

EDUCATION

AROUND CAMPUS

LOCAL STUDENTS ON IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S LIST

The following local students were named to the president's list at Iowa State University. Students achieving this have maintained a 4.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters.

• **Dickens:** Brenna Jean Fisher, kinesiology and Health, B.S.; Sarah Wassom, animal science, B.S.

• **Spencer:** Sophia Behrens, event management, B.S.; Emma Elise Fassbender, health care management, B.S.; Andrew Hough, kinesiology and health, B.S.; Anna Elizabeth Jacobson, industrial engineering, B.S.; Odalis Garcia Jimenez, elementary education, B.S.; Mary Margaret Matthiesen, biology, B.S. (LAS); Jerra Lynn Merchant, human development and family studies, B.S.

KLECKNER ON MARYLAND DEAN'S LIST

Randy Kleckner, of Spencer, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2025 term at University of Maryland Global Campus. To be eligible for the honor, a student must complete at least six credits during the term, earned a GPA of at least 3.5 for the term, and maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at UMGC. University of Maryland Global Campus was founded more than 75 years ago specifically to serve the higher education needs of working adults and military service members

MORNINGSIDE RECOGNIZES FALL 2025 DEAN'S LIST HONOREES

Morningside University Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Chris Spicke announced the 472 students named to the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2025-26 academic year. The list recognizes Morningside students who achieve a 3.67 GPA or better and complete at least 12 credits of coursework with no grade below a C. Local students on the list are:

• **Sioux Rapids:** Kendra Casey.

• **Spencer:** Olivia Ruden, Abby Schmidt.

SOUTH DAKOTA STATE ANNOUNCES FALL 2025 DEAN'S LIST

More than 4,100 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance over the fall 2025 semester at South Dakota State University by being named to the dean's list. To earn dean's list distinctions in SDSU's colleges, students must have com-

pleted a minimum of 12 credits and must have earned at least a 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale. Overall, 4,147 students from 40 states and 31 foreign nations are on the list. Congratulations to these distinguished scholars on earning this academic achievement. Local students on the list are:

• **Dickens:** Logan Polaschek, College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions; Jadey Salton, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

• **Everly:** Haley Berends, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.

• **Peterson:** Carson Gunnerson, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences; Jodi Hilsabeck, College of Nursing.

• **Spencer:** Faythe Beall, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Sean Connor, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. Ethan Hansen, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. Davis Hogge, College of Natural Sciences. Kaylee Iedema, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. Blake Kooker, Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering. Matayah Lowe, College of Nursing. Sadie Nelson, College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions. Mallory Salton, College of Nursing. Megan Schauer, College of Education and Human Sciences. Kale Schueller, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. Brogan Seier, Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering. Jacie Staedtler, Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering. Alec Stanley, Jerome J. Lohr College of Engineering. Sydney Stanley, College of Nursing. Aubrie Stell, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. Gavin Timmer, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. Ashley Vreeman, College of Nursing.

• **Webb:** Aiden Knudtson, College of Nursing.

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CLAY COUNTY

CASE NO. EQCV037181

ORIGINAL NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

SELENE FINANCE, LP,
Plaintiff,
vs.
CHASTITY D. MILLER,
SPOUSE OF CHASTITY D. MILLER,
AND PARTIES IN POSSESSION,
Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court, naming you as a defendant in this action, for foreclosure of the property legally described as: LOT SEVEN (7), BLOCK TWO (2), SCHOENEWESE'S SECOND ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF EVERLY, CLAY COUNTY, IOWA (Mortgaged Premises) due to a default in making contractual payments on a promissory note; for judgment in rem against the mortgaged premises for the principal amount of \$87,349.34 plus interest as provided in the Note and as may have been subsequently adjusted thereafter, fees, costs, and attorney's fees, for a declaration of the sum due as a lien on the premises; a declaration that the mortgage is prior and superior to all of the other liens on the property, for a special execution to issue for sale of the Mortgaged Premises at sheriff's sale, for the issuance of a writ of possession, for an appointment of a receiver upon plaintiff's application, and for such further relief the Court deems just and equitable.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Swanson, Hamrick, Batschelet and Anderson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None.

Motion by Hamrick, seconded by Batschelet that the agenda of Board Meeting #4 for January 20, 2026 be received and placed on file with the County Auditor as approved. Motion carried.

Motion by Swanson, seconded by Hamrick that the minutes of Board Meeting #2 held January 6, 2026 and Board Meeting #3 held January 13, 2026 are hereby approved as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion by Batschelet, seconded by Hamrick to adopt the following resolution: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors to approve expenditures and that the County Auditor be hereby authorized and directed to issue warrants, against the various settlements of such claims allowed January 20, 2026. Ayes: Swanson, Hamrick, Batschelet and Anderson. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Resolution adopted.

