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PUBLISHER'S NOTICE
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Public Notice
ACCEPTING BIDS

The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors is accepting bids for the sale of mature walnut trees located at the County Home farm pasture. Bids are to be submitted to the Buchanan County Auditor's Office, February 23, 2026, by 9 AM. Bids will be opened at 9:15 am on February 23 at that time anyone who placed a bid will have the opportunity to raise their bid. Bid sheets are available at the Buchanan County Auditor's Office or on our website www.buchanan.iowa.gov. For specific requirements or questions contact Dawn Vogel at 319-334-3578 or dvogel@co.buchanan.iowa.us. The County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Published in the Bulletin Journal on February 7 & 14, 2026.

Public Notice

The Independence City Council met for a work session/special meeting in the council chambers at 5:30 p.m., on Mon., Feb. 2, 2026. Mayor Bleichner opened the meeting by calling the meeting to order with Council Members Weber, Moore, Mayner, O'Loughlin, and Appleby in attendance. Hanna via phone. Prusator was excused. This meeting was available for public attendance. O'Loughlin/Mayner with a motion to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the resolution to endorse the 6th Avenue SW Extension Trail Phase 2 project for grant funding. Ayes: Hanna, Moore, Mayner, O'Loughlin, and Weber. Nays: Appleby. Absent: Prusator. Res No. 2026-10. Council had a discussion on the following topics: Art Across Indee update – Wapsi Dam lighting, Buchanan County Emergency Management – DAEC discussion, Wastewater Treatment Plant update on the Federal grant, 204 3rd St NE, 1st St West BUILD Grant Application contract amendment, the 2026 City Wide Cleanup, FY27 levy, FY27 third party requests, FY27 salary adjustments, and proposed department operating budgets for FY27. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. Published in the Bulletin Journal on February 7, 2026.

AUCTION CALENDAR

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5675 Hwy. 13, Coggon, IA
HOGUE AUCTIONEERING
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Public Notice
THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR BUCHANAN COUNTY
CASE NO. ESPR008418
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF
WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HAROLD GEORGE BIRCHARD DECEASED
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Harold George Birchard, Deceased, who died on or about January 15, 2026:
You are hereby notified that on January 26, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Harold George Birchard, deceased, bearing date of February 13, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Steven Birchard 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 January 28, 2026.
Steven Birchard,
Executor of Estate
2517 Nolen Ave
Independence, IA 50644
James T Peters, ICIS#:AT0006120
Attorney for Executor
Peters & Longmuir, PLC
309 First St. E
Independence, IA 50644
Date of second publication: February 7, 2026.

Public Notice
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR
BUCHANAN COUNTY
Probate No. ESPR008417
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
MARIE A. VANOUS, Deceased.
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF
WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Marie A. Vanous, Deceased, who died on or about January 10, 2026:
You are hereby notified that on January 22, 2026, the last will and testament of Marie A. Vanous, deceased, bearing date of May 3, 2024, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Carol Kitzman and Donald Vanous were appointed co-executors 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 this 26th day of January, 2026.
Donald Vanous
2442 290th St
Rowley, IA 52329
Carol Kitzman
76 Summit Ave
Swisher, IA 52338
Co-Executors of the estate
Henry E. Nathanson of
Nazette, Marnar Nathanson Knoll LLP
Attorney for executor
615 2nd St SW
Cedar Rapids, IA 52404
Date of second publication: 7th day of February, 2026.

Public Notice
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
IN AND FOR BUCHANAN
COUNTY

