



# Grassley raises questions about VA oversight of veterans' homes

BY CLARK KAUFFMAN  
Iowa Capital Dispatch

U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley is asking the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to answer questions about its oversight of nursing homes for veterans.

Care facilities for veterans are federally supported, but are owned and managed by the states, with inspections and oversight handled by the states and by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

But in 2019, the Government Accountability Office found that the VA wasn't collecting complete information on all deficiencies within those homes and wasn't capable of tracking that information to identify any trends related to quality in those facilities.

Grassley now says the VA needs to respond to questions about its oversight of the veterans' homes.

"Our veterans deserve the best possible care after giving so much for our country," the Republican senator from Iowa said in a press release. "Unfortunately, it appears that the standard of care and quality controls at many state veterans homes falls well short of those re-

quired by other government supported nursing homes. Americans deserve answers and our veterans deserve better."

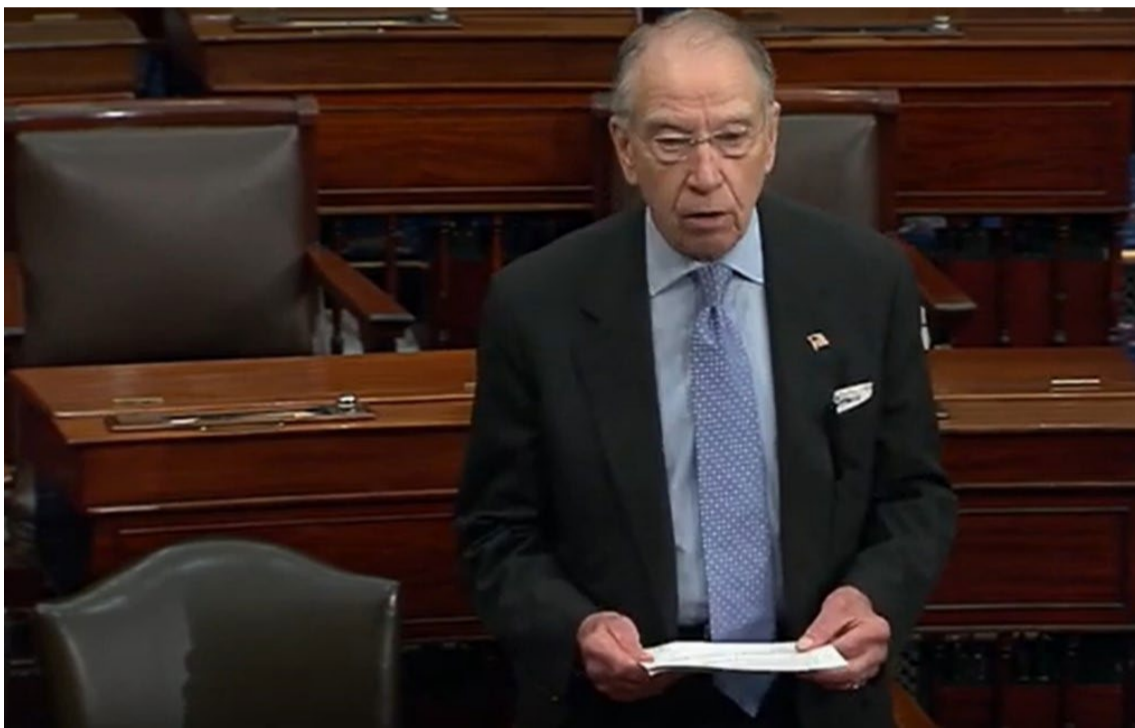
Among the questions posed by Grassley: How many state veter-

ans' homes are inspected by the VA and how frequently do the inspections occur?

In recent months, there have been reports of gaps in oversight that may have added to the COVID-19 death toll in those facilities. At least 77 veterans died in a single outbreak of COVID-19

at a veterans' home in Holyoke, Massachusetts, prompting employees of the facility to file a lawsuit that alleges a "complete disregard for human life and inhumane working conditions."

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Sen. Chuck Grassley speaks on the Senate floor March 20, 2020. Screen shot from video provided by Grassley's office

# Harvest Moon activities at Wilder Park Oct. 2

On Saturday, Oct. 2 there will be six special activities at Wilder Park, Allison for a wide range of interest and ages.

