



The Iowa

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Crank Up The Heat



Let's get busy baking up those fall treats. Cookies, cocoa, coffee and membership. Are your ovens cranking in your own personal bake shop? How about at your local clubs? The numbers are looking good and we are gaining those new and re-enrolled members. Way to go!!!

We will have some prizes at Western Zone in Red Oak. Looking forward to reporting the numbers and awarding these. Remember to carry your recipe cards and info to educate new and Re-enrolled members. LET'S CRANK IT UP!

Connie Borschel (Suzy Q)
Membership



WESTERN ZONE CONFERENCE

October 21-23, 2022 • Red Oak

We will not be doing preregistration, but we're asking if you happen to have an idea of how many may be attending from your Aerie & Aux, to please contact Kim (712-370-7437} or John (712-370-2865) with a count which will help with estimated food needs.

Registration will be at the Aerie home Friday night and Saturday prior to the meetings.
Registration fees are \$20

FRIDAY

5:00 - 8:00 PM registration at the Aerie Home and Open Kitchen

SATURDAY

9:00 AM Joint informational meeting
10:00 AM Board Meetings (Aerie and Auxiliary)
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Lunch - Ham and cheese sliders with appetizer
1:00 PM Aerie and Auxiliary Meetings
5:00 - 6:00 PM Social Hour
6:00 PM Banquet (Grilled chicken, hash brown casserole, vegetable)

SUNDAY

Donuts and coffee served prior to the meeting
9:00 AM meetings start with Installation of new officers to follow

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Red Coach Inn: 712-623-4864
(Tell them you're with the Eagles)
Block of rooms available until Oct 7.
As of last week, rooms in our block that were still available are 1 king handicap, 11 regular kings, 3 handicap queens, 3 regular queens and 10 double queens

Rodeway Inn: 712-623-6919
(No rooms blocked)
King - \$74.99 plus tax (2 people maximum)
Queen (2 beds)- \$79.99 plus tax (4 people maximum)

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Iowa State Eagles Calendar

OCTOBER 2022

October 7 - Dubuque
October 8 - Guttenberg
October 14 - Creston
October 15 - Des Moines
October 21-23 Western Zone - Red Oak

NOVEMBER 2022

November 4 - Shenandoah
November 5 - Red Oak
November 6 - Glennwood

DECEMBER 2022

December 10 - Albia

JANUARY 2023

January 14 - Mid Winter Conference

FEBRUARY 2023

February 17 - Sheldon
February 18 - LeMars
February 24 - Maquoketa
February 25 - Iowa City

MARCH 2023

March 3 - Ottumwa
March 4 - Centerville
March 10 - Missouri Valley
March 11 - Council Bluffs
March 17 - Cedar Falls
March 18 - Waterloo
March 24 - Grinnell
March 24 - 26 Eastern Zone - Grinnell
March 31 - April 2 MINK

APRIL 2023

April 14 - Cedar Rapids
April 15 - Tama/Toledo
April 19 - Chariton
April 22 - Oskaloosa

MAY 2023

May 6 - Cash Bash - Grinnell

JUNE 2023

June 15-17 - Iowa State Convention

July 2023

July 24-27 - Grand Convention Reno, Nevada


Schedule your
charity event now!
Contact Rusty Clark
or Debbie Gilson



Jamming with the Prez

LET'S WORK TOGETHER AND DRUM ONE UP.

It's been a busy month with the I Cubs game and the charity event in Oskaloosa. They did a wonderful job and everyone got a great surprise when Darwin Thomas made a visit! There was great food and money was raised for the school supplies as well as our SHINE program. Next month will be much busier but I have also been busy re-organizing my old band *THE MIXED NUTTZ* and started playing at our club in C.R. As I am writing this, our contractor crew just finished installing new siding on our house and garage and is looking pretty spiffy. Long time coming after over 2 years since derecho hit Cedar Rapids.

