

Swartzrock Implement Co. celebrates 75th Anniversary

To The Press

Steve Swartzrock tells the story of his father Harold, a man with a fifth-grade education who ran a Shell service station along Highway 14 in Charles City back in 1950. Both he and his wife Darlene, a telephone operator at Bell in town, had lived through the Great Depression (1929-39) and were getting by, but were far from wealthy.

"A guy came in one day and asked my dad if he wanted to be a farm equipment dealer and sell Minneapolis-Moline? My dad said he had always dreamed of being a farm equipment dealer, but didn't have any money. He had maybe \$150. The guy said I think we can make that work," stated Steve. "Everyone in Floyd County said 'Harold, you guys are going to go broke!' My dad laughed and said 'Hell, we were already broke from the start.'"

He and Darlene founded Swartzrock Implement Co., and 75 years later it continues to be a thriving family business under their son Steve and his sons Ben and Dan. Recently the Charles City Chamber Ambassadors stopped by 2192 Old Highway Road to congratulate the Swartzrock family and help commemorate the milestone anniversary.

"My dad and my mom worked from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. every day, and had one mechanic when they started out," Steve said. "Mom was the bookkeeper, and if she was off 5 cents she worked hours to figure it out. That generation went through the Depression and never had anything. They worked



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Pictured with the Chamber Ambassadors from left are Steve, Ben and Dan Swartzrock.

for everything they got. Dad would say he went to the School of Hard Knocks. There wasn't much he couldn't fix. He and my grandfather built the original building along 14, where the thrift store is now. He had never built a building in his life. He also built our current building in 1972."

An independent dealership, Swartzrock Implement sell and services some 30-40 different brands of farm equipment and machinery from all over the U.S. and globally. It is an authorized Vail Products, Westendorf and New Holland Agriculture dealer, and carries a large selection of new and pre-owned inventory.

The business occupies a 20-acre property just southeast of Charles City.

To say Steve grew up with the family business is an understatement.

"When I was two weeks old my mom threw me in a crib on the showroom floor, and I never left," he remarked. "I have literally worked here my entire life."

He did attend NIACC and earned a degree in Mechanical and Ag Engineering. Ben was a mechanic/ag engineer for John Deere for five years before joining the family business, while Dan did the combine wheat run from Texas to Canada prior to coming back home to work.

Steve said timing was everything for their business, as his father invested to expand and build the current facilities in 1972, just before the big farm boom in 1973-74.

"The crash hit in 1980, and all the implement dealers who built big new buildings in the late 70's went broke," explained Steve. "At one time there were 12 implement dealers in Floyd County, now there are two - us and Red Power in Greene."

Asked about the biggest change in the industry over three-quarters of a century, aside from farm equipment getting larger and more computerized, Steve said it has been the Internet.

"Now the Internet is your best friend or your worst enemy," he remarked. "I sell stuff now to Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, up in Canada, Mexico and even over in Europe. We would never survive on Floyd County alone, or even northeast Iowa. The Internet is a big thing for us."

He admitted the current tariff situation is making it "very hard to get stuff across the borders right now," but "I think the future looks very good, because of what is happening in our industry. Deere and Case are consolidating dealers. We have 16 employees and they have 1,200 employees. To them, farmers are just a number, and farmers don't like that. I think there is a market for a single store and personal customer service. I think there is lot of opportunity."

To learn more about Swartzrock Implement Co., call (641) 228-5714 or go online to swartzrock.com.

MARKETS

DOW JONES INDUSTRIALS

High: 42,317.00
Low: 41,853.62
Close: 42,305.48
Change: +35.41



NYSE Amer Composite: 5,277.31 +82.92
Russell 2000 Index: 2,070.16 +3.88
Wilshire 5000 Total Market Index: 58,996.79 -11.94

OTHER INDEXES

Standard&Poors 500 Index: 5,935.94 +24.25
NYSE Index: 19,834.78 +50.97
Nasdaq Composite Index: 19,242.61 +128.85

