetery, Winthrop.
Celebration of Life: Following the graveside at Wolfey's Wapsi Outback in Quasqueton, Iowa.
Online obituary at www.jamisonschmitzfuneralhome.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CLAYTON COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARK L. WATERMAN, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR007987
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Mark L. Waterman, Deceased, who died on or about December 12, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on March 5, 2026, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated on March 12, 2026.

/s/Jill M. Waterman
Administrator of the Estate
38219 Highway 13
Strawberry Point, IA 52076

/s/John C. Compton,
ICIS#0001651

Attorney for the Administrator
John C. Compton, P.C.
116-1/2 W. Mission St., PO Box 8,
Strawberry Point, IA 52076

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Social Security Administration (SSA):

Be Alert

If you owe money to Social Security, we'll mail you a letter with payment options and appeal rights. We only accept payments electronically through Pay.gov, Online Bill Pay, or physically by check or money order through our offices. We will never:

- + Threaten you with arrest or legal action because you don't agree to pay us money immediately.
- + Suspend your Social Security number.
- + Promise a benefit increase in exchange for money.
- + Ask you to send us gift cards, prepaid debit cards, wire transfers, Internet currency, cryptocurrency, or cash through the U.S. mail.
- + We only send emails or text messages if you have opted in to receive them and only in limited situations, including the following:
- + When you have subscribed with Social Security to receive updates and notifications by text or email.
- + As part of Social Security's enhanced security when accessing your personal my Social Security account.
- + We may email or text you about programs and services but will never ask for a return call to an unknown number or ask for personal information.



JOIN OUR TEAM! Starmont CSD 2025-26 Vacancies

- Part-Time Librarian (2026-2027 School Year)
- FCS Teacher (2026-2027 School Year)
- MS/HS Science (2026-2027 School Year)
- Cook (2026-2027 School Year)
- Wrestling Cheer Sponsor (2026-2027 School Year)
- Assistant Middle School Girls Basketball
- JH Boys Basketball
- HS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
- MS Girls Wrestling
- Bus Driver(s) (will train)
- Sports/Activity Bus Drivers
- Substitute Special Ed Drivers
- Subs for all positions

Interested applicants should send a letter of application to the Building Principal/Superintendent. Applications can be found here: www.starmont.k12.ia.us/district/employment

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Rates per year: Clayton County: \$40
Outside of Clayton County: \$45 Out of State: \$50

Q&A: Wake-Up Call to Save Social Security

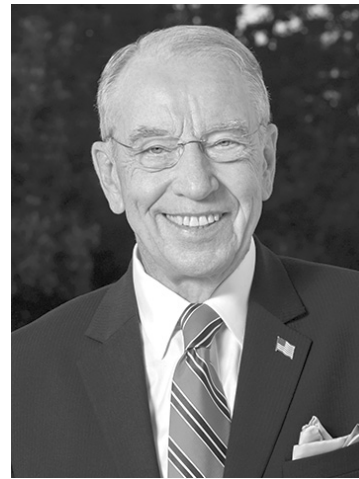
With U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley

Q: What should Iowans know about the solvency of Social Security?

A: The Senate Budget Committee recently held a hearing to examine the facts facing Social Security that every American needs to know. According to the recent projections from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) Trust Fund is on the brink of insolvency. In just six years, the fund's reserves will be depleted. Without changes in law, revenue collected from payroll taxes will be sufficient to pay only 72% of scheduled benefits.

Enacted 90 years ago in 1935, the Social Security Act has been amended over the years to include benefits for dependents, survivors and disability insurance. Since then, the ratio of covered workers to beneficiaries has shifted significantly. In 1940, the ratio between workers paying into the system and Americans receiving benefits was nearly 160 to 1. Today, the ratio is 2.7 to 1 and declining. Simple math explains why this demographic shift is straining the financial solvency of the program.

This fiscal cliff is a wake-up call for federal policymakers, candidates for federal office and grassroots leaders. At the Senate Budget Committee hearing, lawmakers and the panel of witnesses unanimously agreed the imminent financial shortfall needs to be addressed sooner, rather than later. Social Security is part of the social fabric of America. More than 70 million Americans depend on the program for monthly benefits. That's roughly 1 in 5 Americans. On top of that, more than 164 million Americans have earnings withheld from their paychecks through the 12.4% payroll tax that fund current benefits. Although ideological differences divide Americans on how to shore up Social Security, it's important to know that if no changes to current law are made, recipients could see a 28% reduction in monthly benefits from 2033 to 2036, according to the latest CBO estimates. That fact alone ought to inform the urgency of the situation. Kicking the can down the road will make policy choices



Senator Chuck Grassley
United States Senator for Iowa

even more difficult.

Q: What needs to happen to shore up Social Security?