The first activity will be the Lions serving a delicious omelet breakfast from 7:30-10 a.m.

The second activity is the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Leisurely Bike Ride Across Butler" which will start at 8 a.m. and concludes at Wilder Park at 11 a.m. Participants may ride anywhere in the county, but must stop sometime to register by 11 a.m. at Aspin, #3 shelter (north). A drawing will then be held to divide all registration fees to three participants.

The third activity is a bean bag tournament with divisions at three different locations beginning at 1 p.m.:

Division 1: youth ages 6-12 years

Division 2: youth ages 13 years and up

Division 3: adults age 19 and above

Registration for all "bean bag toss" participants is 12:30 p.m. at Shelter #2 (near lodge).

The fourth activity at 4 p.m. is a free pumpkin distribution for the kids.

The fifth activity is Halloween coming early to Wilder Park with trick or treat for youth from 6-7 p.m. Most campers will participate and encourage youth to stop at their camper.

The sixth and final activity will be a Japanese lantern display for all campers at 8 p.m.

The Allison Park Board is looking forward to seeing you for a great day and evening at beautiful Wilder Park on October 2.

# Executive Order inspired by Grassley-backed bill boosts transparency of Government's 9/11 records

BUTLER COUNTY, IOWA – Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) today praised an executive order expanding public access to secret government records related to the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The order, signed today by President Biden, is based on the bipartisan September 11<sup>th</sup> Transparency Act, which requires federal agencies to conduct a declassification review of records related to the attacks.

"The public has waited nearly 20 years for a full picture of everything that led up to the attacks on September 11, 2001, including everyone involved in funding, planning and perpetrating these horrific acts of terrorism. I joined a bipartisan effort to push for additional transparency, and I'm grateful today's executive order will begin to pull back the curtain on the 9/11 records so that victims' families, survivors and all Americans can expeditiously get the answers and justice they deserve," Grassley said.

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### New and NOTEWORTHY

#### Amvets Fish Fry

The Clarksville Amvets will be hosting the annual Fish Fry on Saturday, September 18. The meal, and curbside pick-up will be available between 4:30p.m. and 7:30p.m. at the Amvet Community Center in Clarksville. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

#### Greene City-Wide Garage Sales

The Greene City-Wide garage sales will be on Friday, September 24 and Saturday, September 25. Flyers will be available at Casey's in Greene.

#### Breast Cancer Awareness Event

In recognition of breast cancer awareness month in October, the NBHS Volleyball team will be hosting a Breast Cancer Awareness event during their home matches vs. Nashua-Plainfield on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Games begin at 5:30 P.M.

#### BC Extension Office Update

The Butler County Extension office will be closed on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Please visit our website at [www.extension.iastate.edu/buter](http://www.extension.iastate.edu/buter) for ISU Extension and Outreach researched based resources. Or call us at 319-267-2707. We will return on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.



Sen. Chuck Grassley's campaign twitter posted a poll asking users what they thought of President Joe Biden's new COVID-19 measures. COVID image courtesy of Fusion Medical Animation via Unsplash

# What do Iowa politicians think about Biden's vaccine mandate?

BY KATIE AKIN  
Iowa Capital Dispatch

President Joe Biden announced a new COVID-19 mitigation approach recently that requires about 100 million Americans to be vaccinated or routinely tested.

Most Iowa lawmakers are opposed to the idea.

Under the plan, health care workers and all federal workers and contractors must be vaccinated. Companies with over 100 employees must require vaccination or weekly testing.

The plan did not go over well with Iowa Republicans, who have prioritized personal choice throughout the pandemic. Gov. Kim Reynolds released a statement calling Biden's plan "dangerous and unprecedented."

"As I've said all along, I believe and trust in Iowans to make the best health decisions

for themselves and their families," Reynolds said. "It's time for President Biden to do the same. Enough is enough."

The state GOP issued a statement that Biden was "pitting vaccinated Americans against the unvaccinated" with the new requirements.

Iowa Democrats defended the idea. Senate Minority Leader Zach Wahls commended Biden's "crucial measures" to combat COVID-19.

"This is not a Democrat or Republican issue, and it never has been," Wahls said in a statement. "This is about public health and protecting the lives of Iowans."

