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Column One Events

Hager Foods Beef Promotion Month

Fidelity Bank and Trust is partnering with local restaurants to promote Beef Promotion Month. This week's featured special is at Main Street Pub in Bancroft. They will be serving the Pub Burger (Pub sauce, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickle, colby cheese) with fries for \$8.99 on Friday, May 30th starting at 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.

City clean up day set for June 7

The City of Bancroft has set June 7th as town clean up day. Watch the newspaper for more information.

Hours at the Bancroft Library

Monday	1:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 - 11:00 a.m. 1:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday	1:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 - 11:00 a.m. 1:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Friday	1:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

RAGBRAI meeting to be held for community

Bancroft is hosting an RAGBRAI preparation meeting on June 2nd at 6:00 PM at S&B Farm Distillery to discuss volunteer opportunities and the official RAGBRAI route through the community.

Bancroft to hold city wide garage sales

Bancroft City wide garage sales will be held June 5th thru the June 7th. A complete list of garage sales and addresses will be published in next week's newspaper.

East Fork Ikes Summer Trap Shooting League 5-20-2025

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The Bancroft American Legion members are ready for the 21 Gun Salute that is part of the annual Memorial Day Services that are held at the Avenue of Flags held by the Bancroft Memorial Ballpark. Following the services, the members travel to the local cemeteries to honor all the veterans that are buried there.



Donna Scheifelbein is hidden behind the flags as she plays Taps during the Bancroft Memorial Services held by the Avenue of Flags.

Bancroft Gears Up for RAGBRAI: Community Meeting Announced!

Bancroft is abuzz with excitement as we prepare to welcome over 20,000 RAGBRAI riders to our community on Tuesday, July 22nd! This is a tremendous opportunity for Bancroft, and we need YOUR help to make it a fun-filled and memorable day for everyone.

To kick off our preparations and ensure a smooth and successful stop, the community is invited to an informational meeting: Monday, June 2nd, at 6:00 PM S&B Farm Distillery. This meeting is your chance to: Learn how you can be a part of

for Bancroft, we encourage you to attend. Your participation is vital to making July 22nd a day to remember for our community and for the RAGBRAI riders! Let's show the RAGBRAI community the incredible spirit of Bancroft! We look forward to seeing you there.

this incredible day! We'll discuss various volunteer opportunities, from welcoming riders to assisting with logistics and entertainment.

Discover the official RAGBRAI route through Bancroft. Get a sneak peek at where the riders will be coming through and how it might impact traffic and local businesses.

Ask your questions! This is an open forum to address any concerns or curiosities you have about what RAGBRAI's stop in our town.

Whether you're interested in volunteering, a local business looking to engage with the riders, or simply curious about what RAGBRAI means



Tanner Boever of Bancroft stands with his niece and nephew, Payton Bauer and Aubree Sweeney, following Bancroft Memorial Day Services. Tanner will be deployed to Iraq on Thursday, May 29th. Tanner, son of Rich and Karen Boever, is part of the Field Artillery 13 Bravo unit.

Roof repair approved on North Union high school building

By Kim Meyer

The North Union School Board heard an update on the repairs to the roof of the high school building in Armstrong during their May 20th meeting.

North Union superintendent Travis Schueller reported the findings from Mike Cummins, head of maintenance, who noted that the repairs are a bigger issue than originally thought. Mike had tried to repair a few spots. But after trying to do the repairs, Mike found five separate leaks on the Armstrong building that would need to be fixed.

The company who originally installed the room on the new part of the high school will be completing the work at a cost of \$35,490. This will include new steel, fascia, trim and

more. Superintendent Schueller commented they wanted to get the work done in order to stop any further damage.

The board agreed and passed the motion to have the work completed on the roof. Superintendent Schueller stated that graduation had went very well. And it has been good ending to the school year. He noted that due to the weather the junior high school track meet and the elementary track meet were canceled due to the weather.

The board approved the sharing of the following positions with North Kossuth: Superintendent Travis Schueller, Erin Rogers - business manager, Jennie Larson - Human Resources, Nathan Hanson - Transportation, along with teachers

and staff. After 14 years of coaching girl's basketball, Merle Tigges resigned his head coaching position. Athletic Director Alex Fisher and Superintendent Schueller have started interviewing the three applicants for the position. The district would like to have some hired soon so they can begin their summer work outs.

The board approved the following new hires: Jessie Parsons - assistant volleyball coach, Chris Stevens - cross country, Patricia Harmon - elementary special education para, elementary cook Taylor Heidt and Fenton campus head maintenance Matt Rogers.

The next school board meeting is tentatively set for June 9th in Swea City as a joint board meeting with North Kossuth.

Obituaries

Leona Mae Farrow



she was a life-long member. Some of her favorite memories were going on bus tours all over the country with Dick.

For those who knew Leona she will be remembered by her caring nature, her kindness, and her caring nature for everyone she met. To those who loved Leona her strong German heritage defined her and was a source of her strength throughout her life. Leona loved her family more than anything. She was always putting others before herself which is reflected by her 30+ year career as a Nutritionist at St. Luke's Lutheran Care Center in Blue Earth. Leona retired at the age of 86 from the job she loved so she could care for Dick in his final years. When times were tough Leona always remained optimistic and overcame whatever challenges she faced with good ol' Iowa farm girl grit and determination. Dick and Leona were well respected pillars in the Lakota community.

Leona went to be with the Lord peacefully in the early morning of May 12, 2025, surrounded by close friends and family. She will be missed by everyone whose lives she touched. We will miss her wit and the unconditional love of others she lived by. We can be at peace knowing she is reunited with Dick who she dearly missed along with the many family and friends who journeyed before her.

Leona was preceded in her passing by her beloved husband Dick of 63 years; her parents, Lammert and Elizabeth Hippen; siblings, John (Mary) Hippen, Henry (Lagedorn) Hippen, Donald (Rose) Hagedorn, Wilbur (Norma) Asche; and granddaughter, Tonya Smith.

She is survived by her children, Shaun Smith and Tony (Arlyce) Farrow; her youngest brother, Larry (Judy) Hippen. Along with her grandchildren, Jessica Jones (Nick Roach), Jennifer Jones, Joshua Jones, Tia Smith, Alicia (Matt) Knipfer, Amanda Farrow, Matthew Scott, Stephanie (Scott) Vaske, Jaclyn (Aaron) Pope; eleven great-grandchildren; her niece, Connie Salas; along with other numerous nieces, nephews, bingo and church friends.

