

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Norma Anders Public Library

### Schedule Update

The library will be closed Friday, April 3-Sunday, April 5 for Easter. Preschool Stories & More will NOT meet Monday, Monday, April 6. The library is back to normal hours. Thank you for your patience while the library was short-staffed.

### In the MakerSpace

Find crafts and STEM activities at the library when it fits your schedule. We have two centers for activities!

### Ongoing Programs @ the Library

- Preschool Stories & More, Mondays at 10:15 a.m.
- Card Creations, Mondays at 1 p.m.
- Knit & Stitch, Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m.
- Pages & Puzzles, Thursdays 10:30 a.m. to noon
- Afternoon Book Club, 1st Mondays at 1:30 p.m.
- Book Talk, 4th Fridays at 10 a.m.

### New Fiction:

- Felicia's Favorites by Danielle Steel
- A Deadly Plot by Karen MacInerney
- It's Not Her by Mary Kubica
- My Husband's Wife by Alice Feeney
- Lady Tremaine by Rachel Hochhauser

- I Came Back for You by Kate White
- Kissing the Sky by Lisa Patton
- Wait for Me by Amy Jo Burns

### New Children's Books:

- One Day at the Bottom of the Deep Blue Sea by Daniel Bernstrom
- Every Monday Mable by Jashar Awan
- Selena the Sunflower Dragon by Maddy Mara

### New Graphic Novels:

- Agents of S.U.I.T. Sew Much Trouble by John Patrick Green
- I Survived the California Wildfires, 2018 by Lauren Tarshis

## Traer Public Library

### On The Calendar

- Mon Mar 30 at 1:00 Fit and Feisty
- Mon Mar 30 at 1:00 Cribbage and Dominos
- Mon Mar 30 at 2:00 BINGO
- Tues Mar 31 at 1:00 Tuesday Quilters
- Tues Mar 31 at 1:00 Tai Chi
- Tues Mar 31 at 1:05 Outside the Lines Adult Coloring
- Wed Apr 1 at 10:15 Story Time
- Wed Apr 1 at 1:00 Fit and Feisty
- Wed Apr 1 at 2:00 Crafty Card Making with Lesia
- Wed Apr 1 at 2:30 Early Out program
- Thur Apr 2 at 10:00 Cribbage and Rummikub

- Fri Apr 3 at 1:00 Fit and Feisty
- Sat Apr 4- Closed for Easter

### BINGO

Join Naomi on Monday, March 30 at 2:00 PM for a fun-filled hour of BINGO in the Community Room! No cost or sign-up required—just come and enjoy the game. You could even win some fantastic prizes!

### Outside The Lines-Adult Coloring

Join us at the library Tuesday, March 31 at 1:05 for a relaxing hour of coloring and conversation! We'll have bookmarks and greeting cards available for you to color, with colored pencils and markers provided (feel free to bring your own too). No cost or sign-up required—just drop in and enjoy!

### Carnegie Coffee & Crafty Cards

Craft a cute greeting card with Laurie on Wednesday, April 1 at 2:00 while enjoying a cup of coffee, tea or cocoa. There is no cost, and no sign-up is required. We provide all supplies.

### Story Time

Join us every Wednesday at 10:15 AM for Story Time with Miss Stephenie for a fun-filled morning of songs, stories, crafts, and engaging activities or playtime.

### Early-Out Program

Join Miss Stephenie every Wednesday at 2:30 for our early out program.

### Cribbage & Rummikub/ Dominos

Our Cribbage and Rummikub groups meet Thursday at 10:00 AM. We will also meet Mondays at 1:00 PM for Cribbage and Dominos. Stop by for a friendly game and a hot beverage—new players are always welcome, and no experience is needed!

### Get Active at the Library!

Our Fit & Feisty exercise group meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 1:00. We offer a variety of exercises, and you can participate from either a sitting or standing position, so it's appropriate for all fitness levels. There is no cost for this program. Come give it a try!

### The Immigrant Next Door

Join author James Kenyon on Wednesday, April 8 at 2:00 as he discusses his book about immigrants from around the world and shares their exhilarating, excruciating, joyous, and invariably inspiring journeys.