Republicans in Iowa's D.C. delegation encouraged vaccination but said the government should not require it.

U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley tweeted that he would "contin-

ue 2 encourage [vaccines] but it is YOUR choice I OPPOSE the heavy hand of federal govt mandating the vaccine on private biz." Grassley's campaign tweeted a poll asking users if Biden had "gone too far" with the mandate.

Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeke, a physician, tweeted that the mandate was the result of Biden's poor poll numbers.

Rep. Randy Feenstra tweeted Friday that Biden's policy would "turn American job creators into the vaccine patrol," calling it "an unprecedented, unconstitutional and counterproductive power grab."

Rep. Ashley Hinson tweeted that she was outraged by the mandate, which she called unconstitutional.

Sen. Joni Ernst and Rep. Cindy Axne, Iowa's only Democrat in D.C., did not put out statements about Biden's vaccine announcement.

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## Americans Participate in Virtual Relay to Honor Military Women - Iowans among the fallen

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On September 5, the Military Women's Memorial - America's only major national memorial dedicated to honoring the women who serve in the armed forces - began a 177-mile relay walk in recognition of the 177 women who have given their lives in combat since 9/11. Three of those 177 honored are from Iowa. Command Sgt. Maj. Marilyn L. Gabbard, 46, of Polk City, was the first woman in the history of the Iowa National Guard to

be killed in combat. Gabbard was a passenger on the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter when it crashed Jan. 20, 2007, northeast of Baghdad. Army Pfc. Katie M. Soenksen died May 2, 2007 Serving During Operation Iraqi Freedom. She was part of the 410 Military Police based in Fort Hood, Texas. Soenksen was from Davenport and died May 2 in Baghdad of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near her vehicle. Navy Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Jamie S. Jaenke, a native of Iowa Falls, died June 5, 2006, in

Al Anbar province, when the Humvee she was in was struck by a roadside bomb. She was assigned to the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 25, based in Fort McCoy, Wis. This year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11. The Military Women's Memorial wanted to provide Americans with an additional way to honor the sacrifices that America's armed services members have made in the years since the deadly terrorist attacks. The relay walk began at the Flight 93 National Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania and will travel 177 miles to the Military Women's Memorial at Arlington Na-

tional Cemetery outside of Washington, D.C. The Military Women's Memorial is the only historical repository documenting all military women's service. It is dedicated to educating and inspiring through innovative and interactive exhibitions, world-class collections, engaging programs, and events for all generations. They honor the commitment, contributions, and experiences of every woman who serves in, or with, the Armed Forces. For more information check out their website: <https://womens-memorial.org/>

## Helping Family Dairy Farms

by Bruce Shultz

I find that most people today have very little connection to farming or ranching. When I grew up in the late 1960s and 1970s, there seemed to be a general sense that most people knew where their food came from. In my youth in suburban Connecticut, there was agriculture all around the area.

In the summer on Sundays, my family would drive to Jones' farm one town away from us. My mom would buy whatever vegetables were in season and I would run around the farm with the Jones' kids chasing chickens and climbing all over the barn. There were truck farms all over the area. Today those farms are housing developments.

Back in 1971, there was a small fluid milk plant in our town, Brock Hall. They would deliver milk every week to our door. We had an insulated metal box on the porch which fit four brown glass gallon containers. But that was yesterday.

Today it seems people have the idea that food comes from the grocery store and not a family farm. I looked up what has happened in the Connecticut dairy industry since I was a kid. In 1975 there were 817 dairy farms in Connecticut, by 2018 there were barely one hundred remaining. There is no doubt that people's food is coming from bigger farms further away.

Here are a few numbers to consider. In 2017, the Census of Agriculture found only 32,000 herds that sold milk and had fewer than 200 cows. Since that time, we have lost another 8,500 licensed dairies during those three years. In fact, we are on track to see farms of this type disappear completely in the next several years.

Research shows that smaller dairies, family owned and operated, are best for rural economies. And, their balance of feed and manure production is best for the environment. It's important to remember in these unpredictable times, to not forget the contribution these smaller, geographically dispersed, dairy farms make to our nation's food security. If nothing is done, we will

continue the present path to a dairy economy in which a handful of very large operations produce virtually all of the nation's milk. The numbers are frightening. It takes just over nine million cows to meet the country's dairy needs. At 10,000 cows per operation, that translates to only 900 dairy farms. Is this really where we want to go?

