

# Ready To Take Charge

The AC/GC Chargers football team will be under the direction of Head Coach Will Shull next season, and he is ready to go.



Newly announced AC/GC Chargers head football coach chats with Brexton Schneider and Joe Crawford during a 2025 game.

By Dustin Teays  
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When the AC/GC Chargers football team takes the field for the first time this fall, they will be under the direction of a new head coach, and he is ready to go.

Earlier this year, past head football coach Cody Matthewson announced he is leaving the district for another opportunity with the Van Meter School District. AC/GC had the head football coach position open and then announced that assistant coach Will Shull would step into the role come next fall, something he is excited for.

"It feels great. Having the opportunity to be around the program the last two years has been a true blessing, so being able to take over the program and be the next guy to step up to that has been amazing. The community support has truly been great, and I am very thankful for this opportunity," Shull said of this opportunity.

Now, just what is he stepping into? Shull is taking over a program that hasn't lost a regular-season game since October 14, 2022, has won three straight undefeated district titles, and has made three straight quarterfinal appearances. Shull is thankful to have learned from someone like Matthewson, who achieved immense success while leading the program during his time with AC/GC. "Cody has taught me so much. Being able to work under him has been amazing. He is a great football coach and has been extremely helpful in the entire process. Being able to learn from him has been amazing and extremely valuable. He has made the transition very helpful. We met the other day to talk about contacts and what we needed to order just to help me get my ducks in a row. I will forever be grateful for the time that I have had to work with him," Shull added.

Don't let his age fool you, he may be young, but Shull has a

wide range of experience from some extremely bright minds in football. With all of that experience, Shull will be in a great spot next season.

"I think the biggest thing for me is the diversity. I am young but have had the opportunity to work under some great coaches. When I was at Iowa State, I worked with Nate Scheelhouse as his manager who is now the OC at the Los Angeles Rams. I learned a lot from him and obviously Matt Campbell at Iowa State just being in the locker room for pre/post game speeches and seeing how he does his day to day operation was awesome. He did a great thing at Iowa State am being able to see that first hand was really beneficial for me," Shull said.

When fall comes around, the Chargers football program will be under new direction, but the same goal will remain. Play their brand of football and finally punch their ticket to the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls.

-Dustin Teays

## Sports

# CR-B's Ashtyn Klocke Signs Letter of Intent For Marshalltown Community College

When her time with Coon Rapids-Bayard comes to an end, Klocke will continue her academic and volleyball career at Marshalltown Community College.



Ashtyn Klocke has been a staple on the Coon Rapids-Bayard Crusaders volleyball team for years now, and she will get the chance to show what she is made of at the next level for Marshalltown Community College.

-Dustin Teays

## Panora Lions Club Breakfast Scholarship Fundraiser

April 12 | 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Panora Community Building

Sausage Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Cinnamon Rolls, Coffee, and Juice  
Free will donation.

Kass Duis scholarship fundraiser for anyone in Panorama Schools graduating this year and going to a trade school.



## Notice of Public Hearing - Coon Rapids-Bayard

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY Proposed COON RAPIDS-BAYARD Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027		
Location of Public Hearing: Coon Rapids-Bayard Library, 905 North Street, Coon Rapids, IA 50058	Date of Public Hearing: 4/13/2026	Time of Public Hearing: 06:00 PM
Location of Notice on School Website: <a href="https://www.crbcrusaders.org/page/district-audit-report">https://www.crbcrusaders.org/page/district-audit-report</a>		

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present oral or written objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed budget.

	Current Year Final Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2027
General Fund Levy	1,963,405	1,963,405	2,077,142
Instructional Support Levy	154,305	154,305	158,608
Management	226,558	226,558	280,723
Amara Library	0	0	0
Voted Physical Plant and Equipment	346,055	346,055	375,232
Regular Physical Plant and Equipment	85,223	85,223	92,408
Reorganization Equalization	0	0	0
Public Education/Recreation (Playground)	0	0	0
Debt Service	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,775,546</b>	<b>2,775,546</b>	<b>2,984,113</b>

	Current Year Final Property Tax Rate FY 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Rate (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Rate FY 2027
<b>Grand Total Levy Rate</b>	<b>10.93618</b>	<b>10.11389</b>	<b>10.87420</b>

Property Tax Comparison	Current Year Property Taxes	Proposed Property Taxes	Percent Change
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000/\$110,000	519	533	2.70
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$300,000/\$330,000	2,254	2,488	10.38

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at \$150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year.  
Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current:  
The management fund increased to cover increased costs in property and casualty insurance.

