

NUCARA

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cost to dispense, driven by current PBM [pharmacy benefit manager] models that set reimbursement rates. This has led to many pharmacy closures throughout the country. Additionally, gaps in Iowa's rural healthcare strategy have created an unsustainable environment for some rural pharmacies, leading to the difficult decision to close these locations. We continue to endeavor to keep the majority of our pharmacies operating in the local communities while evaluating strategic alternatives."

Late Thursday afternoon, Traer's longtime pharmacists Phyllis and Rex McKee posted a statement to social media regarding the closure similar to the note tacked to the Traer location's door.

"NuCara pharmacies have been purchased by another company and will CLOSE locations at Traer, Ackley, Conrad, and Zearing," the McKees wrote before later stating, "I am posting this to give people time, as I don't know when the new company will announce the closing. This

is, of course, very sad. Rex, I, and the Pharmacy Staff want to thank our customers for their business and friendship."

On the door of the Traer pharmacy, the note to customers about the closing somberly ends with, "Thank you for trusting NuCara Pharmacy. It has been our privilege to serve you."

\$22M lawsuit

Including the four NuCara pharmacies in Iowa slated for closure, the company owns and manages more than 30 "full-service community based pharmacies" in Iowa, Texas, North Dakota, and Minnesota, per the company's website. Other Iowa locations include Ames, Coralville, Greenfield, Grundy Center, Lenox, Marshalltown, Montezuma, Nevada, Pleasant Hill, Story City, Waterloo, and West Union.

According to recent reporting by Clark Kauffman with Iowa Capital Dispatch, NuDak Ventures, the limited liability corporation (LLC) that does business as NuCara Specialty Pharmacy, is being sued by the State of Iowa for allegedly spending \$22 million owed to the state for an HIV treatment

program. "In its lawsuit, the State of Iowa alleges the company has repeatedly failed to make millions in monthly payments due to the state under a contract with the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services," Kauffman reported on March 16. "The lawsuit, filed in Polk County District Court, states that until recently NuCara was a state-contracted pharmacy, providing pharmacy services related to sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis control, immunization, and substance abuse treatment since 1998."

As part of NuCara's contract with the State of Iowa, it was required to order "outpatient medications purchased by DHHS at discounted prices. Under the terms of that deal, NuCara was responsible for paying DHHS the program 'profit' that was generated each month. ... On March 6, 2026, the state terminated its contract with NuCara, alleging that between October 2024 and January 2026 the company had repeatedly failed to make all of the required monthly payments."

Kauffman further reported that NuCara is allegedly eight months in ar-

rears and owes in total more than \$22 million to the state. "NuCara is also alleged to have improperly spent the state's program income to pay off other creditors in violation of the contract and state and federal laws, and the state claims the company 'no longer has, and is unable to return; the state's lost revenue,'" Kauffman wrote.

Kauffman also reported that NuCara was pursuing a corporate acquisition by OneroRX. According to OneroRX's website, the West Des Moines-based company was founded by John Pappajohn and began operating pharmacies in May 2021. A ticker running along the bottom of OneroRX's landing page indicates Medicap Pharmacy is one of its acquisitions.

Per Kauffman, "The state alleges that OneroRX does not intend to accept NuCara's liabilities as part of any proposed corporate acquisition. 'Even if NuCara is acquired by OneroRX, the proceeds from the sale and collection on any pending invoices will not be sufficient to repay the program income' the state is due, the lawsuit claims."

Obituaries

Corrine Mauderer, 97

Corrine Luella (Hulme) Mauderer, a cherished mother, devoted wife and steadfast member of her community, peacefully passed away on Monday,



March 23, 2026, at UnityPoint Hospital, surrounded by the loving presence of her family. She was 97 years old.

