



Forage Field Day in Western Iowa to focus on Summer Annuals

AMES, IA— Iowa State University Extension and Outreach, in partnership with I-29 Moo University and the Northern Plains Forage Association, invites producers, agronomists and forage enthusiasts to attend the 2025 Forage Field Day on July 31 at the Western Research and Demonstration Farm near Castana, Iowa.

This all-day event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and feature field demonstrations, expert talks and hands-on learning opportunities.

Forage topics will focus on summer annuals for silage, baleage and grazing, inter-seeding strategies, as well as pasture management.

Attendees will hear from leading Iowa State University researchers and industry professionals on topics such as the agronomics of grazing summer annuals, sorghum

breeding objectives, inter-seeding summer annuals into alfalfa and heifer grazing economics.

Highlights from the day will include:

Field demonstrations of forage sorghum for silage, summer annual grazing systems, and nitrate and prussic acid testing.

Live nitrate and prussic acid testing demos to enhance in-season decision-making

Interactive forage and weed ID competition with prizes

Expert insights on topics ranging from grazing economics to breeding priorities for sorghum and strategies to extend alfalfa stand life

“This field day is a great opportunity to see the versatility of summer annuals in action—whether for silage, grazing or interseeding,” said Shelby Gruss, extension

forage specialist with ISU. “These crops offer flexible options to fill forage gaps, extend alfalfa stands and improve both productivity and profitability across diverse forage systems.”

The cost to attend the field day is \$20 for individuals or \$50 for farms and family groups up to 5 people.

All participants are asked to register online by July 21 to be eligible for a door prize. Members of the Northern Plains Forage Association may attend for free, but must register in advance for an accurate food count.

A complimentary lunch will be provided under the hoop barn, where participants can test their forage ID skills and network with speakers and fellow attendees.

The Western Research and Demonstration Farm is located at 36515 Hwy E34, Castana,



IA 51010.

For more information, contact Gail Carpenter at ajcarpen@iastate.edu. I-29 Moo University is a consortium of Extension dairy specialists from the land-grant universities in Iowa, Minnesota, Ne-



2025 FORAGE FIELD DAY

JULY 31, 2025
9 AM - 3 PM

WESTERN RESEARCH FARM
CASTANA, IA

REGISTER HERE:
[HTTPS://GO.IASTATE.EDU/2025FORAGEFIELDDAY](https://go.iastate.edu/2025FORAGEFIELDDAY)



braska, and South Dakota.

The I-29 Moo University is a multi-state learning collaboration and connects extension dairy staff with the dairy community to share research, information and management

practices through workshops, webinars, e-newsletters, podcasts, and on-farm tours.

For more information about the I-29 Moo University Collaboration and programs visit www.i-29moo.com.

Pasture Walk features tips for successful grazing

BY HELEN PARKS
ISU Marketing Coordinator

ORANGE CITY, IA —Pasture is a longtime and significant part of Iowa agriculture and is a critical component of the state’s agricultural landscape. To help producers make the most of these essential resources, ISU Extension and Outreach offers pasture walks that provide an invaluable opportunity to explore real-world examples of pasture management in

action. These events provide a hands-on learning experience where livestock producers can assess pasture health, exchange ideas, and discover innovative practices that enhance productivity and animal well-being.

Northwest Iowa cow-calf and stocker operators are invited to a Pasture Walk on July 10 at the Justin Boersma farm, 4347 390th St., Hospers, IA. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a light supper, followed by a program from 6:00- 8:45 p.m. featuring how to get started and manage grazing as well as a first-hand look at how Boersma grazes 30 head of stocker cattle on 16

acres of mixed grasses.

“Successful grazing involves careful planning and timely management,” said Beth Doran, beef specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. “It’s more than just turning the cows out.”

The Pasture Walk will feature knowledgeable speakers discussing the following topics:

- Setting up a watering system -Erik Scott, Cobett Waters
- Establishing fencing for grazing - Brad Ketchum, Gallagher Fencing
- Determining grazing capacity - Andrew Koehlmoos, USDA NRCS - O’Brien County

•Restoring over-grazed pastures - Patrick Corey, USDA NRCS - Crawford County

•USDA pasture improvement funding - Troy Davelaar, USDA NRCS - Lyon County

•Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance - Farm Bureau Financial Services

There is no charge for the

Pasture Walk thanks to support from ISU Extension and Outreach and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Lyon, O’Brien, Osceola, and Sioux County.