VOLUME

NYSE consolidated volume: 4,832,242,424
Total number of issues traded: 2,844

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

COMPANY	TICKER	YESTERDAY CLOSE	CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE	VOLUME
Casey's General Store	CASY	440.00	+2.24	+0.51%	733,441
Ford Motor Company	F	9.98	-0.40	-3.85%	167.807M
General Motors	GM	47.69	-1.92	-3.87%	13.013M
H&R Block	HRB	58.49	+1.54	+2.70%	1.147M
McDonald's Corp.	MCD	312.68	+0.60	+0.19%	1.893M
Principal Financial	PFG	76.97	-0.16	-0.21%	860,347
Valero	VLO	128.30	-0.67	-0.52%	2.824M
Winnebago	WGO	32.56	-1.37	-4.04%	483,981
YUM! Brands, Inc.	YUM	144.63	+0.69	+0.48%	1.038M
Zoetis	ZTS	169.42	+0.79	+0.47%	2.533M

First Security announces Parks promotion to human resource specialist

First Security Bank announced the promotion of Cassidy Parks to human resource specialist.



Parks

Parks joined First Security as video banking supervisor in 2020 before accepting a role as HR/marketing

assistant in 2022. At the end of 2024, Parks achieved the Society for Human Resource Man-

agement Certified Professional (SHRM-CP) credential.

Chief Administrative Officer Heidi Worrall said, "This promotion recognizes the great work Parks has done for the bank, the additional responsibilities she's taken on within HR, and the service she provides to all employees. She has consistently demonstrated the bank's core values of service, collaboration, and life-long learning. Her hard work and commitment to all employees are a great asset to First Security."

Campbell's Co. says sales rise as more Americans cook meals at home

By Dee-Ann Durbin

AP Business Writer

The Campbell's Co. said Monday it saw stronger sales of broth and condensed soup in its latest quarter as more Americans cooked their meals at home.

"Consumers continue to cook at home and focus their spending on products that help them stretch their food budgets, and they're increasingly intentional about their discretionary snack purchases," Campbell's President and CEO Mick Beekhuizen said during a conference call with investors.

Beekhuizen said Campbell's saw the highest level of meals cooked at home since early 2020 in its fiscal third quarter, which ended April 27. Campbell's noted sales of its broths rose 15% during the quarter while sales of its Rao's pasta

sauces were up 2%.

But Campbell's said sales of its snacks, including Goldfish crackers and Cape Cod potato chips, fell 4% during the quarter.

Other big companies, including McDonald's, have also noted that Americans are increasingly eating at home as uncertainty over the economy grows. Grocery prices have also moderated. In 2024, prices for food eaten at home rose 1.2%, while prices for food away from home rose 4.1%, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Snack makers like PepsiCo, which makes Frito Lay chips, and General Mills, which makes Bugles chips and Golden Grahams, have also noted lower demand for snacks in recent quarters.

Legal Notice

Public Notice
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FLOYD COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GRACE T. BRIETZKE, Deceased
Probate No. ESPR019126
NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL, WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Grace T. Brietzke, Deceased, who died on or about March 21, 2025.

You are hereby notified that on the 15th day of May, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Grace T. Brietzke, deceased, bearing date of the 7th day of April, 1993, was admitted to probate in the above named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated this 16th day of May, 2025
John W. Brietzke, Proponent
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Nora Springs, Iowa 50458

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Legal Notice

Notice of Sheriff's Levy and Sale IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR FLOYD COUNTY STATE OF IOWA FLOYD COUNTY Iowa District Court Floyd County, Case #: EQCV032204, Civil #:

25-000359
Special Execution
LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC VS KIMBERLY KAY USHER, RODNEY USHER, AND PARTIES IN POSSESSION

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant(s) Real Estate described below. To satisfy the judgment. The property to sold is:

LOT TWO, BLOCK SIXTY-THREE, KELLY AND COMPANY'S ADDITION TO ST CHARLES, NOW INCORPORATED AS A PART OF CHARLES CITY, IOWA

Property Address 607 N. JACKSON, CHARLES CITY, IA 50616 The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows: Sale Date: 07/23/25 Sale Time: 10:00 AM; Place of Sale: FLOYD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1ST FLOOR, 101 S MAIN ST, CHARLES CITY, IA 50616. This sale not subject to Redemption.

Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if acceptable.
Judgment Amount: \$99,947.91
Costs: \$6,850.87 Accruing Cost: PLUS Interest: \$6,360.38 Sheriff's Fees: Pending

Attorney BENJAMIN W. HOPKINS
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(515)222-9400
Date: 05-23-25 JEFFREY A. CROOKS, FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF
LT. TRAVIS BARTZ

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSAL OF THE CITY OF CHARLES CITY, IOWA TO VACATE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND CONVEY THE SAME TO ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNER TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a public hearing on the proposal of the City of Charles City, Iowa, to vacate the following-described real property:

That Portion of Thirteenth Avenue lying east of the easterly boundary of F Street extended and west of the west line of the Northeast Quarter of Section Six (6), Township Ninety-five (95) North, Range Fifteen (15) West of the 5th P.M., and lying between Block 135 and Block 136, Lane's Addition to St. Charles, now incorporated in and a part of Charles City, Iowa ("the Property")

will be held at the Zastrow Room at the Charles City Public Library at 910 Clark Street, Charles City, Iowa Charles City, Iowa, at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd day of June, 2025. You are further notified that the City Council will consider the adoption of the proposed vacation ordinance after said public hearing and thereafter intends to convey the Property to the adjoining property owner, CCLP Enterprise, LLC, for good and valuable consideration following final passage of an ordinance vacating the Property.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that at each hearing oral and written comments will be received and all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

The notice is given by order of the City Council of the City of Charles City, Iowa, and as provided by law.
Brittney Lentz, City Clerk

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Legal Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FLOYD COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of Wesley H. Winters, Deceased
Probate No. ESPR019122
Notice of Probate of Will, of Appointment of Co-Executors

Notice to Creditors
To all persons interested in the estate of Wesley H. Winters, Deceased, who died on or about April 1, 2023:

You are hereby notified that on April 29, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Wesley H. Winters, deceased, bearing date of February 19, 1998, was admitted to probate in the above-named Court and that Peter A. Winters and Sarah K. Manro were appointed Co-Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the District Court of said County within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above-named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this Notice or one month from the date of mailing of this Notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Estate of Wesley H. Winters, Deceased.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FLOYD COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Robert J. Reams, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR019129
NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Robert J. Reams, Deceased, who died on or about April 22, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on May 21, 2025, the last will and testament of Robert J. Reams, deceased, bearing date of April 27, 2022, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and there will be no present administration of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of the county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Dated on May 27, 2025.
Mitchell A. Reams, Proponent
2711 County Road I
Saukville, Wisconsin 53080

Attorney for estate:
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TRUST NOTICE IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST: ROBERT J. REAMS
TRUST a/k/a ROBERT J. REAMS TRUST DATED 04/27/2022

To all persons regarding Robert J. Reams Sr. deceased, who died on or about April 22, 2025. You are hereby notified that the trustee listed below is the trustee of the ROBERT J. REAMS TRUST (a/k/a ROBERT J. REAMS TRUST DATED 04/27/2022). dated on April 27, 2022, as amended by the FIRST AMENDMENT TO ROBERT J. REAMS TRUST (a/k/a ROBERT J. REAMS TRUST DATED 04/27/2022), dated March 12, 2024. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Floyd County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to the spouse of the decedent settlor, and to all heirs of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.
Dated on May 27, 2025.
Mitchell A. Reams, Trustee
2711 County Road I
Saukville, Wisconsin 53080

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Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FLOYD COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DAVE E. SCHRADER, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR019131
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Dave E. Schrader, Deceased, who died on or about April 28, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on May 30, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Dave E. Schrader, deceased, bearing date of September 27, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Nancy L. Herron and Richard R. Schrader have been appointed

Co-Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated 05/30/2025

Nancy L. Herron, Executor of Estate
301 Charles Street
Charles City, IA 50616

Richard R. Schrader,
Executor of Estate
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Charles City, IA 50616

