

NEWS

	Saturday Partly Cloudy 42° 27° Precip: 5% Wind: SSE 13 mph	Sunday Mostly Sunny 48° 30° Precip: 6% Wind: NW 10 mph	Monday Mostly Sunny 57° 39° Precip: 7% Wind: SSW 12 mph	Tuesday Partly Cloudy 56° 33° Precip: 13% Wind: WNW 13 mph	Wednesday Cloudy 45° 33° Precip: 24% Wind: E 12 mph	Thursday Mostly Cloudy 44° 29° Precip: 20% Wind: NW 11 mph
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70th Wedding Anniversary Celebration



Ernie and Donna Parmer will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 15, 2026 with an open house at the Humeston Community Center, 115 N Eaton, Humeston, IA, from 1-3pm. The event will be hosted by their children Buck, Claudia, Susan, and their families. The couple requests no gifts

Northwest Missouri State University Honor Roll

The Office of the Registrar at Northwest Missouri State University announced students named to the Academic or President's honor rolls at the end of the 2025 fall semester.

To be included on the Academic Honor Roll a student must carry a minimum of 12 credit hours and attain a grade-point average of 3.50 or above on a 4.00 scale. Students named to the President's Honor Roll have attained a perfect 4.00 GPA for the semester.

Names on Northwest's fall 2025 semester honor rolls from Chariton Iowa were, Milana J Gogan – President's Honor Roll, Chase Willis – President's Honor Roll and Lexi L Smyser – Academic Honor Roll.

Approximately \$110,000 available in grant funds

Approximately \$110,000 available in grant funds for charitable and non-profit organizations serving Lucas County! The Lucas County - SCICF has again partnered with Greater Des Moines Community Foundation for this year's granting cycle. Grants are awarded in a competitive grant process. To be considered for a grant organizations must be tax-exempt, nonprofit entities classified by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization or a government body (school, city, county). Application forms are available at <https://scicf.org/counties/lucas-county.html> or www.desmoines-foundation.org/lucas

Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2026, to be considered for funding. The mission of the Foundation is to contribute to a better life for the people of Lucas County. Foundation Advisory Board members include Adam Bahr, Bill Baynes, Hanna Gwinn, Dave Hobbs, Mark Morrison, Lynn Stuart, Ray Thurlby, & Jodi Briggs. Contact – Diane Ross, South Central Iowa Community Foundation 641-217-9105 diane@scicf.org

Derby Blue Ribbon Winners

Colton Schlutz Reporter

The Derby Blue Ribbon Winners 4-H club met on Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at the Derby Community Center. There were 13 members, 2 leaders and 5 guests in attendance. Nicole Strickland, Lucas County Youth Coordinator was present to lead the training for YQCA, (Youth for the Quality Care of Animals). Members will need to complete a few questions online to get their certificates. The YQCA training was followed by the regular meeting. Sayge Polo-Head, President, called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Levi Evans. The secretary's report was given by Dallas Head. Emmerson Gunzenhauser made a motion to approve the secretary's report and it was seconded by Paislee McFall. Levi Evans gave the treasurer's report and Emmerson Gunzenhauser made a motion to approve. Owen Hampton seconded the motion. The 4-H Pledge was led by Owen Hampton. Chase Cobb led an activity on teamwork to close the meeting

Alpha Omicron Master January Meeting

Ten members of Alpha Omicron Master met at the Russell Community building with Sandy Swartz as our Hostess. There was no communication from International. Announcements: Deb announced she will be welcoming a new great grandchild this Spring/Summer. Committee reports Area Council: Valentine social will be February 9th at the Masonic Lodge in Chariton with Jackie Askland catering. Social hour is at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Our Founder's Day celebration will be April 29th at the Russell Community Building. Next Area Council meeting is February 3rd. Ways & Means: Joyce brought brownies for the Cook, Bake, Buy Auction and Pam won. Service: We made a donation to the Russell Community Building. The January Cultural outing and social have been postponed till February 7th. We will be meeting on the square in Chariton and participating in the Valentine Shop Hop and have lunch also. Pam took our votes for our Valentine Queen. Sandy gave her lesson on Molly Bolin. Molly Bolin, known as "Machine Gun Molly," is the legendary women's basketball star from Moravia, Iowa. Next meeting will be February 19th with Nancy Warren as our Hostess.

Bomgaars' Ladies Night event raises funds for LCHC Comfort Fund Program



Chariton, Iowa – Chariton Bomgaars has, once again, demonstrated its commitment to community well-being through its recent Ladies Night event in October 2025. The store's initiative, which donates 5% of total sales during the event to local hospitals, has resulted in a remarkable contribution of \$439.15 to the Comfort Fund at Lucas County Health Center. The Comfort Fund, dedicated to providing bags filled with essential comfort items to chemo patients on their first day of treatment, has received substantial community support since its inception in 2019. With this donation, the store has facilitated the purchase of six additional comfort bags, making an impact on the lives of individuals undergoing chemotherapy. "Bomgaars' continued support of our Comfort Fund directly benefits patients and families in our community," said Jay Christensen, Chief Executive Officer. "We're thankful for partners who step up to help their neighbors." To learn more about LCHC's Comfort Fund, visit www.lchcia.com.

CHOIR

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The high school choir under the direction of Tyler Urich, will join them singing: "Edelweiss" from the Sound of Music, "You'll Never Walk Alone" from Carousel, "Somewhere" from Westside Story, and a medley of music from Les Miserables. The choir will be wearing their new Tux's and Gowns for the performance. Please plan to attend this wonderful opportunity for our students and the Vredenburg Performing Arts Series.

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