

Probate/Will

Case No. ESPR012484  
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,  
OF APPOINTMENT OF  
EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE  
TO CREDITORS

In the Iowa District Court in  
and for Howard County  
In the Matter of the Estate of

DAVID C. SMITH,  
Deceased.

To All Persons Interested  
in the Estate of  
DAVID C. SMITH,  
Deceased,  
who died on or about  
March 10, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on July 2, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of DAVID C. SMITH, deceased, bearing date of December 19, 2016, was admitted to probate in the above named Court and that Earl Smith was appointed Executor 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 there- after forever barred.

Dated August 25, 2025.

/s/Earl Smith  
Earl Smith, Executor of Estate  
2225 Red Bud Dr.  
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/s/Barton L. Seebach  
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Trust Notice

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST:

DAVID C. SMITH AMENDED, RESTATED,  
AND SUBSTITUTED REVOCABLE TRUST  
AGREEMENT DATED AUGUST 20,  
2021

To all persons regarding David C. Smith, deceased, who died on or about March 10, 2025. You are hereby notified that the trustee listed below is the trustee of the David C. Smith Amended, Restated, and Substituted Revocable Trust Agreement dated August 20, 2021. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Howard 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 August 25, 2025.

Earl Smith  
2225 Red Bud Dr.  
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF  
ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE  
TO CREDITORS

In the Iowa District Court in  
and for Howard County  
In the Matter of the Estate of

CLARK WARREN PETITT,  
Deceased.

To All Persons Interested  
in the Estate of  
CLARK WARREN PETITT,  
Deceased,  
who died on or about  
October 18, 2024:

You are hereby notified that on August 28, 2025, the undersigned were appointed as Executor of the estate.

Notice is hereby 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 there- after forever barred.

Dated on August 28, 2025

Craig W. Pettit  
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Trust Notice

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST:

ROSE E. GOODER TRUST

To all persons regarding Rose E. Gooder, deceased, who died on or about August 6, 2025:

You are hereby notified that Michael Gooder is the Trustee of the Donald and Rose Gooder Family Trust dated April 4, 2019.

Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Howard 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 this 18th day of August, 2025.

Donald and Rose Gooder Family Trust  
Dated April 4, 2019

Michael Gooder, Trustee  
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HSWCD Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District will be held on September 9, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center, 311 7th Street SW, Cresco, IA. The tentative agenda is: Adopt agenda; Open forum; Minutes of last meeting; District finances; Staff Reports; Update on constructed wetland and waterway projects; Conservation plans; Iowa Financial Incentive Program applications; Review correspondence; Plans for next meeting. All meetings are open to the public. If you need special accommodations, call (563) 547-3040 ext. 3. An equal opportunity employer and provider.

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Legal Notice

LEGAL NOTICE AEA Board of  
Directors  
Elections  
Iowa Code 273.8 – Area Education  
Agency Board of Directors

Notice is hereby given that Keystone AEA is accepting Statement of Candidacy submissions for the election of five AEA board members. The director district board positions open for election are:

District 1 - Four year term ending in 2029  
Decorah, Howard-Winneshiek, New Hampton, Postville, Riceville, South Winneshiek, Turkey Valley

District 2 - Two year term ending in 2027\*  
Allamakee, Central, Clayton Ridge, Eastern Allamakee, MFL MarMac, North Fayette Valley, Oelwein, West Central

District 3 - Four year term ending in 2029  
Edgewood-Colesburg, Maquoketa Valley, Starmont, West Delaware County, Western Dubaque

District 4 - Two year term ending in 2027\*  
Dubuque (split), Dubuque County Precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 32, 33, 34, and all Jackson County Area

District 5 - Four year term ending in 2029  
Dubuque (split), Dubuque County Precincts 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20

The board of directors of an Area Education Agency shall be elected by a vote of the members of the boards of directors of the local school districts located within the director district. The member of the Area Education Agency board to be elected may be a member of a local school district board of directors and shall be an elector and a resident of the director district, but shall not be a school district employee. A member of an area education agency board shall not serve on the board of directors of a merged area. A candidate for election to the area education agency board shall file a statement of candidacy with the Keystone AEA board secretary no later than October 15, 2025. The statement of candidacy form is available at the school board offices in the corresponding Director District and the administrative office of Keystone AEA, 1400 Second Street NW Elkader, Iowa 52043.

