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COMING ATTRACTIONS
July 10-12:
The Breadwinner (PG)
July 17 - 19: Pressure (PG-13)
July 24-26: Toy Story 5 (PG)
July 31-Aug. 2:
Young Washington (PG-13)

Summer Movies begin:
Wed., July 1
Doors Open at 9:30 am
Movie starts at 10 a.m.
FREE Admission and includes bag of popcorn and bottle of water courtesy of local sponsors and volunteers

July 1:
Curious George G (2006 version)
July 8
Bad Guys 2 (PG)

Movies subject to change
✓ Facebook and Instagram

318 Broadway, Audubon
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Facebook: Rose Theater
Online: Rosemovietheater.com

EXIRA ALUMNI COFFEE

Sunday, July 5, 2026 • 2:00 p.m.

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- Exira 4th of July Celebration
- Snow Fox Hydrogen update
- AHS Principal Update
- EEHK-Esports

- See who celebrated 25 years employment
- Sports for Audubon and Exira-EHK

If you missed this, stop in to buy a copy.
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The "BARN" Fitness Center
105 E School St - Exira
1:00-3:00 pm each day
Sunday June 28
Friday July 3
Sunday July 5

SW Iowa Shopper Advertising Deadline

Deadline for advertising in any of the SW Iowa Shoppers is 5pm Thursday with a camera ready ad.

Ads that need created must be submitted by 5pm Wednesday

All SW Iowa Shoppers are published every Tuesday.

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Applications will be accepted until June 30th at noon. Applications are available in the following ways:

- *In the Audubon County Sheriff's Office at 318 Leroy St. Audubon, IA 50025
- *On the Audubon County Sheriff's Department Facebook page
- *By requesting an application via email at auduboncountysheriff@gmail.com

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JULY 4TH 2026
AT 6:30PM
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SEE INSIDE

for the 4th of JULY SECTIONS

2026 AUDUBON COUNTY FAIR TRACTOR DRIVE

Sunday, July 19, 2026

CHECK-IN: 7:30 AM | RIDE DEPARTS: 9:00 AM

NO ENTRY FEE OPEN TO ALL TRACTOR ENTHUSIASTS!

RIDE INFORMATION

- Scenic tractor drive to the GRAY SCHOOL.
- Light refreshments will be provided at the stop.
- Return to the AUDUBON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS around NOON.
- LUNCH PROVIDED Courtesy of the Audubon County T-Bone Committee & Audubon County Fair Board

DRIVER RULES

- ✓ Drivers must be 14 years of age or older.
- ✓ No passengers permitted.
- ✓ Please drive safely and obey all ride organizers.

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New Listing: 210 Oak St. 3 BR, 1 BA, 2-car attached garage. One-level living on a corner lot..... **\$149,900**

New Listing: 919 Market St. 4 BR, 2 BA, 1-car garage. Under plus a 30 x 40 steel shed. Large, updated house sitting on 5 acres..... **Sale Pending**

220 E Division St., Side-by-side, fully furnished duplex. Each unit includes 2 BR, 1 BA. Lower-level shared storage and 2-car tuck-under garage. Perfect short-term or long-term rental investment..... **\$225,000**

1109 Ridgeway Dr. 3 BR, 2 BA, 1-car attached garage, 0.8-acre lot on a quiet street **Price Reduced** **\$130,000**

715 Washington St. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, 2-car detached garage. Old-fashioned character with great potential. **Price Reduced** **\$187,500**

702 Chicago St. 2 BR, 1 3/4 BA, 1-car tuck-under. A great opportunity to make this home uniquely your own. **\$130,000**

113 E Division St. 4 BR, 1 BA, 1-car detached garage. 2-story home with lots of potential..... **\$99,500**

2059 215th St. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, Opportunity for home or potential business, sitting on 1.27 acres. **\$185,000**

Other Listings Include:
 • 706 N. Arlington St. **\$235,000**
 • 907 Broadway St. **\$214,900**
 • Townhomes on 3rd..... **\$335,000**

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- Never leave kids unsupervised around fireworks or sparklers
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NEW 1904 260th St. Exira **\$429,000**

8.88 Acres! 3-4 bedroom, 2 bath home situated on 8.88 scenic acres. Attached 2-car garage. Much More!
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NEW 2634 Yellowwood Rd. Kimballton, **\$335,000**

This Modern farmhouse is the perfect blend of rustic and chic! Original woodwork and hardwood floors. New modern bathroom. Main level updated bathroom, pantry off the kitchen with customized farmhouse shelving. Second floor: 3 nice sized bedrooms. Oversized 2-car detached garage Many more features. MUST SEE
 Contact Kathi Kilworth at 712-249-5233.

