

GILMORE GAZETTE

FEBRUARY 2024

IOWA'S LIMESTONE CAPITAL

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S	
Happy Anniversary Bruce & Mary Torkelson	7
Bonnie Halligan	9
Randy Davis Shane Dickey Stacy Cirks	13
Julie Edwards	14
Happy Valentine's Day	14
Carolyn Miller	15
Jordan Pederson	16
Dave Vote	17
Happy Anniversary Charlie & Debbie Rakestraw	17
Jacobi Merritt	18
Sarah Remington	20
Doris Landmesser	25
Joni Ohnemus Jerald Weaver	26
Ryan Cirks Lois Davis	27
Kathy Carman Jenny Abens Debbie Rakestraw	28

MARCH BIRTHDAY'S	
Sean Schneider	1
Stella Peters	2
Michael McKee	4
Betty Monson Natalie Miller	5
Trevor Peters	6
Alex Wiemers	7
Mildred Torkelson Cathy Ohnemus	8



CITY HALL NEWS

Well January has ceased already, boy do the months fly by! Half of January was brutally cold and the other half was pretty comfortable. Mother Nature sure is confused anymore lol. February sounds like above average temps and that sounds too good to be true! This month we get a extra day due to being a Leap Year! Those that have a February 29th birthday actually turn 1 year old after the past 4 years :) Here's to the start of a new month!

February is Heart Month

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men, women, and people of most racial and ethnic groups in the United States. 1 person dies every 33 seconds in the United States from cardiovascular disease.

About 695,000 people in the United States died from heart disease in 2021—that's 1 in every 5 deaths. In the United States, someone has a heart attack every 40 seconds. Every year, about 805,000 people in the United States have a heart attack. Of these, 605,000 are a first heart attack. 200,000 happen to people who have already had a heart attack About 1 in 5 heart attacks are silent—the damage is done, but the person is not aware of it. In most cases, heart disease is preventable when people adopt a healthy lifestyle, maintaining a healthy weight, controlling blood sugar and cholesterol, treating high blood

pressure, getting exercise and having regular checkups.

LAST CHANCE DOG LICENSES

Every dog within City Limits is required to have a City issued Dog License. Through the month of February dog licenses are available for \$2 each. At the start of March licenses will be \$22. Dogs caught not licensed will be turned into the County Animal Control which will incur extra fees.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The 2024 Annual Gilmore City Easter Egg Hunt will be March 30th. This event is held at the GC-B School Ball Diamonds (East side of school). As everyone knows we couldn't put this on without the generous donations from the community. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Monetary donations are needed for supplies and prizes as well. Tentative time will be 10 a.m. to match Humboldt. Watch for updates on Facebook. Also if anyone would like to help with this event please reach out. Thank you!

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 or City Hall.

PS: Project Share

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. Contact City Hall OR call your county UDMO office today! Contributions are tax deductible!

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

This was the 2nd Annual Blood Drive for Catelyn Krichau. Looking to do this every 6 months. Results from the blood drive at the GC-B School on Jan 26th are as follows:

- 20 Registered
- 19 Products collected
- 57 Potential lives saved
- 3 First Time Donors
- 2 Gallon Donators

If you have never donated please consider donating to such a great cause in potentially saving lives. The blood bank is always looking for donations! Thank you to everyone that donated!

LION'S CLUB

The Lion's Club is always looking for donations of Glasses and Hearing Aid's. If you have any you are willing to part with please drop off in the lobby at City Hall. We also have donation boxes for Flags, Cellphones, and ink cartridges. Thank you!

ROLFE LION'S CLUB MEMBER GLENN MARKLEY HAS RECENTLY PASSED. GLENN STOPPED REGULARLY TO PICK UP THE GLASSES AND HEARING AID'S FROM OUR DONATION BOXES AND WOULD SEND THEM IN. WE WILL STILL BE DOING THESE DONATION BOXES. GLENN WAS BORN AND RAISED HERE AND HE WOULD ALWAYS GIVE ME A HISTORY LESSON ON GILMORE CITY WHICH WAS EXCITING TO HEAR. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH

Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund

The Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund will assist low-income individuals with rehabilitating and repairing owner-occupied housing in Calhoun, Hamilton, Humboldt, Pocahontas, Webster, and Wright Counties. Any building, plumbing, electrical, or mechanical code deficiencies. Any lead hazard reduction activities. Any activity to improve energy efficiency. Any activity that makes a property accessible for a person with disabilities. Other similar repair needs. For more information or an application please stop into City Hall.

- Single-Family Homes
• Applicant must meet the current established income guidelines and other requirements held by the HIRHTF, IFA, and the Board of Directors
• Applicant shall supply all needed documentation
• Maximum of up to \$15,000 per household; a 5-year forgivable loan with 20% forgiven each year
Priority to be given to low-income individuals, those 62 years and older, and persons with disabilities

Hometown Pride

February 2024

In the Fall of 2023, the Pocahontas County Foundation provided another grant opportunity to non-profit organizations to apply for funds to support community projects. Hometown Pride applied for grant funds for the concrete pad we need for the base foundation of our planned covered picnic area. We're so excited to let you know that we were selected to receive a grant in the amount of \$9,700! We've gathered plans, gotten quotes and thanks to this award, we will now be ready to move forward as the weather permits. Watch for the next phase to begin! If you'd like to join the Hometown Pride Committee, need more information on the current planned projects or donating in memory of or in honor of a loved one, please reach out to a member: GCProjectsfund@gmail.com

Reading is FUN! at the Gilmore City Public Library
308 S. Gilmore Street, Gilmore City, Iowa 50541 - 515-373-6562
Monthly Schedule of Events
Mark your calendars!
February 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & Feb. 29th Thursday's Tea / Coffee @ 2:00
February 2nd, 9th, 16th & 24th Friday's Bingo for Everyone. (Must Have 4 Participants) 5:00
February 3rd Saturday Craft Day - 9:30 - 11:30 Valentine's Day
February 6th Tuesday Book Club - 6:30 Reviewing "Unmissing" by Minka Kent & Pick up book - "No Place too Far" by Kay Bratt for February
February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th Wednesday's 2 events in 1 day
Daycare Reading for GC-B Daycare 3- & 4-year old's - 10:00
Movie Matinee with Snack 3:45
Special Event Afterschool Program with Dayton
Monday February 26th @ 3:45 (Everyone Welcome)
Reptiles/Amphibians
March 2nd Saturday Dr. Seuss Birthday Party 9:30 - 11:30
For other events, please check out our Facebook page.
https://www.facebook.com/GilmoreCityPublicLibrary/
Hours for Gilmore City Public Library
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 1:00-6:00 p.m.
Saturday's 9:00 - 12:00
Come in and see us!