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Most abortions in Iowa now outlawed after six weeks

Bill signed into law last Friday by Gov. Reynolds

Telegraph note: This past Monday, a judge issued a temporary injunction preventing Iowa from enforcing the new law (detailed in this article) that seeks to ban almost all abortions after six weeks of pregnancy.

DES MOINES — The Republican-controlled Iowa Legislature, in a daylong special legislative session, passed legislation late Tuesday, July 11 to outlaw most abortions in Iowa after six weeks of gestation.

The House adjourned just after 9 p.m. Tuesday after sending House File 732 to the Senate with a vote of 56-34. Rep. Zach Dieken, R-Granville, and Rep. Mark Cisneros, R-Muscatine, voted no, and 10 House members were absent.

About two hours later, the Senate voted 32-17 to pass the bill, with one Republican, Sen. Mike Klimesh of Spillville, voting no. Abortion-rights supporters shouted from the gallery, causing the Senate president to ask troopers to eject them.

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Irvine Prairie to feature free concert

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DYSART – Kansas-based musician Ann Zimmerman will present an evening of music in celebration of prairie at the Irvine Prairie located northeast of Dysart beginning at 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 29.

According to her website, Zimmerman's music celebrates "the joy, sorrow, grandeur and silliness of life, especially life on the windy plains."

In addition to her vocals, Zimmerman plays piano and guitar, and often includes the audience in her performances.

While the July 29 event is free and open to the public, concertgoers are asked to bring water, lawn chairs, comfortable shoes, and their prairie spirit.

The Irvine Prairie, located roughly six miles north of Dysart at 1174 55th Street, is managed and stewarded by the University of Northern Iowa's Tallgrass Prairie Center. Following a recent second gift of land to the UNI Foundation by rural Dysart resident Cathy Irvine, the preserve will soon be one of the largest tracts of restored prairie in eastern Iowa.

Irvine Prairie is open to the public. Visitors are asked to park on the south side of the road in the grass near the stone marker. A portable bathroom facility is available.

WEEKEND FORECAST:

Saturday: **SUNNY, CHANCE OF STORMS** High: 86 / Low: 59



Sunday: **SUNNY, CHANCE OF STORMS** High: 85 / Low: 61

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Young fairgoers from Toledo including (l-r) brothers Cade (4) and Knox (5) Kalinay, and their friend Grant Mattingly (4) enjoy the new giant Adirondack chair located in the Tama County Master Gardeners' Fair Play Garden on Tuesday, July 11 at the fairgrounds in Gladbrook.



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Josie Monat with the Clutier Cowboys and Cowgirls 4-H Club washes one of her market chickens on Tuesday, July 11, at the Tama County Fairgrounds in Gladbrook. The following day, Monat received Reserve Champion for her pen of three in the Poultry Show, as well as overall Reserve Champion for her market hen and Junior Showmanship.



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Levi Zobel with North Tama FFA, left, and Lilly Bru with GMG FFA pictured following the Dairy Show on Thursday, July 13. In his final appearance at the Tama County Fair, Levi, a 2023 North Tama graduate, earned Mike Shope Supreme Champion in addition to a slew of other titles. For her part, Lilly earned Champion Milking Shorthorn and Senior Showmanship. Several other calves from the Zobel herd also earned awards this year.

This county fair is a great county fair!

GLADBROOK – The 2023 Tama County Fair took place last week on the fairgrounds in Gladbrook and as in years past, was another fantastic week of family fun.

Unlike some other county fairs in Iowa, Tama County's fair is a true livestock fair centered on the

farm and the family. From the 4-H/FFA static exhibits and livestock shows to the multiple entertaining, educational activities for kids to do – including the always popular Fair Play Garden sponsored by Tama County Master Gardeners – to the three square meals served daily by different volunteer

groups, thoughtful planning from both county extension staff and members of the fair board goes into the schedule for every day of the weeklong fair.

"The thing I always love about our fair is it's for the kids," Jenny Hulme, Tama Co. Youth Coordinator, said on Sunday afternoon at the

fair's conclusion. "We do what we do to educate our youth in so many project areas – not just livestock – and we give them the opportunity to exhibit in a space that is filled with family."

If you didn't make it out this year, don't miss your chance in 2024. It's a great county fair!

State auditor Rob Sand visits Tama Co. with his mom and Bernedoodle

Lone statewide elected Democrat talks efficiency, waste while on his 99 county tour

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TOLEDO – State auditor Rob Sand is just like us.

On his most recent visit to Tama County, he stopped by the courthouse lawn in Toledo with his dog – an adorable two-year-old, female Bernedoodle named Pow; his lovely mother Leslie Sand – a retired Keystone AEA physical therapist who now spends at least part of her summers traveling the state with her only son on his 99 county tour; and an intense dislike of waste in most forms but specifically financial forms. He's an Iowan through and through. But he's rather alone



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Iowa Auditor of State Rob Sand pictured with his family dog, Pow, on July 13 outside the Tama County Courthouse in Toledo while on his 99 county tour.

these days.

Since the 2022 election, Sand has – through no obvious fault of his own – assumed the role of the lone Democrat in statewide office. And sometimes, it would

appear, he's rather alone on his 99 county tour stops.

As his mother parked the car on the Toledo square last Thursday, July 13, the duo and their pup were met by a meager five people – Ken-

nan Seda of Traer, a father and son from Eldora who were being paid to trail and film Sand (most likely by the GOP, they alluded), and

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