

DCI investigates homicide In Glenwood

GLENWOOD, - On August 6, 2025, at approximately 7:30 p.m., the Mills County Emergency Communication Center received multiple calls referencing a shooting in the 400 block of North Grove Street in Glenwood, Iowa. Officers from the Glenwood Police Department, Mills County Sheriff's Office, and Iowa State Patrol responded. Upon arrival, law enforcement found the residence at 405 Grove Street on fire and two adult victims with gunshot wounds outside the residence.

The shooting victims have been identified as 38-year-old Brandon Oman, who died at the scene, and his wife, 35-year-old Stevie Oman. Stevie Oman was transported to the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, where she later died from her injuries.

Dennis Burnell, 71, who resided at 405 North Grove Street, was identified as the person responsible for the Omans' deaths. Officers took Burnell into custody as he exited his burning home. Burnell was critically injured during the incident, and was transported to the Kansas University Medical Center Burn Unit and treated for extensive burn injuries.

On August 8, 2025, law enforcement was informed Dennis Burnell died. A forensic autopsy will be forthcoming.

Preliminary investigation suggests the shooting stemmed from an interpersonal dispute between the parties.

This is an ongoing investigation by the Glenwood Police Department, Mills County Sheriff's Office, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation, and State Fire Marshal Division. No further details will be released at this time.

HCS D plans ribbon cutting, back-to-school open house

HARLAN — The Harlan Community School District will hold a Back-to-School Open House, Thursday, August 21. Everyone is invited to join in.

A Ribbon Cutting to honor the new construction will be held at 2 p.m.; guided tours of the Intermediate School will take place every half hour from 2 to 4 p.m.; and guided tours of the High School will take place every half hour from 4 to 6 p.m. Elementary Back to School Night and Middle School Open House will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. High School Freshman Open House will be held from 6 to 6:30. Unveiling of the new High School Gym Video Board will be held at 6:30 p.m.

A Burger Feed will be held in front of the Middle School and High School from 5 to 7 p.m, sponsored by the Harlan Community School District and Shelby County Cattlemen.

Shelby County Supervisors meet

SHELBY COUNTY — The Shelby County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 A.M. Tuesday, August 5.

Engineer Chris Frederickson asked the Supervisor's to consider approval of a 28E Maintenance Agreement with the City of Westphalia for shared Right Of Way. This agreement reflects what is currently being done to maintain the shared Right of Way. Kolbe made a motion to approve the 28E Maintenance Agreement as presented, Parkhurst seconded the motion. Frederickson then asked the Supervisor's to consider approval of a Right of Way permit application for Nishnabotna Valley REC. Parkhurst made a motion to approve the Right of Way permit application to bury lines on 2000th Street for Nishnabotna Valley REC, Kolbe seconded the motion. The Engineer then gave a report on projects throughout the county including the road grading project on F16 which has 3 ½ miles left. Crews are still out blading and spot rocking and have stockpiled 28,000 tons to be used throughout the year.

Geralyn Greer, Recorder, presented her quarterly report of fees collected which showed a slight increase from last year at this time. Greer stated that the public can start renewing recreational vehicles in September and are due December 31.

Resident Turkey and Deer Licenses are available for purchase August 15 and youth licenses are available all season. Birth records in Iowa from 1984 forward are now available to all Counties.

Treasurer Carolyn Blum, presented an abatement of taxes for property awarded to the City of Harlan by court order for parcel number 833134086090 in the amount of \$1,494.00. . A second abatement of taxes for property awarded to the City of Portsmouth by court order for parcel number 832700001021 in the amount of \$538.00 was presented to the Supervisors. Parkhurst made a motion to approve the Treasurer to apply the abatement, Kolbe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Blum presented her semi-annual report for approval. Parkhurst made a motion to approve the Treasurer's semi-annual report, Kolbe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. A Treasurer's Office report was then given with updates on the June tax sales, increase in volume of customers over the last year, and CDLs taking extra time from staff, which includes a dual review. Tax statements are being calculated and will be sent out in mid-August.

Family Fun may be found at the Iowa State Fair

DES MOINES — In between corn dogs and giant slide rides, there are lots of ways kids can learn about agriculture at the Iowa State Fair.

1. Little Hands on the Farm - Located near the Animal Learning Center, the interactive Andringa Family Foundation Little Hands on the Farm ag adventure lets kids “work” their way through a swine barn, garden, grain bin, apple orchard, chicken coop, tractor shed, cattle barn, sheep barn and dary barn. Their reward? A visit to the Little Hands’ grocery store to pick out a fruit2. Baby Animals - Just south of Little Hands on the Farm, the Paul R. Knapp Animal Learning Center is bursting with baby animals and unforgettable moments. See chicks hatch, baby goats bounce, ducklings splash or even catch a live birth. Meet real Iowa farmers in the Farmers Bull Pen, where you can ask questions and hear what life is like on the 3. Cowboy Experience – Giddy up to Cowboy Boot Camp just north of Little Hands on the Farm and discover what it takes to be a real cowboy. Kids can try gold panning, steer roping, horse grooming and more at this hands-on educational zone. It’s a rootin’-tootin’ good time full of Wild West fun! 4. Kids in the Kitchen – Grab your apron and head to the Kids Can Cook kitchen in the east room of the Maytag Family Theaters. Open to ages 5 to 17, these fun cooking demos teach kids how to prepare simple, tasty, farm-fresh recipes while learning kitchen safety, food prep and cleanliness-all with a side of fun! 5. Free Entertainment for Kids – Bring the whole crew to the Fun Forest Stage, sponsored by Community Choice Credit Union, for a line-up of free entertainment! Catch live shows by Brad Weston and magician The Chipper Experience – Where COMEDY & MAGIC Collide! Plus, keep an eye out for strolling acts like Bandaloni the one-man band, Hillbilly Bob and The Ice Cream Show near the triangle and

