

NEWS/PUBLIC NOTICES

Field Day Hunter Education course slated

Lucas County Conservation will be hosting a Field Day Hunter Education course at Pin Oak Lodge south of Chariton, IA on Saturday, April 25th from 8:00am to Noon. Physical address for Pin Oak Lodge is 45996 State Hwy 14, Chariton, IA 50049.

Hunter education is a mandatory program that is designed to introduce students to several life-long skills that are important to many different types of outdoor recreational opportunities. The course

teaches students basic survival and first aid skills, water safety, wildlife identification, the basics of wildlife management, hunting laws and firearm/archery safety. Hunter education also stresses the importance of individual responsibility and outdoor ethics.

Iowa law requires that anyone born after January 1, 1972 must be certified in hunter education before they are eligible to purchase an Iowa hunting license.

To attend this field day,

students must register for the course and complete the online course work at [HYPERLINK "https://www.hunter-ed.com/iowa/"](https://www.hunter-ed.com/iowa/) <https://www.hunter-ed.com/iowa/>. Once the student has completed the online portion, print off the field day voucher and bring it to the class. Class sign-up will go live on Tuesday, March 10th AND SPOTS WILL FILL UP FAST! Don't wait to sign up!

Please note: When registering a child for this course please be sure to login as the child

wishing to register or create account for that child and do not login or register yourself as a parent unless you are wanting to take the course yourself for certification. Students who have previously purchased Iowa DNR Licenses (such as youth deer tags), will already have an Iowa DNR account and should register for this field day using their personal information.

March 1: Local youth recognized for outstanding achievements

Eleven exceptional youth were honored on March 1 for their achievements in completing detailed record books and excelling in various projects. These records meticulously tracked income and expenses related to live-stock or static projects and included documentation of community activities, service projects, and club events.

Among the celebrated youth, Abigail Longley of the English Strivers 4-H Club received numerous awards for her accomplishments in Clothing & Fashion, \$20 Challenge, Visual Arts, Photography, Communications, Health & Child Development, Food & Nutrition, Veterinary Science, Dogs, and was named the Top Intermediate Record Book.

From the Nor-Luco 4-H Club, Haley Petty was recognized for her work in Sewing & Needle Art, Food & Nutrition and Horticulture. Hunter Petty was recognized for his excellent work in woodworking.

The remaining recipients hailed from the Derby Blue Ribbon Winners 4-H Club, showcasing their dedication and expertise in a variety of fields:



**Back Row Left to Right- Chase Cobb, Colton Schlutz, Cayden Schlutz
Front Row Left to Right- Haley Petty, Abigail Longley, Emersen Gunzenhauser, Jace Throckmorton, Oliver Palmer, Hunter Petty, Brandt Cobb Not Pictured: Owen Hampton**

Emersen Gunzenhauser: Honored for achievements in Clothing & Fashion, Visual Arts, Photography, Home Improvement & Home Grounds Improvement, Communications, Citizenship, Outdoor Adventures, Woodworking, Self Determined, Poultry and Goats. Emersen was also awarded the Top Senior Record Book.

Oliver Palmer: Commended for achievements in Visual Arts, Photography, Home Improvement & Home Grounds Improvement and Food & Nutrition. Brandt Cobb, Chase Cobb & Owen Hampton: All three received achievements for their efforts in Market Beef. Jace Throckmorton & Cayden Schlutz: Both

were commended for their achievements in Breeding Beef. Jace was also named the Top Junior Record Book. Colton Schlutz: Awarded for his efforts in Market Swine. We had two members who submitted a record book for the first time. These members were Oliver Palmer and Owen Hampton.

These young individuals exemplify the values of hard work, dedication, and community involvement fostered through their 4-H Club participation. Their accomplishments serve as an inspiration to peers. Congratulations to all recipients!

LEGALS

PUBLIC NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of **The Mormon Trail Community School District in Decatur, Clarke, Lucas & Wayne County, Iowa**

Special Election will be held to fill vacancy of School Board Director at Large.

Tuesday, April 7, 2026
Polls open at 7:00 am and close at 8:00 pm

Lucas County Eligible Electors will vote at the Lucas Community Center and will vote absentee at your Auditor's office. You may contact Auditor, Julie Masters at 641-774-4512 Opt. 3 or email: mastersj@lucasco.org

Decatur & Wayne County Auditors will administer the special election for their eligible electors.