## Notice of Public Hearing - Coon Rapids-Bayard School Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
Proposed COON RAPIDS-BAYARD School Budget Summary  
Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027

Location of Public Hearing: Coon Rapids-Bayard School District Library, 905 North Street, Coon Rapids, IA 50058 | Date of Hearing: 04/13/2026 | Time of Hearing: 06:15 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	2,984,113	2,775,546	2,746,467	% 4.2
Utility Replacement Excise Tax	45,212	41,983	36,812	% 10.8
Income Surtaxes	129,247	138,893	150,985	% -7.5
Tuition/Transportation Received	100,000	90,000	94,642	
Earnings on Investments	197,100	202,100	237,426	
Nutrition Program Sales	160,000	150,000	140,074	
Student Activities and Sales	226,000	216,000	172,749	
Other Revenues from Local Sources	275,000	263,843	211,230	
Revenue from Intermediary Sources	0	0	0	
State Foundation Aid	3,604,944	3,629,688	3,322,212	
Instructional Support State Aid	9,665	0	0	
Other State Sources	539,000	519,000	680,886	
Two Tier Assessment Limitation Replacement	48,193	48,193	46,185	
Title I Grants	100,000	98,756	90,790	
IDEA and Other Federal Sources	400,000	452,085	527,537	
Total Revenues	8,818,474	8,626,087	8,457,995	
General Long-Term Debt Proceeds	0	0	0	
Transfers In	435,000	435,000	420,658	
Proceeds of Fixed Asset Dispositions	0	0	45,725	
Special Items/Upward Adjustments	0	0	0	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	9,253,474	9,061,087	8,924,378	
Beginning Fund Balance	5,266,284	5,491,306	6,221,874	
<b>Total Resources</b>	<b>14,519,758</b>	<b>14,552,393</b>	<b>15,146,252</b>	
*Instruction	5,210,000	4,805,000	4,705,176	% 5.2
Student Support Services	350,000	244,000	229,820	
Instructional Staff Support Services	320,000	441,000	215,756	
General Administration	240,000	230,000	216,691	
School Administration	200,000	220,000	233,258	
Business & Central Administration	246,000	246,000	232,492	
Plant Operation and Maintenance	730,000	710,000	545,096	
Student Transportation	560,000	475,000	328,259	
*Total Support Services (lines 25-31)	2,646,000	2,566,000	2,001,372	% 15.0
*Noninstructional Programs	450,000	400,000	402,816	% 5.7
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	500,000	500,000	1,521,862	
Debt Service (Principal, interest, fiscal charges)	435,000	435,000	426,199	
AEA Support - Direct to AEA	168,350	145,109	176,863	
*Total Other Expenditures (lines 33-35)	1,103,350	1,080,109	2,124,924	% -27.9
Total Expenditures	9,409,350	8,851,109	9,234,288	
Transfers Out	435,000	435,000	420,658	
Other Uses	0	0	0	
Total Expenditures, Transfers Out & Other Uses	9,844,350	9,286,109	9,654,946	
Ending Fund Balance	4,675,408	5,266,284	5,491,306	
<b>Total Requirements</b>	<b>14,519,758</b>	<b>14,552,393</b>	<b>15,146,252</b>	
<b>Proposed Property Tax Rate (per \$1,000 taxable valuation)</b>	<b>10.87420</b>			

# Bru Crew Brings Home Big Wins at State Swim Meet



By Sid Franzen

Reece and Isaac Bru, of Polk City, sons of Joe and Tessa (Franzen) Bru and grandsons of Sid Franzen and the late Cindy Franzen, who swim for Central Iowa Aquatics in Ankeny, recently completed a terrific youth swimming short-course season at the state youth swimming championships in Cedar Falls (Feb. 20, 2026).

Isaac, 8 years old, won the first-place high-point trophy

by scoring the most points of all 8-year-olds competing. He won first place in all events he swam, which consisted of five individual events and two relays.

Reece, 12 years old, swam to seven individual medals in the nine events that he swam. In January, he was one of the top 12 swimmers in his age group selected as a member of the 2026 Midwest All Stars All-Iowa team. The top 72 swimmers are chosen based

on times. They competed in a three-day meet against teams from Colorado, Missouri Valley, North Dakota, South Dakota and the Missouri Ozarks.

Reece, Isaac and sister Tylar are also outstanding triathletes in the Des Moines metro area. Isaac finished first, Reece second and Tylar eighth for the season in the summerlong Rip Roar Circuit.

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