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Column One Events

Bancroft Public Library to hold fall story and craft time

The Bancroft Public Library will be holding their fall story and craft time for preschool children. They will be held on the Tuesday, October 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Children may wear their Halloween costumes the last day on October 29th.

Please register your child by calling at 515-885-2753 or stop by the library during open hours.

St. Mary's to host annual Turkey Supper

St. Mary's in Armstrong will be hosting their Turkey Supper on Sunday, October 6 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the catholic church, Armstrong. The \$15.00 meal includes turkey, mashed potatoes/gravy, dressing, vegetables, coleslaw, dinner roll, cranberry sauce, delicious desserts and a drink. There is a \$7.00 meal for kids 8 and under. Make sure to shop in their country store for fresh baked goodies and other items.

Celebrating Pork Month with Hager Foods and Fidelity Bank and Trust

October is Pork Month and Fidelity Bank and Trust is partnering with local restaurants to promote pork. This week's featured special is at Hager Foods. They will be serving pork loin, applesauce, potato salad, and a drink for \$6.00 on Friday, October 4th from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kaylee Meyer to be honored at baby shower

A baby shower is being held in honor mother to be Kaylee Meyer and baby boy Marsh on Saturday, October 12 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Whittemore Community Center, 605 4th St, Whittemore. Instead of card, please bring a book to share for the new mom to be. Kaylee is registered at Amazon.

Allison Steburg to be honored at baby shower

Please join family and friends for a baby shower honoring Allison Steburg on Sunday, October 13, 2024 from 10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. at the Summit Center, 304 S. Summit St., Bancroft,. She is registered at Target and Amazon. Please bring a book instead of a card. They'll cherish the book, well loved or brand new. Please sign the inside with a message just from you!

SCIL hosting Bingo

Swea City Improvement League (SCIL) is hosting BINGO at LaRows Cafe, Swea City on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Games will start at 6:30 p.m. Must be 21 to play. The money raised will be donated to SCIL projects. Come and enjoy a fun filled night, hope to see you there!

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Kidstop Preschool always enjoys visiting the Bancroft Public Library. While there, they are able to learn through play and reading of the many books available. The library will be holding their annual fall story and craft time beginning Tuesday, October 8th.



To get to this year's harvest has been like a roaster coaster for area farmers. From the weather in early spring being ideal for planting, to a rainy season that never seemed to and now it is time to bring in the goods. Farmers, including Jared Preston, who is in the combine and Ethan Preston, in the grain cart, are taking full advantage of this ideal weather to bring in the crops. (Photo by Amy Preston)



As a fun way to celebrate Kossuth Regional Health Center's 75th Anniversary (official anniversary date is October 4th, 2024), they gathered all of their current employees who were born there! They are missing a few, but what a fun way to reflect on the past 7+ decades of healthcare in this community! Pictured are Left to Right: Barb Runneberg, Dusti Julius, Renae Ruhnke, Renee Richardson, Amber Davis, Summer Morgan,

Kathy Shieler, Ryan Miller, Mindy Schultz, Sarah Becker, Tina Boettcher, Alishia Shellenberg, Ryan Habeger, Wendy Wagner, Elizah Salvatore, Kelly Kortenber, Rachel Besch, Chelsie Heyer, Kim Dahlhauser, Serena Reemtsma, Sara Horstman, Bryce Boeckholt, Allison Gisch and Amanda Beenken.



The Bancroft Fire Department has recently purchased four-passenger quick response truck, replacing the outdated 1969 Chevy grass rig, offering enhanced storage and a 300-gallon water tank with pump and front-mounted nozzle that can be controlled for inside the cab. Other upgrades in the past year have included a modernized SCBAs, a cylinder refilling station, and an upgraded water tanker truck with a portable drop tank and front mount nozzle. They have also acquired an advanced 'Jaws of Life' set from Hurst, featuring 100% battery power for expedited extractions.

Bancroft Fire Department purchases new truck

The Bancroft Fire Department has purchased a new truck to better aid the community in case of emergency. The new 2024 Ford FSSO with Toyne Body was purchased new from Toyne Emergency Apparatus, Breda, IA and arrived in Bancroft this past month.

This truck will be used in place of the current 1969 Chevrolet. It has a 300-gallon skid in the rear with foam capability, a diesel powered 300 gallons per minute pump, booster reel with 100 feet of hose, along with a front turret nozzle for fighting

wildland fires. It will also carry six SCBA's and all Jaws of Life rescue equipment. The Bancroft Fire Department was able to purchase this truck with grants from FEMA's Assistance to Firefighter's Grants and the

Kossuth Community Foundation, as well as generous donations from the community. The final price for this vehicle was \$237,813.02.

The new truck will replace the 1969 Chevrolet which was originally purchased new from Kemna Motor Company on February 4, 1969.

The current Fire Chief at the time was Walt Fangman.

This truck was used as a water tanker truck until the early 2000's. At that time, the Bancroft fire department acquired a newer tanker truck and with the assistance of a grant from the Department of Natural Resources, the truck was outfitted with its current service body and a new 200-gallon wildland skid and pump for fighting field fires. It was also set up as a "quick response" vehicle with the Jaws of Life and other rescue tools.



Accura Healthcare Director Autumn Morphew, left, and Director of Nursing Megan Heetland, right, standing with Addyson Nelson, middle who was named Accura Healthcare of Bancroft 2023 Associate of The Year. Dining Services Assistant. Accura HealthCare's annual Associate of the Year award is given to employees who have embodied our values and mission to the utmost scale. Each of these individuals exemplifies Accura's core values of trust, integrity, accountability, commitment, and kindness. "On behalf of Accura HealthCare, I would like to personally thank and congratulate all of our 2023 award recipients. Their hard work, dedication, and commitment have allowed our Accura values to shine through and touch the lives of those we care for. Every day, our Accura teams strive to make a difference in the lives of our residents and tenants, as well as their fellow Accura staff and families. We are blessed to work alongside these incredible people. Thank you for inspiring us every day." - Lisa Toti, President, Accura HealthCare. She was recognized for her hardwork and dedication a banquet in September.



Director of Nursing Megan Heetland and Accura Healthcare Director Autumn Morphew were able to accept the Outstanding State and Federal Regulatory Performance for 2023 survey. This is a demonstration of the hard work and dedication of the staff, residents and their families.

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Swea City City Council

Swea City City Council Meeting for September 18th, 2024

Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 18th, 2024, at the Swea City, City Hall at 6:30 p.m. with Mayor Zielske presiding. Employees Alycia Wolterman, Travis Stevens and Tyler Evans were present.

Present were council members Sobolik, Geerdes, Perdue and Mayor Zielske. Kollasch was absent. Also present were Library board member Pam Braddock and Michael Tideman with the paper.

Visitors Sharon Work, Gail & Larry Heyn, Betty Lou & Larry Jones, and Craig & Janet Deim were also in attendance. Motion by CM Hoyer, second by CM Sobolik to approve the consent agenda. All ayes carried.

1. Motion to approve agenda.
2. Motion to approve bills.
3. Motion to approve minutes of previous meetings.

4. Motion to approve financial reports.

5. Motion to approve liquor license for Dollar General pending payment and paperwork.

Visitor Larry Heyn asked about the progress on the garage doors at the shelter house.

No fire report.

Water and Sewer: Travis reported a sewer line was jetted that had backed up and the water tower painting should be done by end of day Friday.

