In this February file photo, Montezuma's Ellen Cook dribbles the ball up the court with pressure from the Lenox defense in a Class 1A Region 6 final Wednesday in Indianola. Cook was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from Iowa Bankers Association this week. (Ben Lamparek/Hometown Current)

## Montezuma athlete earns athlete achievement award

DES MOINES -Five Iowa high school seniors, including one from Montezuma, received 2025 Iowa Bankers Association Student Athlete Achievement Awards during the Iowa High School Girls' State Basketball Tournament championships March 7-8 in Des Moines.

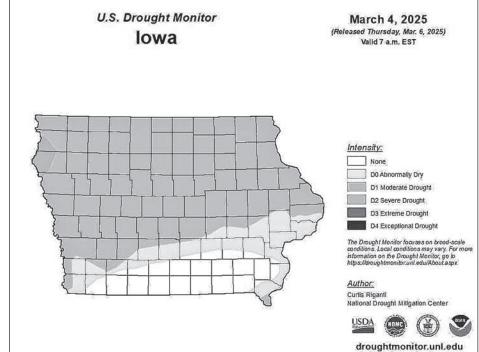
One student from each class was awarded an \$1,000 scholarship from the IBA to the college of her choice.

Scholarship recipients were Ellen Cook, Montezuma High School, Class 1A; Kelsey Hoeger, Maquoketa Valley High School, Class 2A; Natalie Nichols, West Marshall High School, Class 3A; Margo Schuiteman, Sioux Center High School, Class 4A; and Macy Harnden, Dowling Catholic High School,

Class 5A. Scholarship recipients are selected each year based on their academic

performance, athletic participation, leadership skills and community involvement, said Iowa Bankers Association in a press release.

For three decades, the IBA has sponsored the Student Athlete Achievement Award program, which has grown to honor student-athletes in football, basketball and wrestling. The IBA has awarded more than \$355,000 in scholarships since the program began.



## **Drought conditions** expand slightly due to below-average rainfall

**Iowa Department of Natural** Resources

DES MOINES — Drought conditions have slightly expanded in central Iowa and a small area in Eastern Iowa due to belownormal precipitation in February, according to the latest Water Summary Update.

February's preliminary statewide precipitation was 0.42 inches, 0.75 inches below normal. The state's average snowfall for February was nearly two inches below normal, despite colder temperatures. The winter months are typically the driest in

At the end of February, Iowa's Drought Plan Drought designation showed conditions degrading in the northern three drought regions, resulting in a drought watch designation.

Meanwhile, drought conditions remain stable in the two south-

ern drought regions, with a normal drought watch designation. The U.S. Drought Monitor continues to show over three-quarters of Iowa carrying abnormally dry conditions or drought conditions, with a small area of northwest Iowa in severe drought.

Precipitation forecasts from the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center indicate a slight chance for above-average precipitation for the eastern half of the state. If the outlook holds true, that portion of Iowa could see improved con-

ditions going into April. We saw an expansion of the Moderate in central Iowa and a small part of Eastern Iowa due to an unseasonably dry January and February," said Jessica Reese McIntyre, DNR environmental specialist.

"The rest of the state maintains stable drought conditions as we emerge from the winter months, which are typically the driest months of the year. The National Weather Service precipitation outlooks are promising for the eastern half of the state in March, which may receive slightly above-normal precipitation, while Western Iowa could see average precipitation levels,'

For a thorough review of Iowa's water resource trends, visit iowadnr.gov/watersummarvupdate.

The report is prepared by technical staff from Iowa DNR, the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, IIHR -Hydroscience and Engineering, and the U.S. Geological Survey, in collaboration with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Department.

# CLASSIFIEDS

### **LEGAL NOTICES**

TAX LEVY Proposed BROOKLYN-GUERNSEY-MALCOM Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026	
Date of Public Hearing: 3/26/2025	Time of Public Hearing: 04:00 PM
	Proposed BROOKLYN-GUERNSEY-MALCOM Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

	Γ	Current Year Final Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2025	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2026	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026
General Fund Levy	1	2,052,749	2,052,749	2,382,736
Instructional Support Levy	2	274,914	274,914	300,319
Management	3	493,989	493,989	693,180
Amana Library	4	0	0	-0
Voted Physical Plant and Equipment	5	413,540	413,540	436,388
Regular Physical Plant and Equipment	6	111,427	111,427	117,421
Reorganization Equalization	-7	0	0	0
Public Education/Recreation (Playground)	8	0	0	0
Debt Service	9	1,129,918	1,129,918	1,132,383
Grand Total	10	4,476,537	4,476,537	5,062,427
	t	Current Year Final Property Tax Rate FY 2025	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Rate (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2026	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Rate FY 2026
Grand Total Levy Rate	F	15.25032	13.38749	15.20168
Property Tax Comparison	H	Current Year Property Taxes	Proposed Property Taxes	Percent Change
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000/\$110,000	Г	707	793	12.16
Commercial property with an	Т	3.00	****	98.92

