

Brighton man killed in rollover accident Sunday

BRIGHTON – A 19-year-old man from Brighton was killed in a single vehicle accident over the weekend.

The Iowa State Patrol published a report indicating that Ole Olson was driving a 1990 Ford Mustang, traveling northbound on Germanville Road about 6 miles southeast of Brighton at 7:44 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8. The report states that, for an unknown reason, Olson lost control of the vehicle, entered a ditch, hit an embankment and rolled the vehicle. Olson died from injuries sustained during the crash.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputies were the first to arrive on scene at 7:56 a.m. The sheriff's office was assisted by Fairfield Police Department, Washington County Sheriff's Office, Jefferson County Ambulance, Lockridge First Responders and Iowa State Patrol. The Iowa State Patrol is continuing to investigate the accident.

Call Andy Hallman at 641-575-0135 or email him at andy.hallman@southeastiowaunion.com

Area News Briefs

AREA FOOD PANTRY INFORMATION

The area food pantry is in the Richland Methodist Church in Richland. For anyone needing help go to the Fellowship Hall door that is located on Richland St. on the west side of the church. Food pantry hours of operation are Tues. and Wed. 9:30-11:30 a.m. and Thur. 5-7 p.m. Office phone 319-456-2251, emergency contact 641-919-5573.

KEOKUK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Keokuk County Historical Society is open Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. If school is canceled due to weather, the Historical Society is closed also. Arrangements for visiting other days can be arranged by calling 641-622-3005.

HEDRICK WINTER BINGO SCHEDULE

Bingo will be played at the Community Center, 109 N. Main St., on Saturdays, 2/14, 2/28, 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, and 4/25. Rounds 1-9 and 11-20 will be \$.50 per card or three for \$1. 50% of pot payout per game. Round 10 is Blackout \$1 per card, 50% of pot payout. Round 21 is Picture Frame, limited number of balls called. Concessions will be available: \$1 each for soup, hot dogs, chips, pop, water, and candy bars.

RICHLAND COMMUNITY CLUB, TUE., MARCH 3

The Richland Community Club will meet on Tuesday, March 3 at Richland United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The meal (\$10/person) will begin at 6 p.m. with the meeting to follow. Contact Jeanne Pedrick 641-919-6607 or Alisa Tolle at 641-814-2310 for meal reservations.

HEDRICK CITY COUNCIL MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 2

The Hedrick City Council will meet in regular session on Monday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

BRIGHTON CITY COUNCIL MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 3

The Brighton City Council will meet in regular session on Tuesday, March 3 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

RICHLAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 9

The Richland City Council will meet in regular session on Monday, March 9 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.

Private Pesticide Continuing Instruction Course in Sigourney Feb. 26

Sigourney — Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Keokuk County office will be offering two opportunities to attend the Private Pesticide Applicator Continuing Instruction Course (P-CIC), led by Extension Field Agronomist, Rebecca Vittetoe. The first session is scheduled for Feb. 26,

9:30 a.m., Keokuk County Extension Office, 400 220th Ave Suite A Sigourney, IA 52591. The course will be offered again on Feb. 26, 1:30 p.m., Keokuk County Extension Office, 400 220th Ave Suite A Sigourney, IA 52591. Preregistration may be required. Walk-ins on the day of the program will only be admitted if room

allows. Please preregister to Emily Belvel ebelvel@iastate.edu or call 641-622-2680 to register.

The course will run for approximately 2 ½ hours including check-in and breaks. The registration fee is \$30. To register or to obtain additional information about the P-CIC, contact your county extension office. The course

will fulfill 2025-2026 recertification requirements for private pesticide applicators. Topics to be covered include:

- Personal protective equipment and safe handling
- Professionalism, Storage of pesticides, including chemical security.
- Pests, pest management, and pesticides

THE DICKEY DISPATCH

Constructive and fast-paced week

By Iowa Sen. Adrian Dickey (R-Packwood)

(2-6-26) This week was incredibly constructive and fast paced. As funnel week approaches it is important that legislation begins moving forward and we keep making progress on the issues Iowans have brought to us over the last several months.

Monday brought the Iowa caucuses, which has historically been considered one of the most critical components in the election process. I participated with my fellow Jefferson County Republicans in a county wide caucus in Fairfield. There was a nice turnout and it gave me a GREAT mid-session opportunity to talk with constituents and to gather their thoughts on a variety of issues.

As the legislative session progresses, the Capitol continues to be busy. Throughout the week, the Senate had over 50 subcommittees scheduled, along with a full committee schedule. As our first deadline gets closer, we have been busy talking through bills and getting feedback from Iowans. This week, the Transportation Committee discussed SSB 3024, which is an excellent bill I am proud to have voted for. This bill would require the verification of citizenship and immigration status for a person who applies for or renews a driver's license or identification card.

On Tuesday, I kicked off the week meeting with about 10 pastors from Wapello County. In the 6 years that I have been a Senator, one of the most surprising things to me has been how much of a religious presence there is in the Capitol every day. In this meeting, I met with a pastor who was originally from the Marshall Islands and he



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said a prayer for me in his native language, Marshallese. It was pretty neat.

Wednesday was Southeast Iowa Day at the Capitol, and I was visited by the Southeast Iowa Leadership Group. This group contained about 50 people from Henry, Des Moines, and Lee counties. We discussed various economic development ideas and how they could impact their communities. It is always good to hear about the needs of our communities in Southeast Iowa!

The Capitol rotunda also hosted Iowa State University on Wednesday. I had discussions with these students related to the importance of keeping students in Iowa after they graduate. I was impressed with the creative ideas these students had to help fill the workforce needs in Iowa.

Property tax relief continues to be a conversation at the Capitol. I continue to get feedback from Iowans, local governments, and other stakeholders on the best path forward. I am on the Senate Ways and Means Committee and we have proposed the largest property tax overhaul in

decades. The focus of this legislation is to help Iowans achieve the American dream right here in Iowa, make homeownership more affordable, and ensure our property tax system is working for the everyday Iowan. One component of our proposal states that when you have paid your home off and if you are 60 years of age, you're done paying involuntary property taxes and you will truly own your home. Our proposal also includes a 50% taxable discount benefit to most homeowners and automatically decreases your property tax levy when property inflation is above 2 percent.

The House has a different property tax plan as does the Governor. On Wednesday afternoon I met with Gov. Reynolds to discuss her property tax proposal. In the next few months, there will be many discussions to find a blend of the GREAT parts from all 3 plans, and to deliver real property tax relief for Iowans!

Thursday I received some GREAT news from Congresswoman Miller-Meeks. For the past 5 years I have worked with

her office to secure funding to get Pekin Road (AKA 110th Street) paved. This gravel road carries half the traffic that goes to the entire Pekin K-12 school complex. I doubt there is another school in the state that has that traffic to get to their school via gravel. Well I am proud to announce that with Congresswoman Miller-Meeks' assistance, this \$3 million grant has been awarded and that road will be paved in 2027 or 2028. My assistance on this project is the same as it was with a variety of projects in Senate District 44 over the years. The Ollie-Sigourney Road in Keokuk County, bridge replacement in Henry County, Libertyville road trail in Jefferson County are to name just a few.

As we are moving more legislation forward in the Senate, I am excited to be addressing issues that hit home for Iowans across SD 44. Between addressing workforce demands across Iowa, providing property tax relief, and countless other issues, the Senate is hard at work producing real results for our communities.

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