

OBITUARY



Ruth T. Fridolfson, 74

Ruth T. Fridolfson, 74, of Rockwell City passed away Friday, January 31, 2025 at Accura Healthcare of Lake City.

A visitation will begin at 12:30 PM Thursday, February 6, 2025 at Laufersweiler’s Palmer -Swank Funeral Home, Rockwell City. The funeral service will begin at 1:30 PM with the burial following in Gowrie Township Cemetery.

Ruth is survived by her children, Jeff (Sheila) Creger of Clear Lake, Grant Creger (Kristine Williams) of Woodward, Matt (Mandy) Creger of Colorado Springs, CO, and Michael Creger of Fort Dodge; grandchildren, Aliyah Creger and Ty Walsh, Andrew Creger, Chloe and Caden Creger, and Katelyn and Kelsey Williams; siblings, Gene Asklof, Rita Oberg, and Linda Wolfe.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle Fridolfson ; son, Marc Creger and parents, Glen and LaDonna (Ruth) Asklof.

Ruth Teresa Asklof was born July 7, 1950 in Clarinda, Iowa. She grew up on a farm outside of Stanton and in 1965 moved with her family to Essex where she graduated high school in 1968. She then attended the University of Northern Iowa. In 1970, Ruth was united in marriage to Thomas Creger. The couple later divorced. In 1989, she was united in marriage to Lyle Fridolfson in Gowrie. The couple made their home in Gowrie. They later moved to Somers, before establishing their home in Rockwell City. Ruth loved being a farm wife but also enjoyed working as a CNA and an EMT as well as an activity director for nursing homes for over 30 years. Ruth was the ultimate caretaker. She loved her family and was always there for her boys when they needed her. She enjoyed singing and belonged to the Manson Meridians for 10 plus years. Reading was one of her favorite things to do; so much so that she became a published romance novelist with her

book “Second Chance Romance”. Ruth enjoyed animals, knitting, collecting lighthouses and teapots, and playing board games, but most of all she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. Memorials may be left to family discretion.

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PUBLIC TESTING OF ELECTION EQUIPMENT

The voting equipment for the March 4, 2025, Webster County Special Election will be tested and a public demonstration will be held at the Bank Building, 723 1st Avenue South, Fort Dodge, Iowa, on Friday, February 7, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. and continuing until completed. The public is welcome and invited to attend.

Shaunna Abrams
Webster County Auditor and
Commissioner of Elections

PROBATE

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN WEBSTER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
SHARON F. MASCHINO,
Deceased.

Probate No. ESPR310564
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
APPOINTMENT OF CO-EXECUTORS,
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To: All Persons Interested in the Estate of Sharon R. Maschino, Deceased, who died on or about December 19, 2024

You are notified that on January 7, 2025, the last will and testament of Sharon F. Maschino, deceased, bearing date of July 28, 2011, and the first codicil to said will dated November 14, 2018, were admitted to probate in the above named court and that Richard Christensen and Deann Faiferlick were appointed co-executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will and codicil must be brought in the district court of said county with 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. 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 the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated January 8, 2025

/s/ Richard Christensen
Richard Christensen
1729 Limestone Trail
De Pere, Wisconsin 54115

/s/ Deann Faiferlick
Deann Faiferlick
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Ernest Kersten
Attorney for the Executor
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CITY OF HARCOURT

CITY NAME: HARCOURT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - CITY OF HARCOURT - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY CITY #: 94-906 Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/24/2025 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM Meeting Location: City Hall 204 S. Ash Street Harcourt, IA 50544
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the City Council will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed city budget.

City Website (if available) City Telephone Number (515) 354-5341

Iowa Department of Management	Current Year Property Tax 2024 - 2025	Certified 2024 - 2025	Budget Year Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Effective 2025 - 2026	Budget Year Property Tax 2025 - 2026	Proposed 2025 - 2026
Taxable Valuations for Non-Debt Service		7,261,769		7,540,061		7,540,061
Consolidated General Fund		68,641		68,641		70,566
Operation & Maintenance of Public Transit		0		0		0
Aviation Authority		0		0		0
Liability, Property & Self Insurance		26,894		26,894		24,496
Support of Local Emergency Mgmt. Comm.		407		407		478
Unified Law Enforcement		0		0		0
Police & Fire Retirement		0		0		0
FICA & IPERS (If at General Fund Limit)		5,065		5,065		2,402
Other Employee Benefits		0		0		0
Capital Projects (Capital Improv. Reserve)		0		0		0
Taxable Value for Debt Service		7,261,769		7,540,061		7,540,061
Debt Service		0		0		0
CITY REGULAR TOTAL PROPERTY TAX		101,007		101,007		97,942
CITY REGULAR TAX RATE		13.90938		13.39605		12.98948
Taxable Value for City Ag Land		685,201		637,581		637,581
Ag Land		2,058		2,058		1,916
CITY AG LAND TAX RATE		3.00350		3.22783		3.00375
Tax Rate Comparison-Current VS. Proposed						
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$100,000/\$110,000	Current Year	Certified 2024/2025	Budget Year	Proposed 2025/2026	Percent Change	
City Regular Residential		645		678	5.12	
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Valuation of \$300,000/\$330,000	Current Year	Certified 2024/2025	Budget Year	Proposed 2025/2026	Percent Change	
City Regular Commercial		2,845		3,028	6.43	

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$100,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:
No increase expected.

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3. Busch Gardens 4. Universal Studios

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