Online condolences may be made to oakercrestfuneralservices.com.

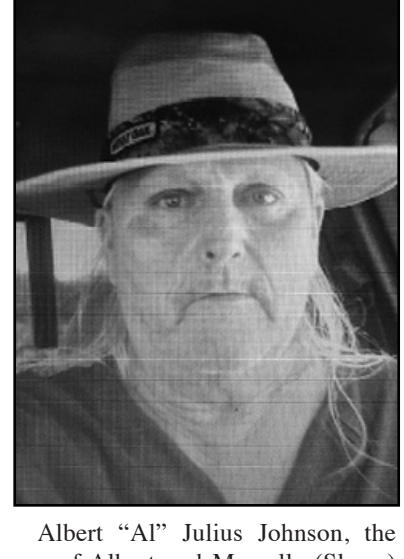
Memorial service for Leona Farrow will be held Monday, June 2, 2025, at 4:00 PM at the Lakota First Presbyterian Church with Pastor Kent Madison officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the memorial service at the Lakota First Presbyterian Church.

Burial will take place on Friday, June 6, 2025 at 3:00 PM at Maple Hill Cemetery in Lakota. Following the burial there will be a time of fellowship at the Lakota Presbyterian Church in Lakota.

Leona Mae Farrow (Hippen) was born on her family's farm on June 6, 1933. She spent her childhood in the Lakota area where she also attended school. It was there that she met her lifelong love and devoted husband Donald "Dick" Farrow. Dick and Leona were married on December 23, 1951, mere days before Dick deployed to serve with the Army in the Korean War. Upon his return they began their life together eventually buying a house in Lakota where they raised their children Shaun and Tony. In the early 1990's they bought an acreage outside of Swea City where they spent many happy and memorable years together. After Dick's passing in 2016, she continued to maintain the property into her 90's. In 2023 Leona moved into Algona.

Leona's favorite past times were entertaining family, mowing and taking care of the farm, baking, and especially drinking coffee. She also enjoyed going to the casino and playing bingo with her friends. She was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Lakota where

Albert "Al" Johnson . . . 74



Albert "Al" Julius Johnson, the son of Albert and Marcella (Slama) Johnson was born May 13, 1951 in Winnebago, MN. His childhood years were spent in the Lakota, IA area, where he attended school and graduated from Lakota High School.

Al started working at the local cement and quarry plant in Lakota right after school. He then went to work for Giese Cement in Britt, IA, before they were bought out by Martin Marietta Concrete in Mason City, IA. Al worked there until an accident forced him to retire. He met Debra Reiter in 2007 and they made their

home on an acreage near Peterson, IA, where they quickly made friends. Al enjoyed fishing, hunting, trapping, gardening, traveling, bee keeping, dressing up as Santa Claus and visiting schools, nursing homes and other places, and especially spending time with family and friends. He was a competitive axe thrower and a member of the fire department and ambulance crew. He will be remembered as a joker.

Al left to be with the Big Guy in the sky from his home on Friday, May 23, 2025 at the age of 74. He was preceded in death by his parents, Al and Marcella Johnson; a sister, Mary Johnson, his aunt and uncle, Lou and Ray Johnson and granddaughter, Natasha Dawn

Left to cherish his memory are his significant other, Debra Reiter of Peterson, IA; her children, Rick (Maggie) and Will (Tiffany); his 3 daughters, Laurie Johnson and special friend, (Terry); Christine Gerdes (Bruce); Theresa Johnson, (all from Iowa); 2 brothers, Bob Johnson (Deb), of Britt, Iowa and Jim Rose of Dayton, Nevada; nephew, Travis Johnson; niece, Jennifer Braun; other relatives and many friends. Many other nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great Grandchildren.

Celebration of Life to be held for John Charles Quinn

A Celebration of Life will be held for John Charles Quinn, November 4-1958 - February 5, 2025, will be held on Saturday, June 7 at 1:00 p.m. at the St. John Cemetery, Bancroft. Family and friends are invited to come for the celebration of life and inurnment of ashes.

Following, everyone is invited to join the family at the North Kossuth Golf Clubhouse from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. for fellowship and refreshments.

Press Release Incident at Plum Creek Pits

On May 24th at about 2:30 a.m., the Kossuth County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of the Plum Creek Pit for a report of possible gunshots being heard. When a Kossuth County Deputy arrived, he located a campsite in the far east area of the pits and encountered a male that was in possession of a firearm. At first, the person did not comply with a lawful order from the deputy and officers from the Algona Police Department assisted to assist.

The male was identified and did finally comply with officers, who took possession of the firearm.

Chris Smith, age 37, of Burt was charged with: Possession or carrying a dangerous weapon while intoxicated Serious Misd

Public Intoxication - Simple Misd. Interference with Official Acts Simple Misd

He was transported to the Kossuth County Jail. All persons are presumed innocent until found or proven guilty in a court of law. The Algona Police Department assisted the Sheriff's Office at the scene. Kossuth County Sheriff



Your Right To Know . . . Proceedings of the

North Kossuth School Board

Regular Board Meeting	May-25
Conference Room	5:00 PM
Swea City, Iowa	\$533.58
May 12, 2025	
(All votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted)	
The North Kossuth School Board met in regular session on Monday, May 12, 2025, in the Conference Room, Swea City, Iowa at 5:00 PM. Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Travis Schueller. Roll Call was answered by Heetland, Grimm, Morphew, and Goraczkowski. Also present were Supt. Travis Schueller, Principal Julie Runksmeier, Board Secretary Jennie Larsen and member of media. Motion by Morphew, seconded by Goraczkowski was made to approve the Board Agenda. Motion carried.	
Announcements & Communications: None	
Reports: Julie Runksmeier reported on Elementary/Middle School activities and Travis Schueller reported on District Activities	
Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes, Approval of Financial Reports, Approval of Bills & Claims, and Open Enrollments. Motion by Goraczkowski, seconded by Morphew was made to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.	
Action Items: Motion by Goraczkowski, seconded by Morphew was made to approve the operational sharing agreement of the following positions with North Union CSD for 2025-26. Travis Schueller Superintendent, Erin Rogers School Business Official, Jennie Larsen HR, and Nathan Hanson Transportation Director. Motion carried.	
Motion by Goraczkowski, seconded by Morphew was made to approve the agreements to share teachers and staff with the North Union CSD for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried.	
Motion by Morphew, seconded by Grimm was made to approve the first reading for board policy 900 series. Motion carried.	
Next meeting is tentatively set for June 9th at 5:00 PM.	
Adjournment: Motion by Morphew, seconded by Heetland was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:18 PM. Motion carried.	
Travis Schueller, Superintendent	
Jennie Larsen, Board Secretary	
North Kossuth Community School	

CHUCK GRASSLEY

Q&A: Ukraine Update
With U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley
Q: Why did you write to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth about Ukraine?