GARY A. WIGGINS and
SUE MUSETTE TRAVIS,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
OSCAR CHAVEZ LOPEZ; ROBERTO PABLO RAMOS LOPEZ; WADE-NA INSURANCE COMPANY; IMT INSURANCE COMPANY, Defendants.
CASE No.: LACV010999
ORIGINAL NOTICE
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
You are notified that a Petition at Law and Jury Demand has been filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court, naming you as a Defendant in this action. A copy of the Petition at Law and Jury Demand (and any documents filed with it) is attached to this notice. The Petition at Law and Jury Demand was filed on the 8th day of August, 2025. The attorney for the Plaintiffs is Jeffrey R. Tronvold of the law firm of Eells & Tronvold Law Offices, P.L.C., whose address is 1921 51st Street NE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52402; that attorney's telephone number is (319) 393-1020; and facsimile number is (319) 393-4000.
You are further notified that the above case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. Unless, within 20 days after service of this Original Notice upon you, you serve, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer in the Iowa District Court for Buchanan County, at the Courthouse in Independence, Iowa, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition. Please see Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for information on electronic filing and Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, Division VI regarding the protection of personal information in Court filings.
If you need assistance to participate in Court due to a disability, call the disability coordinator at 1-319-833-3390. Persons who are hearing or speech impaired may call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942. Disability coordinators cannot provide legal advice.
CLERK OF COURT
Buchanan County Courthouse
Independence, IA 50644
IMPORTANT: YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS.
Published in the Bulletin Journal on February 7, 14, & 21, 2026.

Public Notice
THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR LINN COUNTY

Probate No. ESPR048880
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF
WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF
CO-EXECUTORS,
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DORIS A. NATVIG, Deceased
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Doris A. Natvig, Deceased, who died on or about November 10, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on January 21, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Doris A. Natvig, deceased, bearing date of February 7, 2024, (the "Will"), was admitted to probate in the above-named court and Deidre E. Dowdy and Aaron R. Finch were appointed Co-Executors of the Estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of Linn 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 Co-Executors, 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 January 22, 2026.
Deidre E. Dowdy,
Co-Executor of Estate
404 4th Street
Argyle, TX 76226
Aaron R. Finch,
Co-Executor of Estate
3437 Whistling Wings Ln
Toddville, IA 52341
Paul P. Morf, ICIS#: AT0005467
Attorney for Co-Executors
Simmons Perrine Moyer Bergman, PLC
Cedar Rapids, IA 52401
115 3rd Street SE, Suite 1200
Amelia S. Mapes, ICIS#: AT0013474
Attorney for Co-Executors
Belin McCormick, P.C.
606 Walnut Street, Suite 2000
Des Moines, IA 50309
Date of second publication: February 7, 2026.

INDEPENDENCE BULLETIN JOURNAL

BINGO BONANZA BLOWOUT

We will be giving away
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During the Month of
FEBRUARY

Look for your official Bingo Bonanza Blowout game card in the February 4th edition of the Independence Bulletin Journal.

NEW NUMBERS EACH ISSUE OF THE INDEPENDENCE BULLETIN JOURNAL

Bingo Bonanza Blowout Contest Rules

1. Entrants must submit an eligible game card with one or more eligible "bingo". A bingo is defined as properly marked squares consecutively in a row horizontally, column vertically, or diagonally.
2. Contestants must mark their official game card with the corresponding bingo number as it appears in the newspaper. Game cards must be clearly marked and bingo numbers must be readable in order to be considered valid. Game card submission must come with the contestant's name, address and telephone number legibly printed on the back or it will be considered void. Game submissions will be accepted for 10 days after the end of that month's game (Ex. March 10th is the last day we will accept game cards from February).
3. Numbers will be in the newspaper twice weekly. Supplies are limited. No purchase necessary. No limits on the number of entries per household. Must be 18 years old or older to participate. Winners are responsible for the tax liability, if any, for the prize won.
4. Weekly numbers will not be given out over the phone or on the website, although e-edition subscribers may view them online. Winners have one week to claim prize. We will contact winners by phone. By accepting a prize, you consent the newspaper to publish your name and picture.
5. Altered, tampered, or copied cards or card numbers will be voided and disqualify cardholder from participating in Bingo Bonanza Blowout for the rest of the promotion. Entries will only be accepted through mail or if dropped directly at the local office. Any faxed or emailed entries will be disregarded. Newspaper employees, their immediate families and agents of the newspaper are not eligible to win.
6. Prizes are as follows: Each month will have a maximum of seven drawings. Contest 1 will be one drawing from every entry sent in with a blackout (all spaces filled) for \$100. Contest 2 will be two drawings for \$50 each from every entry sent in with a double bingo (2 or more bingos). Contest 3 will be four drawings for \$25 each from every entry sent in with one bingo.