

Obituary

Lana Sue Bearden, age 77, of Creston, passed away peacefully on the morning of Thursday, May 1st, 2025. She was born on November 10, 1947, in Creston, Iowa to the late Katheryn Smith and Harold Blazek.

As a child, Lana helped raise ponies with her family and competed in competitions at the Iowa State Fair. She graduated from Creston High School in 1965, earned a bachelor’s degree in Education from the University of Northern Iowa in 1969, and later achieved a master’s degree in education from Northwest Missouri State University in 1974.

In 1970, Lana married Elmer Junior Bearden. Together, they had one child, Jason. The couple later divorced in 1972.

Lana was deeply passionate about education, her students, and her family. She

Former Lenox and Bedford resident, Mary Jane (Smith) Baker, age 88, met her Lord when she passed peacefully on May 1, 2025 at Accura HealthCare of Pomeroy, near Fort Dodge, where she has been a resident since August 2023. Funeral services were held on May 8, 2025 at Cummings Funeral Home in Lenox beginning at noon with visitation at 11 a.m. Mary Jane was laid to rest at the North Fairview Cemetery in Lenox. Memories can be shared with the family on the Cummings Funeral Home website at www.cummingsfamilyfuneralhome.com/Obituaries.

Mary Jane arrived into the world just before Christmas on the Smith family farm in rural Greeley County, NE on December 22, 1936, the oldest of eight children born to Raymond and Mary (Manning) Smith. At 4 years old Mary Jane moved with her family to Lincoln, NE, then moved again at age 14 to a farm near Conway, IA in 1951. Mary Jane graduated from Conway High School as the 1955 senior class president.

A regular meeting of the Lenox Municipal Utilities Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairperson Tysen Christensen at 6:30 am on May 8, 2025 at Lenox City Hall. Board members present were: Tysen Christensen, Kathy Arevalo, Tia Samo, Jake Tripp and Deb Miller. Also, present were: Jeff Tull, Ron Kitzman and Trisha Mains.

Samo made a motion to approve the agenda; second by Miller; all aye. Arevalo made a motion to approve April 10, 2025 meeting minutes; second by Samo; all aye.

Kitzman informed the board that the fiber at the Tripp Addition has been installed and will be spliced in the next couple weeks. FMTC has fixed the telephone issues.

Sheila O’Riley with the Leading Ladies of Lenox attended the meeting to talk about the baby pool renovations. The renovated area will be a pool with splash features and it will be in the fenced in area. The cost of this renovation is approximately \$400,000. They will be working on potential grant funding and private donations. The Board of Trustees will discuss a potential donation from Lenox Municipal Utilities.

Election of officers for 2025 was held. Tripp made a motion to nominate Christensen for Chairperson of the Board; seconded by Miller; all aye. Tripp made a motion to cease nomination; second by Arevalo; all aye. Samo nominated Tripp for Vice-Chairperson; second by Arevalo; all aye. Miller made a motion to cease nomination; second by Tripp; all aye. Arevalo nominated Miller for Secretary-Treasurer; seconded by Samo; all aye. Tripp made a motion to cease nomination; second by Arevalo all aye. Tripp made a motion for new officers for 2025-2026; second by Miller; all aye.

Tull updated the board on the B1 breaker that has a broken



dedicated more than 30 years to teaching and administration, serving as both an elementary teacher and principal in Prescott and Lenox. After retirement, she continued to support local education as a substitute teacher at East Union School in Afton and St. Malachy School in Creston. Known for her caring and kindness, Lana made a point to learn every student’s name, referring to them affectionately as ‘Her Kids’. Many of her former



In July 1957 Mary Jane married Gerald (Jerry) Baker (b. 1938, d. 1997) of Bedford, who was enlisted in the US Navy at that time. Mary Jane and Jerry welcomed three children: Steven (b. 1958, d. 1977), Christine (b. 1961) and Jeanine (b. 1963). Jerry was transferred several times during his 20 year career with the Navy and the family moved with each transfer to several cities: Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Bethesda, MD, San Diego, CA; San Pedro, CA, Pearl City, HI and Dale City, VA before Jerry’s retirement from the Navy in 1974 when the family moved to a rented farm near Clearfield and later moved to a rented farm near Lenox in 1976. Mary Jane worked as a teller at the bank in Lenox while Jerry

insulator. He is working with JEO and HK Shultz on repairing it before the substation project begins. Tull found a place that will provide the switch for the substation project. Instead of 52 weeks lead time, it will arrive closer to the time the transformer is set to arrive. Commercial Roof Coating provided a quote for \$8,700 for roof repair. We are on their schedule. Tull received the relay testing results and everything is good. Tull provided a list of yards that still need repaired from the water project to Crane Construction.

