



Some representatives of county organizations who received grants in 2025 from the Guthrie County Community Foundation. The photo was taken Thursday, Nov. 13 at GCCF's fall reception in Panora. The application process for 2026 begins November 14. For more information, please contact the Guthrie County Community Foundation at gccfoundation@gmail.com or visit desmoinesfoundation.org/affiliates/guthrie-county.
Row 1 - Phyllis Wakefield, Ruth Owen, Lisa Sherman, Ellen Campbell, Paulette Chambers, Julie Dent-Zajicek, Jerri Hawkins.

Row 2 - Kate Courtney, Deb Smith, Bob Rogers, Patricia Young, Jes Leighty, Ty Kirkpatrick, Dennis Flanery, Logan Wolf, Craig Little.
Row 3 - Chris Siebrasse, Heather Schneider, Jenny Henscheld, Shane Martinson, John DeLavernge, Ismael Galvan, Alex Krueger, Brad Halterman, Brian Rather, Brady Langgaard, Derek Betts.
Submitted by Andy Arganbright

Together: AC/GC Girls' Basketball Is Ready To Face The Season As A Team

By Dustin Teays

Last year was a record-breaking season for AC/GC Chargers girls' basketball, and now, they are ready to face another year together.

The girls' basketball program played in the first Regional Championship game in AC/GC school history last season. While the result was a loss to Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont, and while the loss hurt, the team wants to focus on this season, not what is behind them.

"This is a whole new season and team with new faces. We preach getting better every single day and focusing on the small things. Keeping a positive energy with each other and focusing on playing our best ball by the end of the season. If we do those things, good things will happen," Head Coach Brad Baudler said.

Perhaps the most significant difference between last year and this year is the loss of the team's lone senior, Shay Lemke. Lemke was phenomenal from her point guard spot, leading the team in assists. This year, a familiar face is stepping into that role in Meranda Gruber.

"She is learning and growing every day, and I'm excited to see how she progresses throughout the season. We don't expect

her to be Shay but her own person and be confident in her strengths," Baudler added.

There is plenty for Gruber to be confident in. Out of the players who played in all 24 games last year but never drew a start, Gruber led in points, steals, and assists. While most of the team remains intact, five freshmen have been welcomed to the program this year.

"All five freshmen have really brought it in practice. The level of competitiveness and energy is contagious. I'm happy where we are with our team at this time," Baudler said.

One of this year's returners is Camdyn Richter. Richter led the team in points last year with 361, which was also an AC/GC single-season record. The now-senior sits at 645 points for her career, and if she has a season like last year, she can surpass 1,000 points. Richter knows that this is a new season, and success isn't always guaranteed.

"The biggest thing is understanding that what I did last season doesn't automatically carry over. I have to earn it again. Setting high expectations for me and my team is something I value a lot. I've focused a lot on expanding my game, especially on the three-point line and in other positions. I've also

worked on getting stronger and improving my decision-making so I can create better opportunities for my teammates as well as myself," Richter said.

This year's senior class is filled with talent, and another big piece to the team will be Becca Littler. She was second on the team in assists, and added 80 rebounds, 77 steals, and 150 points. Among this year's returning starters, she also had the highest assist-to-turnover ratio, at 1.14. Littler credits her ability to set teammates up with good looks to her scoring ability.

"If the defense respects me on offense, it opens up other looks for my teammates. My teammates work hard, especially in the paint to post up and get open, so it's easy for me to be able to hit them. I also believe that when everyone on the court is able to get good looks, our offense is balanced out and efficient," Littler said.

Another big storyline? The continued emergency of Stella Largent. She has continued to improve each year, and last year she set a career-high with 246 points, which was just her sophomore campaign. This year, Largent's goal is to continue to make an impact on both ends of the floor.

"We play an aggressive style

defense, and I want to continue to rebound well and create turnovers. I've worked on my shot a lot. Offensively, I want to shoot at a high percentage, take the open shot, and create offensive opportunities for myself and for my teammates," Largent said.

The one thing this program has shown over the past few years is that it knows how to win. Last year, they recorded the most wins in AC/GC school history (22) and the highest winning percentage (.917). They won 16 games in a row, matching their entire win total from the year prior, before losing in the regional championship game. These girls, along with Baudler, have set the tone for this year.