A: As a Pentagon watchdog, I've dedicated decades of congressional oversight to track taxpayer dollars appropriated for national defense, including military dollars assigned to help our allies. From government purchase cards to \$10,000 toilet seat lids and sloppy accounting that allowed a years-long \$103 million embezzlement scheme, I keep my nose to the grindstone to root out wasteful spending, fraud management and defense contractor fraud that run rampant at the Pentagon, no matter who's in the White House. Under seven administrations, I've worked in the U.S. Senate to fix lax financial controls, including my bipartisan bill that would require the Department of Defense (DoD) to pass a full, independent audit. Astonishingly, the Pentagon is the only federal agency that's been unable to earn a clean opinion on its audit, despite federal law requiring all federal agencies to conduct annual audits since 1990.

At my annual 99 county meetings, Iowans have shared concerns about the amount of federal spending in support of Ukraine. Since the war started in 2022, Congress has appropriated \$175 billion to help Ukraine defend itself from the Russian invasion, support allies in the region and to help avoid World War III. While I strongly support pushing back against Russian aggression, I'm also a relentless taskmaster to ensure scarce taxpayer dollars aren't squandered once they leave the federal treasury. That's why I'm asking Defense Secretary Hegseth to account for payments made with money Congress appropriated in national security supplemental bills. While the Pentagon does not send any money to Ukraine, it has received significant funds to replace military

stocks delivered to Ukraine and to conduct a range of activities to help Ukraine and our European NATO allies in the region defend themselves. The Pentagon must ensure taxpayer dollars are accounted for and used as Congress intended, but the same problems with poor accounting systems at DoD were evident with the funds from the national security supplemental bills. Last October, the DoD Office of Inspector General (IG) published a report examining how the Pentagon expended the money for Ukraine. Its audit raised alarm bells, and I've asked the Secretary of Defense to track down the money trail left behind by the Biden administration. Specifically, the IG's report revealed that of the 479 disbursements it reviewed, DoD didn't provide documentation to support the accuracy of 323 transactions. We're not talking peanuts and cracker jacks. The amount of undocumented expenditures exceeds \$1 billion. Without supporting documentation, we don't know how that money was used. What's more, as federal auditors conducted the investigation, the Biden administration flunked fundamental fiscal stewardship responsibilities. According to the DoD's watchdog, the audit team's requests for information faced noncooperation and insufficient responses, allegedly providing insufficient responses to 52 requests and no response to 14 requests to document where the dollars went. I'm not ever going to let up on my efforts to improve the Pentagon's financial controls. Protecting taxpayer dollars and strengthening military readiness, including U.S. strategic stockpiles, are too important to allow the Pentagon to go unchecked.

Q: How are you standing up to Putin on behalf of innocent Ukrainian children?

A: It's been more three years since Russia started its unprovoked

Incident in Whittemore leads to arrest

On May 24th, 2025 at about 10:43 p.m., the Kossuth County Sheriff's Office responded to a possible fight near 5th Street and Broad Street in Whittemore. The incident involved two workers employed by the carnival that was in town for the celebration. After gathering statements and information, deputies arrested and charged the following person that initiated the altercation.

Jeramie Harmon, age 38, of Jacksonville, Florida. He was transported to the Kossuth County Jail and charged with:

• Burglary 1st Degree - Class B

Incident in Whittemore leads to arrest

Felony
• Disorderly Conduct - Simple Misd
• Public Intoxication - Simple Misd

Harmon was charged with the Class B Felony because he entered an occupied structure with the intent to cause a bodily injury against another person. All persons charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven or found guilty in a court of law.

Whittemore and Kossuth County EMS assisted the sheriff's office with the call.

Kossuth County Sheriff

North Kossuth Golf Scores

Tuesday Men's Early League

5/20	
Bob Richter/Larry Hellman	3
John Cowin/Joel Klocke	3
Bruce Heetland/Jared Bechler	3
Audrey Lampe	54
Jerry Reimers/Jerry Diers	1
Pat Bradley/Bucky Renger	1
Bob Deitering/Dude McGuire	1

Ladies Late League

5/21	
Elaine Davis	70
Kris Goetsch	60
Carole Bernhard	58
Audrey Lampe	54
Melissa Davis	31

Tuesday Men's Late League

5/20	
Tanner Doocy/Drew Merron	4
Drew Doocy/Logan Lauck	4
Dean Rahe/Scott Shillington	4
Blake Pedersen/Blake Stevens	4
Craig Runksmeier/Bob Goche	3
Jeremy Stover/Tom Vipond	3
Tyler Stevens/Brandon Kollasch	2
Jerome Ortman/Jeremy Ortman	2
Colin Runksmeier/Cody Runksmeier	2
Jordan Monson/Nick Symonds	2
Dylan Lowe/Riley Bauer	2
Chad Arndorfer/Nick Arndorfer	2
Grant Goche/Nick Goche	2
Alex Krantz/ Corey Vaske	2
Chris Hansen/Wes Gibbs	2
Brad Blocker/Travis Neuman	2
Nick Doocy/Greg Penning	1
Larry Rickce/Tyler Heetland	1
Ryan Larson/Spencer Rickce	0
Jeff Broesder/Clay Mogard	0
Michael Mather/Brett Deitering	0
James Nemmers/Devan McDonald	0
Games under 40: Corey Vaske - 32, Drew Doocy - 35, Tanner Doocy - 37, Alex Krantz - 38, Chad Arndorfer - 38, Cody Runksmeier - 38, Wes Gibbs - 38	
Longest Putt # None	

Thursday Men's Early League

5/22	
Jerry Diers/Dave Fritzier	6
Dean Rahe/Chad Ortman	6
Wes Gibbs/Roger Fisher	6
Jeff Rahe/Bob Richter	5

