



GILMORE GAZETTE

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CITY HALL NEWS

UDMO WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

UDMO's Weatherization program is a low-income energy efficiency program. The purpose of the program is to make the homes of low-income families and individuals more energy efficient, reducing energy costs and increasing comfort for our clients. Priority is given to households with elderly or disabled residents or homes with young children present. Weatherization program staff members conduct a health and safety inspection on every home that is weatherized. All combustion appliances (furnaces, water heaters, gas dryers and stoves) are checked for carbon monoxide, for proper venting of combustion gases, and for gas leaks. A staff member will also do a visual inspection of the electrical system, looking for loose or bare wires. Another health and safety concern is moisture problems in a home. When damp conditions are identified, we locate the origin of the moisture issue (attic or basement crawl space) and determine how to mitigate it. Contracted crews then do weatherization work which may include adding insulation to attics, walls and crawl spaces, and "infiltration" work like caulking, sealing and weather-stripping doors. Besides the obvious benefit of conserving energy, the Iowa Weatherization Program also provides other benefits to Iowa and its residents. The program results in millions of dollars of additional value added to the Iowa economy. The program also mitigates certain health and safety problems in the client's homes, maintains affordable housing for low-income persons, reduces utility averages, and reduces environmental pollution. For more information contact your local UDMO office.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

1. Sean Schneider
2. Stella Peters, Emma Hesse, Shawn Nafe
4. Michael McKee
5. Natalie Miller
6. Trevor Peters
7. Alex Wiemers
8. Mildred Torkelson, Cathy Ohnemus
11. Mandy Oleson, Nancy Meier, Chelsey Carman
15. Donna Hodgell, Thomas Remington
16. Zach Smith
17. Matthew Wiese, Kenny Day
20. Buck Gafford, Zeke Smith
23. Suzi Jergens
24. Don Day
26. Bruce Torkelson, Callie Dickey
27. John Weydert
28. Terry Stein
29. Ashley Boles, Megan Landolt, Olivia Dickey
30. David Janssen, Denny Davis
31. John Morrow

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

1. Jeff Almond
4. Lana Lewis
5. Sally Redenius
6. Paul Fields
8. Thaide Landolt, Wanda Naeve
9. Jeff Hoover
10. Aaron Lewis, Nancy Witham
12. Linda Lynch
13. Zach Vote
15. Craig Behrendsen
16. Ambere Niles

Limestone Cafe & Lounge
March Noon Specials
515-373-6008

3/2- Mac Wrap
3/3- Chicken Philly Sandwich
3/4- Baked Spaghetti
3/5- Tomato Soup & Hot Ham & Cheese
3/7- BRUNCH IS BACK!!!!
3/9- Chicken California Sandwich
3/10- Hot Beef
3/11- Jacked up BLT
3/12- Tuna Melt
3/16- Beef Stroganoff
3/17- Scalloped Potatoes & Ham
3/18- Pork Chop Dinner
3/19- Shrimp Basket
3/23- Chicken Bacon Ranch Sliders
3/24- Hot Beef
3/25- Mongolian Beef Stir Fry
3/26- Chicken Fried Steak
3/30- Swedish Meatball
3/31- Oriental Chicken Salad/ Wrap

Limestone Cafe & Lounge
Gilmore City - 515-373-6008
FISH FRY
Starting Fri., Feb. 10
Through Last
Olive Oil & Take Out

Weekly Specials
DURING LEAVE:
Wednesday \$1 TACO
Thursday WINGS
Friday FISH FRY
Saturday BREADED CHICKEN

PS Add A "PS"
To Help A Neighbor

Project Share is a plan, created by your municipal utility, to assist needy households in paying their wintertime energy bills.

You can help by adding a regular *PS* contribution to your monthly utility payment, or by making a direct donation to Project Share. These funds will then be distributed to neighbors in need for wintertime energy costs.

Those qualifying for help will be carefully identified by Upper Des Moines Opportunity Inc. A local committee will oversee Project Share to guarantee all contributions will be handled equitably and efficiently.

So please, add a *PS*-Project Share-to your utility payment each month. It's a simple way to share some warmth with those who need it.