To put things bluntly, the end of family dairy farming as we know it is not that far away. This is a tragedy that must be avoided at all costs. I believe we owe rural America our best efforts to save and revitalize the prospects for smaller, family owned and operated, dairy farms. But we must act now and we must act effectively.

One area to consider on the road to making things better is to alter the Federal Milk Marketing Orders. Significant changes in the system are needed if family farming is to continue to be part of the American dairy industry. For those of you unfamiliar, the objectives of a Federal Milk Marketing Order are:

1. Promote orderly marketing conditions
  2. Improve the income situation of farmers
  3. Supervise the trade of milk so bargaining power among buyers and sellers is balanced
  4. Assure adequate supplies of milk
- The concerns with FMMO reform generally fall into two categories. In the first, change is necessary in the way proposed federal order reforms are approved. Some dairy producers as well as dairy organizations would like to see a clear policy of one farmer, one vote instead of the bloc voting system used now.

In the second category, the establishment of a single, national FMMO would replace the patchwork system we now have. The dairy industry has changed so much since the original orders were established that only a national system can best serve all participants in the dairy industry.

Let's get on the road to reform and reconnect consumers with their farmers. It could go a long way in helping revitalize rural America.

## 2021 Iowa State Fair Static Winners

Static winners who received a blue ribbon at Iowa State Fair:

Emma Wedeking (3), McKenzie Bohach, Clayton Kramer, Jordan Osterbuh (2), Courtney Strauser (2), Alexis Brinkman, Hannah Buttjer, Erika Brinkman (3), Tommy Barnett (2), Haily Backer, Brynn Salge, Avery Harris (2), Capri Clark, Mikenzi Davis

Static winners who received a red ribbon were: Grace Pittenger, Rachel Borhardt, Savannah Hummel, Brandt Reints

Static winners who received a white ribbon were: Leyton Reints, Peyton Mohling, Kamie Helmke

Seal of Merit was given

to Emma Wedeking and Isabella Mohn for their communication posters.

Avery Harris received an Outstanding Sewn Item for her wall hanging quilt.

2021 Iowa State Fair Communications Winners

Casey Leerhoff received an Excellence on his presentation, "How not to do a Presentation."

Hannah Buttjer also received an Excellence on her presentation, "The Holstein Dilemma"

Capri Clark and Avery Harris received Merit on their working exhibit on "Colorful Paper Windmills".

Ella Buttjer received a

Merit on her working exhibit "Marble Mazes"

Alexis and Erika Brinkman received Recognition on their working exhibit, "Garden of Greatness".

2021 Share the Fun who received Participation Awards

Ella Buttjer—Poem about "My Tooth"

Casey Leerhoff—"The Boo Baby Girl Meets the Ghost of Mable's Gable" by Jim May

Capri Clark, Savannah Hummel, Ava Johnson—dance to "Keep on Dancing"

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The September 11<sup>th</sup> Transparency Act, led by Sen. Bob Menendez (D-N.J.) and cosponsored by Grassley, would ensure that the Department of Justice (DOJ), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Director of National Intelligence (DNI) declassify, as appropriate, the documents that could identify additional co-conspirators. Along with Menendez and Grassley, the bill is cosponsored by Sens. Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), John Cornyn (R-Texas), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.) and Chris Murphy (D-Conn.). Congressman Hakeem Jeffries (D-N.Y.-08) will introduce companion legislation in the House of Representatives.



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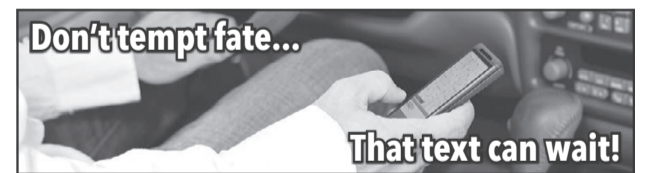
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In his letter to the VA, Grassley said the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services posts quality-of-care information about "civilian nursing homes" to its own website, CareCompare, but the VA doesn't do anything similar for the veterans' homes. However, the veterans'

homes, as state-licensed care facilities funded with Medicaid dollars, are included in CMS' CareCompare website, with detailed information published on their ratings, inspections, staffing and any federal penalties for substandard care.