Garbage: Tyler reported operations are going well. Tyler inquired about fire truck getting moved and CM Geerdes reported the department had tried to do it but had training.

Library board member Pam Braddock reported there were 241 volunteer hours, daily visits were up to 17 and Friends of the Library met recently. Pam reported the board had received quotes for shingling as well as treating the library roof and the board was requesting to move forward with Roofmax. Council discussed. Motion by CM Geerdes second by CM Hoyer to move forward with Roofmax. All nays second by CM Geerdes to complete the repairs and hold of roofing until other options can be reviewed. All ayes carried.

Janet Deim explained to council the Pool Plunge committee had recently met and has been reformatted to be the Parks and Rec committee. She noted that they would like to work on some park projects but want to be sure people understand none of the pool funds would be used for anything other than the pool. Janet then reviewed Mitch Hauskins is working with Agile Aquatics to prepare a plan for updates. Cost to prepare the plan would be \$5,000- \$8,000. Janet also reviewed different grants that are available noting there may be more available for parks and rec type of projects. The committee would like to move forward with a project to update playground equipment with a

proposed cost of \$35,000. They do plan on applying for grants but would need additional funds. Council discussed different options for updates and funding. Motion by CM Hoyer second by CM Sobolik to move forward with the park and rec committee on grant applications for playground equipment. All ayes carried.

Council discussed the old town siren. Mayor Zielske shared there is an individual that is interested. Motion by CM Hoyer second by CM Sobolik to put the siren out for sealed bids. All ayes carried.

Motion by CM Sobolik second by CM Hoyer to set date and time for truck or treat for Oct 31st from 5-7. All ayes carried.

Mayor Zielske reported to council the community club happy train trailer was recently dropped off at the City lot between cold storage and the elevator. Alycia stated she a part of community club and would like the opportunity to reach out to the group and find out what their plan is. Motion by CM Geerdes second by CM Sobolik to give to the group until the next council meeting to let the city know what their plan is. All ayes carried.

Mayor Zielske provided and update on the junk vehicles, stating there has been significant improvement since the process started in May but there are still several left. She noted the two options would be to utilize municipal infractions or serve a right to enter notice and have them prove the vehicles aren't in violation. If vehicles are still in violation, steps would be taken to have the vehicles towed. CM Sobolik stated residents have had plenty of time to comply. CM Perdue agreed. Motion by CM Sobolik second by CM Perdue to move forward with 24 hour notice and towing if necessary. CM Geerdes doesn't like the city coming down people's throats and noted he's had people say the council should worry more about buildings than cars. Mayor Zielske reminded council they were all in favor of moving forward with junk vehicles. Mayor Zielske stated she agrees that town is a mess but some things aren't simple and take time. Alycia reminded the group that council has the choice on how to move forward and with what violations. Alycia noted there were a sobolik, Hoyer and Perdue. Motion by CM Sobolik second by CM Geerdes. Jan. Council discussed how to move forward once junk vehicles are take care of and they would like to address the partially burned property on P30.

Mayor Zielske reminded the council of the section of city code that prohibits individuals of the public from modifying street surfaces, making speed bumps, grading etc. Per the code these actions would be considered defacing city property and is not allowed.

Mayor Zielske reported a dumpster customer had bricks in their dumpster and it was so heavy the garbage truck wouldn't lift it. Council reviewed

brick and concrete aren't allowed in dumpsters. Mayor Zielske will notify the customer the city won't pick up until the items are removed.

With no further business, motion to adjourn was made by CM Perdue, second by CM Sobolik. All ayes carried.

Alycia Wolterman, City Clerk

Wendy Zielske, Mayor

WARRANTS AUGUST 2024

GARBAGE

BW GAS & CONVENIENCE

FUEL

KOSSUTH COUNTY TRANSFER

STATION, LANDFILL

VISA, MISC

WELLMARK BC/BS

INSURANCE

TOTAL

GENERAL

ALLIANT, UTILITIES

SWEA CITY HERLAD PRESS

PUBLISHING

OVERHEAD DOOR

SUPPLIES

MARCO, COPIER

HAWKINS, CHEMICALS

RINGTEL, UTILITES

RVT, COMPUTER

MADISON NATIONAL LIFE

LIFE INSURANCE

STATELINE COOP

PROPERTY

KO CITY TREASURER

PROPERTY TAXES

J&R ELECTRIC

ELECTRIC

PMC ADVANTAGE

INSURANCE PREMIUM

IA CHILD SUPPORT

CHILD SUPPORT

IRS, FED FICA MC

VISA, VARIOUS

IPERS, RETIREMENT

TOTAL

FIRE

ALLIANT ENERGY,

UTILITIES

IRS, FED, FICA, MED

TOTAL

ROAD USE

ALLIANT ENERGY

UTILITIES

VISA, SUPPLIES

TEAM LAB, SUPPLIES

MICHAELSON, SUPPLIES

DAHLS TREE SERVICE

TREE REMOVAL

VASKE SALES & SERVICE

PARTS

BW GAS & CONVENIENCE

FUEL

TOTAL

WATER

ALLIANT ENERGY

UTILITIES

RINGTEL, UTILITES

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/s/ Renae Irmiter, Business Manager

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INSURANCE

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INSURANCE

IRS, FED, FICA, MC

IPERS, RETIREMENT

TOTAL

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ALLIANT ENERGY

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I&S GROUP

ENGINEERING FEES

STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY

TESTING

IPERS, RETIREMENT

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FRATCO, SUPPLIES

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Martin Marietta Agg Rock

Merryman Bridge Cons Cons

Mid Am Energy Svcs

Midland Power Coop Utilities

Mike Loft Wheel Exp

D Miller Reim

Motorola Solutions Inc Supp

NASSCO Supp

Nates Auto and Truck Repair

Engineer S

Nates Auto and Truck Repair

Fuel

New Cooperative Inc MaxYield C

Fuel

NIACC Exp

NIA Lumber&Design Exp

North Iowa Reporting Svcs

NW Comm Service

K & H Fuel

O'Reilly Exp

IOS Fuel

IOS Supp

D Olson Exp

Patten Enterprises LLC

Servs

PCC Billing Services Exp

Penguin Mgmt Inc Svcs

Pet Kingdom Exp

Petervens Svcs

Petrolend Exp

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Truck Country "OF IOWA" Equipment

Rep

Underground Vaults & Storage

Svcs

US Cellular Svcs

Verizon Wireless Exp

Verizon Connect Fleet USA Engineer

Supp

Verus Exp

Counsel Ofc & Doc Supp

W & H Coop Oil Co Fuel

J Waller Exp

Waste Mgmt of WI-MN Svcs

Wellmark BCBS Fees

White Tools LLC Engineer Supp

Windstream Svcs

Winnebago Coop Telecom Assoc

Phone

Ziegler Parts

Grand Total

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Tjarks to approve the handwritten claims to the Iowa Department of Transportation in the amount of \$25.00. Motion carried unanimously.

The board acknowledged the budget status report.

Veteran's Affairs Director Dan Green gave a monthly update.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Plath to allow the sheriff to offer up to a paid 50% incentive for the two deputy candidates' existing contract with the requirement that they sign a three-year agreement with the Kossuth County Sheriff's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Nath to open the Public Hearing for the FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendment.

Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

The Budget Amendment notice was read, and no public comments were made in writing or in person.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Waechter to close the public hearing for the FY 2024-2025 Budget Amendment.

Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Waechter to approve Resolution #09-17-24-01, which is a resolution to approve the budget amendment for FY 2024-2025.

Chairman Stecker called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Tjarks: no, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes, Stecker: yes. Motion carried 4-1.

Resolution #: 09-17-24-01

Notice of Public Hearing

Amendment #1 of Current Budget

FY 2024-2025

The Board of Supervisors met this date for the purpose of amending the current FY 24-25. No objectors were present therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, Iowa approve the Budget Amendments and Appropriation of Funds for FY 24-25 on this 17th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Renae Irmiter, Business Manager

September 17, 2024

ALLIANT, STREET LIGHTS

\$1,802.63

TOTAL

\$1,802.63

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TOAL

LIBRARY

ALLIANT ENERGY,

UTILITES

RINGTEL, PHONE

VISA, SUPPLIES

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IRS, FED, FICA, MED

TOTAL

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CAP PROJECTS-

GARBAGE-

GENERAL-

FIRE-

ROAD USE-

DEBT SERVICE-

T & A-

WATER-

SEWER-

DEPOSIT-

AMBUANCE-

STORM SEWER-

EMERGENCY-

LOST-

LIBRARY-

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Maisey Bierstedt bumps the ball over to keep the volley going during North Union's conference game against Lake Mills.

Lake Mills defeats North Union

By David Swartz

LAKE MILLS — North Union had one of its best offensive games of the season, but the Warriors couldn't slow Lake Mills' ground attack enough.

Tied 7-7 at halftime, it was the Bulldogs out-scoring North Union 20-0 in the third quarter. Both teams scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter as Lake Mills won 34-14 on the gridiron last Friday.

Greyson Colegrove led the North Union offense completing 16-of-25 passes for 158 yards. He also carried the ball 17 times for 117 yards and scored each of North Union's touchdowns—the longest run from 35 yards out.

However, Lake Mills controlled the game with its ground attack with 41 carries for 260 yards and four of their five touchdowns. Landon Price did the bulk of the work with 18 carries for 81 yards and three touchdowns—the longest from 44 yards out. Nash Delger averaged 14.8 yards per carry with nine carries for 133 yards including a 6-yard touchdown run.

Quarterback Hayden Helgeson

was efficient in his passing game, completing 5-of-6 for 86 yards including a 39-yard touchdown pass to Delger.

For North Union, Colegrove's top target was Khael Jones, who caught eight passes for 94 yards. Nick Hanson had three catches for 25 yards, Drew Henderson had two catches for 28 yards, Caden Zotz had two catches for 5 yards, and Eli Olson had one catch for 6 yards.

Besides Colegrove's 117 rushing yards, Caden Walders had eight carries for 38 yards and Henderson had one carry for 1 yard.

Christian Reyes kicked both of North Union's extra points.

North Union won the turnover battle, recovering three Lake Mills fumbles while coughing up the ball just once.

Oleson, Walders, and Carter Martens each recovered a fumble for the Warriors.

Cole Nicoson led North Union's defense with 6.5 tackles including a sack while Max Merrill had five tackles and Jackson Hutchinson and Lucas Dreyer each had 4.5 tackles. Martens also had a sack.



North Union senior Aliyah Jones uses a back hit to send the volleyball back over the net into Lake Mills territory.



Jennifer Carranza, along with her teammates ran in the Humboldt on Monday, September 23rd.

Cummins places 9th

By David Swartz

HUMBOLDT — North Union's Alexis Cummins earned another cross country medal with a Top 10 finish at Humboldt on Monday, September 23.

The sophomore placed ninth overall in the varsity girls' race in 22 minutes, 11.32 seconds to lead the Warrior girls. Teammate Jacey Welbig wasn't far behind as she placed 11th in 22:28.72. Also running on varsity, Alyssa Welbig placed 41st in 25:14.

In the boy's race, North Union featured just two runners. Aiden Bauer placed 60th in 21:54 and Kaden Madden placed 72nd in 23:14.

In the junior varsity girls' race, Jennifer Carranza placed eighth in 27:11.

Edward Campney placed 56th in the two-mile boys' junior high race in 19:08.



On September 25 the NU FFA soils judging team traveled to Iowa Central Community College located in Fort Dodge to compete in the North Central district soils judging contest. We received a gold rating at this contest and placed 17th overall. Pictured are L to R Wyatt Leininger, Brennan Bollinger, Landon Manwarren, Lane Bruhn.



North Union FFA members attending the District Conference were top L to R: Lucy Dreyer, Ally Bruhn, Hadley Moore, Liam Eischen, Kaden Grimm; front L to R: Briley Henriksen, Taylor Parsons, Jacob Radunz, Colin Kruse.

FFA Members Attend District Conference

September 25, 2024- Each year North Central district and Iowa FFA officers plan and facilitate Greenhand Fire Up Conferences for FFA members in the North Central district. Iowa Central Community College welcomed FFA chapters from all over the North Central district on Wednesday, September 25.

While at ICC on Wednesday, district and state officers lead four interactive workshops for first year high school FFA members, also known as Greenhands, for the annual Greenhand Fire Up Conference. The workshops facilitated were leadership focused with an emphasis on the experiences that occur in the lives of beginning high school students.

Iowa's North Central District FFA President, Caleb Lentz, stated, "Greenhand Fire Up provides a chance

for first-year high school members to get a sneak peek of the opportunities that FFA holds, and is a conference for members to meet and interact with state and district officers."

The officers prepared and facilitated workshops of: authenticity, balancing priorities, communication, and FFA opportunities – in order to provide the first-year FFA members with skills they would use both within and outside of FFA. The goal was to engage FFA members in learning about the tools that would allow them to be successful in anything they are part of through high school and beyond.

Greenhand Fire Up is made possible with support from the Iowa FFA Foundation.

About Iowa FFA Association

The Iowa FFA Association is a youth organization of more than 20,000 student members as part of 267 local FFA chapters across Iowa. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The Iowa FFA Association was organized by delegates from 23 schools at Iowa State College on May 17, 1929 and is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The Iowa Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the Iowa FFA Association online at IowaFFA.com, on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and YouTube.

Bulldogs dominate Warriors in conference match up

By David Swartz

ARMSTRONG — The North Union Volleyball Team took one game from Lake Mills, but the Bulldogs dominated the fourth game in putting up a 25-9, 25-15, 23-25, 25-9 win over the host Warriors on Tuesday, Sept. 24.

Brylie Deim and Ainsley Ulrich led the North Union attack with seven kills apiece while Ava Steinberger had six and Maisey Bierstedt had four. Aliyah Jones had 12 set assists and Samantha Hoye had 11.

Defensively at the net, Steinberger

had three blocks and Deim, Bierstedt, and Shannon each had two.

Deim led the back-row defense with 14 digs while Ulrich had 10 and Cloey Anderson had six.

At the service line, Shannon was 13-of-15 with two aces, Anderson was 12-of-12, Ulrich was 9-of-11 with an ace, Hoye was 7-of-8, Jones was 6-of-7, and Deim was 5-of-6.

North Union (4-9 overall, 2-1 in the Top of Iowa West Conference) was home Monday against Bishop Garrigan and West Bend-Mallard. On Tuesday, the Warriors were at Eagle Grove.

Next Tuesday, North Union hosts Garner-Hayfield-Ventura.



