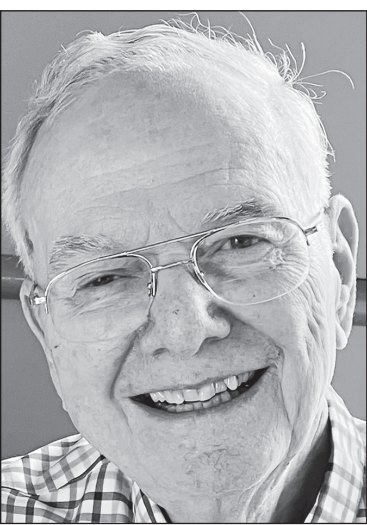


OBITUARIES

Rev. Dr. Jerry Dale Springston

Rev. Dr. Jerry Dale Springston, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, passed away peacefully on March 23, 2026, his 86th birthday, after an acute illness.

Jerry was born to Harley and Neva (Rich) Springston, on March 23, 1940, in Denver, Colorado. He was the youngest of three, pesky little brother to Marcia Edwards and Cherie Hafer.



Springston

Jerry was a philomath. He loved to learn, read, and study. He graduated from South High School in Denver, Colorado. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota; his Masters of Divinity from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas; and his Doctorate of Theology from Northern Seminary in Lyle, Illinois.

Jerry was a xenophile. He traveled extensively within and outside of the United States, traversing six continents and all 50 states. He

especially loved road trips, racking up hundreds of thousands of miles on every vehicle he owned, primarily due to his propensity to "see where this road goes" or "take the scenic route."

Jerry was a linguaphile. He loved words. His profession required him to be a great orator, but his passion for language made him a great storyteller. He was a polyglot, who learned seven languages in his lifetime, including Hebrew, Greek, Latin, Arabic, Swedish, Italian and Tigrinya.

Jerry was an altruist who devoted his life to others. He was an inaugural member of the Peace Corps stationed in Eritrea, East Africa. He served the congregations of First Christian Church of Englewood, Col., Linwood Baptist Church, Linwood, Kan., First Baptist Church, Charles City, Iowa, and First Baptist Church (Church on Northland) Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for a combined 45 years. He retired in 2005. He spent the next 17 years serving as a minister-at-large for American Baptist Churches in Blue Hill, Maine; Grand Junction, Colorado; Fowler, New York; Spokane, Washington; Hornell, New York; Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Roundup, Montana; Winnebago, Minnesota; Davenport, Iowa; and Marion, Iowa.

Jerry held numerous roles in nonprofit organizations, including President, Mid-American Baptist Churches; member of Rotary International (50 years), Club Secretary, Club President, Club Sponsor, and District Governor; Treasurer, Willis Dady Emergency Shelter; President, Linn County Corrections Chaplaincy; President, Linn County Association of Evangelicals; Member and President, Charles City Community School Board; Member, American Baptist Homes of the Midwest; and on-call chaplain, St. Luke's Hospital.

Jerry is survived by his wife and best friend of 60 years, Therese "Terri" Coggins Springston; son, Troy Springston (Debbie Beuchat) of Farmington, N.Y.; daughter, Shannon Rosati (Rick) of Hopkins, Minn.; his grandchildren: Aja Hughes (Patrick), Tabitha Wawrzyniak (Joe), Jacob Dedie, Claudia Dedie, Riley Rosati, Joshua Springston, Harley Rosati, Clarissa Springston, and Sydney Rosati; along with many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Visitation to be held on Thursday, May 14, 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Friday, May 15 at 10:30 a.m. with luncheon to follow. Both events will be held at Cedar Hills Community Church.

Memorial gifts can be made to Cedar Hills Community Church, or The Rotary Foundation.

Please share a memory of Jerry at www.murdochfuneralhome.com under obituaries.

JoAnn Dorothy Demro

JoAnn Dorothy Demro age 92 of Nashua, Iowa, died peacefully on Friday, March 20, 2026, at Apple Valley Place in Charles City, Iowa.

A Celebration of Life with take place at a later date.

JoAnn Dorothy (Eckenrod) Demro was born on April 11, 1933, in Nashua, Iowa, to Harvey and Celia Eckenrod. She was the younger of two children and was preceded in death by her beloved brother, Jack Eckenrod.



Demro

JoAnn married the love of her life, Floyd Demro, in 1952 in Nashua, Iowa. Together, they built a life rooted in love, family, and community.

