

L-B approves resignations, new contracts

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The resignations of Janelle Olesen (Junior High girls assistant track coach) Jesse Pedersen (Junior High co-head boys basketball coach) and Cade Pedersen (Junior High co-head boys basketball coach) were approved last month by the Lawton-Bronson school board.

The board approved new contracts for Olesen (Junior High boys head track coach), Jessie Petersen (Junior high girls assistant track coach), Lindsey Hooper (volunteer varsity assistant track coach), Bailey Oleson (volunteer varsity assistant track coach) and Amy Watts-Lahrs (Junior Class sponsor) They also officially approved the retirement of Chuck Prior, Lawton-Bronson's elementary music teacher for the past 30 years, which was first announced last December.

The board also held a public hearing and later approved the school calendar for 2026-2027 school year. They approved several out-of-state student trips, including trips to SDSU for the Space Design Settlement Competition, to Houston for the Central Space Design Competition, and to Illinois for the National Small School Quiz Bowl Tournament.

Board President Dennis Reinke also announced his election as a director of the Iowa Association of School Boards (IASB), as reported in *The Record* on February 12.

Reinke attended his first delegate committee meeting and said the IASB board has joined the Consortium of State School Boards Association to support the work of state school board associations through staff collaboration, networking, and shared resources.

"There was a lot of legislative updates and it was very interesting," Reinke said.

Elementary principal Austin Busch reported, "Winter FAST assessment results show strong student growth, with 77% of students proficient in reading and 75% proficient in math. This is a significant win made possible through the collective efforts of all staff, with special recognition to our Reading & Math Consultants."

Elementary principal Brandi Jessen recognized Dylan Schellinger as junior high Student of the Month and Connor Clausen as high school Student of the Month.

Jessen also discussed college classes taken by students at Western Iowa Tech. "We have students taking around 142 total classes this spring at WIT," she said. "This is a total cost savings of roughly \$78,384 to our students and families. This is an amazing opportunity to offset college course costs and get students a head start on their college coursework."

CITY OF KINGSLEY - 2025 WATER QUALITY REPORT						
2025 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR KINGSLEY WATER SUPPLY						
This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater.						
Our water quality testing shows the following results:						
CONTAMINANT	MCL- (MCLG)	Type	Compliance Value & (Range)	Date	Violation Yes/No	Source
Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]	80 (N/A)	LRAA	8.00 (8-8)	09/30/2025	No	By-products of drinking water chlorination
Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAA5]	60 (N/A)	LRAA	8.00 (8-8)	09/30/2025	No	By-products of drinking water disinfection
Lead (ppb)	AL=15 (0)	90th	1.10 (ND - 9)	2024	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	AL=1.3 (1.3)	90th	0.1698 (0.0039-0.5005)	2024	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits Leaching from wood preservatives
950- DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM						
Chlorine (ppm)	MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0)	RAA	1.1 (0.57-1.64)	09/30/2025	No	Water additive used to control microbes
01- WELLS 1,3,&4/PUMP HOUSE SAMPLE						
Gross Alpha, inc (pCi/L)	15 (0)	SGL	5.1	01/23/2024	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5 (0)	SGL	1.1	01/19/2021	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (ppm)	2 (2)	SGL	0.17	01/25/2022	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Selenium (ppb)	50 (50)	SGL	13.30	01/25/2022	No	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits Discharge from mines
Arsenic (ppb)	10 (0)	SGL	2.30	01/25/2022	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronic production wastes
Fluoride (ppm)	4 (4)	SGL	0.3	01/25/2022	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	N/A (N/A)	SGL	15.58	07/08/2025	No	Erosion of natural deposits Added to water during treatment process
Nitrate [as N] (ppm)	10 (10)	SGL	4.54 (3.92-4.54)	2025	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

DEFINITIONS

- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) -- The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- ppb -- parts per billion.
- ppm -- parts per million.
- pCi/L -- picocuries per liter
- N/A - Not applicable
- ND -- Not detected
- RAA - Running Annual Average
- Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- Action Level (AL) - The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that disinfection is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- SGL- Single Sample Result
- RTCR- Revised Total Coliform Rule
- NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. Our water supply is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formulas, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for a longer period. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact KINGSLEY WATER SUPPLY at 712-378-3741. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Lead tap sampling data can be found in the Iowa Drinking Water Data Portal: <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/iowadrinkingwater>

Our water supply has completed a service line inventory. Please contact us for information regarding the inventory and how you can access the results.

SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the sand and gravel of the Alluvial aquifer. The Alluvial aquifer was determined to be highly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide little protection from contamination at the land surface. The Alluvial wells will be highly susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 712-378-3741.

This water supply obtains its water from the buried sand and gravel of the Buried Sand and Gravel aquifer. The Buried Sand and Gravel aquifer was determined to be slightly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide moderate protection from contaminants at the land surface. The Buried Sand and Gravel well will be slightly susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 712-378-3741.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact KINGSLEY WATER SUPPLY at 712-378-3741.

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DEADLINE: ADS, OBITS & LEGALS
FRIDAY AT 3 P.M.