NEW 202 Ann St. Irwin **\$125,000**

Nice ranch home with 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, an attached 1-car garage, and another detached 2-car garage on a large lot with beautiful evergreen trees and lots of established perennials.
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Farmland
 • New Listing: 153 acres section 21 Sharon township. **FARMLAND LISTINGS NEEDED - We have buyers.**

HOMES ANITA AUDUBON

- 1006 Main St., Triplex..... **NEW - \$120,000**
- 710 S. Arlington..... **NEW - \$1490,000**
- 532 & 532 1/2 Leroy St..... **NEW - \$50,000**
- 314 Church St., 4-Unit Apartment..... **\$245,000**

ATLANTIC BAYARD

- 1404 E. 20th St. .024 to 0.39 acre building lots **\$34K-38K/LOT**

EXIRA

- 103 Main St **NEW - \$59,000**

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- 4100 Madison St..... **PRICE REDUCED \$119,000**
- 2013 Washington St..... **NEW - \$138,500**
- 207 W. Harrison St..... **COMING SOON**
- 606 Thielen **PRICE REDUCED \$239,900**
- 102 Eastside Dr. .7 ac ml/lot to build. **PRICE REDUCED \$12,500**
- Viking Addition Lots **4 LOTS REMAIN**

IRWIN

- 202 Ann St. **SALE PENDING**

KIMBALLTON

- 307 W. Esbeck St. **NEW - \$115,000**
- 209 N. Main St. **NEW - SALE PENDING**

MANNING

- 343 Madison St. **\$119,000**

WALNUT

- 306 Walnut St. **PRICE REDUCED - \$189,000**

ACREAGES

- 2634 Yellowwood Rd., Kimballton **NEW - \$335,000**
- 1904 260th St, Exira **NEW - \$429,000**
- 117 N. Main St. **NEW - \$95,000**
- 63262 650th St., Atlantic **NEW \$150,000**
- 68948 Troublesome Creek Rd., Atlantic **NEW \$535,000**
- 1560 140th St., Audubon **\$650,000**
- 109 Crystal Springs Rd, Kimballton **SALE PENDING**

COMMERCIAL

- 2026 Washington St., Elk Horn **SALE PENDING**
- 2011 High St., Elk Horn **\$325,000**
- 124 S. 4th Ave., Dedham **OPTION TO LEASE**..... **REDUCED \$82,000**

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- Tin Lizzies** - June 5th, 8-11 pm, Casey, IA
- The Regal Beagle** - June 6th, 8-11 pm, West Des Moines, IA
- Merll's Pub and Patio** - June 11th, 6-9 pm, Waukee, IA
- Panama Picnic** - June 12th, 5:30-7:30 pm, Panama, IA
- Brayton Big Days** - June 13th, 5-8 pm, Brayton, IA
- Alden Days** - June 20th, 6-8 pm, Alden, IA
- Buoys Bar and Grill** - July 2nd, 8-11 pm, Montezuma, IA

- Shootout Saloon** - July 3rd, 8-11 pm, Dexter, IA
- Tap'd** - July 9th, 8-11 pm, Clear Lake, IA
- Rustic Tap** - July 10th, 9pm-12am, Fontanelle, IA
- The Porch** - July 11th, 7-10 pm, Council Bluffs, IA
- Soak'd** - July 16th, 6-9 pm, Lake View, IA
- Audubon County Fair** - July 17th, 4-7 pm, Audubon, IA
- July 18th Private Event**
- Guthrie Center RAGBRAI** - July 20th, 3-6 pm, Guthrie Center, IA
- Merll's Pub and Patio** - July 30th, 6-9 pm, Waukee, IA
- Anita Whale of a Town Steakfry Celebration** - July 31st, 7-10 pm, Anita, IA
- Vic's (T-Bone Days)** - August 1st, 9pm-12am, Audubon, IA
- Shotgun Betty's** - August 5th, 9pm-12am, West Des Moines, IA
- Atlantic Country Club Golf Tournament** - August 8th, 7:30-10:30 pm, Atlantic, IA
- Iowa Craft Beer Tent** - 5:30-7:30 pm August 22nd, (Iowa State Fairgrounds) Des Moines, IA
- JR'S Southpork Ranch** - August 23rd, 6-8pm, Iowa State Fair