the Pepsi Clock on Grand Ave.

6. Hands On Barn Experiences -Explore Cattle Corner, Horse Haven, Pig Place and Sheep Stop-interactive exhibits where kids learn about Iowa's livestock up close. Then, stroll through the Avenue of Breeds (next to the Bruce L. Rastetter 4-H Exhibits Building), where more than 70 unique animals show off Iowa's incredible agricultural diversity. Sponsored by Iowa Bankers Association and WHO The Big Show.

7. Pick A Vegetable - The Garden, sponsored by Corteva Agriscience and located north of Little Hands on the Farm, is blooming with hands-on learning. Kids can explore garden beds, learn how veggies grow in Iowa soil and even pick produce that helps feed local families through the Iowa Food Bank. Don't miss the composting exhibit to learn about sustainability in action.

8. Fun for the Whole Family - Watch thrilling events at Elwell Family Park, where high-energy entertainment like truck and tractor pulls, charros performances, figure 8 races and the demolition derby take center stage. NEW IN 2025: check out the FREE Iowa Utilities Lineman Rodeo on Friday, August 15, at 8 a.m. Some events are free, and tickets for others are available at iowastatefair.org.

Kids can also join the Blue Ribbon Kids’ Club, with weekday activities at 10 a.m. on the Fun Forest Stage and special Saturday meet-and-greets at the same location. It's the perfect way to add a little extra fun to your Fair day! Check out the list of events at iowastatefair.org.

From barnyard fun to cooking classes, baby animals to gardens, the Iowa State Fair has something for every young explorer. Come August 7-17 in Des Moines, Iowa, for kid-friendly events, family contests and memory-making moments you won't forget. Visit iowastatefair.org for the full lineup.

DEATH NOTICES

CHRISTINE ELLEN NASH, 65 MANSFIELD, MO — Christine Ellen Nash, 65, of Mansfield, MO passed away July 1, 2025. Graveside service was held Saturday, August 9 at 2 p.m. at Oakfield Cemetery in Elk Horn. Survivors include her grandchildren, Samantha Weilenman and Dakota Nash and sister, Tauni San-

born. Pauley Jones Funeral Home in Harlan was in charge of arrangements.

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Regional Water update:

AREA — Regional Water reports adequate pressure remains in all towers, but asks customers to please not fill private pools.

Regional Water is currently maintaining 780 gallons per minute from the plant, with 22 wells providing water from the wellfield. They thank everyone for continuing to monitor your water use. Be sure and contact them if you have low pressure or suspect a leak in your area.

The temporary booster pump station bringing water from Council Bluffs is continuing to bring between 175,000 to 200,000 gallons per day to the Avoca Treatment Plant system. Regional Water will continue to monitor chlorine residuals closely moving through the distribution system.

The Alert Level Red conservation notice is still in place to ensure the system is able to adequately provide drinking water to all users of the system. They are working on a permanent remedy (permanent booster pump installation), which will serve as a back-up system being in place. This will help ensure customers aren't faced with water loss or a boil advisory through the summer. Please note, the permanent booster pump installation is separate from the recently installed temporary booster pump station brought online earlier this month.

Reminder: The community can access the system dashboard on the RWRWA website and various web-

Harlan Newspapers welcome sports writers

Sports from front page.

He received the IHSAA Media Award in 2020, an award given annually by the Board of Control of the Iowa High School Athletic Association to members of the news media who have contributed greatly to the success of the Iowa High School Interscholastic athletic program.

“Their positive coverage of local high school events has been enjoyed and appreciated by the area athletes, their families and supporters for many years.”

Since moving to Greenfield for his wife's work in 2021, he has been working remotely and writing for several weekly or bi-weekly papers in Southwest Iowa.

His hobbies include reading and collecting baseball cards, of which he has over 50,000.

SHELBY COUNTY AREA WEATHER

Tuesday August 12	Wednesday August 13	Thursday August 14	Friday August 15	Saturday August 16
High: 83 Low: 66	High: 82 Low: 61	High: 85 Low: 66	High: 92 Low: 70	High: 91 Low: 74

**Shelby County Recap**

Date.....High.....Low.....Precip

August 7 .....89.....66.....0

August 8 .....94.....73.....0

August 9 .....83.....74.....1.13

August 10 .....77.....57......23

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