

PUBLIC NOTICES

ORIGINAL NOTICE BY PUBLICATION IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY No. LACV007559

FIRST TECH FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Plaintiff,

vs.

ALDO SAMIR MORALES

Defendant.

TO DEFENDENT ALDO SAMIR MORALES:

You are notified that a petition has been filed in the office of the clerk of this court naming you as the defendant in this action.

The attorneys for the Plaintiff are Pickens, Barnes & Abernathy whose address is 1800 First Avenue NE, Suite 200, P.O. Box 74170, Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52407-4170. The attorneys' phone number is (319) 366-7621; facsimile number is (319) 366-3158.

You are further notified that the above case has been filed in a county that utilizes electronic filing. Unless, within 20 days after the third publication of this original notice, you serve, and within a reasonable time thereafter file a motion or answer, in the Iowa District Court for Decatur County, at the courthouse in Leon, Iowa, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition. Please see Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16 for information on electronic filing and Iowa Court Rules Chapter 16, division VI regarding the protection of personal information in court filings.

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IMPORTANT: YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK LEGAL ADVICE AT ONCE TO PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS
3t14 May 6, 13, & 20 2026

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S LEVY AND SALE

STATE OF IOWA
Iowa District Court for Decatur County
Court Case# LALA005983
Des Moines COUNTY

GENERAL EXECUTION

IDEAL READY MIX, INC.
Plaintiff

VS
SAM NELSON/
SN CONSTRUCTION, LLC
Defendant
(Judgment Debtor)

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) Personal Property to satisfy the judgment. The property to be sold is:

Any and all personal property owned including Caterpillar 303.3E Mini Excavator; Bighorn enclosed trailer; Caterpillar Excavator 219-7706 Auger Attachment; Excavator bucket attachment; Miscellaneous power tools such as drills, saws, laser level; Miscellaneous hand tools such as hammers and shovels; propane heaters.

This sale not subject to redemption.

Property exemption: Certain money or property may be exempt. Contact your attorney promptly to review specific provisions of the law and file appropriate notice, if applicable.

Judgement amount \$47,732.69; Costs \$1,570.00; Accruing Costs Pending; Interest % \$4,967.52.

The described property will be offered for sale at public auction for cash only as follows:

Date of Sale
Time of Sale
May 19-21, 2026
10:00 a.m.

Place of Sale
Southern Iowa Towing
2050 E. Main St.
Lamoni, IA 50140

Dated April 21, 2026

Sheriff Chris Lane
Decatur County, Iowa
Attorney
Brick Gentry P.C.

2t13 April 29 & May 6, 2026

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The Iowa District Court in and for Decatur County
Case No. ESPR005290

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA M. GRACEY Deceased

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of VIRGINIA M. GRACEY, Deceased, who died on or about November 18, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on March 24, 2026, the last will and testament of VIRGINIA M. GRACEY, deceased, bearing date of November 14, 2025, was admitted to probate in the above named court and that Melanie K. Green was appointed Executor of 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 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 April 15, 2026.

Melanie K. Green
Executor of Estate
19917 E. 45th St.
Broken Arrow, OK 74014

Daniel R. Rockhold
ICIS# AT0009763
Attorney for Executor
Rockhold Law, PLLC
112 W. Jefferson St.
Suite 2
PO Box 336
Corydon, IA 50060

Date of second publication:
May 13, 2026.

2t14 May 6 & 13, 2026

ORIGINAL NOTICE by Publication IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT OF DECATUR COUNTY Case No. CDDM004823

Upon the Petition of

JENNIFER EHRLICH,
Petitioner,
and concerning

JAMES LYNDON EHRLICH,
Respondent

1. Information for Respondent

- Petitioner (your spouse) has filed a divorce lawsuit naming you as Respondent.
- Petitioner's contact information during the divorce case:

Jennifer Ehrlich
12349 215th Avenue
Van Wert, IA 50262
Decatur County
(641) 464-5037
jenehrlich89@gmail.com

2. Respondent's deadline for filing a Response

You must file an Answer or a Motion with the clerk of court in the above county within **20 days** after May 6, 2026.

3. Instructions to Respondent

You must file an Answer or a Motion with the clerk of court in the above county within **20 days** after the date provided above. If you do not respond, **the court may enter a judgment against you** giving Petitioner what he or she asked for in the Petition.

