



GILMORE GAZETTE

JANUARY 2025
Iowa's Limestone
Capital

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CITY NEWS

Hopefully everyone had a great Christmas holiday and now the new year! 2024 sure went by faster than normal especially in-between Thanksgiving and Christmas. November was colder than normal and even with a touch of snow and don't forget that ice, ugh, so far hasn't been terrible. I hope 2025 treats everyone well with good health and exciting adventures! I hope everyone got to stop up to City Hall and pick up a free pork loin compliments of Iowa Select & The Deb & Jeff Hanson Foundation. To say the least there were lots of cars lol. What a great way to spread some joy to families this time of year! We are blessed and very thankful that they chose our community to put on such a great cause!

FIRE DEPT ANNOUNCEMENT

Thank you to everyone that attended the GC Library/Fire Dept Event & Soup Supper! The Fire Dept is planning an Appreciation meal for the community on January 18th from 5-7 with a Snow Date of January 25th. Free will donation. Watch Facebook for more details and cancellation. The meal will be Hamburger gravy with choice over Mash Potatoes, Noodles, or Bread. A side of green beans or corn with a beverage of coffee, water or milk. Delivery will be available around the area starting at 4:30 by contacting Tracy at the Clip Joint at 515-373-6084 or 515-890-0340. Watch for more information for the March Meal of Hot Beef!

DOG TAGS

The City of Gilmore City as a way to show compliance with State Code will provide a re-quired City Dog License with proof of Rabies vaccinations. City Dog Licenses are good for one calendar year beginning in January and expiring in December of each year. Licenses are \$2 per dog through the month of January and up to the last business day of February. After that a late penalty charge of an additional \$20 plus tag fee will be incurred. Dogs found without the required licensing will be turned into the City impound and will incur additional fees and fines. If a new dog has been brought into the family during any time of the year the tag fee is still only \$2.00.

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.

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.

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 6-7 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 (if open) at 11:30 for lunch. 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!

Carbon Monoxide

It's winter which means there is a possible nuisance around your home, yes it's snow or ice. During the extreme winter weather don't forget to check your outdoor exhaust pipes to keep them clear of the snow and ice. Clearing that away from your plastic intake or exhaust vents can prevent carbon monoxide buildup or other damage to your heating system. This can also help keep your home running at its most energy-efficient level. Carbon Monoxide is odorless and colorless which can lead to sudden illness or death. You can prevent carbon monoxide expo-

sure by having your heating system or any other gas, oil or coal burning appliance ser-vised each year. A plug in CO detector will alert you when there is presence of CO in the house and is a good idea to install in every home. It's best to have one installed on each floor and to place them near the sleeping areas. The city has purchased some carbon monoxide detectors that stick to your fridge and are free for city residents. Please pick one up at City Hall. One per residence only. Remember if you smell gas please contact Public Works at anytime don't hesitate!
Dillon- 515-368-1892.

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 interrupt-ed.

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.

Humboldt Co-
515-604-6550
Pocahontas Co-
712-335-3335

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 removed 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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Harmon Atwood	7
Cole Dickey	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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

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

**City Hall/
Library will be
closed Tues.
Dec. 31st &
Wed. Jan. 1st
in observance
of New Years.
Offices will re-
open at normal
times Thursday
Jan. 2nd.**

The Hometown Pride program in Iowa was created in 2012 by Keep Iowa Beautiful to help Iowa communities improve their appearance and encourage a sense of pride. This program has enabled smaller and rural communities to have the same opportunities previously only available to larger cities.

The Pocahontas County Foundation is now celebrating 20 years of promoting and enhancing community-based philanthropy in Pocahontas County. We are excited to share with you that your very own Gilmore City Hometown Pride committee was chosen to receive the High Impact grant of \$22,000 for our Shelter House at Sunset Park! This is quite an honor, and you are invited to attend the 20-year celebration with us on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 6:30pm. The celebration will be held at the Prairie Lakes AEA located at 500 NE 6th Street in Pocahontas.

We have accomplished so much for Gilmore City with the help of the grants awarded to us by the Pocahontas County Foundation and donations from so many of you. When we have this kind of support, it's easy to keep going and with your help and encouragement, we will continue to do what we can for the benefit of all who live and visit our town. Sunset Park has the Rain Garden, pollinator plantings, 6' ADA sidewalks, paved parking, the beautiful stone outdoor plaza, and is where our trail-head will be for eventually connecting to the Three Rivers Trail. The covered Shelter House is one more component of the park that will promote outdoor activities to be enjoyed by all. Thank you so much for your participation in the vision for Sunset Park and we hope to see you at the Pocahontas County Foundation celebration!

Reading is so much FUN!

at the Gilmore City Public Library

308 S. Gilmore Street, Gilmore City, Iowa 50541 - 515-373-6562

January 2025 Monthly Schedule of Events & updates on our December activities.

Mark your calendars!

We had a great turn out for our Santa visit, even though we were just a little slippery that night. Soup Supper with our Fire Department was amazing. We really love it when they cook for us.

The raffle for the quilt that was donated to us by Linda Sanny, was won by Brenda Benjamin.

We appreciate everyone that bought the tickets for a chance at it.

Also, a big "Thank you" to Humboldt Engraving for donating the Snowman Soup.

We really appreciate everyone for supporting our Library and our Fire Department.

These events could not happen without you.

January 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & January 31st – Thursday's Tea / Coffee @ 2:00

January 7th - Tuesday Book Club - 6:00 p.m. Reviewing "Mr. Miracle" & "Call Me Mrs. Miracle" by Debbie Macomber
Pickup book - for January- "The Women in the Library" By Sulari Gentill

We are also getting one hundred new children's books in. Hopefully, we can have them in our system by the end of January. These have been brought to us from the Brownstone Book Fund, from New York.

Please remember, we still have DVDs for you to check out and watch at your convenience. We do not charge for the DVD's, but ask that you return them in a timely manner, and that they are in the same condition as when you checked them out.

We would love to have a game night for you, just need 4 participants to play.

Stem items are here for you to enjoy. These are a great learning tool for your children.

We do have a makerspace set up in the library for the kids, and we love it when you, the parents, bring them into our Library.

Come into the library for all the details!

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.

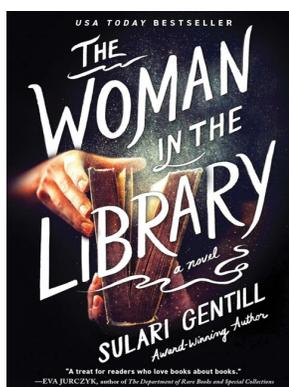
Tuesday & Friday 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday's 9:00 – 12:00

Come in and see us!

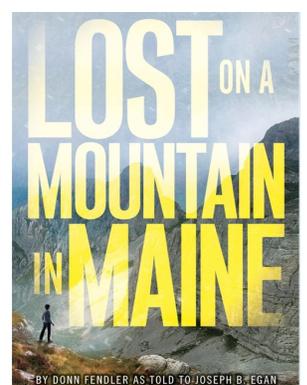
January 2025 Book Club

The book for the month of January will be "The Woman in the Library" by Sulari Gentill January 7th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to review. We will review December books; "Mr. Miracle" & "Call Me Mrs. Miracle" by Debbie Macomber



February 2025 Book Club

The book for the month of February will be "Lost on a Mountain in Maine" by Donn Fendler February 4th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to review. We will review January book, "The Woman in the Library" by Sulari Gentill



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS LAST DAY OF EACH MONTH