On that note, a quick shout out to Patty K and the wonderful job she is doing on our bulletin, web page and Facebook. It takes a lot of work to get everything organized and sent out, with all the info, pictures and special tabs. No doubt she is getting in the groove! She has taken on a huge responsibility and I think everyone should support of her great efforts.

In closing I will leave you with this thought. These are trying times for our clubs as well as it is for all of us personally. Try to get out and support your local clubs or make some visits and sign some members up who may have the time to volunteer and help the club grow and prosper. If you don't see some of the brothers you used to see, check the drop list. If it is not posted ask your secretary to print it and get it posted. Sometimes all it takes is a friendly phone call or text.

Until next time,
Mike Gilson WSP
mrgilson456@gmail.com 319 241-6840

Drumming Up Membership



No Goose Egg report:

Just a reminder that we are trying to have a month of membership in which EVERY AERIE in the state sends in at least 1 new or reenrolled member. I will hold the drawing for the months of June, July and August very shortly. Just a reminder that we are doing this every three months. So every one is eligible right now for the September, October, November drawing as long as the aerie sends in at least 1 new or reenrolled member for each month.

I know that it would really make Mike happy if we can accomplish this goal. Help us out and do your part by signing someone up today!!!!

Dennis
No Goose Egg Chairman

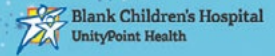


Nebraska State President Tim Melvin and Iowa State President Mike Gilson at WCR Golf Outing and doing what they do best, raising money for charity!

aaaaaand the winners are...

Iowa State Auxiliary Cash Calendar Winners 2022-23			
Date	Name	Drawing Won	\$ Won
06/19/22	Cindy Balsanek	Father's Day	\$20
07/01/22	Ron Hansen	Quarterly	\$25
07/04/22	Melodie Dyer	July 4th	\$20
08/07/22	Janice Heston	Int. Sister's Day	\$20
09/01/22	Rhonda Shafer	Money Month	\$10
09/02/22	Ellie Sedersten	Money Month	\$10
09/03/22	Terry Kipp	Money Month	\$10
09/04/22	Deb Kressley	Money Month	\$10
09/05/22	Diana Babcock	Labor Day	\$20
09/06/22	Patty Scott	Money Month	\$10
09/07/22	Ron Hansen	Money Month	\$10
09/08/22	Rhonda Shafer	Money Month	\$10
09/09/22	Darwin Thomas	Money Month	\$10
09/10/22	Rochelle McKay	Money Month	\$10
09/11/22	Shelley Anderson	Money Month	\$10
09/12/22	Judy Carder	Money Month	\$10
09/13/22	Cindy Balsanek	Money Month	\$10
09/14/22	Carol/Mike Sacora	Money Month	\$10
09/15/22	Kim Haidsiak	Money Month	\$10
09/16/22	John Haidsiak	Money Month	\$10
09/17/22	Janice Heston	Money Month	\$10
09/18/22	Debbie Clark	Money Month	\$10
09/19/22	Sue Marshall	Money Month	\$10
09/20/22	T/T Auxiliary	Money Month	\$10
09/21/22	Kathy Versteeg	Money Month	\$10
09/22/22	Cindy Brinson	Money Month	\$10
09/23/22	Scott Davis	Money Month	\$10
09/24/22	Cindy Brinson	Money Month	\$10
09/25/22	Goldie Adams	Money Month	\$10
09/26/22	Cindy Balsanek	Money Month	\$10
09/27/22	Debbie Gilson	Money Month	\$10
09/28/22	Kathy Reed	Money Month	\$10
09/29/22	Eva Knepp	Money Month	\$10
09/30/22	Brenda Youngbear	Money Month	\$10

The Iowa State Auxiliary Cash Calendar is **ONLY \$20** per entry with the chance to win money ALL YEAR LONG! Winner will be announced starting end of July. Money for entries can be mailed to Bobbi Jo Reed at P.O. Box 387, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501 with a check written to "Iowa State Eagles Aux". Calendar chances for sale at various places throughout this Fraternal Year! Get in on this early for more chances to win!