A: History shows we can meet the moment. More than 40 years ago, President Ronald Reagan and House Speaker Tip O'Neill did just that. Facing a six-month window until insolvency impacted scheduled benefits, they set partisan politics aside and rolled up their sleeves to preserve Social Security. The 15-member National Commission on Social Security Reform issued a report in 1982 projecting the OASI trust fund would become insolvent within six months. The so-called Greenspan Commission made recommendations to Congress to secure solvency of Social Security for generations to come. Reagan and O'Neill threw their political weight behind the key principle that taxpayers and recipients would have skin in the solution. The bipartisan endorsement by the White House and the Speaker of the House helped pave the path for enactment of the 1983 Social Security Amendments. As the only currently serving lawmaker who was in the U.S. Senate during the historic Reagan-O'Neill agreement, I've urged political and grassroots leaders to take a page from history and stop kicking the can down the road. Critics who say Social Security is a Ponzi scheme are wrong. It's a social contract administered by the federal government that forges a generational commitment between workers and retirees. That promise also means structural reforms to ensure solvency for future generations shouldn't negatively impact current recipients or those nearing retirement.

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Clayton County Sheriff's Office

The Clayton County Sheriff's Office is releasing the following summary of recent arrests and incidents investigated by deputies in Clayton County: On October 25, 2025 the Clayton County Sheriff's Office took a report of theft from the Sears

gas station in Garber/Elkport. Antiques valued between \$4,000 and \$5,000 were reported stolen. A suspect was identified through an antique buyer out of Cedar Rapids. 46-year-old Dimmitt of Cedar Rapids was arrested and transported to the Clayton County Jail on a charge of Theft in the 2nd Degree.

November 16, 2025, at approximately 5:07 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a vehicle that had gone off a bridge at U.S. Highway 52 and Noble Road in unincorporated Clayton County. Guttenberg officers arrived first and made contact with the driver, identified as 37-year-old Joshua Eubanks of Waukon. Deputies observed Eubanks to be lethargic and requested a

blood sample. On January 28, 2026, results indicated no alcohol was detected. On February 6, 2026, an additional toxicology report showed the presence of benzodiazepines and cocaine. A warrant was issued for OWI, 1st Offense, Driving While License Denied or Revoked, Failure to Maintain Control, and Improper Use of Lanes. Eubanks later turned himself in at the Clayton County Jail.

January 26, 2026, at approximately 8:27 p.m., deputies assisted a Garnavillo officer in locating a vehicle operated by 23-year-old Emilie Christianson, who was listed as a revoked driver. Deputies located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. Christianson was arrested for Driving While Revoked and transported to the Clayton County Jail.

January 30, 2026, at approximately 8:20 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop on a Dodge Durango for speeding. The driver, 21-year-old Shaina Smith of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was arrested and charged with OWI, 1st Offense, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Marijuana), and No Valid Driver's License. Smith was transported to the Clayton County Jail.

February 8, 2026, a deputy conducted a traffic stop after observing a vehicle cross the center line multiple times. The driver was 19-year-old Keegan Steger of Edgewood. A passenger, 23-year-old Kenze Yoder, was found to have an active Dubuque County warrant for Driving While Barred. Yoder was taken into custody and later transferred to Dubuque County

authorities. February 8, 2026, 63-year-old Barry Timmerman of Strawberry Point was booked into the Clayton County Jail on a warrant for violation of probation. February 15, 2026, at approximately 3:30 a.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle operating without lights. The driver, 37-year-old Carlos Vazquez Flores, showed signs of impairment and admitted to consuming alcohol. Flores was arrested for OWI, 1st Offense, and transported to the Clayton County Jail.

February 15, 2026, deputies responded to a 911 call reporting an injured female in rural Elkader. An investigation determined that 30-year-old Shaun Cummings of Monona was operating a UTV that overturned. A passenger, 55-year-old Wendy Fenwick of Elkport, was injured and transported to MercyOne Hospital. Three minors were also present; one sustained minor injuries. Cummings was charged with OWI, Serious Injury by Vehicle (OWI), Child Endangerment, Bodily Injury, and two additional counts of Child Endangerment. Cummings was transported to the Clayton County Jail.

February 16, 2026, at approximately 2:30 p.m., deputies assisted the Monona Police Department with a traffic complaint. The driver, 47-year-old Audelia Rivera Arevalo of Postville, was arrested for OWI and transported to the Clayton County Jail.

February 20, 2026, deputies stopped a vehicle operated by 47-year-old Jeremy Bown

of Osterdock after observing it weaving and crossing the center line. Deputies observed alcohol in the vehicle and signs of impairment. Bown was arrested for OWI, 2nd Offense, and transported to the Clayton County Jail.

March 1, 2026, at approximately 1:16 a.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle operated by 20-year-old Christian Silva-Pinales of Postville, who was known to have a barred driving status. Silva-Pinales was noncompliant during the stop. Deputies located alcohol and THC products in the vehicle. Silva-Pinales was charged with Driving While Barred, Interference with Official Acts, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Marijuana), and Possession of Alcohol Under 21. He was transported to the Clayton County Jail.