Board members shall serve on the Keystone AEA Board of Directors beginning the first regular meeting of December 2025. Anyone desiring further information on the election may call or write to Julie Tschirgi, Keystone AEA Board Secretary, 563-241-5397 or email at jtschirgi@keystoneaea.org.

Julie Tschirgi, Board Secretary for Keystone Area Education Agency

\*While the full term length for all seats is four years, due to redistricting, the term expiration date of 2027 applies to this seat.

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Photo highlights from Cruize to Cresco



CRESCO - Curt and Linda Gjere stand next to their 1955 Cadillac Coupe de Ville during the Cruize to Cresco on Aug. 23.



CRESCO - Todd Jermeland of West Union brought his 1972 Chevelle to the Cruize to Cresco.



CRESCO - Jerry Donlon stands beside his 1966 Olds Toronado during the Cruize to Cresco.



Several dozen cars were on display in downtown Cresco during the Cruize to Cresco.

Drone Workshop scheduled

IOWA - Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, in collaboration with the ISU Digital Ag Innovation Lab, will host Drone University on Thursday, Sept. 11 at the Northeast Research and Demonstration Farm near Nashua.

Designed as an introductory course, the workshop will provide growers, crop advisors and agricultural professionals with foundational knowledge on the effective use of imagery drones for improved decision-making in crop management. Participants will also gain insight into the emerging role of spray drones in modern agriculture, including practical considerations and real-world applications.

“With drone utilization continuing to expand across Iowa, especially given the extremely wet 2025 growing season, this workshop was developed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of both the regulatory framework and operational use cases of unmanned aerial systems (UAS),” said Ryan Huffman, senior digital agronomy research manager with the ISU Digital Ag Innovation Lab. “Drones generate high-resolution data that can significantly improve precision agriculture and support informed decision-making at the farm management level.”

Presenters for the workshop include Doug Houser, digital agriculture extension special-

ist, Luke Fuhrer, precision ag engineer and Ryan Huffman.

Topics for the workshop are:

Definitions, Terms and Overview  
Drone Usage in Agriculture  
Recreational vs Commercial Missions  
Purchasing and Registration  
Best Practices and Flight Applications  
UAV Demonstrations and Data Acquisition

Introduction to Spray Drones  
Advanced Register at <https://go.iastate.edu/RTOSE3>. The cost is \$75, which includes lunch, refreshments and educational materials.

Registration for the workshop closes on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 11:59 p.m., and the workshop is limited to 35 participants.

Check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the program running from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Directions: From Nashua, at the junction of Highway 218 (Exit 220) and County Road B60, travel west on B60 for 1.1 miles to Windfall Avenue. Then, turn south for one mile to 290th Street. Lastly, head east for 0.2 miles to arrive at the farm.

For more information, contact Doug Houser at [dhouser@iastate.edu](mailto:dhouser@iastate.edu); Terry Basol, extension field agronomist, at [tlbasol@iastate.edu](mailto:tlbasol@iastate.edu) or 641-426-6801; or Josh Michel, extension field agronomist, at [jjmichel@iastate.edu](mailto:jjmichel@iastate.edu) or 563-581-7828.

Webinar on Forage set for Sept. 17

AMES, Iowa – The I-29 Moo University and Northern Plains Forage Association Forage Webinar Series will continue on Wednesday, Sept. 17, from 7 to 8:30 pm CDT. The webinar will feature a variety of forage topics, including an overview of controlling weeds in hay, alfalfa quality trends and the monthly hay market outlook.

Webinar presenters are:

Wes Everman, assistant professor and extension weed scientist, will discuss how to manage weeds in hay, focusing on both identification and control methods.

Jeff Jackson, alfalfa and forage specialist at CROPLAN by WinField-Land O Lakes, will present new advancements in alfalfa, plant health and winter hardiness to help cattle producers improve their operations.

Luke Schubert, owner and auctioneer with Schubert Auction Service in Pierz, Minnesota, will share insights on the hay market observed along the I-29 Corridor.

There is no fee to participate in the webinar; however, registration is required at least one hour prior to the webinar. For more information, contact: in Iowa, Fred M. Hall, 712-737-4230; in Minnesota, Jim Salfer, 320-203-6093; in South Dakota, Sara Bauder, 605-995-7378; or in Nebraska, Ben Beckman, 402-254-6821.

Registration hyperlink: <https://go.iastate.edu/FORAGESEPTEMBER2025>