

Elma BRIDGE project aims to connect trails and community

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The BRIDGE organization in Elma is working to extend the existing walking and biking trail south from the current trailhead, including making the walk-through bridge accessible.

A project to improve accessibility and expand connections along Elma's trail system is moving forward, with local organizers hoping to complete the work this year.

The BRIDGE organization announced plans to extend the community's existing walking and biking trail south from the current trailhead in Elma.

Plans include extending the trail with features designed to improve access for people with limited mobility, including a

concrete ramp at the north entrance of the community's covered walk-through bridge and about 450 feet of sidewalk leading to the Elma Museum, located in the former depot building.

Plans also call for an additional 150 feet of trail extending south to connect with Maple Street and Elma Memorial Park.

Organizers said the bridge will receive new Diamond Kote wood-grain siding, a low-maintenance material designed to reduce future painting and repairs.

THE ESTIMATED COST of the project is \$41,646.08. BRIDGE members said they will seek grants and community donations to help fund the work.

According to information provided by the organization, the



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covered crosswalk was originally designed by Kenny Stevenson after a highway bridge in Nederland, Colorado. Stevenson engineered the structure himself to reduce costs.

The crosswalk was installed in July 1990 at a cost of \$9,100, along with many hours of do-

minated labor. A plaque recognizing donors from that project remains displayed inside the structure, and organizers said all new donors and memorials will be recognized inside as well.

The BRIDGE organization said restoration work on the building is expected to begin in

June, with hopes of finishing by Elma Days.

Donations for the project may be mailed to the City of Elma, P.O. Box 497, Elma, IA, 50628.

The BRIDGE Organization Inc. is a non-profit community betterment corporation founded in 2005 with a tax-exempt status

to assist the Elma area retaining current businesses, seeking new businesses for the community, adding services for community members and aiding other non-profit groups in their projects through mentoring and help in obtaining grant funding from outside sources.

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Glass said he has no family and is currently unemployed.

A GoFundMe fundraiser has been established to help him recover from the loss.

The fundraiser states that Glass has been a member of the community for 45 years and is a veteran who served during the Persian Gulf War and in Somalia.

"He was able to rescue his two beloved cats and escape with nothing but the clothes on his back," the fundraiser states. "The fire took everything else, leaving him without a home or

any of his belongings." According to the fundraising page, donations will help provide temporary housing and replace essential items lost in the fire.

The GoFundMe site is available at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-a-veteran-rebuild-after-house-fire-c9x6r>, or by clicking the link in this story at www.charlescitypress.com.

The Rockford Fire Department says it was assisted at the scene by the Nora Springs and Rudd fire departments, Floyd County Search and Rescue, AMR Ambulance, the Floyd County Sheriff's Office, Rockford Municipal Light Plant and the Rockford Public Works Department.



Rockford Fire Dept/Facebook photo

Firefighters work battling a fire at a home in Rockford the morning of May 26. Firefighters from Rockford, Nora Springs and Rudd responded.



Rockford Fire Dept/Facebook photo

Legal Notice

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FLOYD COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES LEROY SCHUMBURG, Deceased

CASE NO. ESPR019251
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of James LeRoy Schumburg, Deceased, who died on or about September 7, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on June 1, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of James LeRoy Schumburg, deceased, bearing date of August 9, 2017, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Janet L. Schumburg was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further 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 mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated 6/1/2026

/s/ Janet L. Schumburg
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**Joint Meeting
Floyd County Board of Supervisors
Charles City City Council
Floyd County Ambulance Commission
May 26, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors met in the Floyd County Courthouse EOC/ Training Room. Supervisors Gloria Carr, Boyd Campbell, and Frank Rottinghaus were in attendance.
Rottinghaus/Campbell moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.
A proposal from Emergency Medical Solutions, LLC for a countywide ambulance service feasibility study was presented and reviewed by representative Tim Nowalk. The proposal includes analysis of EMS call data, evaluation of service delivery options, and stakeholder engagement through on-site and virtual meetings. The proposed timeline for completion is approximately six months, with a total cost of \$39,750. Discussion was held regarding the expected output and how it compares to Public Consulting Group, and Nowalk stated they would bring on an additional consultant at no extra cost.