Hello. I am going to make this short and sweet like your MSP Little Debbie (my silver fox). It has been pretty quiet so far this eagle year. Had a break after international convention. We went to the Iowa Cubs game in August. That was a lot of fun. Huge shout out to Patty K for setting that up for us. We are starting to gear up for the upcoming WCR and zone conferences. Also, the state charity nights will be starting up in a couple of weeks. We hope to see you at many of these. Please do what you can to help us raise a lot of money for S.H.I.N.E. See you down the eagle trail. Your state charity chairman, Rusty Clark

“Happy 8th birthday in Heaven Little Christian. Miss you everyday. Love Grandma and Grandpa”
Christian Russell Clark
is the drive behind this year's State Charity,
S.H.I.N.E.

AERIE MEMBERSHIP REPORT							
AERIE	CITY	ROSTER a/o 9/15/22	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	216	24	1	1	16	-26
109	Des Moines	305	36	7	0	19	-32
114	Ottumwa	143	12	1	0	4	-26
150	Burlington	507	60	1	0	23	-60
276	Oskaloosa	57	12	0	0	6	-17
568	Dubuque	134	12	1	1	7	-24
695	Iowa City	408	48	0	0	9	-22
764	Waterloo	231	24	0	0	9	-44
1287	Ft Madison	283	24	3	0	22	-16
1381	Le Mars	174	24	0	0	1	-21
1398	Creston	299	24	0	2	21	-33
1865	Hawarden	88	12	0	0	14	-10
2272	Cedar Rapids	313	36	4	4	18	-80
2297	Sheldon	404	48	0	1	18	-24
2545	Grinnell	162	12	1	0	3	-23
2675	Centerville	168	12	14	19	33	-3
2715	Red Oak	112	12	1	2	7	-6
2774	Chariton	18	12	0	0	1	1
2828	Tama-Toledo	271	24	0	0	1	-34
3369	Ft Dodge	33	12	0	0	1	-20
3495	Osceola	93	12	0	0	7	-25
3583	Albia	56	12	0	0	2	-21
3784	Glenwood	268	24	0	5	27	-23
3849	Shenandoah	79	12	4	6	11	-24
3866	Maquoketa	185	24	0	0	4	-11
3876	Missouri Valley	130	12	2	0	8	-24
4074	Cedar Falls	152	12	3	0	4	0
4114	Guttenberg	115	12	3	0	11	-3
4458	Asbury	187	12	0	0	10	-23
4466	Monticello	66	12	0	0	3	-8
4544	Independence	17	12	0	0	0	-1
	SEPT TOTAL	5674		46	41	320	-683

Connection submissions

Deadline for articles to be included in the *Connection* is the **15th of the month** prior to publication.

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AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

AUX	CITY	ROSTER	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	163	24	4	4	8	-17
109	Des Moines	236	36	9	2	9	-13
114	Ottumwa	65	12	3	0	0	-12
150	Burlington	381	48	3	1	4	-33
276	Oskaloosa	40	12	2	2	3	-12
568	Dubuque	34	12	0	0	0	-4
695	Iowa City	184	48	1	1	5	-16
764	Waterloo	160	24	0	0	0	-6
1287	Ft Madison	185	24	3	3	6	-30
1398	Creston	185	24	3	0	5	-20
1865	Hawarden	61	12	0	0	0	-5
2272	Cedar Rapids	228	36	1	2	2	-44
2297	Sheldon	125	48	1	0	5	-7
2545	Grinnell	132	12	2	2	4	-2
2675	Centerville	79	12	5	8	5	-29
2715	Red Oak	135	12	1	0	0	-8
2774	Chariton	22	12	0	0	0	-2
2828	Tama-Toledo	207	24	0	0	4	-24
3369	Ft Dodge	8	12	0	0	0	-5
3495	Osceola	60	12	0	0	0	-1
3583	Albia	55	12	0	0	0	-6
3849	Shenandoah	34	12	1	1	6	-16
3866	Maquoketa	69	24	0	2	2	-10
3876	Missouri Valley	105	12	1	0	1	-7
4074	Cedar Falls	41	12	0	0	0	0
4114	Guttenberg	63	12	0	0	0	-3
4458	Asbury	85	12	0	0	4	-25
4466	Monticello	25	12	0	0	3	-10
Totals as of Sept 19, 2022				40	28	44	-332