Publication List by Vendor

Abel Drain, Roads, 594.00; Air Chek, Suppls, 790.00; Airgas, Rental, 3483.70; Alliant, Util, 991.49; American Legion, Suppls, 90.00; Accentek, Lube, 9087.23; Ashers, Lube, 92.95; Atlas Supply, Suppls, 92.30; C Batschelet, Sick Pay, 116.85; Bens Lock, Bldgs, 103.17; Black Hills, Gas, 6272.52; B Blom, Flex, 956.67; C Budach, Flex, 1250.00; Calhoun Co, Fee, 39.50; CenturyLink, E911, 135.35; C Wood, Bridges, 1556.00; Everly, Util, 906.50; Spen-

Class captures wild yeasts for brewing, learning



Professor Scott Nelson describing the brewing process and ingredients to students in his Biochemistry of Beer Laboratory course at ISU. (Photo by Madelyn Ostendorf, Iowa State)

AMES — Yeasts are everywhere. These single-cell organisms, found widely on animals, plants and ripened fruit, are nature's fermenting agents.

They are also the focus of a class, Biochemistry of Beer Laboratory, offered through Iowa State University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Scott Nelson, a professor in the Roy J. Carver Department of Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology, teaches the course. The recent recipient of the Regents Faculty Excellence Award, known best for his research into the keystone elements of DNA repair, is also an engaging instructor with a passion for beer and brewing.

His popular course got a boost when Nelson received a small grant for it through the CALS Innovation and Entrepreneurship Faculty Fellows Program in 2024. The funds went for brewing kegs and ingredients, like barley and hops. He said the support was a "nice bit of recognition for a course that's fun, but also a fair bit of work."

Most of the students who take it aren't science majors. "Maybe they looked through a microscope in high school, but they never really had a wet lab experience or were given a project they were responsible for," Nelson said. "It turns out that yeast can be a good gateway to learn about microbiology, biochemistry and the scientific method."

Several local breweries became interested in Nelson's course and have hosted student tours after he co-led a workshop on yeast cultivation and management through the Iowa State Center for Industrial Research and Service.

Though it can be a slow and sometimes frustrating process, by the end of the year, students usually succeed in isolating a yeast, and they get to make a beer with it."

The first step is collecting yeasts. Students learn about their samples in the classroom and Nelson's laboratory.

By semester's end, they take their favored yeast into a food-safe kitchen where it is mixed into

a mash. The liquid is siphoned off to age for a month or more. Tasting is not part of the course, but students who are old enough have a chance to sample their finished brews.

YEAST FROM A LION'S MANE

Wild yeasts have advantages. They tend to have a more novel range of aromas and flavors, according to Nelson. However, they have some challenges when it comes to commercializing. Domesticated yeasts used for brewing can survive higher alcohol levels than most wild yeasts that usually produce just enough to eliminate bacterial competition.

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"There are a lot of steps. From doing the diagnostics of the yeasts, like did we even collect any?" Hargrove said. "We ruled them out if they smelled bad or were likely to ferment into something toxic. Then, we had to figure out if they would be alcohol-tolerant. If so, did they have po-

dents used it to create a beer that Nelson describes as "really good — a cross between a Belgian wit and a German Hefeweizen. The beer hasn't been commercialized yet, but that could still happen," he said.

ISOLATING A NEW YEAST SPECIES

Most of the yeast collection for Nelson's course takes place in tamer settings than a lion's den, but the results can still be exciting. In 2021, Everett Hargrove, now a senior in economics and statistics, took the brewing course to earn some required science credits. He collected samples of flower petals and a ripe walnut from his backyard.

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tential to taste good?"

They cultured the yeasts and tested their DNA. One of Hargrove's didn't match anything that had yet been identified. Thought to be a new — or hybrid — species, it was also able to exist in an environment of 4% to 5% alcohol.

"It actually had good brewing attributes, too, so that made it even better," he said.

"I'm still making beer from it at home," Nelson said. "We're writing a paper about it. If it's published, Everett's name will be there as a co-author."

A PASSION FOR BREWING

Nelson began his beer-making hobby when a graduate school roommate was gifted with a beer-making kit. Almost 30 years later, he's still learning and refining his skills. He has long been active in the Ames Brewers League and enjoys sharing his hobby with students as an engaging introduction to science.

"Who knows," he said. "When I retire, I might start my own little nano-brewery based on wild yeasts. You never know what you're going to find out there."