"Together is our word this year. If we stick together, anything is possible. We have a mission and vision statement that we address every week, but after that, it is the small details that we continue to improve on. When we improve in those areas, that's when we start to see something special. Head to the ground and taking one day and game at a time is the goal," Baudler concluded.

The wait is nearly over for AC/GC Chargers girls' basketball as they will take to the court on November 24 against the IKM-Manning Wolves in Manning.

Kay F. Vaux 1936 ~ 2025

Mass of Christian Burial for Kay F. Vaux was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 2:00 pm at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Bayard, Iowa with Rev. Ray Higgins Officiating. Pallbearers were Matthew Coenen, Nathan Coenen, Austin Coenen, Brysen Heinkel, Jacksen Heinkel, Zachery Vaux and Jace Harmon. Burial at Highland Township Cemetery in Bayard.

Kay Frances Vaux was born on August 21, 1936, on a farm south of Coon Rapids, Iowa, the daughter of Harry and Mary (Loeffler) Jacobsen. She was baptized and later confirmed at Annunciation Catholic Church in Coon Rapids. Kay attended Annunciation Catholic School and Coon Rapids High School, graduating with the Class of 1955. After graduation, she worked on Garst's farm and at a local restaurant.

On June 3, 1957, Kay was united in marriage with Thomas M. Vaux at Annunciation Catholic Church in Coon Rapids. They were blessed with two children, Deidra and Douglas. Shortly after their marriage, Tom was drafted into the United States Army, and Kay joined him while he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington.

When they returned home in 1960, the couple began working for Tom's father at Vaux Grocery. In 1970, they had the opportunity to purchase and operate the business themselves, which they continued to do until their retirement in 1999. During retirement, Kay stayed

active by working part-time at Ohde Funeral Home and the Bayard News Gazette.

Kay was a devoted member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Bayard, where she was active in the Ladies Guild and served on the parish council. She also volunteered within her community, especially with Bayard Senior Housing. Kay loved spending time outdoors and tending to her garden, but her greatest joy came from her grandchildren, who brought her endless happiness and pride.

Kay passed away on November 12, 2025, at Thomas Rest Haven Nursing Home in Coon Rapids at the age of 89 years, two months and 22 days. She was preceded in death by her parents; granddaughter, Carrie Renee Coenen; and siblings: Mark Jacobsen, Phil Jacobsen and Judy Gust.

Kay is survived by her husband, of 68 years, Tom Vaux of Bayard; children: Deidra (Bob) Coenen of Perry; Douglas (Tia) Vaux of Coon Rapids; five grandchildren: Nicole (Bill) Heinkel, Matthew (Stefanie) Coenen, Nathan (Kelly) Coenen, Jessica (Ben) Klocke and Zachery (Cassie) Vaux; 15 great-grandchildren: Austen, Maddison, Brooklynn, Hudson, Blake, Bentley, Brysen, Jacksen, Jace, Josie, Jett, Greta, Ava, Mya and Tig; siblings: Joyce Barsby of Manning, Linda Whitcotton of The Woodlands, Texas and Floyd (BJ) Jacobsen of Harlan; and many other family and friends.



The Ohde Funeral Home assisted the family with services. www.ohdefuneralhome.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO: Person in Possession, 1002 McPherson Street Casey IA 50048 - Person in Possession Stephen Battani, 1002 McPherson Street Casey IA 50048 - Owner Stephen Battani, 1919 Pleasant Street Des Moines IA 50314 - Owner Stephen Battani, 1002 McPherson Street #1002M Casey IA 50048 - Owner City of Casey c/o City Clerk, 104 W. Sherman Casey IA 50048 - City Limits

Midland Funding LLC, 350 Camino De La Reina Suite 300 San Diego FL 92108 - Judgment Creditor Midland Funding LLC c/o Corporation Service Company, Registered Agent, 505 5th Avenue, Suite 729 Des Moines IA 50309 - Judgment Creditor Midland Funding LLC, 974 73rd Street, Suite 16 West Des Moines IA 50265 - Judgment Creditor State of Iowa c/o Attorney General, 1305 E. Walnut Street Des Moines IA 50319 - Judgment Creditor Credit Bureau Services of IA, 1306 S. 7th Street Oskaloosa IA 52577 - Judgment Creditor ANY OTHER UNKNOWN PERSONS WITH INTEREST