St John Lutheran, Cushing
Sat. & Sun. April 11 & 12
Passing on the Faith
to the Next Generation
w/ Rev. Julie Smith
Service Coordinator (Global Leader)
Lutheran Congregations
in Mission for Christ (LCMC)
April 11th 9:00a-1:30p Seminar+Q&A
Lunch Provided
April 12th 9:30a Worship
10:30 Brunch with Q&A
206 School St., Cushing, IA
Questions or to RSVP call or text
Pastor Karl Seggerman 712-441-4290

McNiff Post 389
66th Annual
Omelet Breakfast
Sunday
March 29, 2026
8:00 am - 11:00 am
Anthon American Legion Hall
Main Street, Anthon
**** Free Will Donation ****
For local delivery
Call 712.870.8802
Post 389 is a non-profit, 501(c)(19) tax exempt veterans' organization.
All donations support local community, veterans, and youth initiatives.

K.C.'s Famous
LENTEN FISH FRY
Friday, March 27
4:30-7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception
Catholic Church - Merville
Adults: \$15
Children: (5-10) \$5
Children 5 & under: Free
Carry-outs available
Sponsored by: Fr. O'Reilly Knights of Columbus #8232

Cushing Legion Post 624
Pancake & Sausage Breakfast
Sunday, March 29
Legion Hall • 9 a.m. to noon
FREEWILL DONATION

THANK YOU
The family of Jim Rock wants to thank everyone who helped in our time of sorrow and celebration of Jim's life. The quick response of the Pierson Ambulance crew, Pastor Marty Young, the Kingsley Funeral Home for their kindness, the Veterans of our area, and all our friends, who made our time of loss bearable. Also our God in Heaven, who helped us through this hard time and continues to do so.
Family of Jim Rock

LAWTON-BRONSON COMMUNITY SCHOOL						
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING						
Proposed LAWTON-BRONSON School Budget Summary						
Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027						
Location of Public Hearing: Lawton-Bronson Elementary School Library - 113 W. 1st Street, Bronson, Iowa	Date of Hearing: 04/13/2026	Time of Hearing: 07:00 PM				
The Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 26/27 school budget at the above noted location and time. At the 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 the revenues and expenditures on file with the district secretary. A copy of the details will be furnished upon request.						
		Budget 2027	Re-est. 2026	Actual 2025	Avg % 25-27	
Taxes Levied on Property	1	3,274,041	3,207,997	3,108,914	% 2.6	
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	2	52,642	51,026	49,449	% 3.2	
Income Surtaxes	3	43,657	47,205	47,134	% -3.8	
Tuition/Transportation Received	4	1,699,500	1,650,000	1,581,451		
Earnings on Investments	5	344,000	471,350	433,892		
Nutrition Program Sales	6	346,000	335,500	273,172		
Student Activities and Sales	7	394,000	381,700	336,487		
Other Revenues from Local Sources	8	479,700	465,300	296,610		
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	9	0	0	0		
State Foundation Aid	10	4,812,717	4,650,674	4,668,891		
Instructional Support State Aid	11	16,030	0	0		
Other State Sources	12	1,361,200	1,333,750	1,042,301		
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	13	28,080	28,080	28,145		
Title I Grants	14	60,000	58,300	34,882		
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	15	592,500	575,300	329,942		
Total Revenues	16	13,504,067	13,256,182	12,231,270		
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	17	185,000	192,500	184,436		
Transfers In	18	221,000	291,500	262,248		
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	19	0	0	0		
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	20	0	0	0		
Total Revenues & Other Sources	21	13,910,067	13,740,182	12,677,954		
Beginning Fund Balance	22	8,150,165	8,696,145	7,961,122		
Total Resources	23	22,060,232	22,436,327	20,639,076		
*Instruction	24	7,563,000	7,348,000	6,568,695	% 7.3	
Student Support Services	25	200,000	242,000	120,349		
Instructional Staff Support Services	26	858,000	833,000	617,510		
General Administration	27	690,400	649,000	568,623		
School Administration	28	450,000	495,000	380,808		
Business & Central Administration	29	213,500	203,500	180,662		
Plant Operation and Maintenance	30	1,240,000	1,468,500	1,013,284		
Student Transportation	31	1,000,500	1,045,000	914,396		
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	31A	4,652,400	4,936,000	3,795,632	% 10.7	
*Noninstructional Programs	32	715,000	680,000	520,926	% 17.2	
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	33	250,000	550,000	346,198		
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	34	205,000	275,000	194,136		
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	35	239,317	205,662	255,096		
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	35A	694,317	1,030,662	795,430	% -6.6	
Total Expenditures	36	13,624,717	13,994,662	11,680,683		
Transfers Out	37	221,000	291,500	262,248		
Other Uses	38	0	0	0		
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	39	13,845,717	14,286,162	11,942,931		
Ending Fund Balance	40	8,214,515	8,150,165	8,696,145		
Total Requirements	41	22,060,232	22,436,327	20,639,076		
Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)		10.83394				