Miller made a motion to approve the list of bills from April; second by Arevalo; all aye. The list of bills approved is as follows:
Advantage Administrators
Flex Plan\$95.00
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Aflac
Service.....\$518.48
Agrivision
Service.....\$439.21
American Public Power Assoc
Membership.....\$228.60
John T Borland
Contract Labor.....\$250.00
Jaime Brown
Reimbursement.....\$50.00
Calix Inc
Supplies.....\$2,349.88
The Christensen Agency Llc
Insurance\$103,797.02
Colonial Life
Service.....\$55.62
Confluent Technology Group
Tools.....\$74.35
Consortia Consulting Inc
Consulting.....\$1,125.00
Eftps
941 Tax.....\$4,688.26
Eftps
720 Tax.....\$84.51
Eftps
941 Tax.....\$5,194.84
Farmers Mutual Telephone Co
Service.....\$12,013.97
Frontier
Service.....\$72.92
Frontier Communications Corp
Access Billing\$249.77

students have kept in touch long after graduation, a true testament to the deep, lasting relationships she fostered and the profound impact she had on their lives, guiding them long after they left her classroom.

She also played a central role in the life of her grandson, Alex. Whether teaching him to read, attending every baseball game and band concert, or sharing quiet afternoons watching movies or gardening, Lana was a constant, loving presence in his life. She was, in every sense, the greatest grandmother in the world.

Lana was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Katheryn Blazek; her brother, Craig Blazek; and several aunts and uncles. Each of them had unique impact on her life.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Jason Bearden of Creston, and her

farmed. All three children attended Clearfield and Lenox schools.

In 1984, Mary Jane and Jerry moved to Lincoln, NE where Jerry worked for a company that drilled water wells and Mary Jane worked first at her step-father’s florist shop, then later as a bookkeeper for Fleming Corporation, a wholesale grocery distributor. Mary Jane and Jerry divorced in 1986 and she remained in Lincoln until 1999 when she retired from Fleming to care for her aging mother in Bedford until her mother’s 2004 move to Clearview Home in Clearfield. Mary Jane continued to live in Bedford until 2019 when, due to her increasingly limited mobility, she moved to her youngest daughter’s home in Lake City, IA, northeast of Carroll.

Mary Jane was a member of the Sharpsburg United Methodist Church for many years, where she enjoyed creating the church’s flower arrangements and playing piano for Sunday services. She was a member of the Bedford/Sharpsburg area Jolly Club for several years prior to 2020 and

grandson, Alex Bearden of Albany, California. She is also remembered fondly by numerous cousins.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Pearson Family Funeral Service & Cremation Center in Creston, with family receiving friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. that evening. A funeral service honoring Lana’s life will take place on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., also at Pearson Family Funeral Service & Cremation Center, Rev. Mary O’Riley officiating. Interment will follow at Graceland Cemetery in Creston. Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Malachy School &/or the Eagles Nest of Prescott, Iowa. Memories can be shared online at www.pearsonfuneralhomes.com.

also enjoyed participating with a singing group that traveled to area nursing homes to entertain the residents. She sold and collected Avon products and enjoyed sewing and treasure hunting at estate and garage sales. She loved Western and Hallmark Channel movies and was a fan of TV mystery shows.

In loving remembrance of Mary Jane are her 2 daughters: Christine (Donald Smith) of Bloomfield Hills, MI and Jeanine (Roger Stokes) of Lake City, IA; 2 grandchildren: Steven and Bethany Smith; and her 4 remaining siblings: Geraldine (Bob) Reed; Darlene Smith; Vera Fisher; and Rosalie Smith along with many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Preceding Mary Jane in death are her son Steven, her parents Raymond and Mary, sisters Dorothy Barbara and Sharon (Gordon) Burgmaier, and her brother David (Karen Brown) Smith. Mary Jane will be greatly missed by her family. Her loving, gentle nature, patience and humor will be remembered by all who knew her.