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Special Board Meeting 05/27/2025 12:00 PM Central Service Building - In-Person or via Zoom Meeting 1204 1st Ave., Charles City IA 50616
MEETING MINUTES

Attendance
Voting Members
Kathryn Fox, School Board Member
Josh Mack, Board Vice-President
Dr. David Schrodt, School Board Member

Dara Jaeger, School Board Member
Bruce Koebnick, Board President
I. Call to Order, Board President
President Koebnick called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.
I. Roll Call, Board Secretary
II. Approval of Agenda
Motion made by: Josh Mack
Motion seconded by: Kathryn Fox
Voting: Unanimously Approved
I. Public Comment
II. Public Hearing for Amended Budget for FY25 School Year

At 12:02pm, it was announced that this is the time, place, and date to hold a public hearing on the matter of the Amended Budget for FY 2024-25 School Year. Inquiry was made as to whether any written comments or objections had been filed by any resident of the District. No written comments or objections were received prior to the hearing. Oral comments or objections were then called for and none were made. No public comments or objections were presented at the hearing. At 12:03pm, it was declared the hearing closed.

I. Approve Consent Agenda
To approve the consent agenda as presented.

Motion made by: Dr. David Schrodt
Motion seconded by: Dara Jaeger
Voting: Unanimously Approved
Approval of Personnel: Appointments

Name, Position, Building, Start Date, Level, Salary
Kim Blunt, Summer Help- Painting, B & G 5/28/2025 \$14.25/hr
Jack Hanson, Summer Help- Ball Fields, B & G, 5/28/2025 \$14.25/hr
Jane Offerman, Summer Help- Painting, B & G, 5/28/2025 \$14.25/hr
Approval of Personnel: Resignations
Name, Position, Building, Effective
Tangela Jensen, Chemistry Teacher, HS, End of 2024-2025 School Year
Approval of Amended Contract
Name, Building, Effective, Level Salary
Catherine White, HSAP- .64 FTE, Dist, 2025-2026 School Year .5BA.....

..... \$29,498.88
Brittany (Quigley) Brewer, Special Education Teacher .MS, 2025-2026

School Year, 6BA \$51,977.66
Alexandra Nordmeyer, Special Education Teacher, WE, 2025-2026 School Year, 10BA+45/MA \$64,061.28
Renee Boss, Band Teacher, M, 2025-2026 School Year, 16BA \$68,849.02

Casey Brandau, Counselor, HS, 2025-2026 School Year, 1BA+45/MA \$52,673.80
Jake Gassman, Band Teacher, HS, 2025-2026 School Year, 19BA+12 \$72,399.77

Christian Paulson, Orchestra Teacher, HS, 2025-2026 School Year, 15BA+12 \$70,742.02
Bret Spurgin, Ag Teacher, HS, 2025-2026 School Year, 13BA \$78,577.54
Kelsey Vanderwerf, Library Associate, MS, 2025-2026 School Year \$19,43/hr

Michelle Koenigsfeld, Instructional Assistant, LE, 2025-2026 School Year \$20.68/hr
Brandon Schriever Gates, Maintenance/HVAC, B & G, 2025-2026 School Year \$27.68/hr
Erik Hoefler, HSAP- .27 FTE, Dist 2025-2026 School Year, 11BA+24 \$16,480.47

Kris Ward, Spanish Teacher, HS, 2025-2026 School Year, 22BA+45/MA \$72,106.00
i. Personnel Report
ii. FY 26 Operational Sharing Agreement for Shared Operations Services

VII. New Business- Action Item
i. Approve Amended Budget for FY25 School Year
It was resolved to approve the amended budget for FY25 as presented.

Motion made by: Dr. David Schrodt
Motion seconded by: Kathryn Fox
Voting: Unanimously Approved
ii. FEH HS Improvement Concepts

Matt Basye, Chris Wand, Bill Decker with FEH presented (2) concepts to the board. They are still continuing to update and modify the concepts based on feedback received from staff and community members.

VIII. Adjournment
It was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 2:08 pm.
Motion made by: Kathryn Fox
Motion seconded by: Dara Jaeger
Voting: Unanimously Approved

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