Notice to Respondent

- You should talk to an attorney at once to protect your interests.
- If you choose not to have an attorney represent you in this matter, go to the Iowa Judicial Branch website for [self-represented litigant information](http://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile/) and free [guided interactive interview court forms](http://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile/) or free fillable .pdf court forms under [Divorce](http://www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile/).
- You must register through the Iowa Judicial Branch website at www.iowacourts.state.ia.us/Efile/ and obtain a log in a password to electronically file and view court documents in your case and to receive service and notices from the court.
- For general rules and information on electronic filing, refer to the Iowa Rules of Electronic Procedure in

Chapter 16 of the [Iowa Court Rules](http://www.iowacourts.gov/).

- For court rules on the Protection of Personal Privacy in court filings, refer to Division VI of the Iowa Rules of Electronic Procedure in Chapter 16 of the [Iowa Court Rules](http://www.iowacourts.gov/).

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3t12 Apr. 22, 29, & May 6, 2026

CENTRAL DECATUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Minutes for April 22, 2026
Central Decatur Board of Education Meeting

The Central Decatur Community School Board of Education met in regular session in the High School Library on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.

Board members present: Amber Swartz, Sean Saxton, Nick Tharp, Cassy Allen, and Jo Frank

Board members absent: None

Others in attendance: Amy Whittington, Dan Johnson, Chris Coffelt, Becky Broich, and ten guests.

Board President Swartz called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

- Cayle Buckingham provided information regarding the Therapy Dog Program. A few community members expressed support for the SRO position with one community member expressing concern regarding performing arts scheduling and other calendar conflicts.
- The public hearing for the proposed 2026-2027 certified budget was held. No written or public comment was given.

CONSENSUS ITEMS AND REPORTS:

The following consent items were approved:

- The agenda for April 22, 2026.
- Minutes of the previous meetings on March 23, 2026.
- Financial reports for the following funds for March 2026: General, Management, Physical Plant and Equipment Levy, Capital Projects, Bond and Interest, Partial-Self Insurance Fund, Activity, Scholarship, and Lunch.
- Summary list of bills for April:
 - General Fund \$72,556.58; Activity Fund \$18,417.10; Lunch Fund \$25,059.07; Scholarship Fund \$1,200.00; Capital Projects Fund \$49,906.83; PPEL Fund \$3,256.76; Bond and Interest Fund \$363,412.50.
- Open enrollment applications to attend CD beginning the 2026-27 school year for two Kindergarten students, one from Clarke CSD and one from Lamoni CSD.
- Senior trip to Branson, Mo April 27-29, 2026. There were no fundraising requests.

Motion to approve all items listed in Consensus Items and Reports listed above by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.

LEARNING LINK:

- Secondary Principal Dan Johnson highlighted the goals and objectives identified in the District Career and Academic Plan (DCAP), reviewing the opportunities and actions to ensure students have explored and identified post-secondary pathways, including enrolling in post-secondary education, employment, or enlistment. Students start this plan in eighth grade using Xello college and career readiness software and continue to review it through their senior year. House File 316 expanded career exploration to grades five-seven.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Personnel:
 - o The Board accepted the resignation from Curtis Boothe as Head HS Boys Basketball Coach with expressed appreciation for 20+ years of coaching boys and girls basketball. Motion by Saxton, second by Frank. Motion carried unanimously.
 - o The Board approved the hire of Bryan Mojica as Assistant JH Baseball Coach. Motion by Allen, second by Tharp. Motion carried unanimously.
 - o Sheriff Chris Lane shared community survey results regarding the SRO program. The Board approved continuing to share the School Resource Officer position with Decatur County/City of Leon. Motion by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously.

- o Classified notifications: Resignations with expressed appreciation - Charlotte Rippey as a Paraprofessional effective the end of the school year and John Rippey as the Activities/Weekend Custodian effective September 6, 2026.

Budget:

- o The budget guarantee is a mechanism that is designed to respond to declining enrollment, allowing districts to receive an increase of 1% over the prior year's Regular Program District Cost. The board adopted the following resolution in order to receive the scale down or 101% budget guarantee. Resolution: RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Central Decatur Community School District, will levy property tax for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.

- o The Board adopted the 2026-2027 school budget with a tax rate of \$12.78 per \$1,000 taxable valuation. Approval of budget guarantee resolution and the 2026-2027 school budget: Motion by Allen, second by Saxton. Motion carried unanimously. Roll call vote: Ayes: Allen, Swartz, Tharp, Frank, and Saxton. Nays: None.

District Projects/Purchases:

- o Superintendent Coffelt shared highlights from the April 8 District Facility Community Task Force meeting and the April 22 community meeting. The Board will hold a work session in May to review next steps. No action was taken.