Service.....	\$234.00
Larry Spring	
Spraying.....	\$385.00
T S Bank	
Loan Payment	\$5,449.25
T S Bank	
Xfer.....	\$26,800.00
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	
Sales Tax.....	\$9,907.08
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	
Sales Tax.....	\$347.77
Treasurer, State Of Iowa	
Withholding	\$1,022.22
Jeff Tull	
Reimbursement.....	\$50.00
Tyler Technologies, Inc	
Service.....	\$25,199.00
Tyler Technologies, Inc	
Service.....	\$240.00
U S Bank	
Charges	\$1,811.16
Usda Rural Development	
Loan Payment	\$6,583.0
Vantage Point Solutions, Inc	
Consulting.....	\$517.50
Verizon	
Service.....	\$61.49
Vestas American Wind Tech Inc	
Service.....	\$4,405.4
Visual Edge It, Inc	
Copier	\$179.56
Wellmark Bcbs	
Service.....	\$8,162.61
Department Of Energy	
Service.....	\$23,154.95
Brandon Wright	
Reimbursement.....	\$50.00
Accounts Payable	
Total	\$360,192.17
Total Paid On:	
4/15/25	\$14,644.23
Total Paid On:	
4/30/25	\$15,693.26
Total Payroll Paid	\$30,337.49
Report Total	\$390,529.66
Enterprise Fund	\$390,529.66
Total Funds	\$390,529.66
The board received the monthly financial report.	

Miller made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Samo; all aye and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 am.

Jeff Tull,
General Manager
Tysen Christensen,
Chairperson

APPRECIATIONS

Card of Thanks
Bob and I would like to Thank everyone for the nice 70th Anniversary cards sent us and such wonderful notes written. Great hearing from all of

you. Yes, life together for 70 years has been wonderful

Love you all,
Robert and Verna Morris
Lenox, Iowa

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The Iowa District Court
For Taylor County
Case No. ESPR012750
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Diana M. Tirado, Deceased.

To all persons interested in the estate of Diana M. Tirado, Deceased, who died on or about November 5, 2022:

You are hereby notified that on April 25, 2025, the undersigned was appointed administrator 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 the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on April 29, 2025.

Delia E. Tirado
Administrator of the Estate
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ICIS#: AT0004958
Attorney for the Administrator
Engel & Maharry, PLC
713 Davis Ave.
Corning, IA 50841
Date of second publication
14 day of May 2025.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF CLEARFIELD, IOWA:

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of May, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. a public hearing will be held before the City Council of Clearfield, Iowa, at the Clearfield City Hall, with reference to amending the previous sewer service charge ordinance to as follows:

- Each customer shall pay sewer service charges for the use of and for the service supplied by the municipal sanitary sewer system based upon the amount of water consumed as follows:
- 1-2,000 gallons or lesser amount at \$40.00.
 - Next 59,000 gallons or lesser amount at \$10.00 per 1,000 gallon.
 - All over 60,000 at \$9.50 per 1,000 gallon
- A minimum service charge of \$20.00 per month is assessed to all customers, even if no usage. This is necessary to retire the indebtedness, operating and maintenance, and reserve neces-

sary for maintaining the sanitary sewer facility.

At the public hearing, any person present, and so wishing, will be given the opportunity to be heard for or against said amendments to the listed ordinances. Any person so wishing may file a document with the City Clerk prior to the time of the hearing should that person wish the document to be read for them at the time of hearing.

Interested parties should appear to be heard relative to the foregoing propositions.

CHARLES STRASSNER,
MAYOR
PAM NICKELL,
CITY CLERK
The City of Clearfield, Iowa, is holding a public hearing regarding possible amendments to Ordinances in section 99.01. The ordinance changes will address sewer charges. Any person so wishing to address the City Council regarding these amendments may file a document with the City Clerk no later than May 20th at 6:30 p.m.

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