Libero Cloey Anderson intently keeps on her eye on the volleyball as she receives the serve from Lake Mills.

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Jacey Welbig finished in the 11th spot at Humboldt on Monday, September 23.

FROM SH** HEAD TO GRAND MARSHAL

Happy 85th Birthday Norm on October 5th!

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Ringsted, IA 50578

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PORKLOIN, APPLESAUCE, POTATO SALAD, & A DRINK

\$6.00

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, October 10th Lunch – Cargo Express

Thursday, October 17th Lunch – Johanson's Café

Thursday, October 24th Dinner – Main Street Pub

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Swea City Days Gone By

5 Years Ago October 2, 2019

At approximately 6:24 p.m. on September 24, the northern part of Kossuth County was impacted by a severe weather system. The most of significant damage was to the town of Swea City. Immediately after the storm, the town was quickly powered and Alliant Energy without restored it within a few hours. The next step was to begin cleaning up the area which received around \$2 million in damage. Damage to trees, homes, the school and softball field was the result of the storm. But with the help of Kossuth County Emergency Management, town employees, area residents, students from North Union, Algona and Bishop Garrigan schools and a large number of other volunteers from area towns and businesses, the path of destruction was cleared away. It was indicated that the town sustained winds of 75 mph with gusts of 95 mph of straight winds according to the National Weather Service.

10 Years Ago October 1, 2014

Our Savior Little Lambs held a picnic at the park to celebrate their 20th anniversary. At the picnic were Brody Deim, Regan Jensen, Samantha Hoye, Cooper Hoye, Taevyn Zinnel, Jaxlee Zinnel, Wesley Maday, Trake Zinnel, Andi Jensen,

Brylie Deim, Sawyer Maday, Rhonda Lockwood, Liam Herscheff, Micah Jensen and Noah Eislein. Pictured in the newspaper was North Union senior volleyball player Anna Bauer who was autographing elementary student McKayla Butt's book. The senior volleyball and football players, along with cheerleaders, visited the elementary as part of homecoming week activities.

25 Years Ago September 29, 1999

Former Swea City resident Ed Berg earned his MBA degree (Masters of Business Administration) from Drake University this past August. Berg, Executive Vice President and member of the Board of Directors of Pharmacists Mutual Companies, had previously graduated from the University of Northern Iowa with his BA Degree in Accounting...The Swea City American Legion Post held their Belgian Waffle Day in Swea City serving hungry citizens who attended the dinner sponsored by the American Legion Post #14 at the Swea City Firehall. Approximately 12 waffle irons worked hard to keep the crowd in waffles and sausages...The Methodist Church in Swea City was the site of their 20th Annual Country Craft Bazaar. All the quilts that were made and sold within in the past 20 years were on display in

the sanctuary...Little Lambs Daycare celebrated its five year anniversary of existence in Swea City. A large chocolate chip cookie honoring the day was shared by all the kids and staff members for afternoon snack.

50 Years Ago October 3, 1974

Joel Samuelson, son of Rev. and Mrs. David Samuelson, was pictured in the newspaper with is fall harvest of pumpkins. The seeds were planted about June 1 and had a 110 day growing period before being picked. In that time, the largest grew to weigh over 120 pounds and measured 66 inches in circumference, averaging well over a pound per day. Joel has given the pumpkins to the Senior Citizens...Swea City Community School held their homecoming festivities. Highlight of the week of the crowning of king Dallas Preston and queen Kay Cambell... Three ninth grade Cadettes, Marcia Taylor, Faith Gustafson and Dori Walker were presented their First Class pin by Mrs. Arlene Sougstad during the Court of Awards. This is the highest class a Cadette can reach in the Scouts...The Bible Quiz Team of Clarice Ellis, Kathy Tokheim and Reid Ellis defeated a team from Austin, MN to win their first match of the season. They are coached by Tom and Ivon Tokheim. Also on the team but was unable to attend was Melvin McElwee...Michelle Munyer has been chosen as Band Queen to represent the Ledyard Community School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Munyer of Ledyard...Susan Shoenhair, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Shoenhair, was selected to represent the Swea City Marching Band as band queen at the Annual

Kossuth Band Festival in Algona. 70 Years Ago October 7, 1954

Sgt. Richard H. Looft, 22, whose wife, Audrey teaches in Swea City, recently spent seven days in Japan on a rest and recuperation leave from the 3rd infantry division's 39th field artillery battalion in Korea. Sgt. Looft, a section chief, entered the army in February 1953 and arrived overseas the following September. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Looft farm south of Swea City...The seventh annual homecoming football game and festivities will be held Friday at the Swea City Community School... The Swea City Commercial Club, in their last meeting, voted to support Interstate Power Company's bid for a renewed electric franchise here. This decision came after a discussion concerning Interstate's service to Swea City and their promise to install a modern lighting system in the business district should the franchise vote carry. Electric rates in Swea City, at the present time, compare favorably with those of other towns of this size. And with no rate increase in the foreseeable future, Swea City stands everything to gain by voting for this franchise...Contributions totaling \$1,799.58 have been made thus far toward the Kossuth County Court House Memorial Fund.

Letter to the Editor

As many of you know, The South Dakota Supreme Court recently unanimously ruled that Summit Carbon Solutions is not a common carrier, therefore they cannot use eminent domain. This ruling was very good news for all of us opposed to the pipeline, although it doesn't mean that we are out of the woods just yet. This November residents of South Dakota will go to the polls and vote either yes or no on Referred Law 21 (RF21). What is that you may ask?

Well, let's back up a little bit because this stems from The South Dakota Public Utilities board denying Summit a permit for the pipeline back in September of 2023. Their permit was denied because the PUC asked Summit if they could abide by the setbacks put in place by the counties and Summit said No. Then Summit went to the legislators and got them to pass a shady bankruptcy deal which was Senate Bill 201. This was a bill that they referred to as 'The landowners bill of rights' because it had promises for farmer protections, and more money for the counties, but in reality, it was more like 'Summit bill of rights' because what it did was strip away all local control so counties couldn't put any ordinances in place to protect their residents.

I asked myself how Summit would get this law passed? Just remember that Bruce Rastetter has been planning this pipeline for a very long time and has donated a lot of money to some of the legislators and Governor Kristi Noem. In fact, he donated \$35,000 for her inauguration ball when she got elected. He definitely knew what he was doing as he was stacking the deck against the landowners.

When the landowners found out about the law, they were told in order to repeal the law they needed to get 17,000 signatures on a petition to get it on the ballot this November to let the people decide if they wanted this law. Well, the landowners and people opposed to the pipeline went to work and got almost double the amount of signatures needed to get it on the ballot.

So now the people will get to vote on Referred law 21, which is a veto referendum to Senate Bill 201. A yes vote will keep the law in place, and a No vote will kill the law completely.

If you have friends or family in South Dakota, I'm asking you to please tell them to vote NO on RL21 and keep the 135 year old tradition of local control in place.

Thank you for helping to protect our property rights!
Jill Williamson
Ruthven, Iowa

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE VACATION OF CITY PROPERTY

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the City of Bancroft, Iowa, proposes to vacate a portion of Elm Street extending from Maple Street to the West Property line of parcel 10-24-202-005 to adjoining property owner, Therese Richter.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED, that a Public Hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers, City Council Chambers, 105 E. Ramsey Street, Bancroft, Iowa, at the City Council Meeting scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. on the 14 th day of October 2024 at which time the Council will hear comments for and against the proposal from any interested party. You have a right to attend and express your views on this proposal. If you are unable to attend, you may submit your written comments addressed to the City Clerk, City Council Chambers, 105 E. Ramsey Street, Bancroft, Iowa. Your written comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on the 14 th day of October, 2024. At the conclusion of the Public Hearing, the Council will consider vacating the above-described property.