- The board approved Class of 2026 students for graduation, pending successful completion of all district graduation requirements. Motion by Allen, second by Frank. Motion carried unanimously.

Students have missed one day due to inclement weather. The 2025-2026 calendar was developed with a number of hours above the required minimum of 1,080. The board approved to waive the missed hours for all students PK-12. Motion by Frank, second by Allen. Motion carried unanimously.

- The following Southwestern Community College (SWCC) Educational Services Contracts were approved:
 - o Summer 2026: Health Science Pre-Nursing, Carpentry & Building Trades, and Applied Engineering Technology.

- o 2026 - 2027: Health Sciences, Welding Career Academy, Carpentry and Building Trades, Automotive Repair, Computer Networking, Applied Engineering Technology and Arts and Sciences courses.

Motion by Saxton, second by Frank. Motion carried unanimously.

- The first reading for board policy 409.03, including regulations and exhibits, to define year as a rolling 12-month period measured backward from the date an employee takes FMLA leave. Motion by Allen, second by Frank. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Board Business:
 - o Superintendent Coffelt shared the latest School Administrators of Iowa (SAI) legislative update.
- Upcoming Dates:
 - a. May 5: National Teacher Appreciation Day
 - b. May 4-8: Staff recognition Week
 - c. May: Board Appreciation Month
 - d. May 13: Regular Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. - High School Tap Room 1122.
 - e. May 17: 2026 Graduation @ 1 p.m.
 - f. June 15: Regular Meeting @ 6:00 p.m. - High School TAP Room 1122.

Frank moved the meeting adjourn at 9:19 p.m. Second by Allen.

SIGNED: Amber Swartz
President

ATTEST: Becky Broich
Board Secretary

Bills for Approval April 22, 2026
Capital Projects Fund
Bond & Interest Fund
Monthly Transfer for Sales Tax Revenue Bond Principal & Interest Payment & Semi-annual Paying Agent Fee \$600 \$50,506.83
Total PPEL Fund GreatAmerica Financial Services Correction for Mar 23, 2026 - Previously published as \$468 should have been \$936. Monthly lease for copy machines \$936.00

Ideal Ready Mix Company, Inc
Parking stops for N Elem parking lot \$850.00
T Wells Plumbing LLC
Water heater, faucet & drain - SElem \$1,002.76
Total \$2,788.76

Bond & Interest Fund
Pinnacle Public Finance
July 1, 2027 Sales Tax Revenue Bond, Series 2015 - Principal & Interest Payment \$362,812.50
UMB Bank
Annual admin/ paying agent fee for Sales Tax Revenue Bond, Series 2023 \$600.00
Total \$363,412.50

LUNCH FUND BILLS FOR APPROVAL APRIL 22, 2026
Amazon Capital Services
Equipment parts \$157.93
Anderson Erickson Dairy milk/yogurt \$3,578.16
Country Roads Meat Market, LLC
Beef Processing \$413.58
Hy-Vee Accounts Receivable
Purchased food \$66.46
Loffredo, Corporate Headquarters Produce \$4,274.21
Martin Bros Distributing Co, Inc. Purchased food \$16,568.73
Total Lunch Fund Bills \$25,059.07

ACTIVITY AND SCHOLARSHIP FUND BILLS FOR APPROVAL APRIL 22, 2026
Amazon Capital Services
Track, drama, Class of 2027, & FFA supplies \$1,743.83
Bethards, Keegan Prom photographer \$500.00
BMO FINANCIAL GROUP
Class of 2027, FFA, Drama, FBLA, FCCLA & Speech supplies, FCCLA, Class of 2026 & AD travel \$5,572.13
Bruce, Cloie FFA calf show payout \$150.00
BSN Sports, Inc Track supplies \$684.84
CD General Fund Concessions pay \$29.28
DANNCO Track supplies \$178.50
DeJong, Madisyn FFA calf show payout \$250.00
Ewell Educational Services Online subscription \$96.00
Family Table Restaurant, The FFA supplies \$1,522.50
Gilbert Hardware Drama supplies \$6.98
Hy-Vee Accounts Receivable FCCLA & FFA supplies \$421.64
Iowa FCCLA Entry fees \$20.00
Iowa FFA Association Conference registration \$80.00
Jacobson, Drew FFA judge \$300.00
Jones, Jaxson FFA calf show payout \$150.00
Jones, Lisa Purchased service \$500.00
Lain, Brantley FFA calf show payout \$50.00
Lain, Tucker FFA calf show payout \$75.00
Leon Hardware & Appliances, LLC General athletics supplies \$243.73
Lizzie's Kitchen Class of 2027 & FFA supplies \$2,087.00
Lukavsky, Dalton FFA calf show payout \$100.00
Martin Bros Distributing Co, Inc. Purchased food \$47.42
McCullough, Drew FFA calf show payout \$75.00
Mittag, Craig FFA judge \$300.00
Murray FFA FFA supplies \$72.00
National FFA Organization FFA supplies \$37.00
Purchase of Petty Cash FFA calf/swine show startup \$1,900.00
Pioneer Manufacturing Company General athletics supplies \$425.25
Sale Barn Cafe FFA supplies \$207.00
Sillman, Sydney FFA calf show payout \$150.00
Swartzentruber, Caroline FFA supplies \$72.00
Trinity Christian Church Academic Bowl supplies \$120.00
Wailes, Leighton FFA calf show payout \$250.00
Total Activity Fund Bills \$18,417.10