A proposal from Public Consulting Group for an EMS transport feasibility study was also presented and reviewed by representatives Steve Noble and Greg Waymon. This proposal includes a current service delivery, alternative system models, and financial and operational considerations. The proposed timeline is approximately five months and includes a multi-day on-site visit, with a total cost of \$44,500. Discussion included the size of the consulting team and the varied expertise of its members, as well as consideration of a potential Phase 2 and where to begin after completion of the study.
The Floyd County Ambulance Commission will meet next week to determine if they believe this study needs to be completed and which company they recommend.
Both the Council and the Board expressed they'd be in favor of moving forward with an Ambulance Service Feasibility Study.
Campbell/Rottinghaus moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:
Morrigan Montagne, Floyd County Auditor
Gloria A. Carr, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FLOYD COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF FRED EUGENE RASMUSSEN, Deceased

CASE NO. ESPR019248
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Fred E. Rasmussen, Deceased, who died on or about April 10, 2026:
You are hereby notified that on May 27, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Fred E. Rasmussen, deceased, bearing date of January 24, 2023, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Kay Schmalen, Kim Rosenbaum, and Ken Rasmussen have been appointed Co-Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further 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 mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
May 27, 2026

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**Special Board Meeting
05/29/2026 12:00 PM
Central Service Building - In-Person or via Zoom Meeting
1204 1st Avenue
Charles City, IA
MEETING MINUTES**

The Charles City Board of Education is holding a meeting open to the public. People who want to make comments are welcome to attend in person at the location specified. The community can watch the school board meeting by attending in person or watching live at <https://www.charlescityschools.org/article/live-stream/>

Attendance
Voting Members
Kathryn Fox, School Board Vice-President
Josh Mack, School Board Member
Dr. David Schrodt, School Board Member
Bruce Koebrick, School Board President
1. Call to Order, Board President
President Koebrick called the special meeting to order at 12:00 pm.
2. Roll Call, Board Secretary
3. Approval of Agenda
It was resolved to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion made by: Dr. David Schrodt
Motion seconded by: Kathryn Fox
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
4. Personnel Report
Motion made by: Kathryn Fox
Motion seconded by: Dr. David Schrodt
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
5. Approval of the Tentative Agreement between the CCCSD&CCCEA for the Contract for 2026-27

It was resolved to approve the Tentative Agreement between the CCCSD & CCCEA for the Contract for 2026-27.
Motion made by: Dr. David Schrodt
Motion seconded by: Kathryn Fox
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
6. Remove the Permissive Language from the contract with CCCSD&CCCEA
It was resolved to remove the Permissive Language from the contract with CCCSD & CCCEA.
Motion made by: Dr. David Schrodt
Motion seconded by: Kathryn Fox
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
7. Approve Issuance of Contracts/Wages for FY27
It was resolved to approve the issuance of Contracts/Wages for Administration and Teachers for FY27.
Motion made by: Dr. David Schrodt
Motion seconded by: Josh Mack
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
8. Approve 5-12 Math Curriculum
It was resolved to approve the 5-12 Math Curriculum as presented.
Motion made by: Dr. David Schrodt
Motion seconded by: Kathryn Fox
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
9. Adjournment
It was resolved to adjourn the special meeting at 12:08 pm.
Motion made by: Dr. David Schrodt
Motion seconded by: Kathryn Fox
Voting results: Unanimously Approved
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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FLOYD COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD STEPHAN RUTHERFORD, Deceased.

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of RICHARD STEPHAN RUTHERFORD, Deceased, who died on or about April 16, 2026:
You are hereby notified that on 5/19/2026 the last will and testament of RICHARD STEPHAN RUTHERFORD deceased, bearing date of June 3, 2016 was admitted to probate in the above named court and that JEFFREY MICHAEL RUTHERFORD was appointed as executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further 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 mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated this 5-20-2026

JEFFREY MICHAEL RUTHERFORD,
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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FLOYD COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LOUIS F. STREICH, Deceased.

CASE NO. ESPR019252
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Louis F. Streich, Deceased, who died on or about April 20, 2026:
You are hereby notified that on June 3, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Louis F. Streich, deceased, bearing date of December 30, 1988, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Christie DeBower was appointed executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated June 3, 2026.