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Clay County Board of Supervisors Meeting #4 January 20, 2026 at 8:30 am

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment January 20, 2026 at 8:30 am in the Boardroom with Chairperson Anderson presiding and with the following other members present: Supervisors Swanson, Hamrick, Batschelet and County Auditor Ann Baschke as Clerk for the meeting. Goosmann Law Attorney Jackson Dziedzic was in attendance. Chairperson Anderson led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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cer, Sani, 15.00; CC Fair, Alloc, 13257.07; 2nd Roads, Fuel, 88.60; C Climber, Sick Pay, 108.50; CMBA, Constr, 2125.00; Coast to Coast, Suppls, 249.99; Comm Health, Med, 249.00; Coop Energy, Fuel, 26372.75; Juergens, Constr, 575.00; CoZO, Memb, 100.00; Crysteel, Parts, 1847.92; Language Link, Translation, 67.74; Custom Weld, Parts, 354.78; B Day, Sick Pay, 51.25; M Dehrkoop, Sick Pay, 112.50; Dist 3, Dues, 200.00; P Doran, Sick Pay, 41.70; S Early, Fee, 112.00; Exhaust Pros, Parts, 317.88; Faraway, Pros, 48.77; FASTENAL, Bldgs, 386.00; Foundation Lab, Suppls, 105.00; M Garland, Sick Pay, 82.45; GFC, Lease, 4376.39; GFC, Copies, 10.40; J Grady, Sick Pay, 79.20; J Guinn, Flex, 295.55; B Gunnerson, Sick Pay, 98.10; M Hansen, Sick Pay, 92.15; Hartley Sent, Parts, 351.10; J Hass, Sick Pay, 78.10; HealthTrack Rx, Med, 125.00; Heartland, Tires, 1057.64; T Heck, Sick Pay, 117.15; Hodgins, Suppls, 664.00; Hoffmans, Part, 75.00; C Holzman, Sick Pay, 12.35; W Horsley, Sick Pay, 80.00; C Huckfett, Sick Pay, 23.40; C Huse, Sick Pay, 158.00; Hyvee, Inmate Meals, 4189.80; IA Asso MEs, Dues, 100.00; Concrete Paving Assn, Conf, 117.00; Dept of Rev, Tax, 157.50; ILEC, Util, 2179.00; IL Reg, Water, 802.55; Workforce Develop, Unemployment, 592.52; ICRA Cert, 300.00; Mun Workers, Ins, 4385.00; ISU, Edu, 120.00; ISAC, Edu, 1200.00; ISSDA, Edu, 125.00; JCL, Suppls, 398.95; T Jessen, Sick Pay, 50.90; B Johnson, Sick Pay, 97.45; Kirkham Michael, Eng, 627.95; R Klundt, Sick Pay, 101.85; A Kutzbach, Sick Pay, 101.70; A Lawson, Sick Pay, 139.05; R Lefever, Sick Pay, 110.00; J Long, Sick Pay, 103.00; K Maassen, Sick Pay, 105.00; MarlIn, Suppls, 4.05; Marcus News, Publs, 367.10; B Mehan, Sick Pay, 78.80; Menards, Bldgs, 1137.06; M Todd, Repair, 332.46; MidStates, Memb, 150.00; Midwest Tech, Bldgs, 125.00; K Murphy, Sick Pay, 76.00; NAFTO, Edu, 375.00; S Nehring, Edu, 80.00; New Century, Fuel, 3923.40; A Noll, Sick Pay, 118.10; Reg Housing, Alloc, 1637.00; YES Center, Housing, 7700.00; O'Reilly, Part, 11.99; R Patrick, Edu, 546.92; Pomps, Parts, 343.40; Premier, Comm, 95.59; Quadrant, Postage, 1000.00; M Rehnstrom, Sick Pay, 143.07; T Riley, Sick Pay, 100.00; E Ring, Sick Pay, 110.00; J Rustad, Sick Pay, 100.00; A Rutter, Sick Pay, 53.40; J Schueler, Sick Pay, 107.70; Schumacher, Bldgs, 857.98; G Seaman, Sick Pay, 65.60; J Selk, Sick Pay, 54.35; Solutions, Data, 535.00; S Hospital, Bd of Hlth, 5436.36; SMU, Util, 2926.59; S Office, Suppls, 2063.62; S Reporter, Pubs, 615.26; I Stoever, Premis, 18.62; A Strohman, Sick Pay, 180.95; Sunset Law, Suppls, 1558.00; R Swanson, Travel, 38.00; M Thompson, Sick Pay, 56.25; E Tigges, Sick Pay, 108.75; C Timmer, Sick Pay, 84.05; K Toay, Sick Pay, 118.00; Town & Co, Sani, 131.92; T Trojahn, Sick Pay, 65.95; Undergrund Vaults, Storage, 350.28; Unified Cont, Bldgs, 733.30; B Van Otterloo, Sick Pay, 94.20; B Vanderhoff, Flex, 3447.00; J Wiemann, Sick Pay, 120.00; G Wood, Bridges, 2832.00; Wood