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# GILMORE GAZETTE

DECEMBER 2023

IOWA'S LIMESTONE  
 CAPITAL

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Wow where did this year go! I wish we could snap our fingers and head backwards to summer with some warmer temps! Pretty sure no one liked that little prank Mother Nature played on us with the snow and ice, way too early for that! I hope everyone has a great holiday season with their loved ones. I am truly blessed to work in such a great community. Let's gear up for a great 2024!!

**CITY SNOW ORDINANCE**

No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during the hours of 3 am to 7 am from November 1 to April 1. Ordinance 135.12 & 136.03 A snow emergency parking ban may be proclaimed by the Mayor in the instance of a snow or ice storm through the duration of the storm and for the 48 hour period following such storm. During a snow emergency no person shall park, abandon, or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off street parking area unless the snow has been re-moved or plowed from said street, alley, or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall. Also, it is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or upon the street or alley creating a hazardous condition therein.

**Here are some easy tips to help keep your heating costs down:**

Be sure to check your furnace filters monthly and replace them as needed. The dirtier your filter the harder it is for your furnace to "breathe" and effectively heat your house. Putting plastic over the inside of your windows will help keep any cold air from entering through your windows.

Outdoor natural gas meters and/or pressure regulator sets are designed to withstand extreme weather conditions. But please remember to protect them from ice and snow build-ups during our harsh winter months. Never allow snow to completely cover your natural gas meter and/or pressure regulator set. Remove soft snow build-up gently, using only a broom or your hand.

**REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE, AND ACCUMULATIONS 136.03**

The abutting property owner shall remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice, or accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax. The abutting property owner may be liable for damages or injury caused by failure to remove snow, ice, and accumulations promptly from the sidewalks.

**Winter Moratorium**

Winter Moratorium is the time from

November 1 to April 1 in which a utility which provides the heat source for your residence, may not disrupt heat service, AS LONG AS you are on some type of heating assistance through the government (UDMO). Winter Moratorium only protects your heat source from being interrupted. Utilities, such as the City of Gilmore City, can disconnect Water service for non-payment of services once proper notification is made. If you are needing heat assistance please contact your county UDMO office.

**DOG TAGS**

All dogs are to be licensed annually with City Hall. Licenses are \$2.00 per year & must have current rabies certificate. It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City. Dog tags must be purchased between Jan 1-Feb 28. March 1st they go to \$22.00.

**City Hall Closed**

City Hall will be closed for observance of the Holidays on the following dates:

- December 25 & December 26
- January 1 & January 2

**A memoir of Thanksgiving to Gilmore City Blizzard of '78**

Great article Written by Jan Myers, Retired teacher/debate coach, Spencer High School. Available to read on Facebook!

**JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S:**

Patti Cirks	1
Kyle Behrendsen	
Justice Hass	2
Margaret Dailey	3
Chelsea Kritzer	4
Harmon Atwood	7
Cole Dickey	8
Nate Myer	
David Landolt	9
Lilian Hoover	12
Brinley Wiese	15
John Matthews	16
Keri Benjamin	
Dean Jergens	18
Cameron Fields	19
Larry Telford	
Sandra Kitchen	20



**NEW HOME IN GILMORE CITY**

If you haven't seen or heard about it here it is! The City has partnered with Humboldt County Housing Development Corp. in order to bring a new home to Gilmore City. Exciting! This home is a 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom 1200 sq. ft Ranch style home. The basement is also 1200 sq. ft and will come unfinished. The home itself was built near Newton Iowa by the Iowa Prison Industries minimum security crew. We will take applications for the home when it's ready to be sold. A Open House will be planned as soon as contractors are finished.



## Hometown Pride

December 2023

As we wrap up 2023, we'd like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation and gratitude for all the support we've received this year. Receiving grant funds from Pocahontas County Foundation, donations from corporate sponsors and citizens who believe in beautifying our community has been such an honor and is what inspires us to keep moving forward with our goal of improving Sunset Park. I hope that as you're looking for those year end tax breaks, we'll be in your thoughts as well. This year we were able to extend the sidewalk over to the Rain Garden, create a gorgeous limestone Plaza, and have begun gathering info on installing a covered picnic shelter. Not bad for a town as small as ours! Wishing everyone of you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from your Gilmore City Hometown Pride Committee.