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Area Church Services



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ST. MICHAEL WHITEMORE
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CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Wednesday, October 2
8:40 a.m. - BGHS School Mass
2:30 p.m. - Mass at Accura Health-care, Bancroft
6:00 p.m. - KC Mass at St. Cecelia, Algona
Thursday, October 3
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Michael, Whittemore
9:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration/ Sacrament of Penance at St. Michael, Whittemore
Friday, October 4
7:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Cecelia, Algona
7:30 a.m. - Sacrament of Penance at St. Cecelia, Algona
Saturday, October 5
3:15 p.m. - Sacrament of Penance at St. Cecelia, Algona
4:15 p.m. - Sacrament of Penance at St. Joseph, Wesley
4:30 p.m. - Mass at St. Cecelia, Algona
5:00 p.m. - Mass at St. Joseph, Wesley
Sunday, October 6
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Michael, Whittemore
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. John the Baptist, Bancroft
10:00 a.m. - Mass at SS. Peter & Paul, West Bend
10:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Cecelia, Algona
Monday, October 7
7:00 a.m. - KC Rosary for Vocations at St. Cecelia's, Algona
7:30 a.m. - Bishop Garrigan Chapel Mass, Algona
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Michael's, Whittemore
Tuesday, October 8
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Micheal, Whittemore
9:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration/ Sacrament of Penance at St. Micheal, Whittemore
No Eucharistic Adoration/ Sacrament of Penance at St. John's Bancroft
No Mass at St. John's, Bancroft
Wednesday, October 9
8:40 a.m. - BGHS School Mass
Thursday, October 10
No Mass at St. Michael, Whittemore

No Eucharistic Adoration/ Sacrament of Penance at St. Michael, Whittemore

SWEA CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH
Swea City, IA
Pastor Todd Hartsock

Sunday, October 6
9:00 a.m. - Worship Services inside the church
Social hour will be held following service
Wednesday, October 9
After school - Mighty Warriors grades 1-5 meet at Old First Baptist Church, Swea City
6:00 - 8:00 p.m - Mighty Warriors 6-12 students, Swea City Open Bible Church.

BETHANY EVANGELICAL & REFORMED CHURCH
Ledyard, Iowa

Sunday, October 6
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship
Wednesday, October 9
After school - Mighty Warriors grades 1-5 meet at Old First Baptist Church, Swea City
6:00 - 8:00 p.m - Mighty Warriors 6-12 students, Swea City Open Bible Church.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Bancroft, Iowa
Pastor Jim Dewar

Sunday, October 6
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School
10:30 a.m. - In person and Facebook Live Worship Services
6:30 p.m. - In person Sunday Evening Service
Wednesday, October 9
7:30 p.m. - In person evening, Prayer Service

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
Lakota, Iowa
Pastor Kent Madison

Sunday, October 6
8:30 a.m. - Worship - World Wide Communion Sunday
Wednesday, October 9
Mary Circle

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Lakota, Iowa

Sunday, October 6
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

ALGONA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, October 6
10:15 a.m. - In Person Worship Service at Algona Presbyterian Church followed with fellowship and coffee time
Monday, October 7
9:00 a.m. - Sunday's Worship Service on AMU Channel 20 and Mediacom Channel 18

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Lone Rock, Iowa

Pastor Walter Reemtsma
Sunday, October 6
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service
10:00 a.m. - Fellowship
Tuesday, October 8
9:30 a.m. - Prayer Time

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Lone Rock, Iowa

Pastor Duane Miesner
Sunday, October 6
9:00 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School,
Wednesday, October 9
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Midweek/ Confirmation Classes

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Swea City, Iowa

Sunday, October 6
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service inside church with live streaming on Facebook at Immanuel Lutheran Church
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
Wednesday, October 9
After school - Mighty Warriors grades 1-5 meet at Old First Baptist Church, Swea City
6:00 - 8:00 p.m - Mighty Warriors 6-12 students, Swea City Open Bible Church.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor David Schultz
Swea City, Iowa

Sunday, October 6
9:00 a.m. - In person services

Wednesday, October 9
After school - Mighty Warriors grades 1-5 meet at Old First Baptist Church, Swea City
6:00 - 8:00 p.m - Mighty Warriors 6-12 students, Swea City Open Bible Church.

OPEN BIBLE CHURCH
Swea City

Sunday, October 6
10:00 a.m. - Worship Services at church
10:30 a.m. - Service streamed at sweacityopenbible.org
Wednesday, October 9
After school - Mighty Warriors grades 1-5 meet at Old First Baptist Church, Swea City
6:00 - 8:00 p.m - Mighty Warriors 6-12 students, Swea City Open Bible Church.

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Burt, Iowa

Wednesday, October 2
6:00 p.m. - Catechesis Midweek Class
Thursday, October 3
Pastor Dose in Burt
Sunday, October 6
8:15 a.m. - Adult Class
8:30 a.m. - Sunday School
9:30 a.m. - Divine Service
Tuesday, October 8
Pastor Nelson in Burt
Wednesday, October 9
6:00 p.m. - Catechesis Midweek Class
Thursday, October 10
Pastor Dose in Burt

BURT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pastor Kent Madison
Pastor Walt Reemtsma

Sunday, October 6
10:30 a.m. - Service will be broadcast live on the Burt Presbyterian Church Facebook page
6:30 p.m. - Worship

Pastor's Message Let Your Holy Angel Be with Me

By Pastor Briton Nelson

This past Sunday, September 29th, was a holiday that you probably have never heard of before. In the Lutheran church, we celebrate the feast of "St. Michael and All Angels." The Scripture readings and hymns in church were all about these heavenly beings that God has promised to send beside us in our earthly lives. Have you ever seen an angel? I remember one of the first times that I flew on an airplane as a child. I looked out the window at the tops of the clouds, hoping that I might catch a glimpse of an angel that did not hide himself fast enough. Sometimes, that can be the mental image that we associate with angelic beings: lounging around on fluffy clouds, singing glorious songs of praise, and laughing at all the silly humans. Yet, Scripture describes angels as something a little bit different than how the world and popular media often portray them.

According to the Bible, angels typically go unseen by human eyes unless God desires to reveal them to share some sort of a message. That is what the word "angel" means in the Biblical languages: messenger. Take a look at the story of Balaam 22:22-25. God was certainly trying to tell him something! This means that much about angels and the spiritual world remains hidden and mysterious to our physical world. Yet, God's Word does tell us some things about these beings. The books of Daniel and Revelation both reveal that God uses angels to wage war against God's enemies that include the forces of Satan, or fallen angels. The arch-angel Michael is named in both of those readings as the one who fights on our behalf. That's why his name is included on this 'holiday.'

Perhaps you can sense a kind of unseen, hidden conflict emerging in your own life. What God tells us is that the ultimate goal of evil is that it desires to drive people away from Jesus and into sin. The treasure to be won in this fight is your eternal soul. This conflict, like most spiritual things, will go unseen. Yet, you are not alone. As the apostle Peter said in 1 Peter 5:9 - "Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world." Come to that place where the brotherhood of Christians assembles and learn that Christ has already won the victory over sin, death, and the devil on the cross! Come to church. Come and know that God continues to send his holy angels to guard and protect you.