Eagle Rider News

Hello Eagles and Eagle Riders. I wasn't able to write to you all last month because have been on the road and doing a lot of riding. Seeing a lot of the country this year and meeting many people and many Eagle Riders along the way. During Sturgis this year the Rapid City Eagle Riders had another greet and meet which was a good turn-out. Had a chance to meet a young fellow who is selling lemonade to raise money for St. Jude. The reason I tell this story is because the Rapid City Eagle Riders built him a shack out along the interstate so he can do his business. He will go far with the help of so many great and caring people. Closer to home, we have to start thinking about who would like the State rally next year. We will vote on it at the mid winter meeting in Des Moines in January. We are also needing to renew our no cost insurance with American Income Life Insurance Company. I will need each group to let me know how many members you have. Dick Burns from Sheldon was in an accident and he could use prayers for a speedy recovery. Let's all be safe out there and hope to see you soon.

Dennis Walkup
Iowa Eagle Riders

Card of Thanks

I am wanting to thank everyone who called, sent me cards and gave me well wishes when I was a little under the weather recently. It was very much appreciated and I love you all.

Nellie Morehead
Aerie State Mom

Thank You to all my Eagle Friends who sent sympathy cards & monetary gifts in the passing of my Sister. What a wonderful person she was. She was my go to person in the family. Miss her deeply.

Marliyn & Jim Mintun



Check out Wyatt's [Facebook](#) page for his story and doantion of \$21,000! He has awesome merch too! <https://www.wyattslemonade.com/>

Thinking of You

PWCRP Patty Welch of Nebraska

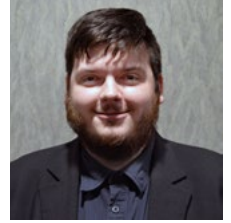
Well unfortunately this is the quickest way to let others know. We went to Urgent Care on Wednesday and then on to the ER at York General Hospital. She has a bowel blockage from the mastisized cancer from 2 years ago. The hope was that the chemo would take care of the little particles left behind that could not be surgically removed. We were told she was cancer free, but it has reared its ugly head again. We are waiting for a bed at Bryan so we can meet with the surgeons and oncologist to figure out a plan together. Prayers appreciated.



Happy 51st Surprise Birthday Party, James May! (Albia Eagles Worthy President & Iowa State Eagles Chaplain) Huge THANK YOU to Cindy Brinson & Marilyn Mintun for bringing the entertainment with you!

Get to know your State Aerie Officer...

Collin Smith, Inside Guard



Hey, Eagles Family! My Name is Collin Smith from Oskaloosa Aerie 276. First and foremost, I want to take a second to thank everyone from my home Aerie for the support to become your new State Inside Guard! I am truly honored to be able to be a part of an amazing group and to my fellow State Officers, I'm grateful to be able to work alongside each and everyone of you and to be able to learn even more as I go along in my years!

Anyways, a little bit about me. I was born and raised in Oskaloosa, Iowa. I am 27 Years old. I graduated from Oskaloosa in 2013. I've had numerous jobs but currently I work In Pella, Iowa at the Pella Windows, and Doors Company. I also have a 5-year-old Daughter named Anessa.

I have been a member of the Eagles since 2019, and have held a few offices such as Worthy Vice President, Worthy President and am currently Worthy Secretary of Oskaloosa 276. I've always wanted to make a difference in peoples lives and being a part of this gives me that opportunity. I always try to come up with new ideas.

