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STATE OF THE UNION

Fallen Iowa Guards' families will be guests

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DES MOINES — Family members of two Iowa National Guard soldiers killed in action in Syria in December will be guests of Iowa's congressional delegation for President Donald Trump's State of the Union address on Tuesday.

Staff Sgts. Edgar Torres-Tovar, 25, of Des Moines, and William Nathaniel Howard, 29, of Marshalltown, were killed in action Dec. 13 during a counterterrorism mission



Torres-Tovar

address. According to the delegation's offices:

near Palmyra, Syria, when a lone gunman believed to be affiliated with the Islamic State opened fire on U.S. and partner forces.

Multiple family members of Torres-Tovar and Howard will be guests of Iowa's Congressional delegation during Tuesday's



Howard

bel Tovar, the parents of Staff Sgt. Torres-Tovar, will be the guests of U.S. Rep.

■ Arianna Howard, the widow of Staff Sgt. Howard, will be the guest of U.S. Sen. Joni Ernst;

■ Misty and Jeffrey Bunn, the mother and stepfather of Staff Sgt. Howard, will be hosted by U.S. Rep. Ashley Hinson;

■ Hugo Torres and Isabel Torres, the parents of Staff Sgt. Torres-Tovar, will be the guests of U.S. Rep.

Zach Nunn.

Trump is scheduled to address Congress at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

"Nate was always a hero to me, and I hope he is remembered by those who loved him and even people he never met for his heroic service," Arianna Howard said in a statement provided by Ernst's office. "After President Trump led the way in recognizing his sacrifice and standing up for

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TIM HYNDS, SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

The Rev. John Keehner, Bishop of the Diocese of Sioux City, sprinkles Holy Water during a blessing ceremony Monday for Angeline's Wing for Children and Families, a new addition built at Catholic Charities of Sioux City, 1601 Military Rd. The addition, named for donor Angeline Thom of Ashton, provides new space for child and family mental health care. At back are, from left, David Gleiser, executive director of Missouri River Historical Development; Amy Bloch, executive director of Catholic Charities of Sioux City and Bishop Emeritus R. Walker Nickless.

Angeline's Wing unveiled

Bishop Keehner offers blessing

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SIoux CITY — Catholic Charities on Monday celebrated the grand opening of its Angeline's Wing for Children & Families, 1601 Military Road.

The 7,200-square-foot expansion of their existing facility at the site, focused on specialized youth mental health services, is named in honor of Angeline Thom of Ashton, Iowa, whose estate bequest

helped launch the project. The existing mental health facility also underwent a full remodel.

Catholic Charities has offered its services at the site since 1991, near what was once the old St. Anthony's Orphanage.

Sioux City Bishop John E. Keehner blessed the space during Monday's ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Angeline's Wing "was intentionally created to be bright,

welcoming and developmentally appropriate for young people," Catholic Charities said in a statement.

The nonprofit social services agency says "the project represents a transformational investment in accessible, compassionate mental health care for children, adolescents, adults and families across Siouxland and the Diocese of Sioux City."

SIOUX CITY COUNCIL

City to apply for roundabout grant

Hamilton and Tri View intersection would be reconfigured

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SIoux CITY — The Sioux City Council, by approving its consent agenda Monday, green-lighted an application to a U.S. Department of Transportation grant program for \$3.6 million in funding to reconfigure the intersection of Hamilton Boulevard and Tri View Avenue to a roundabout.

The action taken by the council Monday doesn't mean a roundabout will definitely be constructed at the intersection. However, if the city is awarded the grant, it would have to build a roundabout or reject the funding. The total eligible project cost is about \$4.5 million. The remaining 20% of the cost would be covered by city funds.

The city proposes reconstructing the intersection, which is located immediately north of Interstate 29, as a four-legged modern roundabout with an eastbound right-turn slip lane. The project would replace "a congested, signalized arterial intersection with a geometry-based design that improves safety, mobility, operational reliability, and multimodal accessibility in a critical corridor adjacent to an interstate," according to city documents.

"After the Kwik Star is installed or built, they're going to add enough traffic that the roundabout will have the best level of service for all four legs," City Engineer Gordon Phair told the council. "It'll be quicker to get through the intersection and, of course, safer."

On July 28, 2025, the council approved

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Council OKs \$600K loan for Cook Park housing project

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SIoux CITY — The Sioux City Council, by approving its consent agenda Monday, green-lighted a \$600,000 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) loan for an \$18 million affordable housing project at the former Webster Elementary School.

There was no discussion on the item before the council voted in

favor of its consent agenda.

HOME is a federal program that provides grants to state and local governments to create affordable housing for low-income households.

The city will provide the funds to The Web Apartments, LLC (Commonwealth Development Corporation of America) in the form of a 15-year 1% HOME loan.

Commonwealth wants to

rehabilitate the two-story brick building, at 417 Market St., which most recently housed Lamb Theatre, into 12 affordable rental units. The developer also intends to construct a new building that would contain 42 affordable rental units, five of which would be designated as HOME-funded units.

City documents stated that

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Friday's SCOTUS tariff opinion reestablishes the Constitution, not Stephen Miller, as what our nation is guided by.

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