

OPINION

GUEST COMMENTARY

The costs of a snowstorm



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Snow storms can be a fairly frequent occurrence in Iowa. These storms bring out emergency responders, panicked grocery store shoppers, and the familiar orange trucks clearing Iowa's roads. But just how much does a snowstorm cost the state?

As part of their presentation to the House Transportation Committee, the Department of Transportation took a look at the impact of the winter storm that hit Iowa just a couple of months ago around Christmas. That storm impacted DOT operations for nine days and also impacted their budget.

During the storm, DOT staff logged almost 61,000 winter function hours. This includes plowing snow, snow blowing operations, making the salt brine laid down on roads before the storm, and post-storm truck cleanup and maintenance. Eighty-two of the department's employees were out working every day from Dec. 21-29. The storm's total cost for labor came to \$2.6 million.

The costs of a storm aren't limited to personnel. There are equipment costs as well. These totaled \$1.2 million for the Christmas storm. And then there are the materials used. The dollars spent on sand, salt, brine and other items used to prepare and clean up the storm came to an additional \$1.6 million. Totaled up, the DOT spent \$5.2 million during those nine days to keep Iowa's roads open and safe for travel.

Over \$5 million for one storm seems like a lot, but this is Iowa and Iowans know winter can be unpredictable. That is why the Department of Transportation's budget always includes funding for winter operations. Through Valentine's Day, the department has, so far, spent a total of \$25 million on winter operations.

ARGUS ON CURRENT EVENTS



ARGUS HAMILTON
GOD BLESS AMERICA, HOW IS EVERYBODY?

George Washington's birthday will be celebrated today with speeches and a fife and drum corps recital at his Virginia plantation Mt. Vernon. That's where he raised tobacco, he brewed beer, he distilled whiskey and he grew hemp. Recently inspectors even found crack in the Washington Monument.

The Food and Drug Administration approved a new drug that reduces brain plaque and can help treat Alzheimer's and slow cognitive decline. The entire entertainment community was saddened Friday to learn that Bruce Willis has dementia. Doctors give him four-to-eight years in the White House.

Biden underwent his physical on Thursday and the doctor says he's in excellent health and able to execute his duties as president. Fortunately he doesn't need a heart stent. During the exam, the doctor floated the idea of performing a balloon angioplasty but Biden shot it down out of habit.

Tom Cruise was the talk of the Academy Award nominees' luncheon at the Beverly Hilton last week. Everyone was glad to see him but kidded him for looking like Trump, wearing orange facial spray tan. He'll soon be shooting his next movie, Top Gun Maverick Pops a Few Chinese Spy Balloons.

The White House admitted Friday it did not have any idea the identity of the three approaching objects over the Yukon, Canada and Lake Huron. So they could have been UFOs. Las Vegas casino bookies are poring over last year's proposition bets to see if anyone had Intergalactic War in February.

Petroleum Journal reports new federal regulations reduced U.S. oil production by twenty percent from three years ago. The good news is, the engineers at General Motors say they've just created a car that runs on water. The water comes in three grades, Camp Lejeune, Flint and East Palestine, Ohio.

Don Lemon apologized Friday for telling CNN viewers that GOP presidential candidate Nikki Haley is past her prime as a woman at age 51. He insisted on-air that he looked up on Google himself. Don Lemon is such a train wreck Pete Buttigieg is blaming him on the Trump Administration.

Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said East Palestine won't receive FEMA money because Norfolk Southern Railroad agreed to pay toxic damages. He's playing it by the book. Pete Buttigieg appeared on a video call Saturday and promised to investigate the chemical spill for any signs of racism.

Donald Trump will travel to East Palestine, Ohio, Wednesday where the train derailment caused a hazardous chemical leak into the creek, the drinking water and into the air. He's expected to tell the residents the train wreck was rigged, the chemical spill was rigged, the Super Bowl was rigged. Sad.