Fund 81 - Scholarships
Northwest Iowa Community College
Jeffrey Richards \$1,200.00
Total Scholarship Fund Bills \$1,200.00

GENERAL FUND BILLS FOR APPROVAL APRIL 22, 2026
Agriland FS, Inc. Gas & Diesel \$5,281.74
AgriVision Equipment Group, LLC Transportation parts \$428.60
Ahlrs & Cooney, PC Legal services \$465.00
Airgas USA, LLC Shop repairs \$1,276.82

AK Garage, LLC Tires \$272.00
Alliant Energy / IPL Electricity \$14,188.11
Amazon Capital Services Office, library, cardinal muscle, instructional, nurse, technology, & building maintenance supplies \$1,894.07
ATCO International Transportation supplies \$1,333.45
Bio Corporation Instructional supplies \$42.65
BMO FINANCIAL GROUP Staff travel, instructional, food pantry, & cardinal muscle supplies \$567.73
Central Decatur Lunch Fund Feb & March CM Monday School Snacks \$455.27
City of Leon Water-Sewer -Garbage \$3,041.65
Country Roads Meat Market, LLC Instructional supplies \$360.09
Flowers, Clara Student transportation reimbursement \$169.65
Gilbert Hardware Instructional supplies \$61.91
Gilbert Home Comfort Greenhouse repairs \$507.40
Grant City Skating Rink HSAP field trip admissions \$165.00
Green Hills AEA 90% Portion of Sped funding \$19,394.50
GRM Networks Internet & Phone \$1,528.66
Harris School Solutions Transaction fees \$332.50
Hewlett's Quality Lawn Care & Pest Control Pest Control Service \$230.00
Holmes Murphy Purchased service \$1,925.00
Hy-Vee Accounts Receivable Instructional supplies \$2,246.28
Iowa Dept. of Human Services Non-fed share Medicaid rcvd-Mar 26 \$5,307.71
Iowa Water Management Company Monthly Water Management Services \$405.00
ISFIS, Inc Purchased service \$147.00
ITAG Conference registration \$99.00
Leon Hardware & Appliances, LLC Building maintenance supplies \$29.76
Leon Journal-Reporter Publication Fees & Supplies \$1,618.85
Martin Bros Distributing Co, Inc. Instructional supplies \$457.42
Medical Enterprises, Inc. IDATP Annual Dues & Drug/ Alcohol Test \$1,120.00
Midwest Dust Solutions Purchased service \$1,700.00
North Lumber & Home Center Livestock facility supplies \$106.40
RelayHub, LLC 6% of Medicaid rcvd-Mar 26 \$535.36
Schaeffer Mfg. Co. Transportation supplies \$533.28
Smith Feeder Supply, Inc. Livestock facility supplies \$19.99
Tharp Lawn Care Snow removal \$750.00
Trane U.S. Inc Inspection fees \$1,985.00
Travis Mechanical & Controls, LLC Building maintenance repairs \$535.00
Truck Center Companies Bus repairs \$647.32
Ward's Science Instructional supplies \$153.69
Watson Auto Parts Transportation/ building mtnic parts \$77.72
Witt, Larry Transportation supplies \$70.00
Yutz's Greenhouse Instructional supplies \$90.00
Total General Fund Bills \$72,556.58
1t14 May 6, 2026

THE COURTHOUSE REPORT

Decatur County Sheriff's Report
Apr. 26 - May 3, 2026
NOTICE: A CRIMINAL CHARGE IS MERELY AN ACCUSATION AND THE DEFENDANT IS PRESUMED INNOCENT UNTIL AND UNLESS proven guilty.
4/26
SO responded to an accident on NW 18th St. in Leon.
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