Born on August 8, 1928, in Tama, Iowa, Corrine was one of six children to Merritt and Nellie (Lynman) Hulme. Her early years were shaped by a close-knit family and the values of hard work and dedication. A proud graduate of Dinsdale High School, she soon met the love of her life, Dean Mauderer. Their union, sealed on May 17, 1949, in Waterloo, Iowa, marked the beginning of a lifelong partnership built on love, mutual respect and shared dreams. Together, they made their home on a farm northwest of Traer, where they nurtured not only the land but also their deep bonds as active members of Amity Presbyterian Church.

Corrine's days were filled with boundless devotion to her family and the rhythms of farm life. She was a proud housewife, known for her warmth and generosity—always stepping in to support her husband and son Marvin in their farming endeavors. She lovingly packed lunches, driving them out in the family jeep with a faithful smile. Her kitchen was a place of comfort and joy, where the aroma of homemade bread, rich jelly and delectable desserts filled the air. Cooking was her gift, her act of love shared daily.

Her life extended beyond the kitchen and farm with a passion for gardening, canning, quilting, painting alongside her daughter Marilyn and crocheting. She had a gentle heart for animals, especially the cats and dogs she cared for with affection. Above all, Corrine's family was her heart's greatest pride and joy. She loved fiercely, cherishing every moment, every memory created with her children Marilyn, Marvin, Sandra and the late Diane. Summer trips to Canada held a special place in her heart, where she and Dean would fish, basking in the tranquility only nature could provide. Though flying was not a favorite of hers, she bravely accompanied

Dean on flights, soaring above Missouri to visit family, always trusting in the adventures shared with the man she loved.

Corrine's personality was a radiant light—filled with laughter and a delightful touch of goofiness. Her spirit was playful and bright, reminiscent of her fondness for "Christmas Vacation" where giggles were sure to follow. A devoted fan of comedians like Chevy Chase and John Candy, she embraced humor as a joyful thread woven through her daily life.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Dean; her adored daughter Diane; her parents Merritt and Nellie; three sisters Marion Downing, Velma Dawson and Carol Winterroth; an infant brother; her grandson Brad Mauderer and infant great-grandson Trenton Larrierson.

Corrine leaves behind a legacy of love and resilience, survived by her devoted children: Marvin (Denise) Mauderer, of Mission, Texas; Marilyn (Dennis) Manson, of Palo, Iowa; and Sandra (Sheldon) Schnathorst, of Evansdale, Iowa. She also leaves a loving brother, Allen (Marguerite) Hulme, of Traer, Iowa; a sister, Doris Hamilton of Traer, Iowa; six grandchildren; five great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; two step grandchildren; four great grandchildren and a wide circle of cousins, nieces, nephews and treasured friends who felt the warmth of her kindness.

The family will welcome friends and loved ones for a visitation on Thursday, March 26, 2026, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Overton Funeral Homes, located at 714 1st Street, Traer, Iowa. A funeral service celebrating Corrine's precious life will be held on Friday, March 27, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. at Amity Presbyterian Church, 1803 Highway D65, Reinbeck, Iowa. Burial will take place before the service at 9:15 am at Buckingham Cemetery.

Corrine's profound love, radiant laughter and gentle spirit have left an indelible mark on all who knew her. Through memories, stories and the quiet moments forever held in the heart, her legacy of love will continue to blossom, echoing tenderly in the lives she so deeply touched. Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society or to Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Daniel Rathjen, 37

Daniel Thomas Rathjen, 37, passed away on March 14, 2026. A visitation will be held on Friday, April 10, from 4-7 pm and a Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, April 11 at 10:00 am, both at Grace Community Church in Toledo, Iowa.