### Pun-Of-The-Week: I'M TERRIFIED OF ELEPHANTS...SO I'M GOING TO START TAKING STEPS TO AVOID THEM.

# Obituaries

### Austin Burcham, 26

Austin David Burcham, age 26 of Newcastle, Nebraska, passed away as a result of injuries sustained in a single car accident on February 24, 2026. Though his time on earth was too short, the impact Austin made on those around him will be felt for a lifetime. Funeral Services were held on Monday, March 2, 2026, at Faith Lutheran Church in Maskell, Nebraska with burial at



the Maskell Cemetery. Austin is survived by his father, David Burcham of Newcastle, Nebraska and mother, Linda (Beenken, Michel) Burcham of Hudson, Iowa; siblings: Daniel, Heather, and Zachary; grandmother, Marlene Beenken of Hudson, Iowa; and many more loving family members and friends. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Robert and Ivadell Burcham; grandfather, George Beenken; aunt, Tammie Rasmussen, and cousins: Amanda Rasmussen, Liam Fitzwater, and Nick Hagen.

## FISHER

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"In 2011, I found out the seat was open and thought, 'I'm going to run for the House and see what happens.'"

During his time in office, Fisher highlighted a mix of large-scale legislative efforts and more targeted initiatives he personally championed. One of his most notable accomplishments, he said, was helping pass Iowa's Safe at Home program — an address confidentiality system designed to protect victims of domestic violence.

"It allows them to use essentially a substitute address for public documents," Fisher said. "That way, abusers can't easily track them down."

The program, now more than a decade old, continues to operate statewide. On a broader scale, Fisher expressed pride in Republican-led efforts to reduce taxes.

"We've cut income tax down to 3.8% and eliminated tax on retirement income," he said. "Keeping the tax burden down has always been a priority."

He also cited expanded Second Amendment protections and legislation related to gender identity as key policy areas he has supported or helped advance. Beyond passing legislation, Fisher emphasized another role: stopping bills he believes would negatively impact Iowa's economy.

"There are a lot of proposals that sound good but just aren't workable," he said, noting his work in committee to halt certain environmental regulations affecting agriculture.

While some legislative priorities are statewide, others come directly from conversations with constituents.

Fisher pointed to what he described as a growing raccoon population as an example of a hyper-local issue that has gained surprising traction.

"I probably hear about that more than almost anything," he said. "Farmers are dealing with thousands of dollars in damage, from crops to equipment."

He also discussed ef-

orts to address wind turbine lights in rural areas, though that proposal has faced resistance in committee. Fisher describes his relationship with constituents as generally strong, particularly among those who share his views. However, he acknowledged the challenges of representing a politically diverse population.

"Sometimes we can agree to disagree and still be respectful," he said. "Other times, it gets more confrontational."

He added that once he forms a position on an issue, it rarely shifts significantly.

"I try to make sure I've done my homework before I take a stance," Fisher said. "It would take a lot to move me off that."

Outside of policy debates, Fisher says much of legislative life is less glamorous than people might expect.

"Most of the day, it's just work — emails, meetings, discussions," he said. "It's not as exciting as people think."

One of the biggest personal challenges is the daily commute. Fisher travels more than an hour each way to Des Moines during the session.

"It can be tiring," he said. "But I get to sleep in my own bed every night, and that's a big advantage."

During the busiest part of the session, days can stretch well into the evening.

"You might get here at 8 in the morning and not leave until 7:30 at night," he said.

Fisher said his motivation to continue serving comes from both enjoyment of the work and a belief in the policies being enacted under current Republican leadership.

"With the House, Senate and governor aligned, we've been able to get a lot done," he said. "That's exciting."

As Iowa approaches another election cycle, he emphasized the importance of voter participation — particularly in non-presidential years.

"These midterms are every bit as important," Fisher said. "People need to pay attention."