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Dale & Dullard

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(Oh, I gotta go pee!)

BY MATTHEW WILKEN news@theclarksvillestar.com

Boy oh boy, can people talk! Some people can go on and on and on, like the energizer bunny of conversation. Somebody smart once said that it is a much better thing to use your brain more often than your mouth. Although, I think Dale would agree that this isn't what happens on the majority of occasions. So, we humans try to find ways to get out of such conversations. There's an old joke about these two old fellas who always chat, but one of them frequently dominates the discussion. The less talkative one tells his wife he's going to meet up with the other fella for a drink and have a meeting of the mind. Of course, the word "mind" is singular as his thoughts never get a chance to contribute to the otherwise, meeting of the minds. So how do we tactfully dismiss ourselves from these events where all we can think about is how this guy will never stop talking? I mean, society has already put in place some unwritten rules, but apparently, we need to gloss over them again. You know... like fiddling with your keys, saying "well, I suppose...", turning your body sideways to indicate you're planning to walk away, or constantly glancing at your watch. These are just a few subtle hints that most people are aware of. Sometimes though, there's those people that just aren't picking up on the body language or tone of your voice. What do we do then? Well, today we're posing this question to the ever insightful but never delightful boys of yester-year: Dale and Dullard.

that doctor." Matt: "Hey guys, looks like I just missed an exciting story. Too bad." Dullard: "I can tell it again for ya!" Matt: "Oh, that's quite alright Dully, we should probably just get started." Dale: "Good idea Matt, maybe your first good idea ever." Matt: "Thanks Dale." Dale: "Yea, it wasn't really a compliment but..." Matt: "I know Dale, thanks again for explaining that to me. And nice shirt by the way. Anyway, here's my question for you guys: You know how when you're in a conversation and you really want to get out of it? Well, I'd like to hear some of your tried and true methods of hinting to the other person that you want to get out of the conversation. What's the best way to go about it?" Dullard: "Oh, I gotta go pee!" (Dullard hustles out of the room) Matt: "Alright, well we'll just start with Dale then." (Dullard mutters something under his breath and scoots on out toward the restroom) "Dale?" Dale: "Other than close family, and a small group of friends, I try not to have a lot of conversation. But if I need an exit I'd probably use one of these. - Is that my phone ringing or is it just my ears? You're not bad ta look at, but it sucks listening to ya. Would you loan me some money? Would ya like to hear me play the bagpipes? I'm going over there now. Would ya like to hear me play the bagpipes? I'm gonna have to buy some booze after talking to you. Hey, I can't tell, are my eyes still open? Did I mention that I sell knives? I always feel a little dumber after talking to you... - you know, something like that." Matt: "That was a...that was good number of examples Dale. Not subtle in the least, but I...I also realize that asking you that question was probably a bad idea." Dale: "Like I said earlier, you're not really a bastion of good ideas." Matt: "Ok, you really don't need to act that way when it's just the two of us." Dale: "I know I don't have to, it's not like anybody is forcing me. I'd just rather treat you how I feel like treating you." Matt: "Alright, is Dullard still in the bathroom?" Dale: "Yea, probably hiding from the sound of your voice." Matt: "Seriously Dale..." Dale: "No, I'm serious, he does not like the sound of your voice, neither do I..." Matt: "Hey, Dale..." Dale: "I'm mean, you have this whiny little tone when you get worked up..." Matt: "Dale..." Dale: "It's one of the worst sounds I have ever..." Matt: [As loud as I can yell] "Dale! Listen to me!" Dale: "Geez...what is it?" Matt: (After a three-second pause) [I get up, walk away, leave Dale sitting there, and shut the lights off on him as I depart the room. Upon getting to my car, I notice that Dullard has already taken off. Touché Dully, touché...]