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Friday, July 3

5:00 PM BEER GARDEN OPEN at the Coon Rapids City Park
 Sponsored by CR Fire & EMS departments

5:00-7:00 PM BBQ at the Coon Rapids City Park
 Free will donation benefiting the Fire & Ambulance

7:00 PM Live Music by 2 ½ Guitars
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FIRE & AMBULANCE SUMMER RAFFLE \$10/TICKET

One ticket will get you a chance to win one of two \$500 in Coon Bucks prizes. Proceeds go to the local Fire and Ambulance Departments. Tickets can be purchased at the City Clerk's office, from any fireman or EMT, or at the BBQ on July 3. The winning tickets will be drawn during the BBQ but the winners need not be present to win.

WHITEROCK CONSERVANCY
 Hike, bike, camp, fish or stargaze. Depending on river level, enjoy kayaking, canoeing, or floating!!

Saturday, July 4

9:00-11:30 AM FARMERS MARKET
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10:00 AM PATRIOTIC PARADE
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Good Shepherd Catholic Parish 41st Annual Sacred Heart Church Street Dance Friday, July 3 Templeton Ball Park — 6 p.m.

Kids Games • 6-9 p.m.

• Beer Garden & Food Stand • 6 p.m. - Midnight (Burgers, Hot Dogs, Rib Sandwiches, Pie by the Slice)

Raffle Drawing: 10 p.m. • First Prize, \$500 cash • Over 50 cash & other prizes (donated by local businesses, valued at over \$4,000)

\$25/ticket available at • Templeton Savings Bank • The Still • or by calling the Parish Office 712.673.2582

Tickets will be available at the Street Dance until 9 p.m. at the Main Gate Entrance.

Fireworks at dusk by Templeton Fire Department

(Immediately following the raffle drawing).

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Bingo
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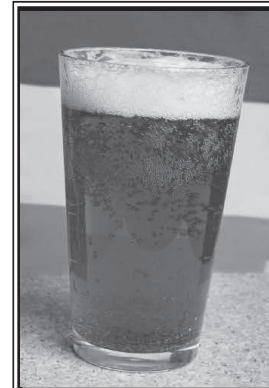
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Community Calendar

- THURSDAY, JULY 2**
 • Music in the Park - Audubon City Park & Stage - Looking 4 Luke (Matt Kiger and friends). 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 8**
 • Mobile Food Pantry, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Doors open at 4 p.m. for registration. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Use north door off Leroy St., for access.
- FRIDAY, JULY 17**
 • Audubon County Speedway Figure 8 Races Pits open 5 p.m. Races Start at 730 p.m.
- THURSDAY, JULY 23**
 • Music in the Park - Audubon City Park & Stage - Brick Imerman. 7 - 8:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY, JULY 24**
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Lexi Minetree and June Diane Raphael in "Elle"



From gilded to grunge: Bel Air queen bee relocates to Seattle in 'Elle'

Everyone knows the feeling of being underestimated. Rated and ranked by superficial, unimaginative parameters and stamped insufficient. Exceeding expectations comes as second nature to one beloved character who is about to receive the prequel treatment with a brand new streaming series on Prime Video. "Elle" premieres on Wednesday, July 1, with all eight episodes of the comedy's debut season available to stream on premiere day.

The new series expands the story of Elle Woods, who we first met on-screen as an ambitious law school student on a journey of self determination, portrayed by Reese Witherspoon ("The Morning Show"), in the 2001 blockbuster comedy "Legally Blonde." This time, the titular Elle is portrayed by Lexi Minetree ("The Murdaugh Murders," 2023), as a teen thriving in the glamorous world of 1995 Bel Air.

All that glitters is not gold, however, and Elle's California dream is shattered the moment her parents Eva (June Diane

Raphael, "Grace and Frankie") and Wyatt (Tom Everett Scott, "The Summer I Turned Pretty") share some tough news with their daughter. A move from their elite, sun-soaked neighborhood is imminent as the family is about to start a new chapter in drizzly Seattle, where Wyatt will be joining a new practice.

So her head-to-toe pink ensembles and perfectly styled blonde locks make her stick out like a sore thumb in a sea of flannel, weathered denim and ironic dye jobs at her new high school. Elle Woods is nothing but resilient and will make the most of what appears on the surface to be a dismal trade for her former glitzy lifestyle. What, like it's hard?