Being in the young age group, I am an avid gamer, but I do much more. I also do a lot of singing being big into music. I love swimming and fishing; I also am a fan of professional wrestling (for anyone who watches WWE). I'm BIG into paranormal and try to attend different conventions when they come around.

So now you know a little bit more about me, I look forward to getting to know more of you and working alongside all of you on a fantastic year for our state charity! See you on the road!

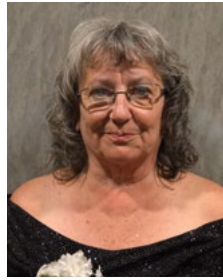
Fraternally,

Collin Smith
Oskaloosa Aerie 276
Secretary &
Iowa State Worthy
Inside Guard





Baking tips from the **Top Baker**



Hello to all my sisters and brothers. The Iowa Cubs game that the Iowa state FOE was a guest group for was August 13th. It was awesome. We had great seats and beautiful weather that evening. WSP Mike and I both got to throw out the 1st pitch. That was fun!! Rusty was sure I was going to hit Mike in the head. He had no faith. Clark, the Wrigley Field mascot was catching for us. He met me as I was walking off the field and gave me a big bear hug. Then he fell down behind me. I didn't know this was happening until my son, Jason, showed me the video he had taken. What a blast! Too bad the Cubs lost the game. Kudos to Patty K. on setting this up! Great PR for the eagles.

Oskaloosa #276 hosted a back- to- school fun day August 20th. They had a meal and games for the kids. They had a great turnout. I filled in for Rusty because he had to go to a MINK meeting in Vermillion, SD that day. They did a great job and are off to a great start on raising money for S.H.I.N.E. Albia #3583 hosted a back- to -school carnival September 10th. I took our grandson, Isaac, to it. He had a great time and won a lot of prizes. This weekend is WCR in Omaha. I'm looking forward to it. Omaha #38 always has great food and there's a lot of fun to be had. Rusty and Debbie will be selling merchandise for S.H.I.N.E. Hopefully we will raise a lot of money. There will also be some pictures and video going around of Iowa WSP Mike Gilson and Nebraska WSP Tim Melvin playing golf in kilts. I'm sure WCR presidents Randy Woods and Nadine Rhodes will run an awesome meeting on Saturday. Hope to see a lot of Iowans there.

State charity nights will start up the 2nd weekend in October. Please try to attend as many as you are able. We would love to see you there. Bring a friend or two and let them see what we do best, raise money for charity. Also, if anyone has pictures for my book, my historian, Rochelle McKay, would love to have them. Don't forget to "Turn on those ovens and crank up the heat. And bring in new and reenrolled members by the bakers dozen in 22-23.

Your MSP Debbie,
"AKA" Little Debbie, Top Baker

Gambino family

State Officers: Gene Kracht, Mike Gilson and Mike Anderson at WCR



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Earlier this week, Hurricane Ian struck the western coast of Florida, impacting many communities, including Bradenton, Fla., home of our Eagle Village.

While Eagle Village suffered some extensive damages, we're happy to say that there were no injuries to any of the employees or residents and the Village should be back to normal in due time.

The Village has many downed tree branches, a few trees split in half or knocked down and one large uprooted tree which is currently leaning against one of the units. Many of the units suffered from shingle loss and as a result, several have water leakage inside. Several aluminum carports have been damaged with one completely collapsed. In addition, debris from the storm is covering the property and 73 units are without power.

We ask everyone to consider making a donation to Eagle Village to help offset repair costs not covered by insurance, so we can get this amazing community back to normal as quickly as possible.

If you'd like to make a donation, checks can be made payable to Eagle Village and sent to FOE Grand Aerie Headquarters, 1623 Gateway Circle South, Grove City, OH 43123.

