

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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Lucas County Cattlemen annual meeting

The 2025 Lucas County Cattlemen annual meeting was called to order by President Donise Altenhofen on January 29, 2026, at Carpenter Hall.

Ava McDonough sang the National Anthem. Brad Evans gave the invocation before dinner. Lori Evans read the 2024 annual meeting minutes and 2025 activity report. Donise Altenhofen introduced the Lucas County Cattlemen's Board of Directors.

Laurie Hunter introduced the 2025 4-H beef winners from the Lucas County Fair and their sponsors.

The entertainment was local magician Tricky Ricky. Bryan Whaley, CEO of the Iowa Cattlemen's Association, gave an informative insight into Next Generation Cattlemen and what they are working on at the state level.

Bryan Reed, ICA District 19 representative, spoke on his involvement in the beef industry. Nick Hunter presented Marleen Oxenreider with the 2025 Lucas County Cattlemen Hall of Fame award. No scholarship was given for the year 2025. Joey McDonough led the trophy auction for the 2026 Beef awards for the Lucas County 4-H achievement show. Donise Altenhofen thanked New Coop for their generous donation to the Scholarship Fund.

Tracy Taylor from Midwest Heritage Bank introduced Ava McDonough for this year's Youth Heifer Award. Door prizes were followed to end the meeting.



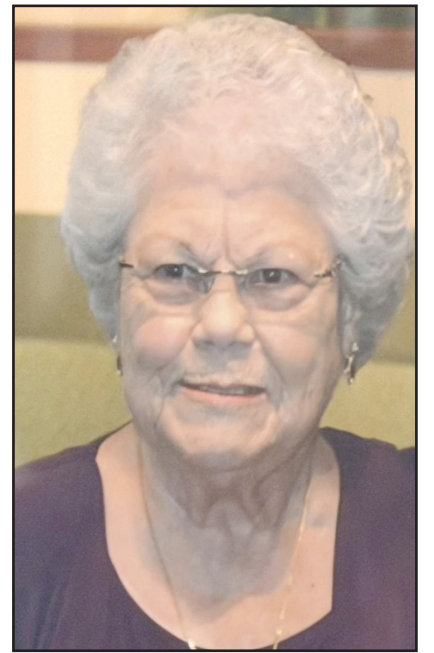
Lucas County Cattlemen President Donise Altenhofen, presented Marleen Oxenreider with the Lucas County Cattlemen Hall of Fame award.



Beef trophy buyers for the 2026 4-H and FFA Fair pictured left to right. Donise Altenhofen - Lucas County Cattlemen, Aaron McGee - Russell Livestock Market, Karelle Adams - Osceola Vet Clinic, Wes Rodgers

Marjorie Lee to celebrate her 90th birthday

Marjorie Lee will be celebrating her 90th birthday on March 2, 2026. Her family will be hosting a card shower in her honor. Please send your birthday wishes to Marjorie at 808 Grace Ave., Chariton, IA 50049.



Torchbearer Lambda is offering a scholarship

Torchbearer Lambda chapter of Beta Sigma Phi is offering a \$500.00 scholarship to a son, daughter, or a grandchild of a past or present member of Lucas County Beta Sigma Phi Sorority who wants to continue their education.

The past or present member of Lucas County Beta Sigma Phi Sorority must be in good stand-

ing with Beta Sigma Phi International.

Applications may be obtained from the Chariton High School Counselor or Chairpersons of the Torchbearer Lambda Scholarship Committee, Diane Smith or Judy Krutsinger. Applications are due March 30, 2026. The requirements and details of the scholarship are on the application.

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The property owner is who called the fire in. "He went inside and came back out and found the barn on fire," Chief Davis said.

The cause of the fire is

undetermined. "The most probable cause was that the property owner was burning debris and the wind switched directions and blew embers into the barn," Chief Davis said.

There were no injuries suffered as a result of the fire. Chief Davis said that

the fire mainly affected the barn. There was a small grass fire that was started as a result of the fire in the barn but the grass fire didn't amount to much.

Chariton was the main fire department that handled the fire. They called

the Williamson Volunteer Fire Department for tanker help to provide extra water. A deputy from the Lucas County Sheriff's Office did traffic control as smoke was blowing across the highway.

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Medicare Advantage Plans
 Medicare Supplement Insurance
 Identifying Medicare Fraud, Errors, and Abuse
 "As people approach Medicare eligibility, navigating their options can feel overwhelming," said Kristine Kennedy, Volunteer Services Manager at Lucas County Health Center. "This seminar provides a valuable opportunity to receive accurate, unbiased information from trusted experts."

Registration is required as seating is limited. Attendees must register by March 17, 2026 by calling (641) 774-3226.

For more information about SHIP, visit www.shiip.org.

shiip.iowa.gov or call 1-800-351-4664.

This project is supported, in part, by grants from the U.S. Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services.

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2026.

The board held a brief discussion on and then approved an out of state travel request for Chariton High School Art teacher Susie Spencer to attend an art

conference in Chicago, Ill., with the cost not to exceed \$2,500.

The board also approved the tentative District Plan with Great Prairie AEA for the 2026-27, school year, with the cost not to exceed \$250,000.

City of Chariton Aquatic Center Seasonal Positions Available

The City of Chariton is now accepting applications for seasonal positions at the Vredenburg-Chariton Family Aquatic Center for the 2026 season. Positions include: pool manager, assistant pool manager, lifeguards, concessions stand manager, and concession attendants. All lifeguard applicants should possess lifeguarding certification or be willing to obtain prior to June 2026.

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