JoAnn began her career as a country schoolteacher in a one-room schoolhouse, where she nurtured young minds with dedication and care. She later continued her passion for education at both Nashua and Plainfield Elementary Schools, where she touched the lives of many students

over the years.

A devoted member of Saint Michael's Catholic Church in Nashua, JoAnn shared her faith by teaching religious education and organizing biblical plays for holidays, bringing scripture to life with her signature creativity and flair.

JoAnn was a woman full of life and imagination. Known for her theatrical spirit, she loved a good story and a good song. She played the organ, delighted in dressing her family in silly costumes, and hosted tea parties filled with laughter with her grandchildren. She was also an avid curler. Alongside her husband Floyd, the two enjoyed many years on the ice together and went on to win several tournaments, or "bonspiels," as they are known in the sport. She could be stubborn and determined, while equally kind-hearted and deeply devoted to those she loved.

JoAnn is survived by her two sons, Jack Demro (Ann Gary) and Scot Demro (Shirley Smith). She was a proud grandmother to Chris and Carly, children of Jack and Ann, and to Cade and Cole, children of Scot and Shirley. She was also blessed with a great-granddaughter, Alexandria Demro, daughter of Cade and Brittany Demro.

JoAnn will be remembered for her warmth, creativity, strong faith, and unwavering love for her family. Her legacy lives on in the lives she touched and the memories she created.

Legal Notice

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FLOYD COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARIA DEL CARMEN GASTELUM CASE NO. ESPR019212 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (\$633.230 - Intestate)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Maria del Carmen Gastelum, Deceased, who died on or about June 24, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on March 10, 2026, Francisco Gastelum 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 four (4) 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 25, 2025

Francisco Gastelum
708 N. Johnson Street
Charles City, IA 50616

Silvia Quezada, AT0009120
Attorney for the Administrator
SQ Advising PLLC
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Iowa City, IA 52246

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Legal Notice

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION TO INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREUNDER IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$240,000

(GENERAL OBLIGATION)
The City Council of the City of Charles City, Iowa (the "City"), will meet on April 6, 2026, at the Charles City Public Library Zastrow room, 910 Clark Street, Charles City, Iowa, at 6 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of instituting proceedings and taking action on a proposal to enter into a loan agreement (the "Loan Agreement") and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$240,000 for the purpose of paying the costs, to that extent, of acquiring vehicles and equipment for the municipal police and fire departments.

The Loan Agreement is proposed to be entered into pursuant to authority contained in Section 384.24A of the Code of Iowa and will constitute a general obligation of the City. It is estimated the annual increase in property taxes on a residential property with an actual valuation of one hundred thousand dollars resulting from the City entering into the Loan Agreement will be \$33.19, however the City Council may determine for any fiscal year while the Loan Agreement is outstanding to budget other available revenues to the payment of some or all of the debt service coming due thereunder.

At that time and place, oral or written objections may be filed or made to the proposal to enter into the Loan Agreement. After receiving objections, the City may determine to enter into the Loan Agreement, in which case, the decision will be final unless appealed to the District Court within fifteen (15) days thereafter.

By order of the City Council of the City of Charles City, Iowa.

Brittney Lentz, City Clerk

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FOR THE RECORD

FLOYD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Saturday, March 21

3:59 p.m. — Responded to a residential alarm in the 2500 block of 155th Street.

4:20 p.m. — Responded to a 911 call in the 2600 block of 210th street.

Sunday, March 22

3:14 p.m. — Arrested **Jonathan Kerr**, 29, of Charles City, for public intoxication-first offense in the 100 block of South Main Street.

Monday, March 23

2:24 a.m. — Responded to a disturbance in the 100 block of North Gaylord Avenue in Nora Springs as a result **Joanna Bailie**, of Nora Springs, was arrested for domestic abuse 2nd offense.

Tuesday, March 24

3:22 a.m. — Received a report of harassment in the 200 block of 7th Street Northeast in Rockford.

CHARLES CITY POLICE: GENERAL ACTIVITY

Monday, March 2

4:01 p.m. — Spoke with a subject

from the 700 block of Freeman Street over the phone in reference to a possible no contact order violation.

4:25 p.m. — Received a complaint from a concerned citizen about a suspicious item in the 900 block of Cedar Street.

4:41 p.m. — Spoke with a subject having family issues in the 500 block of 4th Avenue. The subject was given ideas and people to call to help through this hard time.