Thursday Men's Late League

5/22	
Alex Fisher/Joe Johnson	8
Corey Vaske/Chris Vaske	6
Jeremy Ortman/Mark Blair	6
Kent Hintze/Bob Gifford	6
Jerry Ortman/Steve Vaske	6
Dan Arndorfer/Russ Vaske	6
Dan Dackern/Derrick Bauer	5
Paul Doerning/Grant Vaske	5
Josh Grimm/Bryan Arndorfer	5
Brady Blocker/Drew Doocy	4
Josh Oleson Jr./Alex Deitering	3
Travis Neuman/Jeremy Stover	3
Brad Eichenberger/Ryan Steenhard	3
Bruce Heetland/Larry Eichenberger	3
Parker Eichenberger/Dominik Price	3
Phil Lampe/Brian Blocker	2
Larry Vaske/Darryl Vaske	2
Tom Hellman/Nathan Hellman	2
Ryan Goche/Drew Hellman	2
Jim Bradley/Tim Bernhard	0
Games under 40: Corey Vaske - 34, Parker Eichenberger - 36, Alex Fisher - 37, Derrick Bauer - 37, Jeremy Ortman - 37, Russ Vaske - 37, Dominik Price - 38, Burke Arndorfer - 39	
Longest Putt #3 Andrew Hellman	

Your Right To Know . . . Proceedings of the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

BOARD PROCEEDINGS
May 13, 2025
REGULAR April SESSION
The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were Josh Waechter (Vice Chairman), Kyle Stecker, Amber Garman and Howard Haas. Absent: Carter Nath
Vice Chairman, Josh Waechter called the meeting to order at 8:03 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
There wasn't any public discussion.
Motion by Garman and 2nd by Haas to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting dated May 6, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.
The Board reviewed the reports from Kossuth Regional Health Center.
Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Haas to approve the handwritten claim to Iowa Communities Assurance Pool for \$2,178. Motion carried unanimously.
A discussion was held with the Secondary Road Foreman.
Discussions were held with the Kossuth County Auditor and Kossuth County Board of Supervisors.
Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Haas to waive the second and third readings of Amended Ordinance # 114-C regulating the operation of All-Terrain Vehicles and Off-Road Vehicles in

Kossuth County, Iowa. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Garman and 2nd by Stecker to approve Amended Ordinance 114-C regulating the operation of All-Terrain Vehicles and Off-Road Vehicles in Kossuth County, Iowa. Vice Chairman Waechter called for a roll call vote: Haas: yes, Garman: yes, Stecker: yes, Waechter: yes. Motion carried.
Motion by Haas and 2nd by Garman to waive the second and third readings of Amended Ordinance 512-A establishing rules and regulations for the protection, regulation, and control of all parks, preserves, parkways, playgrounds, recreation centers, and other property of Kossuth County. Motion carried unanimously.
Motion by Haas and 2nd by Stecker to approve Amended Ordinance 512-A establishing rules and regulations for the protection, regulation, and control of all parks, preserves, parkways, playgrounds, recreation centers, and other property of Kossuth County. Vice Chairman Waechter called for a roll call vote: Haas: yes, Garman: yes, Stecker: yes, Waechter: yes. Motion carried.
Motion by Haas and 2nd by Garman to authorize and give its permission to Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, to remove overhead electric and replace with underground electric on the south side of drive to 1904 40th Avenue, under 40th Street, on the north side of 190th Street, under 190th Street on the west side of 40th Avenue, and replace most power poles along the west right of way of 40th Avenue between 190th Street and 210th Street. Work will be in Sections 9, 15-16, and 21. Whittemore Township. Permit 05-17-2025 is on file in the Kossuth County Engineer's Office. Motion carried unanimously.
A discussion was held with the Kossuth County Engineer.
The Board acknowledged receipt of the Sheriff's Office Union's Initial bargaining proposal.
Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Garman to adjourn at 9:08 A.M. Motion carried unanimously.
Attest: Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor

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Carter Nath, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors
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invasion of Ukraine, the deadliest conflict in Europe since World War II. The senseless killing of civilians and casualties on the battlefield have led to needless human suffering and geopolitical ramifications around the world. One of the war's atrocities has far-reaching consequences for Ukrainian society. Russia has abducted tens of thousands of Ukrainian children through unlawful deportations and forced transfers to Russia. The goal is to erase from memory the children's Ukrainian names, language and identity. What's more, the State Department's 2024 Trafficking in Persons Report found Russia re-opts or uses child soldiers, has state-sponsored policy or patterns of human trafficking and is among the worst hubs for human trafficking in the world. In March, I called upon Secretary of State Marco Rubio to continue supporting investigations that are seeking to unravel the whereabouts of these innocent children and bring them back home. As President Trump leads efforts to secure a peace agreement to end the war, I'm leading a bipartisan resolution in the U.S. Senate that calls for the return of kidnapped Ukrainian children before any final peace agreement is reached. It condemns Russia's abduction and forcible transfer of innocent young children to brainwash them and wipe away their heritage. The mass kidnapping of Ukrainian children by the Russian regime is yet another example of Vladimir Putin's diabolical mission to restore the former Soviet empire. KGB-shows this is a page out of his history playbook when Stalin's Soviet regime sent women and children from the Baltic countries to Siberia. The United States ought to demand the innocent children of Ukraine are returned before any agreement to end the war is reached so the Russians cannot use them as bargaining chips.

Marjie Menke 90th birthday card shower



Please join and share 90th birthday greetings to Marjie Menke formerly from Bancroft and now residing in West Des Moines on June 9th. Please send birthday card greetings and well wishes to Marjie at Marjie Menke Grand Living 540 S. 51st St #330 West Des Moines, IA 50265

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 629
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SWEA CITY, IOWA, 6-11-10 (2) ACCESSORY BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEA CITY, IOWA: Section 1. That 6-11-10 (2) of the Zoning Code of Ordinances of the City of Swea City, Iowa, be amended to read as follows:
6-11-10 (2) Accessory Building and Structures - No accessory building or structure shall be erected more than one hundred and twenty days prior to the time of completion of the principal structure or use to which it is accessory. Accessory buildings and structures shall be limited to thirty-five (35) feet in height. No accessory building shall be erected in any required court, or in any yard other than a rear yard except as provided hereinafter. (3) feet from lot lines of adjoining lots which are in any "R" District; on a corner lot they shall conform to set-back regulations on the side street; there shall be at least five (5) feet from any other separate building or structure on the same lot and at least five (5) feet from any alley line, except that when any entrance to an accessory building faces the alley, said accessory building shall be at least twenty (20) feet from any alley line. Private garages must meet minimum principal structure front and side yard requirements. In any "R" District, garages, non-garage accessory buildings and structures whether attached or unattached, shall not exceed 3'5" in height.
All other provisions of 6-11-10 are ratified and affirmed.
Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication.
PASSED, APRIL 0VED, AND ADOPTED BY THE City Council of Swea City, Iowa on the 21st day of May, 2025.
Wendy Zielske, Mayor
ATTEST: Alycia Wolterman, City Clerk
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North Union fifth grade Aries walks on the balance beam while DARE Officer Melissa Hoch watches.