He is survived by his daughter, Zelda, who he adored; his mother, Julie Rathjen; his sisters, Tara Rathjen, Laura Rathjen, and Katelyn (Clay) Gettle; and his

brother, Devin (Megan) Rathjen. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews: Autumn (Josh) Drewelow, Derek Rathjen, Ian Rathjen, Keira Rathjen, Jaxson Rathjen, Hudson Rathjen, Sadie Gettle, Brady Gettle, and Ilah Rathjen.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dan Rathjen, in 2023. Kruse-Phillips Funeral Home, Tama-Toledo, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Dysart's Spring Fling set for April 10

NORTH TAMA TELEGRAPH

DYSART - Dysart will welcome spring with Spring Fling, taking place downtown Friday and Saturday, April 10 and 11, during regular business hours.

Organized by Vision Dysart, a division of the

Dysart Chamber of Commerce, this open house-style event invites the community to explore local retail shops, restaurants, and service-based businesses. Participating businesses will offer specials, giveaways, refreshments, service discounts, and in-store experiences through-

out the weekend.

"Spring Fling in Downtown Dysart is a great way to highlight our local businesses and encourage people to shop, dine, and connect with the many services available right here in Dysart," Nicole Taylor, President of the Dysart Chamber of Commerce,

said. "It's also a chance to discover services you may not even realize are offered locally."

The event is free to attend and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.dysartchamber.org, or email dysartchamber@gmail.com.

STATE OF IOWA TAMA COUNTY
Notice of Sheriff's Levy and Sale
IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TAMA COUNTY
Iowa District Court Case #: EQCV009070 Civil #: 26-000250 Special Execution

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION VS ALAINA L JANTZEN; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RURAL HOUSING SERVICE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE, IF ANY, OF ALAINA L JANTZEN; PARTIES IN POSSESSION

As a result of the judgment rendered in the above referenced court case, an execution was issued by the court to the Sheriff of this county. The execution ordered the sale of defendant (s) To satisfy the judgment. The Property to be sold is Real Estate Described Below Property Address: 202 GREEN ST, TRAER, IA
Legal Description THE SOUTH 162 FEET OF LOT TWELVE (12), BLOCK ONE (1), HORACE A. HARTSHORN'S ADDITION TO TRAER, IOWA, BEING ALL OF SAID LOT EXTENDING FROM THE SOUTH END HEREOF TO THE SIDEWALK ACROSS THE NORTH END OF SAID TRACT. PLAT SHOWS SAID LOT TWELVE (12) TO BE 82.5 FEET IN WIDTH. AND THE NORTH 50.33 FEET OF LOT TWELVE (12), BLOCK ONE (1), HARTSHORN'S ADDITION TO TRAER, IOWA, EXCEPT COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT TWELVE (12), RUNNING THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 26 FEET, THENCE NORTHWESTERLY TO A POINT SIX (6) FEET SOUTH OF THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT, THENCE NORTH TO NORTHWEST CORNER, THENCE EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT TO POINT OF BEGINNING. MORE CORRECTLY KNOWN AS: THE SOUTH 162 FEET OF LOT TWELVE (12), BLOCK ONE (1), HORACE A. HARTSHORN'S ADDITION TO TRAER, IOWA, BEING ALL OF SAID LOT EXTENDING FROM THE SOUTH END HEREOF TO THE SIDEWALK ACROSS THE NORTH END OF SAID TRACT. PLAT SHOWS SAID LOT TWELVE (12) TO BE 82.5 FEET IN WIDTH. AND THE NORTH

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Date 03/25/2026 CASEY SCHMIDT TAMA COUNTY SHERIFF
Attorney EMILY BARTEKOSKE 4601 WESTOWN PKWY STE 2 WEST DES MOINES, IA 50266 (515)223-7325
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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Brian C Shirk, Deceased, who died on or about February 5, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on March 27, 2026, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate. Notice is hereby 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 the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred. Dated on March, 2026
Lynn Shirk, Administrator of the Estate
204 Clark Street
Dysart, IA 52224

Brent L Lechtenberg, ICIS#: AT0010982 Attorney for the Administrator Bauch & Lechtenberg Law Office 601 1st St PO Box 57 Traer, IA 50675
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Board of Supervisors Minutes March 16, 2026