Learn more at go.iastate.edu/PASTUREWALK. Regis-

ter as soon as possible by calling Sioux County Extension at 712-737-4230 or emailing doranb@iastate.edu. Participants should bring a lawn chair and dress for the outdoors and pasture walking.

SOURCE: Beth Doran, Beef Specialist, doranb@iastate.edu, 712-737-4230

Local Spotlight!

Want to share your knowledge, experiences or hobbies with our community? The Cherokee Chronicle Times is seeking individuals, groups and businesses to be featured in our regular special sections: Car Times, Home Times, Farm Times, Health & Fitness and Golden Times. If you have a unique story, expert advice, or simply a love for one of these topics, we want to hear from you! Contact us via emailing news@ctimes.biz or calling the office at 712-225-5111.

LEGAL NOTICE

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR CHEROKEE COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MARLIN C. VERSTEEG, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR017279

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Marlin C. VerSteeg, Deceased, who died on or about June 5, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on June 23, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Marlin C. VerSteeg, deceased, bearing date of August 2, 1993, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Jeffrey L. VerSteeg 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 thereafter forever barred.

Dated June 24, 2025.
Jeffrey L. VerSteeg, Executor of Estate
13715 240th Ave
Spirit Lake, IA 51360
David D. Forsyth, ICIS#: AT0002567
Attorney for Executor
FORSYTH LAW OFFICE
121 North 6th St
Estherville, IA 51334
Date of second publication: 4th day of July, 2025
(CT06-27,07-04/L#53)

HPV VACCINATION

Help Protect Against Cancer


Human papillomavirus (HPV) infections may be common. Fortunately, the HPV vaccine prevents the virus and the cancers it can cause.

WHO SHOULD GET VACCINATED?

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends the HPV vaccine for boys and girls, starting as early as age 9 and through age 26.

IOWA | Health and Human Services

Source: cdc.gov 4/25


Ask your child's healthcare provider about the HPV vaccine.

LEGAL NOTICE

The Cherokee County Board of Supervisors met in regular session on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 with Bryan Petersen, Dave Skou, Ray Mullins II and Shane Bellefy (via telephone) present. Cheryl Ellis was absent. Madeline Combs, Chronicle Times, represented the press. Tony Puffett, Erin Rydgren, Audrey Pitts, Rhonda Thompson, Megan Hirst, Chuck Stubbe, Derek Scott, Kelly Puhrmann, Ned Lundsgaard, Stu Hogg, Justin Willis and Joel Ehrig were also in attendance. Unless otherwise indicated, all votes were offered as follows: Ayes – Mullins, Bellefy, Skou, Petersen; Nays – none; Abstentions – none.

Chairman Petersen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Mullins, seconded by Skou to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Bellefy, seconded by Skou to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Mullins to approve the claims for payment as presented. Motion carried. A complete listing is available for review in the County Auditor's office.

Claims Approved June 10, 2025:
AgState Fuel 3,769.60
Alliant Energy Serv 162.17
Aurelia Historical Society Approp 625.00
Aurelia Library Approp 2,392.50
Bekins Fire & Safety Services Serv 611.00
Blaine's Culligan Supp 123.65
Bob Barker Company Inc Supp 1,790.71
Bomgaars Supp 439.89
Buena Vista County Sheriff Fees 33.00
Bunkers Feed & Supply Inc Serv 1,535.40
CAASA Approp 1,750.00
Cherokee Area Economic Dev Approp 49,375.00
Central Bank Supp 2,905.62
Cherokee Chronicle Times Publ 1,459.02
Cherokee Co EMA Approp 30,000.00
Cherokee County Fair Approp