/s/ Christie DeBower, Executor of estate
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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FLOYD COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HELEN JOANNA SCHUMBURG, Deceased

CASE NO. ESPR019250
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Helen Joanna Schumburg, Deceased, who died on or about February 8, 2025:
You are hereby notified that on June 1, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Helen Joanna Schumburg, deceased, bearing date of August 9, 2017, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Janet L. Schumburg was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated 6/1/2026

/s/ Janet L. Schumburg
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**Floyd County Board of Supervisors Meeting
May 26, 2026, 5:30 p.m.**

The Floyd County Board of Supervisors met in the Floyd County Courthouse EOC/ Training Room. Supervisors Gloria Carr, Boyd Campbell, and Frank Rottinghaus were in attendance. Rottinghaus/Campbell moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

Campbell/Rottinghaus moved to approve the May 19, 2026 minutes. Motion carried 3-0.
Rottinghaus/Campbell moved to rescind the motion from May 12, 2026, which stated: "Rottinghaus/Campbell moved to set a public hearing regarding Floyd County Ordinance 2026-02, establishing rules and regulations for areas under the control of the Floyd County Conservation Board on June 2, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. in the Floyd County Courthouse Board Room." Motion carried 3-0.

Campbell/Rottinghaus moved to set a public hearing for Floyd County Ordinance 2026-02, establishing rules and regulations for areas under the control of the Floyd County Conservation Board, on June 16, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. in the Floyd County Courthouse Board Room. Motion carried 3-0.
Rottinghaus/Campbell moved to adjourn at 5:43 p.m. Motion carried 3-0.

ATTEST:
Morrigan Montagne, Floyd County Auditor
Gloria A. Carr, Chair
Floyd County Board of Supervisors

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FLOYD COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD STEPHAN RUTHERFORD, Deceased.

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS
To All Persons Interested in the Estate of RICHARD STEPHAN RUTHERFORD, Deceased, who died on or about April 16, 2026:
You are hereby notified that on 5/19/2026 the last will and testament of RICHARD STEPHAN RUTHERFORD deceased, bearing date of June 3, 2016 was admitted to probate in the above named court and that JEFFREY MICHAEL RUTHERFORD was appointed as executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

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Dated this 5-20-2026

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PUBLIC NOTICE

You are hereby notified as required under Chapter 331.302 of the Code of Iowa that the Floyd County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing regarding the consideration of an ordinance to establish rules and regulations for areas under the control of the Floyd County Conservation Board. If implemented, this ordinance will adopt certain sections of the State Code of Public Lands and Waters as a county ordinance to apply to county areas. The ordinance will also establish certain rules and regulations specific to Floyd County Conservation Areas. This ordinance is deemed by said Board to be necessary for the protection, regulation, and control of all areas under the jurisdiction of the Floyd County Conservation Board.

The proposed ordinance covers the following subject areas: state statutes applicable, parking ordinances, motor vehicle restrictions, fires, removing plants - flowers or fruits, use of firearms, fireworks prohibited, training and exercising dogs, park hours, camping, group camping, cabin rentals, special events, hunting restricted, blinds and tree stands restricted, trapping, noise producing devices, recreation uses, use of horses restricted, ATVs and snowmobiles restricted, swimming, domestic refuse not permitted, boats unattended not permitted, unattended conveyance/transportation device not permitted, official signs, possession and consumption of beer or alcoholic beverage prohibited, metal detectors, war-like and other

dangerous games, ADA access and unloading, balling releases, research permits, bicycles, rappelling or rock-climbing or top roping, target shooting, unmanned aircraft systems, chainsaws, natural features, cutting of trees prohibited, cameras or video cameras or game cameras, employee duties, appropriate use of facilities, speed, failure to comply, Floyd County Conservation rules - specific areas, and fees and fines.

Pursuant to Iowa Code 331.307 and Iowa Code 331.302 Subsection 5A (b), violations of this ordinance are county infractions and are subject to the penalties and procedures set forth in Iowa Code section 331.307.

Notice is hereby given by the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Iowa, that a public hearing will be held on the 16th, day of June, 2026, at 9:15 a.m. in the Board Room of the Floyd County Courthouse, 101 S. Main Street, Charles City, Iowa, to receive written or oral objections to, or comments in favor of, the proposed ordinance. Copies of the ordinance in its entirety are available at the County Auditor's Office.

Gloria Carr, Chairman
Floyd County Board of Supervisors

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