CITY OF DYSART FEBRUARY '26 CLAIMS DISBURSED:			TREASURER WET TAX		
VENDOR	INVOICE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT		WET TAX	
ACES	IT SERVICES/SAFETYNET BACKUP	\$1,154.00	TRIONFO SOLUTIONS, LLC	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$1,469.22
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS INC.	HRA ADMIN SERVICES	\$52.50	U.S. CELLULAR	AMBULANCE DATA PLAN/PHONES	\$281.69
AIRGAS USA LLC	ACETYLENE:CYLINDER RENTAL	\$214.84	UNIFIRST CORPORATION	MOP/MAT SERVICE	\$176.32
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES	\$7,999.06	USA BLUEBOOK	WATER TESTING KITS	\$279.18
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	BOOKS	\$548.82	VAN EGMOND, BILLIE	ACLS TRAINING REIMB TRAVEL	\$548.02
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	SALT SPREADER BATTERY	\$87.05	VAN WERT COMPANY	EL METERS	\$209.25
OFFICE OF AUDITOR OF STATE	AUDIT FILING FEE:FY25	\$425.00	VERIZON WIRELESS	MOBILE DATA PLAN:PD/PW	\$542.63
BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC	MISC.SUPPLIES	\$28.14	VISA	MISC. SUPPLIES/DUES	\$130.13
CATALIS, LLC	1 YR WEBSITE MNGMT	\$1,668.54	WEBER HEATING/PLUMBING/AIR CON	DRAIN AUGER/FIRE STATION REPAIR	\$1,177.00
CNC LUMBER & SUPPLIES	AIR FILTER	\$4.59	WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIEL	HEALTH INSUR.	\$11,028.41
COLUMN SOFTWARE PBC	LEGALS	\$65.77	WOMAN'S WORLD	1 YR SUBSCRIPTION	\$29.99
DYSART CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	DYSART \$ A/C & FRIDGE:PETERSEN	\$150.00	PAYROLL	EMPLOYEE PAYROLL	\$59,101.55
DYSART TIRE & SERVICE, INC.	14 AMB SERVICE/ENGINE HEATER	\$439.89	Accounts Payable Total		\$334,675.22
FARMERS CO-OP TELEPHONE CO.	INTERNET/PHONE/CAMERA'S	\$1,559.76	<b>FEBRUARY '26 DISBURSEMENTS BY FUND:</b>		
GALL'S	MISC.SUPPLIES	\$46.19	GENERAL	\$165,778.04	
GFC LEASING-WI	COPIER AGREEMENT	\$326.40	ROAD USE	\$9,029.86	
HENNINGS, PEG	MILEAGE REIMB CPO CEU CLASS	\$40.60	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	\$71,321.73	
HGTV MAGAZINE	1 YR SUBSCRIPTION	\$29.97	WATER	\$23,028.80	
INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES, INC	BOOKS	\$384.90	SEWER	\$9,522.08	
IOWA GEMT PAYMENT PRGM	AMBULANCE BILLING:JAN-FEB'26	\$1,123.62	SEWER SINKING	\$173.46	
IOWA ONE CALL	ONE CALL SERVICE	\$24.30	ELECTRIC	\$111,931.26	
IOWA UTILITIES COMMISSION	IEC/CGRER ASSESSMENT	\$1,672.05		\$390,785.23	
IPERS COLLECTIONS	IPERS- WAGE ADJ CORR	\$10,715.26	<b>FEBRUARY '26 REVENUES BY FUND:</b>		
IRS - FEDERAL TAX DEPOSIT	FED/FICA TAX	\$12,450.74	GENERAL	\$109,956.78	
JOE'S GYM	MEMBERSHIP-ANNUAL-PD	\$840.00	ROAD USE	\$11,634.77	
KARL CHEVROLET INC	POLICE VEHICLE-'26 TAHOE	\$53,740.20	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT	\$588.26	
KARL CHEVROLET INC	'26 TAHOE UPFITTING:PD	\$21,978.64	LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$9,892.18	
KRUG, JANENE	MILEAGE REIMB:TCLA QRTYLY MTG	\$17.40	TIF REVENUE	\$457.75	
LORENZEN LAW FIRM, P.C.	LEGAL SERVICES:DEC'25	\$418.50	LMH HOUSING	\$3.05	
MAGNOLIA JOURNAL	1 YR SUBSCRIPTION	\$15.00	DEBT SERVICE LEVY	\$1,815.78	
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC.	OXYGEN	\$73.43	2013 TALMAGE	\$0.69	
MCCOMBS, DANA	CONTRACT CLEANING:LIBRARY	\$150.00	2017 INFRASTRUCTURE DEBT	\$1.34	
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	WATER TESTING	\$39.00	2019 INFRASTRUCTURE DEBT	\$0.72	
NEW CENTURY FS	FUEL	\$1,137.59	2020 DEBT FUND	\$4.47	
NORTHEAST SECURITY BANK	BANK FEES	\$79.33	2021 CHIP SEAL DEBT	\$2.73	
POWESHIEK WATER ASSOCIATION	BULK WATER:DEC'25	\$14,714.30	2024 JEFFERSON ST. DEBT	\$0.04	
RACHELLE THOMPSON, CPA	AUDIT 2025	\$14,000.00	AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN '21	\$1.15	
RESALE POWER GROUP OF IOWA	WHOLESALE ELECTRIC:JAN'26	\$76,121.06	EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	\$1.98	
SERIOUS SANITATION-BARTON JENS	CONTRACT SERVICES:JAN'26	\$17,607.64	2024 JEFFERSON ST. RECON	\$4.50	
SNYDER, SAMUEL	REIMB EMT LIC/CERT	\$30.00	2025 SHERMAN ST. SEWER LINE	\$11.13	
TAMA/GRUNDRY PUBLISHING	LEGALS	\$156.80	WATER	\$28,142.39	
TESTAMERICA INC	WASTEWATER TESTING	\$1,103.74	SEWER	\$11,699.94	
THE SPOT	FUEL	\$434.51	SEWER SINKING	\$27,559.17	
TITAN MACHINERY	END LOADER REPAIRS	\$6,747.02	ELECTRIC	\$123,224.15	
TRAER MUNICIPAL UTILITIES	CONTRACT WORK	\$2,565.22	GARBAGE	\$20.75	
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	STATE/SALES TAX	\$4,762.28		\$325,023.72	