Pushing a golf car was part of the DARE Obstacle at the Swea City Campus.



North Union Swea City Campus Fifth Grade DARE Class
On Thursday, May 15, the Kossuth County Sheriff's Office hosted the 5th grade DARE graduation in Swea City. Presenting the certificates was Deputy Melissa Hoch, who is also the DARE officer.



Swea City Campus essay winner Addi Ernster.



Reed Engelby was the boys obstacle course winner at the Swea City campus. Presenting him his diploma was DARE Office Melissa Hoch.



North Union Fenton Campus Fifth Grade DARE Class
On Wednesday, May 14, the Kossuth County Sheriff's Office hosted the 5th grade DARE graduation. They began with an obstacle course for our graduates and Ivy Fossen and Dayton Hasbrouck were the winners in the competition. Then everyone came in to the classroom for the presentation of certificates with the top essay award to Ivy Fossen.

The North Union Independent Living Class made pillowcases for themselves and then another set for the Children's Hospital in Rochester.



Ryleigh Leach was the Swea City Campus girls obstacle course winner

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(Students who complete a minimum of six semester hours and earn a 3.25-3.49 term grade point average in an academic semester will be honored by being named to the Dean's List.)
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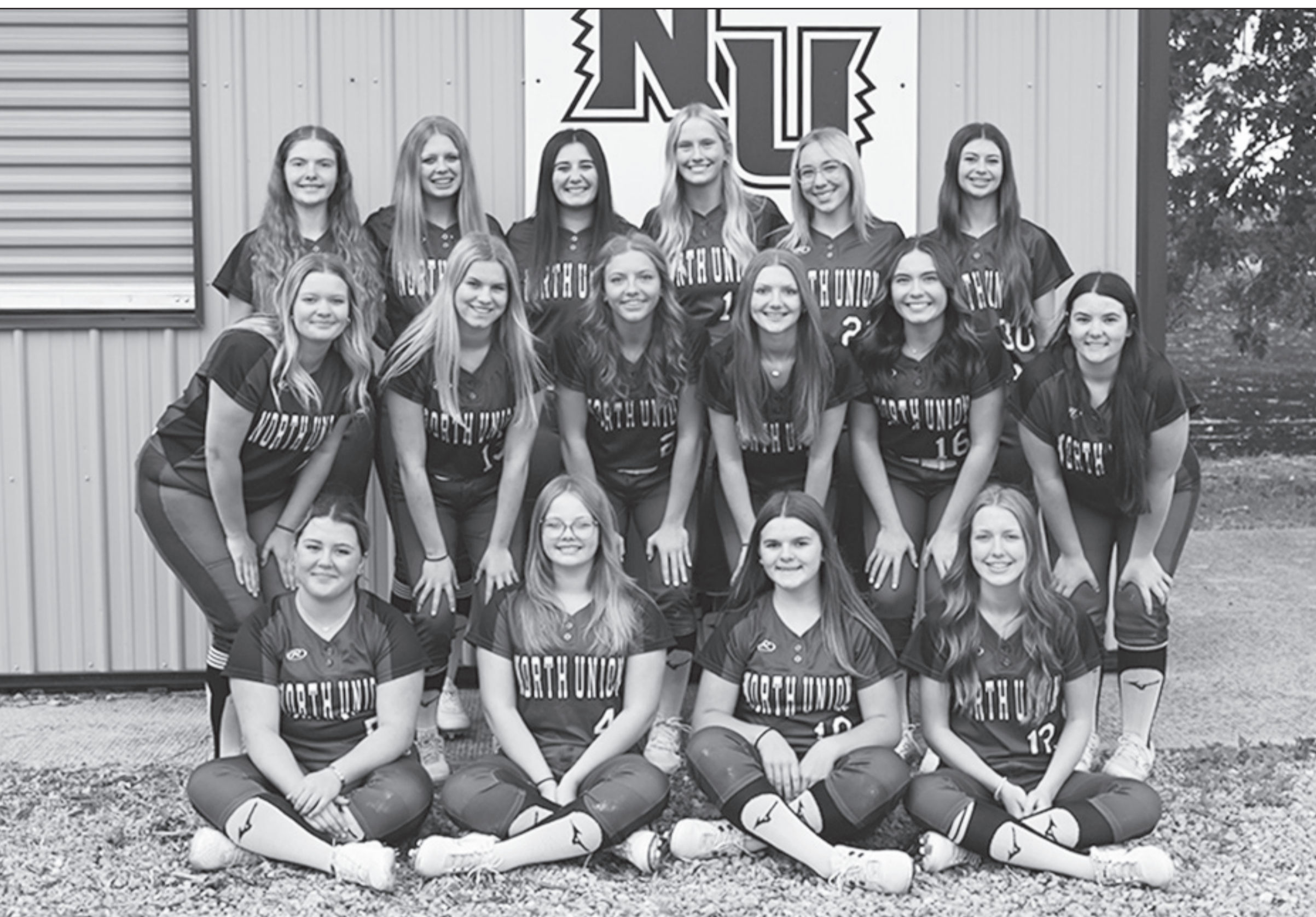
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North Union Varsity Softball...Front row: Ariana Giddings, Lexey Snyder, RaeAnn Leach, Brynn Nicolson; back row: Natalie Walders, Brylie Deim, Kyla Irmiter, Maisey Bierstedt, Ashlynn Sobolik, and Marissa Nielsen. middle row: Madisen Bunkofske, Britney Henriksen, Shallice Walders, Olivia Price, Ainsley Ulrich, Lucy Dreyer;

Young talent to lead the Warriors during 2025 softball season

By David Swartz
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SWEA CITY The North Union softball team enters the 2025 campaign with a mix of youth, experience and high expectations under the leadership of head coach Kim Price, who begins her seventh season at the helm.

After finishing 16-14 last year, the Warriors return a solid core of varsity contributors and welcome an influx of young talent, including five eighth graders. Despite not having a single senior on the roster, Price sees potential in her 16-player squad.

"Last year we ended the season with just 12 girls, so having 16 now is a big difference," Price said. "We only lost one senior from last year and have added five eighth graders, which really helps our numbers and our depth."

