

# GILMORE GAZETTE

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IOWA'S LIMESTONE CAPITAL

## CITY NEWS

Happy New Year! The most magical time of the year doesn't start and end with Christmas. Many would even argue that the beginning of the year holds the most promise, and therefore is exceptionally magical in its own right. No matter how you celebrate, make it a New Year tradition to welcome in the next 365 days with gratitude, love and everyone who makes your life a little brighter!

### 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.

### POST OFFICE MEMO:

All residents of Gilmore City both City and rural must have their mailboxes easily accessible during winter or they can't deliver your mail.

### Sewer Rates:

ORDINANCE #2021-04 in effect  
**8.01-8.** Chapter 99. Sewer Service Charges Ninety percent (90%) of the bill of water and water service attributable to customer for the property served. A 2% increase per year until the Sewer Service Charge is at 100% of the Water service as per the table below:

January 1, 2022 – 90%
January 1, 2023 – 92%
January 1, 2024 – 94%
January 1, 2025 – 96%
January 1, 2026 – 98%
January 1, 2027 – 100%

For a full copy of this Ordinance please visit our Website or contact City Hall.

### SENIOR CITIZEN'S

A PLEA FOR PEOPLE TO SIGN UP TO JOIN THE GILMORE CITY SENIOR CITIZENS ORGANIZATION. WE HAVE A WONDERFUL CENTER TO USE TO HAVE OUR MEETINGS AND SOCIAL EVENTS. RIGHT NOW WE HAVE 16 MEMBERS THAT ARE REGISTERED, BUT ONLY HAVE 6 OR 7 ATTENDING THE MEETINGS AND THE SOCIAL EVENTS. THE COST TO BELONG IS \$5.00 PER YEAR. WE MEET THE 1ST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AND GO TO THE CAFÉ AT 11:30 FOR LUNCH. THEN AFTER LUNCH WE GO TO THE CENTER AND HAVE A SHORT BUSINESS MEETING, PLAY BINGO AND A DICE GAME. THEN COFFEE AND TREATS ARE SERVED BY DIFFERENT MEMBERS. WE WANT TO KEEP THIS SENIOR CITY ORGANIZATION GOING AS IT IS A WONDERFUL PLACE TO VISIT WITH PEOPLE AND CONNECT TO OUR CITY. SO FEEL FREE TO COME THIS YEAR AND JOIN!

## JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Harmon Atwood	7
Cole Dickey Nate Myer	8
David Landolt	9
Lilian Hoover	12
Brinley Wiese	15
John Matthews Keri Benjamin	16
Dean Jergens	18
Cameron Fields Larry Telford	19
Sandra Kitchen	20
Lane Ellrich Charis Merritt	22
Bob Allen Draven Dickey	23
Ron Meier Blaine Telford	25
Don Claman	27
Jacy Matthews	29
Cherene Vote	30
Jess Schriber Bellamy Brundige	31

## New Gilmore City Fire Truck

During the 1st week of December the GCFD picked up their new 2024 Pumper Truck. This dedicated department has been needing to upgrade for sometime now and found a great deal at Toyne in Breda. With doing fliers to local businesses and getting lots of donations during "Christmas in a Small Town" with their silent auction and soup supper, the Department raised a good portion of the down payment for the truck. In trying to find the best loan option available for the City, we decided to partner with Corn Belt Power and Midland Power to split the loan into 2 and use their revolving loan funds. If you haven't seen the video that was made by Midland stop by the City Facebook or the GCFD Facebook page to watch the amazing footage of our local department showing off the new truck to Corn Belt and Midland.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY'S

Richard Benjamin	1
Brittney Peters	2
Kristi Day Rhonda Ripperger	5
Paul Hendricks Cyler Cirks Richard Dailey Damien Kathrens	6
<b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BRUCE &amp; MARY TORKELSON</b>	7
Bonnie Halligan	9



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH**

Have you driven (or walked in this mild weather) by Sunset Park lately to see the new extension to the sidewalk? What a beauty! Or checked out the new limestone plaza? With help from our corporate friends and dedicated citizens, we are turning the park into a welcome community gathering spot. 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



**Community Survey on Housing Needs Announced**


The City of Gilmore City is working with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach on a program to help improve housing in the area. The Rural Housing Readiness Assessment program, or RHRA, has been implemented in over 40 rural communities across Iowa and has won numerous awards for assisting communities in the development of housing action plans.

The program begins with a self-assessment of the community that collects relevant plans, studies, resolutions and ordinances. As part of this assessment, input from the wider community is sought to help highlight housing needs from residents and people who travel to Waukon to work. Feedback from the survey will assist the Housing Committee develop priorities in the city's action plan. Survey results will be included in the final report from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, along with all of the presentation materials, a detailed action plan and relevant resources to support those efforts.

The city of Gilmore City would like to invite all residents to participate in the online survey, which takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. The survey can be found at: [https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6yYnuNgQn7MqGDI](https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6yYnuNgQn7MqGDI)

For more information about the program, please contact: Melissa Ubben, Gilmore City Clerk 515-373-6326  
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**Gilmore City Public Library**

◀ Dec 2023		January 2024					Feb 2024 ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1 Closed for New Year's	2 Closed for New Year's	3 Daycare Reading 10:00 Movie w/ Snack 3:30	4 Tea @ 2	5 Bingo @ 5 (Must have 4 Participants)	6 Craft Day 9:30 – 11:30	
7	8	9 Art With Josh @ 5 Bookclub at 6:30	10 Daycare Reading 10:00 Movie w/ Snack 3:30	11 Tea @ 2	12 Bingo @ 5 (Must have 4 Participants)	13	
14	15	16 Art With Josh @ 5	17 Daycare Reading 10:00 Movie w/ Snack 3:30	18 Tea @ 2	19 Bingo @ 5 (Must have 4 Participants)	20	
21	22	23 Art With Josh @ 5	24 Daycare Reading 10:00 Movie w/ Snack 3:30	25 Tea @ 2	26 Bingo @ 5 (Must have 4 Participants)	27	
28	29 Library Board Meeting	30 Art With Josh @ 5	31 Daycare Reading 10:00 Movie w/ Snack 3:30	 <p><b>Reading is fun!</b></p>			