Decatur County Eligible Electors will vote at the Van Wert Community Center and will vote absentee at your Auditor's office. You may contact Auditor, Stephanie Daughton at 641-446-4323 or email: decauditor@grm.net

Wayne & Clarke County Eligible Electors vote at the Humeston Community Center, Humeston Iowa and will vote absentee with Wayne County Auditor, Michelle Dooley at 641-872-2242 or email: midooley@waynecountyia.org

First Day absentee ballots may be mailed or voted in person is Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

The deadline for eligible electors to pre-register for this election is Monday, March 23, 2026 @ 5pm.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is Monday, March 23, 2026 @ 5pm.

The deadline to vote absentee In-Person at the Lucas County Auditor's office is Monday, April 6, 2026 @ 4PM.

Pre-registered voters are required to provide an approved form of identification at the polling location before receiving and casting a regular ballot. Voters who are not pre-registered-such as voters registering to vote on election day-or voters changing precincts must also provide proof of residency.

A voter who is unable to provide an approved form of identification (or proof of residence if required) may have one of the following:

- 1) Voter's identity/residence attested to by another registered voter in the precinct,
- 2) Proof of identity and residency using Election Day Registration documents,
- 3) cast a provisional ballot and provide proof of identity/residency at the Wayne County Auditor's Office by noon on Monday, April 13, 2026.

Election Day Registrant attestors must provide an approved form of identification.

For additional information about providing proof of identity and/or residency visit: <https://sos.iowa.gov/voterid> or phone 641-872-2242.

Any voter who is physically unable to enter a polling location has the right to vote in the voter's vehicle. For further information, please contact the County Auditor's Office at the telephone or E-mail address listed below.

Lucas County Auditor and Commissioner of Elections 641-774-4512 Opt. 3 or mastersj@lucasco.org

Julie L Masters
Lucas County Auditor and
Commissioner of Elections
916 Braden Ave.
Chariton, IA 50049

Candidate listing for Special Election
Mormon Trail Community School District
April 7, 2026

For Director At-Large to Fill Vacancy
Vote for no more than One
Matthew Cromer
Andrew Bexten

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING — PROPOSED BUDGET Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027 LUCAS COUNTY HOSPITAL

The Board of Hospital Trustees of this County will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:

Meeting Date: 3/31/2026 Meeting Time: 06:30 PM Meeting Location: Lucas County Health Center Education Center

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the secretary.

Contact Name: Jay Christensen Contact Telephone Number: (641) 774-3324

FUND	A Expenditure June 30, 2025 Actual	B Expenditure June 30, 2026 Re- estimated	C Expenditure June 30, 2027 Proposed	D Transfers Out	E Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2027	F Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2027	G Estimated Other Receipts	H Transfers In	I Estimated Amount To Be Raised By Taxation
1. General	32,430,914	37,791,826	43,085,800	0	16,718,681	14,770,453	43,057,306	1,838,922	137,800
2. FICA				712,211	0	0	51,915	0	660,296
3. IPERS				712,211	0	0	51,915	0	660,296
4. Emergency				0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Ambulance	0	0	0	142,500	0	0	4,700	0	137,800
6. Unemployment Comp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. Debt Service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8. Tort Liability/Ins.	0	0	0	272,080	0	0	24,199	0	247,881
9. Restricted Funds	49,374	49,374	49,374	0	269,643	307,517	11,500	0	0
10. Board Designated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11. Total	32,480,288	37,841,200	43,135,174	1,839,002	16,988,324	15,077,970	43,201,535	1,838,922	1,844,073

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: 3.61321

Virtual Meeting Information:

Christine Buttell, PA-C

Family Medicine

- School & work physicals
- Adult & child well exams
- Female health
- Family medicine
- Skin biopsies
- DOT exams
- Dermatology
- ...and more!

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American Legion
Carl L. Caviness Post 102

Meeting 1st Monday
of the month at 7 p.m.

Freewill donation
meal at 6:30 p.m.

All legion members are encouraged to attend,
and all military veterans are invited to join.

You Are Cordially Invited

to a
Reception Honoring

LUCAS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Celebrating 50 Years
of Preserving Local History

Saturday, March 28
11:00 a.m. • 2:00 p.m.

Research Room
Lower Level
Chariton Public Library

Join us as we commemorate
five decades of dedication
to preserving our community heritage.