The Warriors will again look to junior Ainsley Ulrich to lead the way in the pitching circle. Ulrich handled the bulk of the innings last season and will be backed up by a few younger

arms. She'll also form a strong battery with sophomore catcher Shallice Walders. Both bring power at the plate as well as reliability behind it.

"Ainsley and Shallice are solid for us both defensively and offensively," Price said. "They've been key players and are ready to take another step."

Joining them in the heart of the lineup will be junior center fielder Brylie Deim, who returns as the team's leading hitter after batting .436 last season. Her speed and range also anchor the outfield.

In the infield, juniors Olivia Price and Kyla Irmiter bring varsity experience and leadership to a team that skews young. The duo has each played two seasons at the varsity level.

Other returning varsity players include sophomore Maisey Bierstedt and freshman Ariana Giddings. Non-varsity players returning from last season are freshmen Marissa Nielsen, Britney Henriksen, Lucy Dreyer, and Madisen Bunkofske.

The five eighth graders—Ashlynn Sobolik, RaeAnn Leach, Natalie Walders, Lexey Snyder, and Brynn Nicolson—are already making their

presence felt in early practices and could factor into the lineup throughout the season.

While North Union eyes a Top of Iowa Conference title, Price said the real focus is on progress.

"We're still a very young team with no seniors and just three juniors and three sophomores," Price said. "Growth is our main goal. If we work hard individually and as a team, that's how we'll define success."

Price expects the conference race to be competitive once again, with traditional powers like Bishop Garrigan, Belmont-Klemme, and Forest City all in the mix despite losing key seniors.

"Some teams that were strong last year are rebuilding, but I think Belmont and Forest City could surprise people," she said. "Garrigan always seems to find a way to stay in the running, even after graduating their pitcher and Capesius."

With a core of experienced returners, promising youth, and strong leadership from the coaching staff—led by assistant coach Emily Meyer—North Union is ready to grow and compete this summer.

NU Warrior Softball Schedule

May 28 @ North Iowa
May 29 @ Emmetsburg 7:30 PM
May 30 vs Forest City
June 3 @ GTRA 7:00 PM
June 4 vs Belmont-Klemme
June 6 @ Bishop Garrigan
June 7 Newell-Fonda Softball Tournament 8:30 AM
June 9 vs Lake Mills
June 10 @ West Hancock
June 11 @ Eagle Grove
June 12 vs Algona 7:30 PM
June 13 vs Garner Hayfield Ventura
June 17 vs Saint Ansgar
June 18 vs North Iowa
June 19 vs Spencer 5:00 PM
June 20 @ Forest City
June 21 Newman Softball Classic 2 - 10:00 AM
June 23 vs West Hancock
June 24 @ Garner Hayfield Ventura
June 25 @ Belmont-Klemme
June 26 @ Central Springs
June 27 vs Bishop Garrigan
June 28 St. Edmund Softball Invitational - 10:00 AM
Harlan Rogers Sports Complex
June 30 @ Lake Mills
July 1 vs Eagle Grove
July 2 @ Estherville Lincoln Central 7:00 PM
Iowa Lakes Community College (Estherville Campus)
Softball Field
July 3 @ St. Edmund 7:30 PM
Harlan Rogers Sports Complex
All Varsity games start at 6:00 p.m. unless noted



North Union Baseball...Front row: Austin Gillis, Jakob Ernster, Aiden Carranza, Brennan Bollinger, Caden Walders, Max Heinen, Taylin Jones, Liam Eischen; second row: Luke Hansen, Lane Engelby, Noah Campbell, Carson Crouch, Donnie Stevens, Colin Kruse, Cooper Hoyer; third row: Castor Kollasch, Max Merrill, Cole Nicolson, Dyson Wikert, Noah Hersfeld, Casey Reza, Wiley Stevens, Greyson Colegrove.

North Union Baseball Looking to Build on Depth and Attitude in 2025 Season

By David Swartz
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BANCROFT — Union head baseball coach Steve Ryan is optimistic about the direction of his program as the Warriors prepare for the 2025 campaign. With a solid core of returning players, strong leadership, and a renewed focus on fundamentals, the Warriors are aiming to improve upon last season's 10-12 finish.

"This year we have a tremendous amount of depth at each position," said Ryan. "Our batting and fielding have both improved, and the boys are working hard every day to keep getting better."

North Union brings back a number of contributors from last year's squad, including senior leaders Caden Walders and Brennan Bollinger. Walders will once again play a key role both as a pitcher and catcher, while Bollinger anchors first base and brings a steady presence to the lineup.

"Caden is a leader in the pitching resilience," said Ryan. "He also spends a lot of time behind the plate during the season." Walders is also expected to be a major season. That number has to come down, of talented younger pitchers. Brennan is a Wikert, Stevens, Max Merrill and Cooper worked hard both on and off the field. He's Hoyer. Freshmen are Colin Kruse, Carson worked hard on his swing this offseason, Crouch, Noah Hersfeld, Donnie Stevens, which should boost his batting numbers." and Castor Kollasch.

Walders is the team's top returning pitcher. he pitched 27 innings, giving up 24 runs, nine earned, on 17 hits with 28 strikeouts and 27 walks.

The Warriors' only junior, Cole Nicolson, is also expected to be a major season. Nicolson led the team in batting last season and will return to his average last season and will return to his spot at third base. The bulk of the roster, however, comes from a promising group of sophomores and freshmen that Ryan believes can make a big impact.

"Our attitudes have become our greatest strength," he said. "The boys believe in themselves and in each other, and that's huge for building team chemistry and

North Union is placing a big emphasis on limiting mistakes in the field, something Ryan says must improve if the Warriors want to take the next step.

"We had 53 errors in 2023 and 68 last season. That number has to come down. If we take care of the small details, the scoreboard will take care of itself," he said. The Warriors have 24 players out this spring from grades 8 through 12, and Ryan said the eighth-grade class shows great potential for the future. While pitching duties will be shared across several players, Ryan is confident in the staff's development.

In the always-competitive Top of Iowa West, North Union will again have to contend with perennial powers Forest City and Bishop Garrigan. But with better depth, improved defense, and strong leadership, the Warriors are aiming to be in the mix.

"We're taking things one game at a time,"

said Ryan. "If we keep getting better and continue to focus on the fundamentals, this team can do some great things."

