

## BIRTHDAY ...

## Petrack celebrating her 90th birthday

Shirley (Landers) Petrack of Charles City is celebrating her 90th birthday on Saturday, May 31. Her children, Rhonda (Dennis) Westergard, Brian Landers and Randall (Debi) Landers, along with her four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, are holding a card shower and invite cards and greetings be sent to her at 2014 Clark St., Charles City, IA 50616.



Shirley Petrack

## EDUCATION NEWS BRIEFS ...

## Local students graduate from Buena Vista University

More than 400 students graduated from Buena Vista University in Storm Lake in the spring 2025 class.

Local graduates were:

- Brooke Hamm of Charles City graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education.
- David Crow of Greene graduated with a Bachelor of Science in biomedical sciences and psychology.

## Area Hawkeye graduates

Several area students recently graduated in the spring semester from the Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo.

## Charles City

- Marco Concepcion – associate of arts in liberal arts.
- Colton Crooks – associate of applied arts in professional photography.
- Ashlee Olson – associate of arts in criminal justice with high honors.

## Nashua

- Savannah Barnes – associate of arts in liberal arts with high honors.
- Bo Harrington – associate of arts business with honors.
- Landon Pratt – associate of applied science in diesel technology.
- Paige Ripley – associate of applied science in natural resources management with high honors.

## Art-a-Fest invites artists, vendors, sponsors for 52nd annual celebration in Charles City

By Bob Steenson

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The 52nd annual Art-a-Fest is set for Saturday, Aug. 16, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Central Park, and organizers are inviting artists, vendors, nonprofit groups and sponsors to take part in this year's celebration of creativity and community.

A juried fine arts show, Art-a-Fest is one of Iowa's longest-running art festivals, according to the Charles City Arts Council.

It features original artwork for sale, live performances, interactive activities for children, and food from a variety of local and regional vendors – all in a single-day, free event aimed at making the arts accessible to everyone.

New this year is an Emerging Artists Program, open to Iowa residents ages 18 to 26 who haven't previously participated in a juried show.

Up to three young artists will be selected to share a booth provided at no cost, complete with tent, tables, chairs and display materials.

Participants will receive guidance from experienced artists and the top emerging artist will be guaranteed a complimentary spot at the 2026 festival.

Entry is \$20, and applicants who are not selected will be refunded.

Applications are now being accepted in the following

categories:

- Fine artists and nonprofits – apply by May 31.
- Emerging artists (ages 18-26) – apply by June 30.
- Food and service vendors – apply by July 31.

Fine artists must display and sell only original work in the categories in which they are accepted, according to information from the organization. Print reproductions of original pieces are allowed, but craft-based or commercially manufactured goods, kit art, or import items are not permitted.

Nonprofit organizations must support or incorporate the arts to be eligible. All participants must be present throughout the festival.

Craft vendors not meeting fine art criteria are encouraged to apply for the Charles City Farmers Market, which will operate in conjunction with Art-a-Fest from 9 a.m. to noon.

Organizers say Art-a-Fest plays a vital role in supporting artists and bringing art into the heart of the community.

Each year, area businesses and individuals help fund the event through sponsorships. Cash prizes are awarded to standout artists, and Art-a-Fest Bucks are given to lucky attendees to use toward artwork purchases.

For full application details, or to become a sponsor, visit the Art-a-Fest website, [www.charlescityartafest.com](http://www.charlescityartafest.com).



## Municipal Band opens 2025 season with Sunday concert

## To The Press

Sunday, June 1, kicks off the first concert of its 43rd season for the Charles City Municipal Band.

"Come out at 7:30 p.m. to Central Park," said concert Director Melissa Meyer, director of bands at Turkey Valley High School. "Bring your friends and family to hear music from Karl King, John Phillips Sousa, and 'The Sound of Music'!" she said.

Rain location will be Trinity United Methodist Church.

Additional concerts this

summer will be Sunday, June

15, at 7:30 p.m. in Central Park, under the direction of Scott Stroud, director of bands at Nashua-Plainfield High School, and the patriotic finale on Friday, July 4, at 7:30 p.m. behind the Charles City Public Library, directed again by Meyer.

Area musicians are invited to join the weekly rehearsals and be part of the band. Rehearsals are 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the band room at Charles City High School.