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Project Share

Dear Gilmore City

PS I'd like to help a neighbor in need with a tax-deductible contribution to Project Share

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

☐ I will contribute \$ _____ per month to Project Share. I understand this amount will be billed to me monthly.

☐ I have enclosed a \$ _____ donation to Project Share.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The 2021 Gilmore City Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be April 3rd at 10 a.m. This event will be held at the ball diamonds at the GC-B School. BYOB (bring your own bag/basket). Due to Restrictions Masks are required! The Gilmore City Public Library will also have a children's craft for any child that would like to participate before and after the hunt. Egg Hunt will start at 10:30, breaking up the children into their age groups. There will be eggs to hunt and some eggs will have special prizes. This event is only able to happen with generous donations from the community. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Monetary donations are needed for supplies or if you would like to donate items we will accept bite sized soft candies, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, books, movies and other small toys to include with the winner's baskets. For more info or to make a donation, contact City hall. Watch City Website and Facebook for more details in the coming weeks!

~Thank You

We need nominations for GC Resident of the month! Nominate a group or business as well! Send to cityhall@gilmorecityiowa.com. ~Thank you

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS LAST DAY OF THE MONTH

GC-B SCHOOL INFO

- ◇ Gilmore City-Bradgate Elementary (GC-B) is looking for an energetic person willing to get their hands dirty and learn on the fly. This person must be creative and adaptable to many work environments and situations. Work directly with a Registered Dietitian that oversees several projects, including, but not limited to: school garden and school orchard, Gilmore City Farmers' Market, honey bee program, Little Chefs and Grow Getters Clubs (after school programs for youth), and more. Learn the basics of grant writing and marketing while using social media platforms, and other key community information sources. Learn what goes into planning a menu that incorporates produce grown directly on school grounds, and help plan programs to benefit students in the future. The Seed to Table Intern will work approximately 20-40 hours per week. This position is currently unpaid, however, there is potential to be written into grant funding. Please see the Gilmore City-Bradgate School Garden Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/gcbschoolgarden>) , Twitter (<https://twitter.com/gcbgarden>) and Instagram (https://www.instagram.com/gcb_garden/) and Gilmore City Farmers' Market Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/gcfm2020>) for an inside look into some of the happenings at GC-B. For more information, and to send a cover letter and resume please email Kelsey Wigans at kwigans@gcb.k12.ia.us or call (515) 373-6124 Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
- ◇ GC-B is seeking anyone interested in helping with beekeeping this summer! For more details please contact Kelsey Wigans (515) 373-6124.
- ◇ Join our Gilmore City Farmers' Market Meeting on Wednesday, March 24th at 5:30 p.m. Learn details, and sign up to become a Gilmore City Farmers' Market Vendor, Direct Sales Vendor (June 8, July 13, August 10), and/or a musician for the Gilmore City Farmers' Market. For more details please contact Kelsey Wigans at (515) 373-6124. We will determine if the meeting will be in person or on Zoom based on interest.
- ◇ What should you do if you see a bee swarm, or a large number of bees swirling in the sky? Stay calm and call a beekeeper! During spring swarm season, you are welcome to call Kelsey Wigans at 319-215-7483. If we can't help you, we can direct you to someone else who can. If you can't reach us, try your local police or fire department, as they maintain phone numbers of local beekeepers who take swarm calls.

Please mark your calendars for the following events at GC-B:

- ◇ 2021 Color Run on Friday, April 23!
- ◇ "May the 'fourth' be with you!" May 4th family night on the lawn!

If you would like to be included in a freezer meal workshop please contact Kelsey Wigans (515) 373-6124. Details coming soon!



Hometown Pride March 2021

While we wait for it to warm up & dry out enough to pour concrete for our walkway in Sunset Garden, the Hometown Pride Committee has been busy working in the background making plans for the Outdoor Classroom. We've been meeting with landscaping companies to determine how much it's going to cost to see this area come to fruition. Blueprints, estimates and bids are in the works and we're always looking for grant opportunities available to make this project not only happen, but to be something that all Gilmore City citizens can be proud of.