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June 5 NW Webster
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June 11 @ Eagle Grove
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June 16 @ Okoboji
June 17 Harris-Lake Park
June 18 North Iowa
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North Union Seniors...Brennan Bollinger and Caden Walders

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2025 North Union Senior Awards and Scholarships

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Hayden Bierstedt-Dance Team, Choir
Brennan Bollinger-Football, Wrestling, Baseball, Track, National Honor Society, FFA, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, Top of Iowa Conference All Academic, 3.0 Honor Roll
Jacob Brown-National Honor Society, FFA, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, 3.0 Honor Roll
Jennifer Carranza-Cross Country, Track, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, Top of Iowa Conference All Academic, 3.0 Honor Roll
Katrina Carranza-Academic Letter, Band, Choir, 3.5 Honor Roll
Braydon Deitering-FFA
Lucas Dreyer-Football, Wrestling, FFA, 3.0 Honor Roll, Academic Letter, Caidence Gochanour-3.5 Honor Roll, Choir, Academic Letter
Allyson Gramstad-Nelson-National Honor Society, PACK 16, Large Group Speech, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, 3.5 Honor Roll, Art Club, Choir
Talon Grimm-Completed Graduation Requirements for North Union
Sienna Hansen-Senior Class Treasurer, Student Body Senior Senator, Track, FFA, FCCLA President, Academic Letter, 3.5 Honor Roll
Nick Hanson-Football, Track, 3.0 Honor Roll
Josh Harmon-Football, Senior Class Vice President, Student Body Treasurer, Wrestling, 3.0 Honor Roll
Hayden Hutchinson-Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, 3.5 Honor Roll
Aliyah Jones-Volleyball, Homecoming Queen, Golf, 3.0 Honor Roll
Emma Kirkegaard-Football Cheer, Dance Team, Individual State Vice President, FFA, FCCLA Vice President, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, Band, Principal Honor Roll, Choir
Aubrey Knowles-Football Cheer, National Honor Society, PACK 16, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, Principal Honor Roll, Choir
Addison Kruse-Senior Class Secretary, Student Body Secretary, National Honor Society, PACK 16, FFA, Large Group Speech, FCCLA Vice President, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, Band, Principal Honor Roll, Choir
Emily Lemmens-Color Guard, Winter Guard, Competition Guard
Grady Madden-Football, Homecoming King, Basketball, National Honor Society, FFA, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, Top of Iowa Conference All Academic, Principal Honor Roll
Carter Martens-Football, Golf, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, Band, Top of Iowa Conference All Academic, Principal Honor Roll
Isiah McGraw-Art Club
Kartor Nicoson-3.5 Honor Roll, Academic Letter
Hannah Nielsen-Basketball, Golf, National Honor Society, PACK 16, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, Top of Iowa Conference All Academic, Principal Honor Roll, Art Club, Salutatorian
Mariah Nock-National Honor Society, PACK 16, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, Principal Honor Roll
Eli Oleson-Football, FFA
Jo Oleson-FFA, FCCLA Secretary
Ethan Preston-Football, Wrestling, FFA, 3.0 Honor Roll
Jerrison Richardson-3.5 Honor Roll, Academic Letter
Lainey Shannon-Volleyball, FFA, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, Top of Iowa Conference All Academic, Principal Honor Roll
Blake Siemasko-3.0 Honor Roll
Kaelani Sorenson-Football Cheer, Academic Letter, 3.5 Honor Roll
Zach Spiker-Art Club
Ava Rose Steinberger-Volleyball, Student Body President, Senior Class President, Basketball, Track, National Honor Society, PACK 16, Valedictorian, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, Top of Iowa Conference All Academic, Principal Honor Roll
Caden Walders-Football, Basketball, Golf, Baseball, National Honor Society, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, Top of Iowa Conference All Academic, 3.5 Honor Roll
Kolton Weisbrod-Completed Graduation Requirements For North Union
Jacey Welbig-Cross Country, Large Group Speech, Track, National Honor Society, Valedictorian, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, Band, Top of Iowa Conference All Academic, Principal Honor Roll, Choir
Koen Zotz-Large Group Speech, Individual Speech, Honor Graduate, Academic Letter, Principal Honor Roll, Choir