### **LEGAL NOTICES**

BROOKLYN, IOWA
March 5, 2025

The Board of Trustees of Brooklyn Municipal Utilities met in regular session at the utility office. The roll called showing Craig Kuntz by phone, Pat Coleman by phone and Mary Jo Upah present. The minutes of February 8, 2025 meeting were read and upon motion by Upah and second by Kuntz were approved as read. The manager's reports were reviewed and upon motion by Upah and second by Kuntz were approved. Upon motion by Kuntz and second by Upah the following bills were allowed and paid from the General Fund.

Treasurer State of lowa sales, option, use tax \$ 6,995.12

Employee Feb wages \$ 20,120.78

Treasurer State of lowa state w/h \$ 762.66

IPERS w/h \$ 4,272.14

EFTPS Federal w/h \$ 6,944.90

Clayton Energy Feb reservation \$ 19,780.24

Clayton Energy January commodity \$ 35,342.04

Simeca January Power bill \$ 52,792.68

PEFA, Inc Jan commodity \$ 28,259.30

IAMU dues \$ 6,237.66

City of Brooklyn expenses pd by city \$ 259.39

Cipcot axes \$ 7.771.50

PEFA, Inc Jan commodity \$ 28,259.30
IAMU dues \$ 6,237.66
City of Brooklyn expenses pd by city \$ 259.39
Cipco taxes \$ 7,771.50
Audas Sanitation dumpster rent \$ 64.84
Brooklyn Telecommunications phone, internet \$ 355.67
Brooklyn Grocery supplies, fuel \$ 528.39
Brooklyn Chamber donation, dues \$ 600.00
Brooklyn Economic Dev. Contribution \$ 1,500.00
BGM After Prom donation \$ 100.00
Intercounty Cable cable \$ 104.50
Brooklyn Hardware supplies \$ 63.93
Visa training, supplies \$ 895.89
USPS postage \$ 223.82
DGR Engineering services \$ 1,820.00
Fletcher-Reinhardt supplies \$ 2,383.96
Petty Cash postage \$ 44.98
Quill supplies \$ 40.83
Brooklyn Service Center fuel \$ 84.30
WMPF Group ad \$ 38.16
Brooklyn Utilifies gas, water, sewer \$ 1,217.79
Troy Meldrem reimbursement \$ 87.24
Napa Auto Parts supplies \$ 407.11
Skarshaug Testing supplies \$ 32.37
Stuart C Irby tools \$ 866.70
Meeting adjourned.
Attest: Troy Meldrem, Board Secretary

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STATE OF IOWA: COUNTY OF IOWA

The Iowa County Board of Supervisors met February 28, 2025. Heitshusen, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Heitshusen, Maas, Meyer and Montross were present. Degen absent.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Maas to approve the agenda. All aye, motion

carried. Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to approve minutes for February 21, 2025.

All ave, motion carried.

Chair Notes: The board approved handwritten claims paid with warrant numbers 37328-37497. Board approved payroll paid with warrant numbers 37500 & 37501. Nick Amelon, Iowa County Engineer, met with the board to discuss construction, road maintenance, engineer's office miscellaneous, Rock Bids and Appointment of Weed Commissioner.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Maas to approve the 2025 FM Contract low rock bids as follows:

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Patrol District Contractor Tons Rate/Ton Total Amount
101 Wendling Quarries 3,500 \$19.67 \$68,845.00
102 Wendling Quarries 5,125 \$17.74 \$90,917.50
103 Wendling Quarries 4,213 \$18.69 \$80,609.97
104 Wendling Quarries 3,375 \$17.79 \$60,682.50
105 Douds Stone 3,303 \$18.41 \$60,992.33
107 River Products 3,375 \$17.48 \$58,995.00
106 Douds Stone 3,250 \$20.86 \$67,795.00
108 Douds Stone 3,000 \$21.79 \$65,370.00
110 River Products 3,825 \$17.92 \$68,544.00
Total: 36,076 \$680,771.3
All aye, motion carried.
Motion by Montross, seconded by Meyer to approve the 2025 local Contract low rock bids as follows:

rock bids as follows:
Patrol District Contractor Tons Rate/Ton Total Amount

101 Wendling Quarries 2,375 519.67 \$46,716.25
102 Wendling Quarries 3,125 \$17.74 \$55,437.50
103 Wendling Quarries 4,625 \$17.74 \$55,437.50
104 Wendling Quarries 4,625 \$17.79 \$83,157.50
105 Douds Stone 2,875 \$18.45 \$53,043.75
106 River Products 3,063 \$18.09 \$55,409.67
107 River Products 2,950 \$17.37 \$51,241.50
108 Douds Stone 2,625 \$21.11 \$55,413.75
109 Douds Stone 2,625 \$21.11 \$55,413.75
109 Douds Stone 2,625 \$21.11 \$55,413.75
109 Douds Stone 3,313 \$22.38 \$74,144.94
110 River Products 2,250 \$18.07 \$40,675.50