Please continue to keep Eagle Village, its residents and the millions in Florida affected by Hurricane Ian in your thoughts and prayers.

Operation Eagle OPEN

The Grand Aerie is now accepting nominees for the 2022 Operation Eagle program. If you know someone currently serving overseas, nominate them to receive a care package from the Fraternal Order of Eagles!
<https://www.foe.com/Programs/Operation-Eagle>

Get to know your State Aerie Officer...

Kevin Kressley, President Elect



I was born in Waterloo, St. Francis Hospital Jan. 19th 1958 to Ervin & Frances Kressley. I have 3 step-sisters, 1 step-brothers from Dads previous marriage, 1 step-brother deceased. Graduated West Waterloo 1976. Lettered 6 times 2 yrs each basketball, baseball, gymnastics , Capt. Gymnastics Senior yr. Worked co-op during high school at Jim Lind Standard along with 1st yr. of attending UNI. Played baseball there. Only took me a year to realize about \$\$\$ and bills , off I went into life , Jack of all Trades, Master of None. Entered owning my own business. NE IA Transport lasted 5yrs. Then off to 18yrs of Omega Cabinets, took a yr. off then 17 months of John Deere , off to 10yrs. Sherwin Williams from which I retired from in 2019. That's my work life . Eagles joined Nov. 2001 to play pool, well that changed my life, something I did not see. A mentor found me in Paul Schreiber, listened to him learned a lot , was told I'd be a hall of famer in ritual as a Chaplin. Still a goal. I've been President 3 times, also Chaplin, conductor , JP, secretary 2x, trustee I couldn't count the yeaes, bartender, janitor, and then District, Zone offices, multiple times. Was state officer for 3 yrs. Then politics got in the way. Stepped back to local for a few years. Never thinking of becoming a state officer again, but again change of plans, May 30, 2015 I quit drinking, best thing ever happened. Became a state officer again and have never looked back . Then in 2019-2020 GWP Ron Malz appointed me as Intl. Co-Director of Sports. A title I still cherish today , with GWP's appointments Dave Smith 2020-2021, Brian Rogers 2021-2022, Rick Powell 2022-2023. I'm proud to be your State President Elect this year, and then State President next June 17th. With Aux. Lisa Zook. We have been working on our charity for over 4yrs. We will be bringing fun again on the Eagle trail. Looking forward to meeting new Brothers & Sisters. God Bless !

Iowa State Eagles President Elect
Kevin Kressley, Waterloo #764

The FOE Online Store

A lot of new items updated on the store, check out a few hand picked items by click on the image to go to the product pages on the Eagles Store website.



Eagle Rider Bandanna
\$6



FOE Oven Mitt
\$5



Campfire Mug
\$10



Zebra Blanket
\$13

FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES
AERIE * AUXILIARY * EAGLE RIDERS

Creston Eagles Charity Night

~KIDNEY FUND ~ ALZHEIMERS FUND ~
~CANCER FUND & CHILDREN'S FUND~
S.H.I.N.E. (Sharing, Healing, Inspiring,
Nurturing, Enduring)

OCTOBER 14 • FRIDAY • 5 PM - 10 PM
300 E. MONTGOMERY ST ~ CRESTON

5:00 p.m. Social Hour
6:00 - 9:00 p.m. LIVE MUSIC with Bryan Spencer
6:00 p.m. Dinner (Goulash & Breadstick)
Sponsored by Eagle Riders 1398
7:30 p.m. Live Auction -Baked goods, Baskets,
Gift Certificates, Crown Royal Blanket &
Much More! 50/50 Raffle

"People Helping People"
Worthy State President: Mike Gilson
Madam State President: Debbie Clark in attendance

THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES INTERNATIONAL

POOL

Tournament

4 PER TEAM 8 \$300/ TEAM

OCTOBER 14-16
COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA #1834

ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE NOW ON FOE.COM. ONLY 50 TEAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
MUST BE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO PLAY.

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