## DYSART

### Calvary Baptist Church

Daniel Hartwig, Pastor  
Sundays: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School for all ages  
Sundays: 10:45 a.m.  
Worship Service  
Wednesdays: 7 p.m. Bible Study  
& Prayer Meeting  
Weekly Bible Studies in various locations

### Dysart United Methodist

Indoor Worship Service Sundays  
at 9:00 a.m.  
Church office, 602 Tilford St. open  
Mon-Thurs. A.M.  
The church is locked the rest of  
the days. For emergencies call Rev.  
Mechille Boldt at 319-505-8366, or email  
pastordumc@fctc.coop.

### Zion Lutheran Church

Sunday worship  
in-person at 10:00 a.m.  
The Home and Health  
Closet will be open from 9-11 am on  
Mon. & Thur. or by appointment  
(319) 476-5590  
zion@fctc.coop

## TRAER

Traer  
United Presbyterian  
8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday  
School  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
10:30 a.m. Youth  
Sunday School,  
Confirmation Class

### Ripley United Church of Christ

Sunday Worship 9am,  
Fellowship following Service  
at 400 South Main,  
RipleyUCCTraer@hotmail.com, 319-  
478-2482.

### St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church

Pastor Benjamin Baker  
Fellowship: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 10:30 a.m.

### Traer United Methodist

Sunday Worship Services - 9:30 a.m.  
Fellowship after service  
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### Prince of Peace - Cluster

Father Anthony Boahen Nketiah  
319-478-2222

### St. Paul's Catholic Church

1102 Walnut St., Traer  
Father Anthony Boahen Nketiah  
Services: Saturday 5 p.m.  
319-478-2222

### Tama County Dinner Church

Traer  
Meets at St. Paul's Catholic Church

### St. Mary of Mt Carmel

1435 E Eagle Rd., Waterloo  
Pastor: 478-2222  
Services Sunday 10:00 a.m.

### Sacred Heart

1021 Poplar St.  
La Porte City  
Pastor 478-2222  
Service is 8:00 a.m. Sunday

## AREA

### Clutier Community Church

Sunday- Worship at 9 a.m.

### Vining Christian Fellowship

210 2nd Ave., Vining  
Pastor Mike Nodland  
Sun - 10:30 am worship  
515-720-2142

### Geneseo Methodist Church

**Buckingham**  
3127-115th St, Buckingham  
Pastor Melody Williams  
(319) 478-8788  
officegeneseo@gmail.com  
Sunday Worship Service -  
9:15 a.m.

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### Church of Promise -

**Buckingham**  
Pastor Ben Lindley  
Worship: 8:45  
Sunday School: 10:15

### Elberon Christian Church

110 Main St., Elberon  
Sun. Worship - 9:30 a.m.  
After School Hangout  
Wed. 4-5:30 p.m.

### Amity Presbyterian Church -

**Rural Reinbeck**  
Darryl Widmayer, CRE  
9:30 a.m. - Worship

THESE TWO LOVEBIRDS

## Ryan & Heather Brubaker

CELEBRATED THEIR 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ON MARCH 17.

**Happy 25th Wedding Anniversary!**