## IOWA'S LIVING ROADWAYS CELEBRATION & RHRA

- If you were to any of the fun events this summer or fall you might have seen these boards. The city participated and was awarded a community visioning grant with Iowa's Living Roadways and Tree's Forever Program.
- With the help of Tree's Forever, ISU and our Landscape Architect Jen Cross, they were able to put everyone's visions into these lifelike pieces of art! Everyone has one of these options they are passionate about but it's so hard to decide where to start. With 3 different options, trails, re-vamping the city park with a splash pad or starting on our new community space by the bank, anyone of the projects will surely spruce up our town and add fun and adventures for all ages! During the ILR celebration in Ames, I was able to show off our pieces of art to all the newly awarded towns that were just awarded their grant this year and will start the visioning process for their communities. This program is a vital part of building our community and bringing the ideas to life to make residents and people passing by want to visit here again. If you didn't get a chance to see these boards and would like to they are on display at City Hall.
- Most recently the City was awarded the RHRA (Rural Housing Readiness Assessment Grant). Housing is also another top priority for our community. From empty lots or dilapidated houses we decided to apply for this to get a housing study done and envision what our options will be moving forward for adding more housing options. The Homes for Iowa program was just a small step into what we plan to do for housing for the community. Gilmore City provides a great school system and daycare facility that makes wanting to live here something to desire. With little to no offerings for housing we will be compiling data with ISU to develop a plan to make housing available to those that wish to be in our district.
- If you would like to join our housing committee or any of the other committee's for town please contact me at City Hall and I will put you in touch with the members.



## Gilmore City Public Library

December 2023						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Make it & take it crafts are available for you	Christmas Coloring books available. Limit 1 per child	Watch our Facebook page for more activities.		1 Bingo @ 5 (Must have 4)	2 Craft Day 9:30-11:30 Pinecone Ornament
3	4 Winterfest Mtg @ 5	5 Art with Josh 5:00 Book Club 9:30 We will be reviewing "True to Me"	6 Daycare 10:00 Movie & Snack 3:30	7 Tea @ 2	8 Bingo @ 5 (Must have 4)	9 "Christmas in a Small town" Event Flyer's are available in library
10	11	12 Art with Josh 5:00	13 Daycare 10:00 Movie & Snack 3:30	14 Tea @ 2	15 Bingo @ 5 (Must have 4)	16
17	18	19 Art with Josh 5:00	20 Daycare 10:00 Movie & Snack 3:30	21 Tea @ 2	22 Bingo @ 5 (Must have 4)	23
24	25 Closed	26 Closed	27 Daycare 10:00 Movie & Snack 3:30	28 Tea @ 2	29 Bingo @ 5 (Must have 4)	30
31	Jan 1 Closed Jan 2 Closed Jan 3rd Normal Hours					

Did you know, that you can read books from your Libby app for free? All you need is a library card!

## LIBRARY CORNER

Library Corner is back!

I hope everyone is doing well and getting ready for the Holidays! I am not sure where the year has gone. I would much rather have spring, than winter, but I do not get a choice. So, I guess it is time for another book to read. We have been putting the Library calendar, in the newsletter. The calendar will also be available in the library for you.

We would love to hear from you, our patrons, on what programs you would like to see at our library. We have been asked to have a computer program for you. If interested, please come talk to me at the library, and we can figure out what you would like to learn, on the computer, and how we can help you.

We have a few new events going on, art class with Josh, on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, of the month, Daycare Reading every Wednesday morning, and Movies at 3:30 on every Wednesday, Tea or coffee at 2, every Thursday, Bingo at 5, every Friday's (Must have 4 participating). Craft Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month. Book club 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month.

Have a great December! Lorna

## December Book Club

The books for the month of

December will be

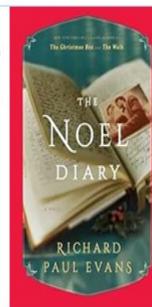
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"The Noel Stranger"

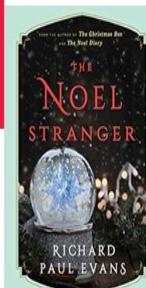
By Richard Paul Evans

January 2nd, 2024 at

6:30 p.m. for review.



"The Noel Diary"



"The Noel Stranger"