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FOR YOUNG READERS: "The Lucky One" by Liz Lawson... Struggling with grief, anger and survival guilt in the months after her twin is murdered in a school shooting, May forges an unexpected bond with the maligned son of a woman who incurred local wrath for defending the shooter. "Fox & Rabbit Make Believe" by Beth Ferry... Fox and Rabbit are the very best of friends. They do everything together. Good things like getting ice cream and not-so-good things like getting bad haircuts. But when they meet a new friend, Owl, Fox isn't so sure if there's enough friendship to go around. "Catch That Chicken" by Atinuke... A little girl, who is the best chicken catcher in her whole Nigerian village, injures her ankle when her chase goes a little too far up a baobab tree, prompting a helpful lesson from Nana about the importance of thinking just as quickly as she runs.

The First Bank Board of Directors recently approved staff promotions to several positions at First Bank

Chelsea Lohmann has been promoted to Controller for First Bank. In addition to her current duties of overseeing Accounting and Operations, Chelsea will add property management for all locations of First Bank. Chelsea has been with First Bank since 2016. Chris Miller has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Business Banker. Chris will be the Team Leader for all the Waverly and Plainfield Business Banking operations. Chris joined First Bank in 2018. Lisa Peterson, Vice President and Office Manager of the Plainfield Office adds Retail Deposit Team Leader to her responsibilities, managing the Waverly and Plainfield Retail Teams. Lisa has been with First Bank since 2006. Patrick Smith was promoted to Senior Vice President, Retail Banking Manager. Patrick will lead all retail and consumer mortgage lending functions, in addition to continuing to supervise the entire retail department. Patrick joined First Bank in 2013. First Bank is a locally-owned, community bank, providing quality financial products and services since 1864. With 7 locations in North Central Iowa, First Bank has \$633 million in assets.

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## 'Tremendous shortage' of ammunition challenges hunters as fall seasons approach

**BY PERRY BEEMAN**  
Iowa Capital Dispatch

A shortage of ammunition is likely to drive up prices for hunters and sport shooters through at least part of next year, industry observers say.

National reports have indicated that prices are up 30 percent for some types of ammo. Some prices have quadrupled from pre-pandemic levels, Forbes reported.

As Iowa's fall hunting seasons approach, many store shelves are a hodgepodge of odds and ends.

A check of 12-gauge shotgun shells online Thursday at Brownells, the firearms and ammunition giant based in Grinnell, found a wide range of prices and many products out of stock. On the first page of 12 listings, half were out of stock. The next two pages were out of 23 of the 24 products offered.

In Ames, Theisen's was offering fairly typical

prices, but had spotty inventory in popular gauges on Thursday, one hunter reported.

"We are in fact seeing the impact here in Iowa not only for hunting but for recreational shooting as well," said Jamie Cook, hunter education coordinator for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. "Certain rounds are hard to get, there are limits being put on how many you can purchase and manufacturers just can't keep up with the demand due to the spike in interest and the fact that factories were shut down during COVID," he added.

Cook said manufacturers and retailers are telling those involved in shooting sports to place orders for spring ammo now.

Jared Wiklund, a spokesman for Pheasants Forever's national office in St. Paul, Minnesota, said more people hunted in 2020 because the sport allowed people to get outside and

keep a safe distance from others. The high demand has extended into this year. Approximately 8.4M people bought their first gun in '20.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation reported that 8.4 million people bought a firearm for the first time in 2020.

"With more people working at home, they had more time to go hunting," said Wiklund. That was particularly noticeable in hunting for upland game birds, such as pheasants, he added.

The upside is that the growth in hunting and shooting sports will mean more federal excise tax payments, assuming buyers can find ammo. The taxes go to states for wildlife projects.

While manufacturers are scrambling to add staff and to boost production, the bankruptcy of Remington and the high demand have caused price spikes and shelves with empty spots, said Wiklund, who regularly hunts in Iowa,

Minnesota and Utah.

Kevin King, trap-shooting chairman for the Warren County Izaak Walton League and a competitive shooter himself, said the ammunition shortage has been fueled by hoarding and panic buying.

"I have seen tremendous shortage of ammunition," King said. "Several factors have contributed to the shortage, primarily the panic buying and hoarding of ammo and components." The Remington bankruptcy disrupted supplies. And there have been other supply chain issues.

"Raw materials have been hard to come by for manufacturers coupled with disruptive supply chains," King said. "For the shotgun sports this means there will be an ongoing shortage of ammo and components. Ammo companies make more money per round on metallic cartridges and hunting loads than they do on target loads."

Some ammunition components will be in short

supply until sometime next year, King said.