NOTICE OF EXPIRATION OF RIGHT OF REDEMPTION

In accordance with Iowa Code Section 447.9 you are hereby notified that:

1. The property described in paragraph 2 of this Notice was sold at tax sale on the 19th day of June 2023. The purchaser at tax sale was Adair 0026 with Union Bank as Secured Party.
2. The legal description of the property sold is: The North 8.5 feet of Lot 9 and the South 56.5 feet of Lot 10 of the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 78 North, Range 32 West of the 5th P.M., Guthrie County, Iowa. a/k/a PARCEL # 0001109600
3. That your right of redemption as set forth in the Iowa Code will expire unless redemption o the property is made within 90 days from the date of completed service of this Notice.
4. If the right of redemption is allowed to expire, a tax deed will be issued by the Treasurer of Guthrie County.

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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BAGLEY, IOWA, AND OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSAL TO ADOPT 2025 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE

The City Council of the City of Bagley, Iowa, will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting at Bagley City Hall at 207 Main Street in Bagley, Iowa, on December 2, at 6:00 p.m., on the proposal to move forward with the readings and eventual adoption of the 2025 Iowa Department of Natural Resources Floodplain Ordinance.

All local residents who appear at said meeting shall be given an opportunity to express their views for or against the proposal. At the meeting, or any adjournment thereof, the City Council of Bagley will decide whether or not to move forward with readings of the ordinance for its eventual adoption. This notice is given by order of the City Council on November 4, 2025.

*/s/ MICHELLE HALBUR, City Clerk
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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT, GUTHRIE COUNTY

IN THE ESTATE OF TERRY FRANTUM, DECEASED

PROBATE NO. ESPR014846
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITOR

To all persons interested in the estate of Terry Frantum, Deceased, who died on or about October 30, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on November 14, 2025, the last will and testament of Terry Frantum, deceased, bearing date of March 10, 2015, was admitted to probate in the above named Court and that Tina Beaman 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 said 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.
Dated this 14th day of November, 2025.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR GUTHRIE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VERDELL L. FEHR, Deceased.

ESPR014845
NOTICE OF PROOF OF WILL WITHOUT ADMINISTRATION

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Verdel L. Fehr, Deceased, who died on or about November 5, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on the 11th day of November, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Verdel L. Fehr, deceased, bearing date of December 28, 2020, 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 Guthrie 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 November 11, 2025
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West Des Moines, IA 50266
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1769 Highway 44
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JOHN D. TWILLMANN ISBA #AT0012810 TRUST NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST: VERDELL L. FEHR REVOCABLE TRUST AGREEMENT DATED December 28, 2020.

To all persons regarding Verdel L. Fehr, deceased, who died on or about November 5, 2025. You are hereby notified that Alfred Fehr and Marlene Chalfant are the Successor Co-Trustees of the Verdel L. Fehr Trust dated December 28, 2020. Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Guthrie 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 all heirs and beneficiaries 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 trustees 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 11th day of November, 2025

Verdel L. Fehr Revocable Trust dated December 28, 2020

Alfred Fehr, Successor Co-Trustee
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West Des Moines, IA 50266

Marlene Chalfant,
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Robin Sue Leib 1960 ~ 2025

Robin Sue Leib, 65, daughter of Roger & Rose Mary (Heckman) Leib, was born October 12, 1960 in Sioux City, Iowa. She passed away Thursday, November 13, 2025 at her home in Panora.

Robin graduated from Guthrie Center High School in 1980. She started working at Craft Care Center, later Panora Specialty Care, in 1977. She retired on October 10, 2025 after almost 48 years of working at the care center.

Robin was in a bowling league in her younger days. Robin loved to spend time with family especially with her nieces. She also enjoyed spending

time with her friends and her church family and enjoyed traveling.

She is survived by her son, Jason Leib of West Des Moines; brother, Randy (Tina) Leib of Murfreesboro, TN; sister, Rhonda Leib of Germantown, Maryland; and nieces, Natalie (Jesse) Weedman, Lindsie Mills, Darcie Leib, & Audrie Leib. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services were held at 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at the Twigg Funeral Home, Panora, with visitation starting at 5:30 p.m. Burial of her cremains will be in Union Cemetery, Guthrie Center, at a later date.

Twigg Funeral Home in Panora and Guthrie Center was entrusted with arrangements www.twiggfuneralhome.com



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