I'd like to take this opportunity once again to thank ALL of our corporate sponsors and citizen donors for contributing to the cause. So far, our monetary donations combined with interest earned while we wait for the weather to break comes to a little over \$12,000 so we're on our way to reaching the 50% match for the required grant opportunity that will allow us to keep going. So surprised and thrilled when we receive help from people who don't even live in Gilmore City, but are willing to help us! We are so grateful for each and every one of you and hope that you will continue to join us in our endeavors. Your donations are tax deductible and checks may be dropped off at GC City Hall. Please make sure that they are made out to Gilmore City Projects Fund.

The HP Committee meets once a month for about an hour at night. Please, please, please: anyone who's interested in joining our group or would just like to sit in on a meeting, email us at GCProjectsfund@gmail.com. You can also let Missy at the City Hall know that you're interested and she will put you in touch with one of us. We would welcome fresh ideas, and more pairs of hands. Thank you for your support.

~Submitted by Angie Kritzer

GC Garden Club

The GC Garden Club is in need of members to help with watering the flower pots on Gilmore St and other various projects to keep Gilmore City looking beautiful. If you are interested in getting your hands dirty while having fun, please contact City Hall. The Garden Club would also like to ask for donations for buying new Flower Pots for around town. Your generous donation is needed to help purchase new ones as the old ones are worn and the harsh winter ruins them. Gardening season is almost upon us and we could use your help!

NOTICE TO GILMORE CITY MUNICIPAL GAS CUSTOMERS
FEBRUARY 2021 "PRICE VORTEX" EVENT

Natural gas pipelines throughout the Midwest began issuing operational flow orders with most to become effective February 13th forward. Those flow orders required us to buy gas to cover your daily gas needs under the strict limits of those flow orders or receive penalties from the pipelines for not providing the amount of gas consumed within those strict limits. The temperatures for the time frame of Feb. 13th to approximately Feb. 21st on which date most pipelines lifted the operational flow orders, were at/near record lows for both the high temperature and the low temperatures for many of those days. Since temperatures were extremely low, significantly more gas was required to be put on the pipeline not only for anticipated needs, but to prevent costly penalties being assessed by the pipelines. In many cases these penalties can be multiples of the daily price. Polar vortex events have happened in the past, most recently in 2019 and before that in 2014. These events are not uncommon and have not had a significant impact on gas prices until this event. This polar vortex was extreme both in the amount of land covered and the duration of the polar vortex...potentially very similar to one that occurred in winter 1983.

The key difference between ALL prior polar vortex events and this one is **the price of gas for this event**. This is where it gets interesting. Most "day ahead" market trades are made via ICE which is a trading platform for natural gas. The city's suppliers may obtain some, if not all, incremental gas via this trading platform and are therefore at the benefit or in this case the mercy of the pricing on the platform. The traders pushed prices to record highs on multiple pipelines throughout the Midwest...in the past a polar vortex price for a given day may double or some price close to that. In this instance some of the prices for our customers gas purchases went to **100 times the first of the month price of approximately \$3.00 per dth**! This is purely and simply **price gouging at its very worst**. Luckily these prices only apply to the incremental gas quantities needed to cover the gas needs for vortex temperatures and the pipeline operational flow orders which limits the damage significantly. Unfortunately, until this can be corrected via legal and legislative means those incremental costs will be passed on to the customers at some point. We will do our best to minimize the impact and defer costs where possible. Investigations are already under way from legislators from all levels of government from local to the federal level and potentially multiple agencies. There are also anti-profiteering laws in many states to prevent consumers from being taken advantage of, but as you know this will take time. There is absolutely no justification for a cost increase of this magnitude. It is appalling and **all efforts will be exhausted to make sure those who are responsible are not only brought to justice, but pay for damages along with any other potential civil or criminal penalties that can be assessed**.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Have you heard?



The library is back to normal again, we are back to our regular hours, computers are on again, we have more books and DVD's than ever, and still adding more everyday. We do ask for social distancing & masks to be worn.