Per Prime Video, "we meet [Elle] in 1995 as a fish in the tumultuous waters of high school where she encounters tricky friendships, forbidden romance and questionable fashion choices." She leans on her family — including Bruiser the chihuahua, of course — as she navigates this new

transition and "with each challenge she faces, Elle grows closer to the Elle Woods we know and love today."

"Elle" has already been renewed for a second season ahead of the series premiere. Also starring in "Elle" are Jacob Moskovitz ("Isle Child," 2025), Gabrielle Policano ("Babygirl," 2024), Chandler Kinney ("Pretty Little Liars: Original Sin"), Zac Looker ("A Kind of Spark") and Amy Pietz ("Paradise").

Known for putting the "elle" in intellectual, Elle Woods was first brought to life in the 2001 novel "Legally Blonde" by author Amanda Brown. The book was the basis of the film of the same name, which spun off a sequel, 2003's "Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde," and a turn on Broadway with "Legally Blonde: The Musical" in 2007.

Witherspoon, who serves as an executive producer for "Elle," talked to The Hollywood Reporter last January about reinvigorating one of her most iconic characters after being inspired by "Wednesday" on Netflix.

"I saw that Wednesday Addams show and I was like, 'Oh, she was in high school.' I loved it. I watched every episode. I thought it was amazing." Witherspoon continued, "and I was like, 'We should do Elle Woods in high school,' because I wanted to see who she was before college, before law school. And I started having all these ideas and these amazing writers came up with a great pitch and now Amazon is making the show and it's called 'Elle.'"

The series was created by writer and producer Laura Kittrell ("Insecure") and is co-showrun by Kittrell and Caroline Dries ("The Vampire Diaries"). Lauren Neustadter ("The Last Thing He Told Me") and Marc Platt ("Wicked," 2024) serve as executive producers alongside Witherspoon and Brown.

The first two episodes of "Elle" were directed by Jason Moore ("Sisters," 2015) who also executive produces the comedy.

celebrity scoop
BY JAY BOBBIN



Checking in with TOM CRUISE

It has taken Tom Cruise almost four decades to bring it to the screen, but the sequel to one of his biggest hits is now getting its broadcast-television premiere.

Probably no coincidence since it comes on the cusp of America's 250th birthday, the patriotic 2022 adventure "Top Gun: Maverick" comes to CBS on Wednesday, July 1 — after the many showings it's had on such outlets as

MGM+, Paramount Network, Showtime and AMC. Also a producer of the film, Cruise (whose birthday is July 3) reprises the role of Pete "Maverick" Mitchell, the independent-minded Navy pilot who takes command of more recent graduates of the Top Gun combat training school in a mission to destroy an overseas plant where uranium is made weapons-grade.

Directed by Joseph Kosinski, who previously worked with Cruise on "Oblivion" (2013), "Top Gun: Maverick" was kept from being sold directly to a streaming service, since Cruise was convinced there would be a theatrical audience for it in the post-COVID era. He was proven right by its \$1.5 billion-plus box-office take worldwide, making it little surprise that a third "Top Gun" movie is in development. It possibly will be built around Miles Teller's ("Whiplash," 2014) "Maverick" character Rooster, the son of the original "Top Gun's" Goose, who was played by Anthony Edwards ("ER").

Cruise's career has touched TV only rarely, typically with him appearing as himself on talk shows or in such special events as the closing ceremony of the 2024 Summer Olympics. However, one very famous TV franchise has

played a big part in his career, since he has starred in eight "Mission: Impossible" movies; a ninth may be in the works, and Cruise might or might not be involved, depending on which interview he has given about it.

The actor-producer's pictures typically are solid draws on television, explaining why such Cruise projects as "A Few Good Men" (1992) and "The Firm" (1993) turn up frequently on one cable channel or another. It also explains why the original "Top Gun," now marking its 40th-anniversary year, usually can be found somewhere on the home screen — the same afterlife that is greeting "Top Gun: Maverick," with CBS now becoming another avenue for it.

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Other television credits include: 2024 Summer Olympics Closing Ceremony, "Fallen Angels" (director only)

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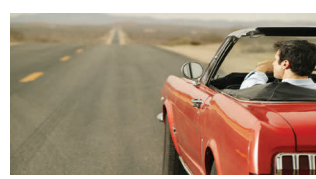
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