Pheasants Forever's Wiklund said there is hope for fuller shelves in coming

months, at least sometime in 2020. "Eventually, production is going to catch up with demand."




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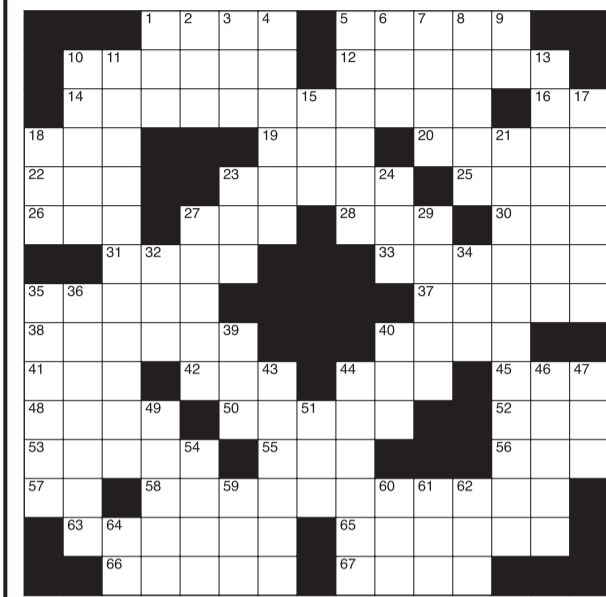
Friday, September 3: Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with three medical calls, received a report for one controlled burn, and received 10 general calls. 2:25 a.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 13200 block of Jay Ave. 3:41 a.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 13200 block of Jay Ave. 8:06 a.m.: Report of road closed in the area of Hwy 57 and Terrace Ave. 8:09 a.m.: Report of road closed in the area of Terrace Ave and Trapper Rd. 8:10 a.m.: Report of road closed in the area of 325th St. and Terrace Ave. 8:37 a.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 13200 block of Jay Ave. 9:24 a.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 1000 block of Commerce St. 9:27 a.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 17800 block of 120th St. 10:15 a.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 1300 block of Circle Dr. 10:20 a.m.: Report of a phone scam in the 22900 block of Birch Ave. 10:21 a.m.: Officers conducted a welfare check in the 500 block of N Cherry St. 10:37 a.m.: Report of road closed in the area of 310th St. and Liberty Ave. 10:40 a.m.: Report of road closed in the area of 310th St. and Newell Ave. 10:46 a.m.: Report of road closed in the area of 290th St. and Liberty Ave. 11:38 a.m.: Report of theft in the 11700 block of Butler Ave. 12:35 p.m.: Report of vehicle fire in the 700 block of Packwaukee St. 1:21 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 900 block of W Broadway St. 3:43 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 400 block of 6th St. 3:53 p.m.: Report of trespass in the 1200 block of Florence St. 6:52 p.m.: Jeffrey Monroe Brymer, 37, Waterloo, arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. 8:49 p.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock issue in the 900 block of N Elm St. 9:20 p.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 300 block of E Grove St.

Saturday, September 4: Officers executed seven traffic stops, assisted with two medical calls, received a report for two controlled burns, and received five general calls. 8:53 a.m.: Report of property exchange in the 27000 block of 305th St. 12:59 p.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock issue in the 700 block of Church St. 1:29 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 400 block of 6th St. 1:45 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 16900 block of Quarry Ave. 2:20 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 400 block of 6th St. 3:59 p.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock issue in the 300 block of W Washington St. 8:20 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 100 block of N Main St. 9:13 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 400 block of 6th St. 9:30 p.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock issue in the 400 block of 6th St. Sunday, September 5: Officers executed six traffic stops, assisted with four medical calls, assisted one motorist, received a report for three controlled burns, and received 11 general calls. 1:36 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the area of S Cherry St. and W Main St. 2:00 a.m.: Officers conducted a bar check in the 200 block of N Main St. 3:31 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 400 block of W Superior St. 8:58 a.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock issue in the 10600 block of 195th St. 11:35 a.m.: Report of an accident with unknown injuries in the 100 block of 4th NE St. 1:59 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 400 block of 6th St. 2:11 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 700 block of Pine St. 2:15 p.m.: Officers executed an arrest warrant in the 13400 block of 110th St. 3:29 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 400 block of 6th St. 6:09 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 13200