## Legal Notice

## Notice of Lien Sale

Notice is hereby given that the following individuals are indebted to Stealth Storage LLC for past due rent and other charges. Public auction will be conducted pursuant to Iowa Legislative Code 578A. Auction will be conducted in person on June 13, 2025 starting at 10:00 a.m. at 106 Stoney Point Rd. Stealth Storage LLC reserves the right to bid on any unit. Sale of a unit is subject to cancellation in the event of a settlement between Landlord and obligated party. All units sold as is without warranty or guarantee as to content. Each unit will be sold separately and in its entirety. Cash payment and \$50 deposit required immediately by the highest bidder for the unit to be opened. Highest bidder is responsible for removal of all contents of the unit purchased within 7 days or they forfeit their \$50 deposit and all remaining contents of the unit.

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COUNCIL MINUTES  
SPECIAL SESSION  
MAY 21, 2025

Charles City city council met in special session on May 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Zastrow room at the public library. Mayor Dean Andrews presided and the following council members were present: DeLaine Freeseaman, Phillip Knighten, Patrick Lumley, Phoebe Pittman, and Keith Starr. Also present was city administrator Steve Diers.

Motion by Freeseaman, second Pittman to approve the agenda. Ayes- 5

Mayor and council reviewed the three City Administrator Search Proposals they received from Midwest Municipal Consulting, LLC, Hinson Consulting, LLC, and MGT Impact Solutions, LLC. Diers stated that he reached out to a fourth consulting firm, but they are out of business. He also felt that any of the three consulting teams that submitted proposals would serve Charles City well. Mayor Andrews surveyed the council, with the majority leaning towards Hinson Consulting. Hinson's proposal states that they bring forth a team with over 130 years of collective Iowa local government experience, and collectively they have completed over 35 city manager/administrator searches in Iowa over the last 12 years. Motion by Freeseaman, second by Lumley to accept the proposal from Hinson Consulting for a grand total not to exceed \$18,750. Ayes: Lumley, Freeseaman, Pittman, Knighten, and Starr. Nays: none.

Consensus of the council was to meet again in special session on Wednesday, May 28 at 5:30pm.

Motion by Pittman, seconded by Freeseaman to adjourn at 6:31pm. Ayes- 5

Dean Andrews, Mayor

Attest: Brittney Lentz, City Clerk

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## PET OF THE WEEK

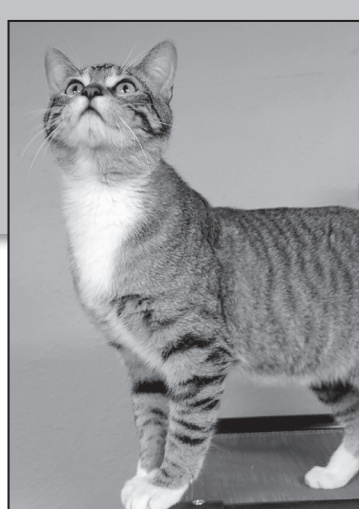
Names: Simon

Breed: Brown tabby & white

Ages: 1 year

Gender: Neutered Male

Simon is a total charmer! He loves everyone & would do great in a home with kids. Simon is playful & just a great young cat. Good with cats but a little nervous around big dogs.



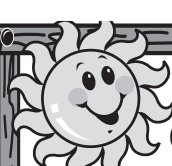
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## Summer Food Service Program

"Food that is in when school is out!"

Week of June 2 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Lincoln Elementary School - Charles City

ALL Children 18 and Younger Free • Adults \$4.00

**Monday:** Crispy Chicken Patty Sandwich; Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich w/ String Cheese; Glazed Carrots, Fresh Sliced Tomatoes, Broccoli Florets, Unsweetened Applesauce

**Tuesday:** Crispy Beefy Tacos, Crispy Chicken Garden Salad w/Croutons, Steamed Corn, Shredded Lettuce, Picante Salsa

**Wednesday:** Hot Dog (Pork-Free), Fresh Turkey Ham & Cheese Sub, Crispy Tater Tots, Fresh Sliced Tomatoes, Orange Slices

**Thursday:** Popcorn Chicken w/Dinner Rolls, Deli Turkey Ham & Cheese Sliders, Cooked Mixed Veggies, Baby Carrots, Romaine Garden Side Salad, Diced Pears

**Friday:** Classic Pepperoni Pizza, Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich w/String Cheese, Seasoned Green Peas, Cut Cucumber, Fresh Baby Carrots Slices

Milk Served With Every Meal • Menu Subject To Change

Participants are expected to use normal school lunchroom behavior.

No food is to be shared or carried out of the building.

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