6,250.00
Cherokee County EMS Assoc Approp 2,500.00
Cherokee County Hazmat Approp 3,089.50
Cherokee Co. Secondary Roads Fuel 2,336.56
Cherokee County Sheriff Fees 36.50
Cherokee County Solid Waste Approp 22,688.33
Cherokee Library Approp 3,850.00
Cherokee Main Street Pharmacy In-mate Meds 56.51
Cherokee Regional Medical Ctr Contract 40,750.00
Cherokee Regional Medical Ctr Approp 54,718.75
Cherokee Rural Water Serv 254.75
Cherokee State Bank Flex/Merp Flex/Self Fund 5,333.20
Christensen Brothers Projects 40,889.13
City of Aurelia Serv 600.00
City of Meriden Serv 25.00
City of Quimby Serv 66.00
Cleghorn Library Approp 2,392.50
CML Telephone Coop Assn Serv 2,570.31
Connections Area Agency Approp 500.00
Peter Cosgrove Per Diem 20.00
Country Tire & Service, Inc Serv 425.33
Croell Inc Projects 7,881.25
Crysteel Manufacturing, Inc Parts 1,090.71
Daves Repair, Inc Serv 249.87
Joel M Ehrig Travel Reimb 105.00
Elan Financial Services Supp 4,502.34
Evertel, Inc Serv 400.00
Family Crisis Centers Approp 1,250.00
Brian Flikeid Serv 334.50
GovConnection, Inc Supp 3,567.00
Grand Meadow Heritage Approp 625.00
Hallsett Materials/Gravel 16,280.78
Inst of IA Certified Assessors Reg 495.00
Iowa County Attorneys Fee 11,325.00
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy Serv 300.00
IA Natural Heritage Foundation Dues

100.00
I.C.C.S. Dues 1,500.00
Iowa State Assoc of Counties Reg 260.00
ISCTA Fee 250.00
J & M Tools Jace Heine Tools 74.50
Jack's Uniforms & Equip Clothing 816.68
Jamar Technologies Inc Equip 273.14
Ryan R Kolpin Reimb 315.00
Lynne Lauck Serv 216.00
Mail Services, LLC Postage 718.43
Marco Technologies LLC Serv 5.00
Marcus Ambulance Fund Approp 8,500.00
Marcus Community Fair Approp 1,600.00
Marcus Historical Society Approp 625.00
Marcus Library Approp 2,392.50
Marcus News Inc Publ 1,014.82
Martin Marietta Materials Supp 4,847.97
Mid American Energy Serv 189.92
Midwest Lubricants, LLC Supp 275.00
Midwest Wheel Companies Parts 269.33
Motor Parts Sales Parts 77.64
Motorola Solutions, Inc Supp 167.00
Mouw Motor Company, Inc. Vehicle 40,450.00
Maria E Murillo-Tellez Travel Reimb 188.00
Nelson Electric Serv 108.87
Northside Tire Serv 49.70
Nuvera Serv 64.00
O'Brien County Sheriff's Office Fees 51.80
PI Variables, Incorporated Supp 1,715.00
Pictometry International Corp. Serv 29,130.00
Plymouth County Sheriff Fees 131.20
Point C Self Fund Admin Fees 644.75
Point C Health COE Caf Admin Fees 225.00
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc. Serv 2,116.95
Quadient Inc Supp 207.10
Quimby Library Approp 2,392.50
Rees Mack Sales & Service Parts 21.80
Jennifer Ann Ryen Serv 744.00
Sanitary Services Inc Serv 774.30
Schmillen Construction Inc Serv