New Books for February 2021

Daydream cabin, The (No Series) - Brown, Carolyn
Switch, The - Brown, Sandra
I've got my eyes on you (Stand alone) - Clark, Mary Higgins
Beach House, The (South Carolina sunsets Series) - Hanna, Rachel
Fireflies & Family Ties (South Carolina sunsets Series) - Hanna, Rachel
Seagrove Christmas, A (South Carolina sunsets Series) - Hanna, Rachel
The Wedding at Seagrove (South Carolina sunsets Series) - Hanna, Rachel
The Inn at Seagrove (South Carolina sunsets Series) - Hanna, Rachel
Sunsets & Second Chances (South Carolina sunsets Series) - Hanna, Rachel
Onyx (Iowa Gem Series) Book 6 - Hintz, Rev. Larry L
News of the world - Jiles, Paulette; Simon the fiddler - Jiles, Paulette
Hill of beans, A (Chuckwagon Trail Series) - Johnstone, William
Jensen family Christmas, A (Christmas Series) - Johnstone, William
MacCallister Christmas, A (Christmas Series) - Johnstone, William
Code of the mountain man (Last Mountain Man Series) - Johnstone, William
Family Jensen, The (The Family Jensen Series) - Johnstone, William
Helltown massacre (The Family Jensen Series) - Johnstone, William
Rejoice (Redemption Series #3) - Kingsbury, Karen; Rejoice (Redemption Series #4) - Kingsbury, Karen.
Exodus (Clare Thibodeaux Series) - McGinn, Kate; Never Show Your Hand (Clare Thibodeaux Series) - McGinn, Kate
Winter's Icy Caress (Clare Thibodeaux Series) - McGinn, Kate
Wind River Protector (Wind River Valley Series) - McKenna, Lindsay ,
Bridge of Scarlet Leaves - McMorris, Kristina; The Edge of Lost - McMorris, Kristina
Spirit of the season - Michaels, Fern
Instinct (Murder games/ Instinct Series) Book 1 - Patterson, James
Haunted (A Detective Michael Bennett thriller series) - Patterson, James
House - Peretti, Frank E.
One charmed Christmas (No Series) - Roberts, Sheila
Welcome to Moonlight Harbor (Moonlight Harbor series) - Roberts, Sheila
Beachside Beginnings (Moonlight Harbor Series) - Roberts, Sheila
First Hostage, The (a J. B. Collins novel) - Rosenberg, Joel C.
Masked prey (A Lucas Davenport / Prey Series - Sandford, John
All that glitters - Steel, Danielle
Neighbors - Steel, Danielle
Mera - Tidebreaker - Paige, Danielle
Charlotte's web - White, E. B.

New Decorah Large print books on loan for 3 months

Rosary, The - Barclay, Florence
Secret duke, The - Beverley, Jo
Movement of stars, The - Brill, Amy
Never romance a rake - Carlyle, Liz
Family gathering, The (A Sullivan's Crossing novel) - Carr, Robyn
True love - Deveraux, Jude.
John Wayne - Eyman, Scott
Ruthless game - Feehan, Christine
Inheritance, The - Kapsambelis, Niki
Dogs were rescued (and so was I) - Rhyne, Teresa J.
Inside the Revolution - Rosenberg, Joel C.
Enduring courage - Ross, John F
Glass universe, The - Sobel, Dava
Born to run - Springsteen, Bruce.
Chasing Harry Winston - Weisberger, Lauren

March Events:

DVD's ½ off Rental 1.00 New to li-
brary / .50 for older DVD's
Story Hour weekly at GC Daycare
Story Hour at Library to begin – will be
announced
Movie afternoon – will be announced
Crafts – will be announced
Friday 5:00 Bingo

April Events

Library will have crafts at the Easter Egg
Hunt
Story Hour weekly at GC Daycare
Story Hour at Library
Movie afternoon
Friday 5:00 Bingo
Crafts
More things coming, be sure to watch
Facebook and signs at library.

New DVD's added to our collection

8 seconds
Arthur and the invisibles
Bolt
Booksmart
Comanche moon
Despicable me
Dumbo (Disney DVD)
Ice age. : continental Drift
Ice age 3 - dawn of the dinosaurs [DVD].
In search of Santa
Jonah - Big Ideas : A Veggie Tales Movie
Jorobado de Notre Dame, El : Hunchback of Notre
Dame (Spanish)
Madagascar 3 [DVD] : Europe's most wanted
Mary Poppins
No strings attached
RUSH HOUR
Scooby-Doo
Sgt. Will Gardner
Public, The
Turtle's tale, A : Sammy's adventures

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION FOR DR SEUSS'S BIRTHDAY! SAT-
URDAY MARCH 6TH AT 10 A.M. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!