Total: 29,201 \$552,602.36
All aye, motion carried.
Motion by Maas, seconded by Meyer to table appointment of Weed Commissioner.
All aye, motion carried.
Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to go into Drainage District session at 9:58
a.m. All aye, motion carried.
Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to approve expanding Marengo Trail
System as presented. All aye, motion carried.
Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to go out of Drainage District Session at 9:59 a.m. All aye, motion carried.
Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to approve the liquor license renewal for Price Creek. All aye, motion carried.
Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to approve the liquor license renewal for Price Creek. All aye, motion carried.
Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to approve the liquor license renewal for Price Creek. All aye, motion carried.
Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to adjourn at 10:02 a.m. All aye, motion carried.
Kevin Heitshusen, Chairperson

carried.
Kevin Heitshusen, Chairperson
Brandy Enochson, Auditor
\*\*\*Minutes are unofficial until approved at the next Board Meeting. \*\*\*

### **LEGAL NOTICES**

March 3, 2025
The Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present Jason Roudabush, Jacki Bolen, and Jeff

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve agenda, 3 ayes. Motion carried. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve February 27, 2025 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried. Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve re-appointment of Linda Stoll as commissioner to VA Commission for a term until June 30, 2027. 3 ayes. Motion carried

a term until June 30, 2027. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve fireworks permit for Holiday Lake Owners Association for display on July 5, 2025. 3 ayes. Motion carried. 8:35 a.m. Kristin Fantazia, General Assistance provided board with a weekly update.

Roard received 4-year plan update for

Board received 4-year plan update for PI-254 Finisher, Section 32, Pleasant

Township.
Tindle attended the Central lowa
Juvenile Detention meeting and DeCAT meeting last week.
\$59 a.m. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by
Roudabush to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.
Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County
Auditor Jeff Tindle, Chairman

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS CASE NO. ESPRO19962

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR POWESHIEK COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL C. JONES, Deceased.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of PAUL C. JONES, Deceased, who died on or about February 3, 2025: You are hereby notified that on March 7, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of PAUL C. JONES, deceased, bearing date of January 26, 2011, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Doris K. Jones 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.

If the next Board Meeting. \*\*\*

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 March 7, 2025. Dated March 7, 2025.

Doris K. Jones Executor of Estate 1507 330th Ave

Brooklyn, IA 522'
Eric R. Bidwell
Attorney for Executor
Rutherford & Bidwell Law Office
106A South 1st Avenue
Marshalltown, IA 50158
Date of second publication: 21st day of
March, 2025. NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS PROBATE NO. ESPR019958 THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR POWESHIEK COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTA TE OF DONALD E ATKINSON, Deceased.

o All Persons Interested in the Estate f Donald E Atkinson, Deceased, who ed on or about January 8, 2025:

died on or about January 8, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on February 26th, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Donald E Atkinson, deceased, bearing date of March 17, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Timothy J Atkinson 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. 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 from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated: February 27th, 2025. Timothy J Atkinson, Executor of Estate 706 E. Des Moines St. Brooklyn, IA 52211 Brandon J. Buck, ICIS#: AT0012652

Attorney for Executor
Moore, McKibben,
Goodman & Lorenz, LLP
26 South 1st Ave, Suite 302
Marshalltown, IA 50158 Date of second publication: 21st day of

**Public Notice** Legal Notice

Legal Notice
Pursuant to the by-laws of the Brooklyn
Mutual Telecommunications
Cooperative. Nomination papers will be
received until 5 P.M. Friday, March
14th, 2025 for election of directors. Said
nominees will be voted upon at the
annual meeting of the Brooklyn Mutual
Telecommunications Cooperative to be
held Wednesday, March 26th, 2025 at
7:00 P.M.

Nomination papers shall contain signatures of ten members, be notarized and filed with the secretary of the board. Nate Hopwood, President Chris Gritsch, Secretary Notice of the Annual Meeting of the Members of Brooklyn Mutual Telecommunications Cooperative

Brooklyn Mutual Telecommunications Cooperative March 26th, 2025
To the Members of Brooklyn Mutual Telecommunications Cooperative:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual Meeting of the Members of Brooklyn Mutual Telecommunications Cooperative will be held at the BGM High School Cafeteria, Brooklyn, Iowa on March 26th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. The purposes of the meeting are to elect members to the Board of Directors and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Chris Gritsch, Secretary
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Friday, March 21st, 2025

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