



GILMORE GAZETTE



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Iowa's Limestone Capital

FEBRUARY 2026

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kristi Day Rhonda Ripperger	5
Paul Hendricks Kim Peterson Cyler Cirks Richard Dailey Damien Kathrens	6
Happy Anniversary BRUCE & MARY TORKELSON	7
Bonnie Halligan	9
Randy Davis Shane Dickey Stacy Cirks	13
Julie Edwards	14
Happy Valentines Day	14
Jordan Pederson	16
Dave Vote	17
Happy Anniversary CHARLIE & DEBBIE RAKESTRAW	17
Jacobi Merritt	18
Doris Landmesser	25
Joni Ohnemus Jerald Weaver	26
Ryan Cirks Lois Davis	27
Jenny Abens Kathy Carman Debbie Rakestraw	28

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Stella Peters	2
Michael McKee	4
Natalie Miller	5
Trevor Peters	6
Alex Wiemers	7
Mildred Torkelson Cathy Ohnemus	8
Nancy Meier Chelsey Carman	11

SAVE THE DATE

The GC Fireman's Ball will be June 13th, 2026!!

LAST CHANCE DOG TAGS

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.

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.

Humboldt-515-604-6550
 Pocahontas-712-335-3335
FIRE DEPT

Here is a list of meals the Fire Dept will be hosting in the coming months.

Feb 15th- 11-1 Biscuits & Gravy-Pancakes-Eggs
March 6th- Hot Beef-Corn
March 29th 11-1 Brunch

Make sure to check out the Fire Dept Facebook Page and watch for fliers!

HIRHTF

The Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund (HIRHTF) will assist individuals with rehabilitating and repairing owner-occupied housing in the six-county region.

Program Guidelines

Eligible Properties:

- Owner-occupied single-family homes
- Located within the boundaries of Calhoun, Hamilton, Humboldt, Pocahontas, Webster, or Wright Counties
- Property must be in habitable condition, as an initial inspection determines.
- Life estates are not eligible.
- Homes being purchased on contract are not eligible.
- Mobile homes are not eligible.

Eligible Participants:

- Must meet the current established income guidelines.
- Property taxes & city utilities must be current.
- Must hold a county-recorded deed and occupy the property as their primary residence.
- Must be current on any outstanding mortgage loans against the property.

Eligible Activities:

- 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 persons with disabilities (bathrooms, ramps, sidewalks, etc.)
- Other similar repair needs

Stop into City Hall for more information or to pick up an application.

Fun Days Plaza Takes Shape Thanks to Generous Donation

The City is excited to announce that construction will soon begin on the lots next to City Hall to transform it into a usable community space for our City Fun Days Celebration in the summer of 2026. This project, to be known as the **Fun Days Plaza**, is made possible through a generous donation from our own **Kurt Brinkman!**

The Fun Days Plaza will provide a dedicated space for events, gatherings, and activities during our annual Celebration, creating a more welcoming and functional area for residents and visitors to enjoy. This improvement reflects our community's continued investment in creating vibrant, family-friendly spaces that bring people together.

The City would like to extend a sincere thank you to Kurt Brinkman for his generosity and support. Contributions like this play a vital role in enhancing our community and ensuring Fun Days continues to grow and thrive for years to come.

We look forward to sharing updates as construction progresses and welcoming everyone to the new Fun Days Plaza in 2026.

Celebrating 100 Years of Doris Landmesser

Gilmore City and the surrounding community are proud to celebrate a truly remarkable milestone as Doris Landmesser turns **100 years old**. Reaching a century of life is an extraordinary achievement, and Doris's 100th birthday is a moment worth honoring and sharing together.

Over the years, Doris has witnessed incredible changes, made countless memories, and touched the lives of many through her kindness and presence. This special birthday is a wonderful opportunity to recognize a life well lived and to send heartfelt wishes for continued joy, comfort, and good health. Community members are encouraged to help make Doris's day extra special by sending a birthday card or note of well wishes. Cards may be mailed to: **Doris Landmesser**—1108 15th Street North, Unit 48 Humboldt, IA 50548

Happy 100th Birthday, Doris! Your milestone is an inspiration to us all.



Our enthusiastic group is continuing our commitment to finish the new Shelter House in Sunset Park. On January 28th, the Hometown Pride Committee attended the Pocahontas County Foundation award ceremony for the 2026 awards and received a check in the amount of \$4,570.00. This amount allows us to have a custom limestone and cement countertop installed so that we can utilize it to its best intentions for preparing food, presentations, or just a more practical, usable space under cover. We'd also like to extend our appreciation to Missy Ubben for applying for and receiving a grant of \$605.00 for concrete parking stops and painted parking lines in front of the shelter. We're extremely grateful to the Pocahontas County Foundation Board for these awards! Pictured are Brooke McCartan, County Foundation Board Member, Deb Lanus, Judy Marchant, Angie Peters, Russ Naeve, Lavonne Hoover & Angie Kritzer.

Hometown Pride February 2026 Poky Co Awards Banquet

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PARENTS & KIDS
(AGES 0-5)
READING CHALLENGE

January 15 – April 15 • 12-Week Challenge

Read Together! Build a Love of Reading Early
Parents, grandparents, and caregivers join a fun winter reading challenge with their little ones ages 0-5.

ALL BOOKS FOR THIS CHALLENGE MUST BE CHECKED OUT FROM THE GILMORE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

PRIZES & REWARDS
• Fun small prizes for children who complete the challenge
• Reading Star Certificates for all participants
(515) 373-6562
gclibrary@gilmorecityiowa.com

WHO CAN JOIN?
Families in and around Gilmore City

CHALLENGE HAS BEEN EXTENDED!

In partnership with
LINKING FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES
info@linking-families.com

Dr. Seuss
Birthday Party
March 7th
9:30 - 11:00
Cupcakes & Crafts!

Gilmore City Public Library 2025 Recap

We had a great year at the library in 2025! Over 6,541 people visited us throughout the year. Together, more than 2,465 books and DVDs were checked out. We were able to host over 1,388 programs and gained 93 new patrons! As always, we continue to grow our collection and were able to add 1,140 new books and DVDs. SILO allowed us to share over 259 books and DVDs with libraries across the state. Our annual Summer Reading Program was a huge success again with 95 participating children reading a total of 15,504 minutes! It was possible thanks to an outside donation from the family of Phyllis Brinkman. Thank you all for your continued support for the Gilmore City Public Library! We can't wait to improve these numbers in 2026!

Bloom where you are planted

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Book Club

We will be reviewing
The Road Home
and picking up
The Lies They Told

April 7th, 2026 at 6:00 PM
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Spring into good book!

Let's talk about books!

Stories Worth Sharing