The Tama County Board of Supervisors met at 8:37 a.m. March 16, 2026. Present: 1st District Supervisor, Curt Hilmer; 2nd District Supervisor, David Turner; 3rd District Supervisor, Heather Knebel; 4th District Supervisor, Mark Doland and 5th District Supervisor, Curt Kupka. Also, Tama County Auditor, Karen Rohrs, and members of the public.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the agenda. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Comments: There were no comments from the public. Public comment time closed at 8:38 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Hilmer to approve the minutes of the March 9th regular meeting. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor Kupka gave a roads project report. Kupka also discussed motor grader bids with the Board. Motion by Kupka, seconded by Turner to accept the bid from Altorfer CAT for two motor graders and allow Pat Ryan, Tama County Shop Foreman, to sign the purchase agreements. Discussion: Knebel asked what the warranties were on the motor graders. It was also said that the current motor graders to be replaced will become spares and the older motor graders will be traded in. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The engineer's office has received utility permits from Poweshiek Water Association, Windstream Communications, and Alliant Energy. The road foremen have been out to review the locations. Interim county engineer, Nick Amelon, recom-

mends the Board sign the permits. Motion by Hilmer, seconded by Turner to approve the utility permits for Poweshiek Water Association, Windstream Communications, and Alliant Energy and authorize the chairman to sign the utility permits. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Doland stated the county had received notice from the Iowa DOT that a resolution is required for Interim County Engineer, Nick Amelon, to perform duties on Tama County's behalf. Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the following resolution. Discussion: None.

RESOLUTION 3-16-2026A BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Tama County, Iowa, that Nick Amelon, the Interim County Engineer of Tama County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications in connection with all Farm-to-Market and Federal or State aid construction projects in this county. Roll Call Vote: Hilmer, aye. Turner, aye. Knebel, aye. Doland, aye. Kupka, aye. Resolution passed and adopted this 16th day of March, 2026. Mark Doland, Chairman, Board of Supervisors. Karen Rohrs, County Auditor.

Motion by Turner, seconded by Kupka to approve the claims for payment as presented in the amount of \$141,292.10. Discussion: None. All voted aye. Motion carried.

New Business: Supervisor Hilmer stated a Tama County Aging meeting is scheduled for tomorrow. Supervisor Kupka stated the landfill's AED battery needs to be replaced. It was discussed that all county AED batteries need to be looked at to see if they need replaced. Each department that has an AED needs to use their budget to replace the batteries. Supervisor Turner stated there are many county contracts that have been signed in the past that the county is now stuck having to pay. He recommends all new contracts need to come before the Board for approval before they are signed. Turner also stated that he is getting bids for printers/copiers for the county and that the new IT Technician will begin using Ninjaone for a ticket system. Turner also informed the Board that the Admin Building AC unit needs to be repaired and that bids were received, and that Hardon Electric will be doing the repairs. Knebel stated that the Board should have received an email regarding the safety assessment that Heartland Risk Pool performed in the county and that there have been requests for policies.

Public Comments: Public comments were heard from Gerald Husak. Public comment time closed at 9:04 am.

Motion by Knebel, seconded by Kupka to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. Motion carried. Chairman Doland adjourned the meeting at 9:04 am. These minutes are intended to provide a summary of the discussions and decisions made during the Board of Supervisor meeting. For the most accurate and comprehensive record, please refer to the audio recording of the meeting that can be provided upon request at the auditor's office. Published in the North Tama Telegraph Apr 3, 2026 L80152 #38886

Happy 100th Birthday Betty Jantzen!

Betty will be celebrating her Centennial Birthday on April 7th. Let's shower her with love and cheer. And make her day extra special this year.

Please send birthday cards and greetings to Betty Jantzen
510 State Street Apt #1
Tama, Iowa 52337.

With love from your family,
Karlene, Andrea, Isabelle, Paul