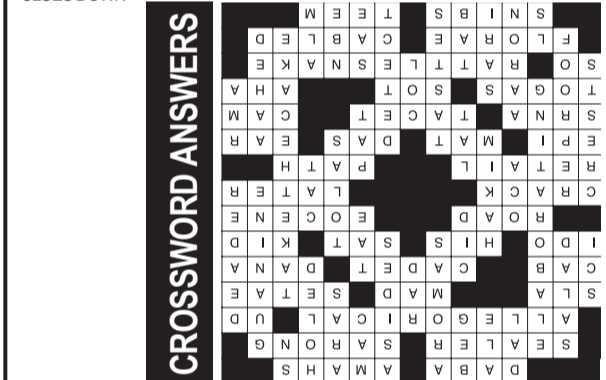
block of Jay Ave. 6:26 p.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock issue in the area of Dusty Lane and Hwy 57. 7:15 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 500 block of W Superior St. 7:37 p.m.: Joshua Thomas Wirtz, 23, Shell Rock, arrested for failure to appear. 7:52 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the 29000 block of Forest Ave. 9:15 p.m.: Report of harassment/phone/mail/person in the 27900 block of 290th St. 9:32 p.m.: Report of an accident with unknown injuries in the 33300 block of Hwy 57. Monday, September 6: Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with one medical call, received a report for one controlled burn, and received one general call. 1:08 a.m.: Report of a suspicious vehicle/person/activity in the 300 block of Main St. 2:23 a.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the 500 block of Main St. 2:44 a.m.: Report of a suspicious person/vehicle in the 400 block of N Cherry St. 8:11 a.m.: Anne Betny Harrington, 40, Ames, arrested for failure to appear; Jailed. 9:37 a.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 400 block of 6th St. 3:47 p.m.: Officers executed an arrest warrant in the 13400 block of 110th St. 4:13 p.m.: Officers assisted with transport in the 11100 block of 14th Ave. 4:23 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 400 block of 6th St. 5:17 p.m.: Report of harassment/phone/mail/person in the 27900 block of 290th St. 5:55 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 400 block of 6th St. 7:44 p.m.: Report of hazardous material/natural gas in the 17900 block of Hwy 57. 9:17 p.m.: Report of no contact order violation in the 200 block of W South St. Tuesday, September 7: Officers executed two traffic stops, assisted with three medical calls, and received 11 general calls. 8:21 a.m.: Report of road closed in the area of Hwy 188 and Willow Ave. 12:41 p.m.: Report of theft in

the 700 block of S Hwy 14. 1:45 p.m.: Officers assisted with transport in the 400 block of 6th St. 3:03 p.m.: Ashley Faye Knight, 34, Denver, arrested for violation of probation; jailed. 4:41 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 400 block of 6th St. 5:42 p.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock issue in the 14300 block of Ivy Ave. 6:56 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 26200 block of Elm Ave. Wednesday, September 8: Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with three medical calls, and received 12 general calls. 12:56 p.m.: Officers assisted with transport in the 700 block of 8th St. 3:47 p.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock issue in the 800 block of N Cherry St. 4:44 p.m.: Report of a phone scam in the 300 block of Broadway St. 6:41 p.m.: Officers executed a search warrant in the 700 block of S Main St. 7:54 p.m.: Report of trespass in the 33200 block of 115th St. Thursday, September 9: Officers executed one traffic stop, assisted with nine medical calls, and received 14 general calls. 6:53 a.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Hwy 57 and West Brook St. 10:08 a.m.: Officers executed a search warrant in the 21500 block of Newell Ave. 11:21 a.m.: Jeremy Michael Knock, 48, Allison, arrested for violation of probation; jailed. 3:02 p.m.: Report of a dog/deer/livestock issue in the 24100 block of Forest Ave. 4:27 p.m.: Report of an accidental 911 cell call in the 400 block of 6th St. 7:41 p.m.: Report of an accident with property damage in the area of Douglas Ave and Floyd Line St. 9:41 p.m.: Report of an unknown problem in the 200 block of E Traer St. 10:39 p.m.: Officers conducted a business door check in the 20400 block of Floyd Line St.

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