

**IOWA'S LIMESTONE CAPITAL**

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**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

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

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:**

Richard Benjamin	<b>1</b>
Brittney Peters	<b>2</b>
Rhonda Ripperger Kristi Day	<b>5</b>
Paul Hendricks Cyler Cirks Richard Dailey Damien Kathrens Kim Peterson	<b>6</b>
<b>HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BRUCE &amp; MARY TORKELSON</b>	<b>7</b>
Bonnie Halligan	<b>9</b>
Randy Davis Shane Dickey Stacy Cirks	<b>13</b>
<b>HAPPY VALENTINES DAY</b>	<b>14</b>
Julie Edwards	<b>14</b>

As we reflect on the holiday season, we hope it was filled with joy, meaningful moments, and special memories shared with family and friends. The holidays are a time to pause, appreciate one another, and celebrate the sense of community that makes our city such a wonderful place to call home.

As we welcome the New Year in 2026, we extend our best wishes to all for good health, happiness, and success in the year ahead. Thank you for being part of our community, and we look forward to another year of working together and making positive memories for everyone.

**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.

**Dog Tags**

The City of Gilmore City requires all dogs within city limits to be licensed as a way to remain in compliance with State Code. With proof of a current rabies vaccination, the City will issue a required City Dog License. Dog licenses are valid for one calendar year, beginning in January and

expiring in December. The license fee is **\$2.00 per dog** when purchased through the month of January and up to the last business day of February. After this period, a **late penalty of \$20.00**, in addition to the \$2.00 tag fee, will be assessed.

Dogs found without the required license will be sent to the local shelter and will be subject to additional fees and fines.

If a new dog is brought into your household at any time during the year, the license fee remains **\$2.00** with proof of rabies vaccination. A puppy will not need a city tag unless it's old enough for a rabies shot.

Dog owners are also reminded to keep their animals on their own property and not allow them to roam into neighbors' yards to do their business. Please be neighborly and responsible by properly supervising your pets and cleaning up after them. Dogs should be inside your fence and unable to escape or affixed by a tie out if left unsupervised. Your cooperation helps maintain a clean, safe, and respectful community for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.

**Humboldt Co-  
515-604-6550**

**Pocahontas Co-  
712-335-3335**

**Fire Dept**

The Gilmore City Fire Department would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the Library/Fire Dept event and soup supper. Your overwhelming support and generosity truly mean the world to us. Events like these remind us how fortunate we are to serve such a caring and close-knit community.

Whether you stopped by for a bowl of soup, a friendly conversation, or to show your support, your presence made the evening a success. We appreciate each and every person who took time to join us. Be sure to watch the Gilmore City Fire Department Facebook page and keep an eye out for flyers around town for details on upcoming meals and events at the fire station. We look forward to seeing you again soon in the new year and thank you again for your contributions to our local fire department!

**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.

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to celebrate the holiday safely with family and friends. It's time to start fresh with new aspirations and goals and Hometown Pride is ready to hit the ground running. The Pocahontas County Foundation opened the opportunity to apply for grant funds for 2026 and we welcomed the chance to try to get funds for the new serving counter/table for our covered shelter. The city of Gilmore City applied for funds for concrete parking stops for the parking lot as well. We just found out that both grants were awarded! We will get started on these projects as soon as possible this spring and will continue working towards our long-term goals for Sunset Park. Stay in, stay warm, and stay tuned for our progress!

**GILMORE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**PARENTS & KIDS**  
**(AGES 0-5)**  
**READING CHALLENGE**  
 January 15 – March 1 • 6-Week Contest



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

All Books for this challenge must be checked out from Gilmore City Public Library

**PRIZES & REWARDS**

- Fun small prizes for children who complete the challenge
- Reading Star Certificates for all participants

**WHO CAN JOIN?**

Families in Gilmore City and the surrounding towns

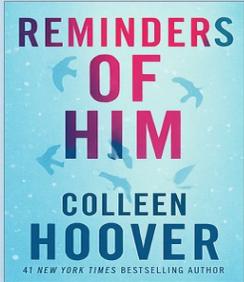
**SIGN-UP BEFORE JANUARY 15**  
 (515) 373-6562  
 gclibrary@gilmorecityiowa.com




We will be reviewing book 'Reminders of Him' by Colleen Hoover. You will be picking up 'One Big Happy Family' by Susan Mallery on January 6.

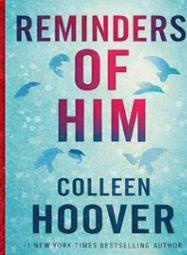
**GILMORE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK CLUB**

**January 6th, 2026 at 6.00 p.m.**  
 Join us for books, conversation, and holiday cheer



❄️ Settle in with a favorite book and a warm drink. A chill in the air invites a good book to share.

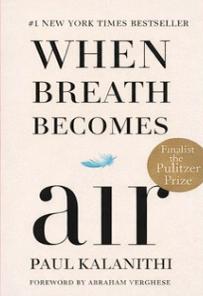
*Books are heart-shaped adventures*



We will be reviewing *Reminders of Him* by Colleen Hoover. You will be picking up *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi on February 3.

**GILMORE CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOK CLUB**

**February 3rd, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.**  
 Join us for books and conversation.



*Falling in love with reading*

*Stories to warm your heart*

**FREE PUBLIC SHOWING** **Fire Station**

**Tuesday February 3 6 PM**

**Gilmore City, Ia** **Educating on the dangers of human trafficking in Iowa**

**STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING**



We are committed to bringing awareness to every community in our state, to help combat and bring clarity on the misconceptions of human trafficking.

**Key points:**

- WHAT MADE IOWA SO PREVALENT
- REALITIES HAPPENING IN IOWA
- ACTION STEPS EVERYONE CAN DO
- WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND UNDERSTANDING THE MISCONCEPTION
- CULTURE IMPACT: "WEEDS OF THE GARDEN"

**Presenting: Stacy Besch, Team Iowa**