March 8, 2026, at approximately 3:00 a.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle driven by 59-year-old David Knutson of Ossian after observing erratic driving. Knutson showed signs of impairment and was arrested for OWI, 1st Offense, and transported to the Clayton County Jail.

March 15, 2026, the Clayton County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a domestic disturbance in Garnavillo. Following the investigation, 34-year-old Carah Kann was informed she would be charged with domestic assault, and a warrant would be issued. On March 23, 2026, Kann turned herself in on the warrant.

March 15, 2026, at approximately 8:16 a.m., deputies were dispatched to a report of an individual making terroristic threats toward the community. Deputies located 22-year-old Brian Higuert of McGregor walking northbound on Highway 76 between McGregor and Marquette. Based on statements made to dispatch, Higuert was charged with Harassment in the Third Degree. Higuert was also charged with Disorderly Conduct and Trespassing. Additionally, Higuert was charged with Interference with Official Acts for knowingly resisting and failing to comply with lawful commands.

March 18, 2026, at approximately 11:56 a.m., deputies assisted the Allamakee County Sheriff's Office on a traffic stop involving 57-year-old Raymond Rose of Farmersburg. A warrant was confirmed, and during a vehicle search deputies located marijuana. Rose was transported to the Clayton County Jail for Possession of Marijuana, 1st Offense, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. An additional warrant was active in Allamakee County.

All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

PUBLIC NOTICE Clayton County Board of Supervisors

March 17, 2026

Meeting at 9:00 AM of the Clayton County Board of Supervisors at 600 Gunder Road NE, Elkader, Iowa.

Present: Steve Doepcke, Ray Peterson, and Doug Reimer
Guests: Linda Zuercher, Brian Harbaugh, Douglas Puffett, Garrett Baumgartner, Shawn Winkler, Caytee Jones, Casey Stickfort, Jenna Van Meeteren, Ean Popenhagen, Peggy Lane, Bart Burgin, Kaitlyn Kuehl-Berns, and Jennifer Garms.

Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve the meeting minutes for March 10, 2026. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to approve the claims as presented totaling \$66,001.39. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Garrett Baumgartner provided an Information Technology departmental update. Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve the Health and Zoning Department to move to a digital only filing system. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

One bid was received for the L-1526(1) Fox Avenue over Honey Creek Bridge Replacement project. The bid was K Construction - \$125,136.50. Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to award the contract for L-1526(1) Fox Avenue over Honey Creek Bridge Replacement project to K Construction for \$125,136.50 and to authorize the chair to sign. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

Reimer moved, Doepcke seconded to approve resolution #14-2026 "Bridge Deck Overlay, Project L-1526(1)." Roll Call Vote: Doepcke-aye, Peterson-aye, Reimer-aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #14-2026

BRIDGE DECK OVERLAY, PROJECT L-1526(1)

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors, hereafter referred to as "the Board", believes Fox Avenue Bridge Replacement, Project No. L-1526(1), hereafter referred to as "the project" is in the best interest of Clayton County, Iowa, and the residents thereof. The project is defined as a bridge replacement project on Fox Avenue over Honey Creek located in Section 25, T92N, R5W.

WHEREAS, the Board has sought appropriate professional guidance for the concept and planning for the project and followed the steps as required by the Code of Iowa for notifications and bidding/letting; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds this resolution appropriate and necessary to protect, preserve, and improve the rights, privileges, property, peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of Clayton County and its citizens, all as provided for in and permitted by section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa; and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board to accept the bid from K CONSTRUCTION INC., in the amount of \$125,136.50 and awards the associated contract(s) to the same;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed. If any part of this resolution is adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution or action of The Board as a whole or any part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its approval as provided by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Clayton County, Iowa, that after receiving the necessary contract documents, including but not limited to, the contractor's bond and certificate of insurance, Casey Stickfort, the County Engineer for Clayton County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the contracts in connection with the above awarded construction project.

Three bids were received for the L-26037 Garnavillo Salt/Sand Shed Improvements project. The bids were: Bacon Concrete - \$64,840.00, Ethan Koehn Construction - \$31,500.00, and B&R Construction - \$59,702.00. Doepcke moved, Reimer seconded to award the contract for the L-26037 Garnavillo Salt/Sand Shed Improvements project to Ethan Koehn Construction for \$31,500.00 and to authorize the chair to sign. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

The Board discussed options for a health savings account to be added as an option to the county insurance renewal.

The Visiting Nurses' Update had to be rescheduled. Amanda Webb, CPA, and Bobbi Vierow, CPA, from Hacker, Nelson & Co., P.C., presented the FY2025 County Audit Review and discussed the findings with the Board. Peterson moved, Doepcke seconded to accept and place on file the FY2025 Financial Report. Ayes: Doepcke, Peterson, Reimer. Motion carried.

The Board worked on the FY2027 County Budget. The Board of Supervisors Chair Attest: Jennifer Garms, Clayton County Auditor

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