4:49 p.m. — Went to the area of Riverside Cemetery and the railroad tracks to assist the fire department with a report of a pile of brush on fire. Officers determined that a subject had started a fire in a small shelter they had built and it got out of hand.

5:22 p.m. — Spoke with a subject from the 100 block of Ferguson Street over the phone in reference to possible harassment.

6:08 p.m. — Spoke with a Charles City resident over the phone about possible harassment.

6:12 p.m. — Spoke with a subject from the 1700 block of Shadow Avenue in reference to questions about a previous case.

6:44 p.m. — Responded to the 1100 block of Freeman Street for a medical alert and helped a person off the floor.

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SPRING CLEAN-UP

We kindly ask that all winter wreaths and decor be removed by April 1st, 2026

Between April 1st and 15th, we will be trimming trees & bushes, and doing ground clean-up

April 15th Military markers & shepherds hooks may be returned, and remain in place all year

THANK YOU, IN ADVANCE!
YOUR ST. CHARLES TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES,
AARON HOBERT, DAVE HOLSCHLAG, SHIRLEY HOLM

PUBLIC NOTICE

A permit is required from the County Engineer's Office for any work that is to be performed within secondary road right of way. This includes various tasks such as ditch cleaning, placement of new driveways, driveway extensions, filling in ditches, etc.

Placement or burying of rocks, broken concrete or any other foreign matter in County ditches or within secondary road right of way is **not** allowed. Anyone placing such debris will be notified by letter to remove it. Failure to respond to such letter within a timely manner will provide cause for official notice to remove the debris within 48 hours. After the 48-hour notice, the debris will be removed under the direction of the Engineer's Office with the costs assessed to the adjacent property owner.

Farm cropping within secondary road right of way is **not** allowed. Anyone farming within County right of way will be notified to reseed the road right of way within a timely manner. Any future cropping of the road right of way will result in the destruction of that crop.

If any questions, please call the Floyd County Engineer's Office at (641) 257-6151.

Floyd County Engineer

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PAWS

CHARLES CITY, IOWA

PET OF THE WEEK

Name: Val
Age: 1.5 years
Breed: Australian Shepherd
Gender: Spayed Female

Val is a sweet, gentle dog but is very timid so needs a quiet home with no kids. She would do best with a confident doggy buddy. She will require a secure fenced yard.

Charles City School District Elementary Lunch Menu

Week of March 30-April 3

Monday: Hot Dog (Pork Free), Ultimate Grilled Cheese w/ Tomato Soup, Turkey Ham & Cheese Wrap, Steamed Baby Carrots, Fresh Lettuce & Spinach Mix, Fresh Baby Carrots, Fresh-Cut Cucumber Slices, Fresh Cherry Tomatoes, Fresh Apple, Fresh Orange Slices

Tuesday: Grilled Cheeseburger, Grande Cheesy Nachos, Turkey Ham & Cheese Wrap, Seasoned Mexican Black Beans, Fresh Lettuce & Spinach Mix, Fresh Baby Carrots, Fresh-Cut Cucumber Slices, Fresh Cherry Tomatoes, Fresh Banana, Fresh Pear

Wednesday: Spaghetti Meatsauce w/Breadstick, Mini Chicken Corndogs, Turkey Ham & Cheese Wrap, Steamed Broccoli, Fresh Lettuce & Spinach Mix, Fresh Baby Carrots, Fresh-Cut Cucumber Slices, Fresh Cherry Tomatoes, Fresh Banana, Mandarin Oranges

Thursday: Chicken Nuggets w/Roll, Fluffy Waffles w/Sausage Patty, Turkey Ham & Cheese Wrap, Crispy Tater Tots, Fresh Lettuce & Spinach Mix, Fresh Baby Carrots, Fresh-Cut Cucumber Slices, Fresh Cherry Tomatoes, Fresh Apple, Fresh Orange Slices

Friday: Delicious Cheese Pizza, Classic Pepperoni Pizza, Turkey Ham & Cheese Wrap, Peppered Broccoli Florets, Fresh Lettuce & Spinach Mix, Fresh Baby Carrots, Fresh-Cut Cucumber Slices, Fresh Cherry Tomatoes, Fresh Apple, Fresh Banana Slices

Fresh Vegetable Choices and Seasonal Fruit Offered Daily. Milk choice of 1% White, Skim or Chocolate Skim Milk is included. Entree Salads are served with dinner roll. Menu Subject To Change

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