Mike Pence vowed to fight a subpoena by Trump's Special Counsel investigating the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol invasion and Trump's culpability for it. Both political parties provide the entertainment. The FBI raided Hillary's house in Chappaqua and walked out with a box full of classified suicide notes.

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ONE MAN'S PERSPECTIVE

Nearly 3 decades of mat time



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I promise this will be my last wrestling column for a while, but it was a bittersweet weekend for my wife and I as we watched our youngest son take the mat for a final time. And he did it on the grandest stage any high school wrestler could wish to wrap up their career, the Iowa High School Athletic Association's boys state wrestling tournament.

For 27 years, Leah and I have had boys on the wrestling mats in northwest Iowa. The oldest of our five boys started wrestling at age 6 in Rock Valley and so began our journey in the sport which has defined this state for decades. And all of our male children followed suit. It was a learning experience for the two parental units as football, basketball and baseball/softball were the sports we knew growing up. But wrestling has become such a part of our lives I can't imagine what we would have done without it. We both enjoy the countdown each season and pretty much calendar our lives around the Tiger mat schedule December through February.

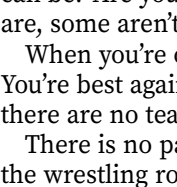
Three of our five young men grew up also loving basketball. They played through middle school but we're always told they were too small. Hey, when your mom is 4-foot-10, it's in the genetics man. So instead they embraced wrestling. There is something about this sport. Like other individual high school sports such as swimming and tennis, in wrestling your size doesn't matter. What matters is your dedication and work ethic. How much time are you willing to put in the wrestling room? How much effort are you willing to give? What are you going to do in the weight room when you're in there? How much of your summer will you give up to go to camps? How focused can you be when it comes to your eating habits when you're surrounded by friends who don't have to be? Ultimately, what are you willing to sacrifice and endure to be the best you can be? Are you willing to pay such a tremendous price? Some are, some aren't.

When you're on the mat, it's just you and the other guy. You're best against their best. If you win or lose it's on you, there are no teammates out there with you.

There is no parental politics involved. You claim your spot in the wrestling room by earning it, defeating the others at your weight. For those who don't secure that varsity opportunity,

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they must continue to hone their skills, working in limited JV competition and drilling against those also seeking that vaunted varsity role.

For my wife and I, nearly three decades have come to an end. From weekend elementary tournaments to middle school meets, AAU events in Des Moines and a busy high school schedule, the final son made his mark last week in Des Moines and it couldn't have been sweeter. Competing against the best the state has to offer, and coming in as the No. 20 seed, he went 3-2, defeating the No. 13 and 14 seeds along the way, he earned a spot somewhere between nine and 12 in the state's largest class at 113 pounds, following his brother Case who appeared in the weight class at the state event as a junior. For Gabe his disappointment at not making the medal stand, going toe-to-toe with the No. 4 and 8 seeds but coming up a bit short, was tempered by moments of victory on the big stage. He won two matches by second period fall and earned a tech fall in another. Along his state path, he also had an opportunity to avenge a pair of losses from the season, ending both boys state tournament competition journeys.

It would be impossible to adequately thank the coaches who have poured into our boys over the years. From those who dedicated time to the youth program to their middle school mentors and ultimately high school coaches Dave Schaefer and Adam Gress — and their assistants — for taking boys and making them men.

As for Leah and I, where do a couple of wrestling parents go from here? Well, Case will be entering his third year as a member of the Northwestern College squad in Orange City where he had competed as the team's 125 pounder. Gabe has been invited to visit the Red Raider campus as well. So our wrestling journey has not quite ended yet.

In the meantime, we have a couple of grandsons who are spending time on the mat, and I wouldn't at all be surprised to see a granddaughter or two competing in girls competition.

I'm optimistic the Cauthron name will continue to be part of the Spencer youth, middle and high school wrestling programs for years to come.

Be well. Stay healthy. God bless.
And as always, what say you?

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