Luther's classic morning prayer begins its conclusion with the phrase, "Let your holy angel be with me." God has promised in his word that he uses these heavenly beings to continually protect us from sin and physical harm. As it says in Psalm 91:11: "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways." Many people share stories about mysterious individuals who do things like pulling them from crashed vehicles and then suddenly disappearing. There is no reason to believe God could not use angels in just that way. The author of Hebrews confirms in Hebrews 13:2 that some Christians have welcomed angels into their homes without them even knowing, thinking they were usual guests! Keep your hands folded and your heart in prayer: Angels still walk among us.

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Wednesday, October 2, 2024

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Sunday, October 6, 2024

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honoring mother to be Kaylee Meyer

Saturday, October 12 • 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
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SUNDAY OCTOBER 13, 2024

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Armstrong Fire Department Harvest Fundraiser & OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, October 12

4 to 7 p.m. at Armstrong Fire Hall

• **Ribeye Steak Sandwich** Served with Baked Beans, Chips, Bar & Drink
by Emmet Co. Cattlemen

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Grill to be given away
Sat., October 12th



SIREN FOR SALE

The City of Swea City is now accepting sealed bids for:

FEDERAL ELECTRIC SIREN

- Bids must be into the City no later than October 14th, 2024 by 4:00 p.m.
- Send bid to: City of Swea City, 308 4th Ave. W, Attn: Sealed Bid, Swea City, IA 50590
- Bids can also be placed in the drop slot on the south side of the building. Ensure you indicate "sealed bid" on envelope.
- The City reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. EQUIPMENT WILL BE SOLD AS IS.
- You may contact City Hall to view equipment - 515-272-4606.

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Public Demonstration of Election Equipment

The Public testing of the Kossuth County's Voting Equipment for the upcoming General Election will commence on Tuesday, October 15th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. until completion of the required test.

The testing will take place in the Kossuth County Election Center located at 108 South Hall Street, Algona, IA. The public is welcome to attend this demonstration.

Dated this 26th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor
Commissioner of Elections

Obituaries

Beth Pauline Engelbarts . . . 92



Memorial Service for Beth P. Engelbarts, 92, of Ledyard will be held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lakota. Visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Highland Home Cemetery in Ledyard.

Beth Pauline Lund was born on July 7th, 1932, in Pequot Lakes MN, the daughter of Anton and Herminna (Kramp) Lund. She was baptized on October 30th, 1932, and confirmed on September 22, 1946. She attended school through the 11th grade.

Beth was married to Floyd Potter on March 12, 1949. To this union they had six children. They were married for 16 years until his death on May 2nd, 1965. On June 6th, 1971, Beth married Christ Engelbarts, they were married for 46 years until his death on November 22, 2017.

In addition to being a farmer's wife, she was the owner of Ledyard Video which provided the residents of Ledyard a place to eat, visit with friends and neighbors, and VHS movie rentals. She was known for

her potato salad and making pies. She made fresh, homemade pies every day.

Christ and Beth enjoyed traveling. They drove Winnebago Motor Homes all across the country. If she could live her life over again, she said she would get more education. Beth always felt that her greatest accomplishments were her children.

Beth died Friday, September 20, 2024, surrounded by her family at Lakeview Methodist Health Care Center in Fairmont, Minnesota. She was 92.

She is survived by four children, Dwight (Shawn) Potter of Friendswood, TX, William Troy (Michele) Potter of N. Grosvenordale, CT, Anthony (Tracey) Potter of Winnebago, MN, and LuAnna (John) Fogarty of East Bethel, MN; daughters-in-law Starla Potter (wife of Robin) of Overland Park, KS, Shelly Potter (wife of Mark) of Swea City, IA; Five step-children, Jim (Denyse) Engelbarts of San Pablo, CA, Karma Engelbarts of Des Moines, IA, Karen Evans of Des Moines, IA, Gary (Monica) Potter (son of Floyd) of CA, and Janet Withers (daughter of Floyd) of Norfolk, VA; 18 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are her husbands, Floyd Potter and Christ Engelbarts; parents, Herminna and Anton Lund; her sons, Dr. Robin Potter and Mark Potter. Eight siblings in total and spouses: four sisters: Lois (Harold) Pinsch, Marie (Ralph) Gish, Mavis (Gene) Renner, Violet (Wilber) Chumley; four brothers: Kay Lund, Farley (Doris) Lund, David Lund, and Philip Lund.

Online condolences may be made to oakcrestfuneralservices.com.

Maxine Kollasch . . . 90



A funeral Mass for Maxine Kollasch, 90, of Bancroft, was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 27, 2024, at Divine Mercy Parish ~ St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bancroft. The funeral was live streamed on the Divine Mercy Parish YouTube page. Burial was held in the church cemetery. Visitation was from 9:30 AM until the time of the service on Friday at the church.

Maxine Agnes (Nemmers) Kollasch was born January 26, 1934, in Bancroft, daughter of Clarence and Martha (Steffy) Nemmers. She grew up in Bancroft and graduated from St. John's Catholic High School.

On April 22, 1952, she was united in marriage to Edgar C. Kollasch St. John's Catholic Church. They raised their five children in Bancroft.

Maxine held a variety of positions throughout her career, including Peavey Company in Bancroft, the fabric department at Ben Franklin, Gambles store in Bancroft, as well as

working at the local grocery store.

Maxine was a wonderful, loving wife, mother, grandma, great-grandma, and friend to many. A devoted mother and grandmother, she cherished attending all their activities and was always the proudest cheerleader in the stands. She was passionate about gardening and spent countless hours canning. Maxine had a love for cooking and baking and sharing her meals with others. She also enjoyed sewing, quilting, and was actively involved as president of the VFW, a member of Catholic Daughters, the Altar Society, and a member of St. John's Catholic Church.

Maxine died Monday, September 23, 2024, at West Bend Health and Rehabilitation Center. She was 90.

She is survived by five children, Anne Kollasch of Algona, Chuck (Sandy) Kollasch of Algona, Frank (Darlene) Kollasch of Bancroft, Michelle (Brian) Hellman of Mitchell, SD, and Carolyn (Bill) Leners, of Lake View; 13 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; siblings, John Nemmers of Algona, Tom Nemmers of Des Moines, Linda (Charlie) Carlson of Tipton, Colleen (Roger) Rademaker of Bancroft, Mary Pat Nemmers of Algona; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Edgar in 2012; parents, Clarence and Martha Nemmers; and brothers, Eugene Nemmers, DeWayne Nemmers, Kenneth Nemmers, Dave Nemmers, James Nemmers, and Steven Nemmers.

Online condolences may be left at www.oakcrestfuneralservices.com

Observing National Newspaper Week

Oct. 6-12 is National Newspaper Week, a time to recognize the contributions newspapers make to our communities and country.

Newspapers have long been the nation's gatekeepers for information. Journalism is a profession, and most journalists study their craft a minimum of four years plus years of training before they take charge of newspapers large and small throughout our country. Journalists learn how to fact-check information, and to make local officials responsible for public finances and the public good.