3,240.00
Schneider Geospatial, LLC Serv 5,616.00
SHI International Corp Supp 2,576.10
Sidwell Company Serv 18,195.00
Sioux Valley Family Health Serv 165.00
Siouxland Regional Transit Approp 7,670.25
Smith & West Lawn Enforcement Serv 194.53
Debie A Stevenson Reimb 132.57
Barb Steward Serv 300.00
T Mobile Serv 132.18
Thomson Reuters-West Payment Fees 660.47
Triple C Pest Control Supp 80.00
Truck Center Companies East Parts 753.42
Tyler Technologies Serv 449.00
US Postal Service Postage 5,000.00
UST Testing Services Inc Serv 3,000.00
Van Holland Lawn Service, Ltd. Serv 2,099.50
Veenstra & Kimm Inc Serv 141.00
Ver Hoef Automotive, Inc. Parts 827.48
Wenck Storage Rental 593.57
Vermeer Sales & Service Inc Parts 102.65
Vestis Uniforms 42.55
Visual Edge IT Inc./Counsel Serv 295.58
Washta Library Approp 2,392.50
Wenck Storage Rental 593.57
Western Iowa Tech Community Fee 110.00
Ziegler Inc Supp 1,652.84
360 Custom Designs Serv 494.00
Grand Total 495,951.36
There were no comments from the public.
Kelly Puhrmann, County Engineer, reported on construction projects and discussed activities in the Secondary Roads Department.
Derek Scott, County Sheriff, presented wage authorizations for consideration.
Motion by Skou, seconded by Mullins to approve a \$27.25 per hour wage authorization for John Galvin, Deputy, effective June 23, 2025. Motion carried.
Motion by Mullins, seconded by

Skou to approve a \$20.50 per hour wage authorization for Jennifer Ohlen-dorf, Jailer, effective June 16, 2025. Motion carried.

Rhonda Thompson, Hopkins Insurance, presented the county's July 1st renewal from Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) for auto, property and liability insurance coverage with a 5.45% premium increase. Thompson reported the increase is a result of total valuations of county property and vehicles increasing by 1.3 million directly related to ICAP implementing an annual built in inflation valuation increase of 2% on all buildings and business personal property. The supervisors reviewed potential cost savings if deductibles were increased and the county assumed more exposure. Cybersecurity coverage was also discussed at length and consensus was that current coverage may not be adequate in today's technology environment.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Bellefy to renew the Iowa Communities Assurance Pool (ICAP) insurance policy for 2025/2026 including an increase in cyber liability coverage with a total premium of \$312,808.00. Motion carried.

Thompson presented the county's worker's compensation insurance policy renewal for 2025/2026. The county's total premium for workman's compensation insurance decreased by \$37,597.00 due to a previous large employee payout falling off the claims history which decreased the mod factor from .95 to .65 in addition to a 25% discount for longevity and loss experience.

Motion by Mullins, seconded by Skou to renew the Iowa Municipalities Workers Compensation Association (IMWCA) insurance policy for 2025/2026 with a \$30,206.00 premium. Motion carried.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Mullins to approve Resolution #2025-14 Inter-Fund Operating Transfer of \$1,050,000.00 from Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Road Fund effective June 10, 2025. Roll call vote: Mullins-

aye, Bellefy-aye, Skou-aye, Petersen-aye. Motion carried and resolution adopted.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Mullins to acknowledge a \$90,068.81 (\$3,046 increase) salary adjustment for Joel Ehrig, County Assessor, effective July 1, 2025 as previously approved by the Assessor's Conference Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullins, seconded by Bellefy to acknowledge a \$72,055.04 (\$6,788 increase) salary adjustment for Nathaniel Story, Chief Deputy Assessor, effective July 1, 2025 as previously approved by the Assessor's Conference Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Mullins, seconded by Bellefy to acknowledge a \$52,213.80 (\$2.95 per hour increase) salary adjustment for Lacey Daum, Assessor's Office Manager, effective June 2, 2025 with no additional increase on July 1, 2025; as previously approved by the Assessor's Conference Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Mullins to approve a separation of employment and \$3,465.86 final payout of hours worked, vacation and longevity hours for Nissa White, Assessor's Office Manager, effective May 30, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Skou, seconded by Mullins to approve a "Cherokee County Provider and Program Participation Agreement" for fiscal year 2026 county funding of covered services provided by Siouxland Regional Transit System for the benefit of Cherokee County citizens and individuals. Motion carried.

The supervisors provided committee reports and reviewed meeting schedules.

There being no further business, Chairman Petersen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Mullins, seconded by Bellefy to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 a.m.

All board agendas and minutes are available online at cherokeecounty.iowa.gov.
Bryan Petersen, Chairman
Attest: Kris Glienke, County Auditor (CT06 - 27/L#330)