Newspapers also cover local happenings and events, like weddings, high school sports, school activities and local business openings and expansions. Would social media cover these same events, and in a consistent and responsible way? Absolutely not. Subscription costs barely cover the cost of mailing newspapers, much less the cost of labor and production. The rest of newspaper revenue comes from display and classified advertising and legals.

Now, more than ever, mainstream media, including newspapers are under attack. Instead, many people are going to social media Websites for opinions and "news", often which is

not news at all but opinions disguised as news.

A movement has even arisen with some state governments to no longer publish legal advertisements in local newspapers, but rather to put announcements online or simply post them in a public place. However, legals are the lifeblood of many smaller newspapers, giving them the revenue to be able to keep publishing. People automatically go to newspapers for minutes on their local school board, county board of supervisors or city council. Without newspapers, they would have to search out that information, without having a central location where they could find it.

It has been said that when a school or grocery closes, a town dies. The same could be said of the newspapers around our country. Once that consistent, reliable and honest source of local news is gone, people lose touch with their local lawmakers and community.

So we ask that you support your local newspaper, wherever it may be. By doing that, you're helping ensure accurate, reliable information that helps you stay in touch with your community, family and friends.

Days Gone By

5 Years Ago
October 2, 2019

Farmers and Traders Savings Bank, along with Shillington Hardware, are promoting October Pork Month, with the giveaway of a gas grill. For every \$10.00 in purchases at Shillington Hardware, you can register for the grill. Standing next to the grill were Farmers and Traders Savings Bank is Gene Vaske and Steve Shillington from Shillington Hardware...Pictured are Jaxon Norem and Dawson Lappe were the bicycle winners at the Bancroft Library Summer Reading Program Award Day.

10 Years Ago
October 1, 2014

Phill Hager, Jan Hellman, and Steve Shillington, along with Amy Larson, and Marcia Hellman are pictured standing by the Weber Grill that will be given away at the end of October... Central States Agency employees participated in the annual Northwest Consultant Golf Outing. Teams could purchase strokes to advance their team standings with the proceeds awarded to one of the participating agencies. Central States Agency was randomly selected to receive the monies which were split between two local charities. The money was donated to the City of Bancroft for a pitching machine and the Bancroft Fire Department...Bancroft residents were detoured on September 25th as Reutzel Excavating dug up the street to replace a fire hydrant located on the east corner of the Styling Station.

25 Years Ago
September 29, 1999

Bancroft Municipal Utilities to celebrate its 60th anniversary. Pictured in the Register was Tracy Elliott, who has been employed by Bancroft Municipal Utilities for 23 years. He was hired as a lineman in 1976 and ten years later, in 1986, he was promoted to Electrical Superintendent when Walter Fangman retired from the position...Pictured working on the new sidewalk between the St. John Church and St. John Rectory were members of the Bancroft Knights of Columbus. They were Grand Knight Richard Boever, Ken Helderfor, Father Bormann, Albert Hellman, Father Schumacher, Allen Vaske, Phil Hellman, Mark McGuire, Bob Deitering and Dennis Hellman... North Kossuth Homecoming king and queen were Adam Doughan and Lisa Barlsou...Retired railroad depot agents Lynn Pulver of Swea City, Vic Johnson of Ringsted and Tony Accurso of Bancroft held a gathering. The retired telegraphers met at the Senior Center in Bancroft before Tony and Vic played an afternoon of golf... Travis Gerhart and Echo Lockwood were crowned king and queen of the 1999 Sentral High School Homecoming...Serpah Bruchhausen celebrated his 92nd birthday at the Kettle Cafe. Several friends attended the event as he has acquired many over the years he has lived in Bancroft.

50 Years Ago
October 2, 1974

Mrs. Kathie Thole of St. Cloud, MN has purchased the former Jergey's Cafe

in Ledyard and opened for business on October 1. Mrs. Thole and five children, all students at Ledyard, reside in the former Mrs. Freida Berg home. The family formerly operated their own farm at St. Cloud. Mrs Thole's husband, George, remained in St. Cloud, where he is employed as a tool and die maker. Mrs. Thole is doing considerable remodeling and plans to serve breakfasts, lunches and noon dinners...David Kunst, the 35 year old around the world walker, passed through Bancroft and intersection Highway 169 at 1:55 o'clock aiming to hit the Minnesota border before dark - a 20 mile jaunt...The Bancroft Fire Department will host an open house at the Bancroft Fire Station... Bancroft Fire Chief Lawrence Kemna, announces Operation Edith to be observed during Fire Prevention Week...Winners of \$10 in grocery orders at Droessler's Market were Mrs. Fred Tigges, Mrs. Virgil Wolf and Cathy Kelly.

70 Years Ago
September 30, 1954

Don Welp, owner and manager of the Welp Drug Store, was elected president of the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce. He took office immediately. Tom Deitering was named vice president, Harold Hatten was chosen as secretary. Don Shillington, Rudy Fangman and Francis Arnoldy were named as the remaining board of directors...Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hatten and children Donna and Billie of Reding, CA left by plane for Cuba where "Lefty" will play winter baseball in the Cuban league on the same team he played with last season. "Lefty" was on the Los Angeles team this past season. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hatten, Bancroft, and is well known by baseball fans in this vicinity...Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Ingalls are building a new house on his father's farm south of Bancroft. It will be four rooms and bath. They have been living in a trailer house on the same site. The basement for E.J. O'Dell and Donald Murray homes are excavated. The McNertney house has been moved into town and is ready to be lowered onto the foundation...The Buddy Poppy Sales conducted by the V.F.W. Auxiliary on Saturday in Bancroft amounted to slightly over \$95.00.

Conner Haukoos Benefit

A benefit for 15 year old Conner Haukoos of Armstrong will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024, 6:00 p.m., at the Elks Lodge in Estherville, Iowa.

Meal tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. The meal will be served from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and will include steak and shrimp, twice baked potato, green beans, dinner roll, and salad bar or chicken strips and fries.

A raffle and a live auction are also planned for the evening.

For meal or raffle tickets, contact Maggie Molacek at 712-209-3519, Lori Molacek at 712-209-0255, or Justin Haukoos at 712-209-1944.

Conner was diagnosed with AML Leukemia on May 30, 2024.

LIHEAP assistance available

The North Iowa Community Action Organization is now offering Energy Assistance Program for 2024-2025. Applications are now being accepted starting October 1, 2024 for seniors 60+ and/or disabled persons. All other eligible households can apply November 1, 2024. The in-person requirement has been waived. Applications are accepted by mail, email, online or by telephone. Closed on major holidays.

- Requirements for services are
- Proof of income - all income must be from the same time period.
 - Most recent 30 days of income or most recent federal income tax return.
 - Include check stubs, award letters from social security, etc.
 - Pension/dividends/all other income sources.

Social security number verification, names and dates of birth for all household members, most recent heat

and electric bill.

Annual Guidelines	Household	Income
1 Household Member		\$30,120
2 Household Members		\$40,880
3 Household Members		\$51,640
4 Household Members		\$62,400
5 Household Members		\$73,160
6 Household Members		\$83,920

This program is not designed to pay a household's total energy costs. The program will provide supplemental assistance based on several factors. Those factors include total household income, household size, dwelling type, and type of heating fuel, among others. Deadline to apply is April 30, 2025.

You can contact Kossuth County on Monday and Thursday, 117 East Call St., PO Box 98, Algona, IA 50511, 515-295-2531.

Paper applications located on their website at www.nicao-online.org.

WCTA'S Annual Meeting Held On September 25

WCTA's 74th Annual Meeting was held the morning of September 25, 2024, at the WCTA Corporate Office in Lake Mills, Iowa. "I am honored to be able to serve with the dedicated board members, work with the best employees in this industry and to offer amazing service and customer service to each of our members," stated CEO Mark Thoma.

THREE DIRECTORS ELECTED TO WCTA BOARD

Nancy Moklestad of Thompson, IA and Larry Foley of Kensett, IA were re-elected to the WCTA Board. Jim Scholbrock of Lake Mills, IA will also be joining the WCTA Board. Other WCTA Board members are Mark R. Johnson, President; Dale

Meinders, Vice President; Shanan Redinger, Secretary/Treasurer; and Curt Helland.

The winners of the ballot prize drawings are Phyllis Schutjer of Woden, IA and Rick Hofbauer of Buffalo Center. Bruce won a \$250 cash prize and Rick won a \$500 cash prize! The rest of the prize drawings were moved to our Member Appreciation Day that occurred on September 11, 2024.

Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association is a member-owned cooperative providing a full range of quality, reliable telecommunication services, and products to communities in North Central Iowa and South Central Minnesota.

CHUCK GRASSLEY

UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR IOWA

Q&A: Passport Renewals
With U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley
Q: What new option do Americans have to renew their passports?

A: The U.S. Department of State announced in September a new service, enabling Americans to renew passports online. This is good news. Americans have enjoyed a robust return to international travel that contributed to a post-pandemic backlog for passport applications and renewals. More Americans have passports than at any time in U.S. history: 46 percent in 2023 compared to 30 percent a generation ago.

Whether applying online or through postal mail, my advice for Iowans is to apply early. Double check the date your passport expires and get a head start on the renewal process. Also be aware certain countries will not allow entry if a traveler's passport is set to expire within six months of entering the country. Learn more about specific entry requirements for countries on your travel itinerary at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

I'm glad the State Department is taking steps to provide better, more efficient service to the American people. After all, government is a service to the people. That's why I work to hold federal agencies accountable to help ensure they provide the most effective service for the taxpayer.

Now, instead of printing a paper application and mailing in a check,

Kossuth County Community Foundation's Grant Deadline is Oct. 15

The deadline to submit grant applications to the Kossuth County Community Foundation's 2024 grant cycle is 5:00 p.m. on Oct. 15. The online grant application can be found on the Community Foundation's website at www.kossuthccf.org.

Grants are awarded to projects within the program areas of arts and culture, community betterment, education and youth development, environment and animal welfare, health and human service. Grant recipients will be announced in December.

Grants are available to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations and government entities serving Kossuth County. Tax-exempt organizations classified as other than 501(c)(3) are also eligible, if and only if, the project is deemed charitable; please contact Dotti Thompson at 319-243-1358 or dthompson@cfnea.org to discuss the project's eligibility prior to submitting a proposal. Grants selections are made in an effort to create a better quality of life for people in Kossuth County. A local committee reviews the applications from charitable organizations serving communities in

eligible U.S. citizens may renew their passports online using a secure process through the State Department. To renew online go to <https://travel.state.gov/renewonline>. Applications through postal mail are still available and must be used for those seeking expedited services, children under age 16, and citizens applying for a passport for the first time. Travelers with urgent, life-or-death emergencies, traveling in 14 days or less, or who need a foreign visa within 28 calendar days must make an in-person appointment at a passport agency. Call (877) 487-2778 to schedule an emergency appointment.

Q: Who is eligible to renew passports online?

A: The online renewal service is open to U.S. citizens age 25 or older who are renewing a passport that is or was valid for 10 years. Specifically, passports that were issued over 9 years ago, but less than 15 years from the date you submit your online application. Online renewal isn't available for applicants changing a name, gender, date of birth or place of birth. Keep in mind the online portal is not for expedited service, this is for routine processing times that are the same as renewing by mail. You don't need to mail in your most recent passport and can upload a current digital passport photo. Payment is made with a credit or debit card. Be aware infants also require a valid passport to travel abroad. Passports for those 16 and younger are valid for only five years and require parents and

guardians to accompany the minor in person when making application at a passport acceptance facility, located at designated local government offices, post offices or libraries. Find a local passport acceptance facility here. (<https://iafdb.travel.state.gov/>) If both parents have custody, but only one can appear in person, you will need to show more documentation and submit a statement of consent. Learn more here.

Q: What if a passport is needed sooner than the estimated 6-8 week processing period?

A: The State Department offers expedited service requests for an extra \$60, as well as a 1-2 day delivery of the completed passport for an additional \$21.36. Mailing times are not included in the processing times. The expedited service turnaround is between 2-3 weeks and is not available online. The State Department offers an online fee calculator to help you figure out the cost and delivery of your passport at <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/how-apply/fees.html>.

As always, Iowans having difficulty navigating the process or getting answers may contact my Senate office for assistance. To assist you, a consent form is required to look into your case. Fill out, sign and submit the online form. Go to Help With Federal Agencies | Senator Chuck Grassley (senate.gov).

September is National Passport Month.

Fenton Forwards Meeting Agenda

Sunday, September 29, 2024
Lone Rock Presbyterian Church

Call meeting to order by VP Ashton Peters

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ashton Peters

Roll Call- What was your favorite memory from the summer?

14 members present

Business-

• No Watkins sales this year- made extra on malt barn so let those know who buy from you!

• Congratulations to all for county and state fair awards! Outstanding year for everyone!

• Enrollment is now open on 4H Online. Must be enrolled by December or pay \$35!

• County Council- Ashton Peters, Hailee Reutzel, Ally Bruhn, & Kenna Hatten interviewing

• Election of Officers- President- Ashton Peters

Treasurer- Kenna Hatten

Vice President- Hailee Reutzel

Reporter- Hayden Bierstedt

Secretary- Brylie Deim

Historian- Ally Bruhn

• Record Books- Applying for county awards needs to be signed by a leader before Tuesday and turned into extension office.

• 4-H Week- The club worked on making posters to put in community and members will put up in their home towns and post a picture of it October 6-12.

• We will order new flags and pledge banner for club as ours are worn

4-H Pledge- Hayden Bierstedt

Hostess- Maggie Dow

Presentations: Kenna Hatten- Importance of washing and cleaning animals after a show

Two men face burglary charges

Two people were arrested and charged recently as the result of an investigation by the Emmet County Sheriff's Office.

According to Emmet County Sheriff Mike Martens, the sheriff's office received information from the Spencer Police Department on Sept. 6, 2024, advising that they had received a report from a citizen that a person had attempted to sell some tools to this person in Spencer.

Officials determined that the property in question had been stolen from a farm building in eastern Emmet County. Upon investigation and execution of search warrants, stolen tools, controlled substances and drug paraphernalia were seized.

As a result, Curtis Lappegard, 48, of Armstrong, Iowa, and Phillip Manz, 25, of Fairmont, Minn., were placed under arrest and charged.

Lappegard is charged with burglary in the third Degree, a class (D) felony, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Manz is charged with burglary in the third degree, a class (D) felony, possession of stolen property, possession of a controlled substance (marijuana), possession of hemp for inhalation and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The investigation continues into the incident and the Emmet County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Spencer Police Department.

A charge is merely an allegation and all persons are presumed innocent unless or until they have been found guilty in a court of law.