Awards:
Valedictorian - Ava Rose Steinberger, Jacey Welbig
Salutatorian - Hannah Nielsen
Gold Cords (Top 15% of class) - Emma Kirkegaard, Aubrey Knowles, Grady Madden, Hannah Nielsen, Ava Steinberger, Jacey Welbig
Honor Medallions (3.25 for 8 consecutive semesters) - Brennan Bollinger,, Jacob Brown, Jennifer Carranza, Allyson Gramstad-Nelson, Hayden Hutchinson, Emma Kirkegaard, Aubrey Knowles, Addison Kruse, Grady Madden, Carter Martens, Hannah Nielsen, Mariah Nock, Alaina Shannon, Ava Steinberger, Caden Walders, Jacey Welbig, Koen Zotz
National Honor Society - Brennan Bollinger, Jacob Brown, Allyson Gramstad-Nelson, Emma Kirkegaard, Aubrey Knowles, Addison Kruse, Grady Madden, Hannah Nielsen, Mariah Nock, Ava Steinberger, Caden Walders, Jacey Welbig
Blue & Gold Cords (FFA) - 4 years - Brennan Bollinger, Jacob Brown, Braydon Deitering, Lucas Dreyer, Sienna Hansen, Addison Kruse, Grady Madden, Eli Oleson, Jo Oleson, Ethan Preston, Lainey Shannon
Senior PACK 16 - Emma Kirkegaard, Aubrey Knowles, Addy Kruse, Allyson Nelson, Hannah Nielsen, Mariah Nock, Ava Rose Steinberger
Sara Schmidt Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) - Sienna Hansen
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Casey's Scholarship (\$1,000) - Kaelani Sorenson
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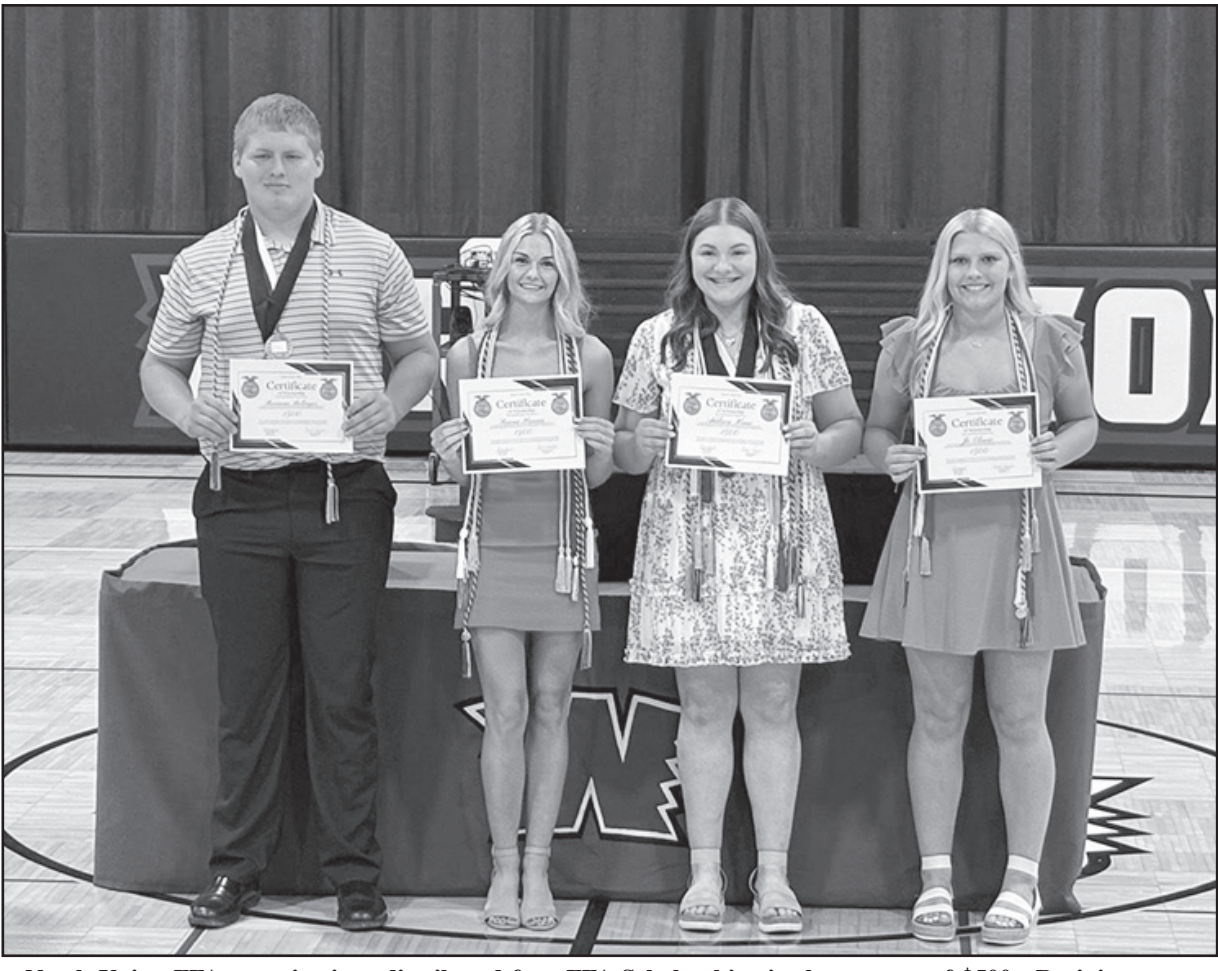


North Union Seniors recognized for being members of the National Honor Society were: Brennan Bollinger, Jacob Brown, Allyson Gramstad-Nelson, Emma Kirkegaard, Aubrey Knowles, Addison Kruse, Grady Madden,

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 Ava Rose Steinberger - True Scholarship (\$1,500 per year for four years), James A. Feldman, Charles L. Flossie M. Berryhill Scholarship (\$4,000 per year for four years)
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 Jacey Welbig - Yellow and Blue Scholarship (\$3,000)
 Hannah Nielsen - Yellow and Blue Scholarship (\$2,000)
Hawkeye Community College
 Kaelani Sorenson - Red Tail



North Union FFA organizations distributed four FFA Scholarships in the amount of \$500. Recipients were: Brennan Bollinger, Sienna Hansen, Addison Kruse and Jo Oleson.



North Union Middle School tracksters (pictured) Max Heinen, Taylin Jones, Breklyn Morpew, and Austin Gillis participated in the junior high state track meet held at the Waukee Stadium in Waukee, IA in May 10th. In the high jump, Max finished 3rd and taylin finished 4th. In the 4 x 100, the four finished 13th overall. In the Sprint medley, the same four finished 9th overall.

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Blakjer Church, in Lone Rock, has undergone an impressive renovation. New entry steps were installed by Todd Gifford of G&G Construction. Respectfully Submitted by Letty Henriksen, Lone Rock Correspondent

Iowa Lakes Expands Transfer Major Options Beginning Fall 2025 to Streamline Path to Iowa's Regent Universities

Iowa Lakes Community College is expanding academic opportunities for students planning to pursue a bachelor's degree, with several new Transfer Major degrees launching Fall 2025. These programs are designed to provide students with a clearly defined and seamless path to Iowa's public universities, ensuring transfer of credits directly into specific majors. The new Transfer Major degrees available beginning in Fall 2025 include:

- Agriculture Business Transfer Major, AS
- Agronomy Transfer Major, AS
- Animal Science Transfer Major, AS
- Communication Transfer Major, AA

English Transfer Major, AA
 Political Science Transfer Major, AA
 Social Work Transfer Major, AA

"These new majors reflect both student demand and workforce trends in Iowa and across the nation," said Iowa Lakes President Scott Stokes. "They give our students more targeted opportunities to begin their educational journey locally while ensuring a clear and cost-effective route to a bachelor's degree."

Transfer Majors at Iowa Lakes are built through statewide agreements with the Regent universities—Iowa State University, the University of Iowa, and the University of Northern Iowa—and are designed to satisfy the first two years of a student's intended major. Each Associate in Arts (AA) or Associate in Science (AS) degree with a Transfer Major meets general education and major-specific requirements, allowing students

to enter their chosen university as juniors.

This initiative builds upon Iowa Lakes' established suite of transfer degrees, which include options in fields such as math, education, fine arts, criminal justice, and more. With the addition of these new majors, students can pursue more tailored academic tracks with confidence that their credits will transfer effectively.

"Whether students are aiming for a career in agriculture, education, communication, or social services, these Transfer Majors give them a solid foundation," said Beth Elman, Executive Director of Marketing. "This expansion supports our mission of providing accessible, high-quality education that prepares students for lifelong success."

For more information about Iowa Lakes' Transfer Majors and how to apply, visit www.iowalakes.edu/transfer.

Bancroft

Days Gone By

**5 Years Ago
May 27, 2020**

The City of Bancroft announced on May 22 that it was reopening the outdoor basketball court immediately. But those using the court must follow the basic guidelines to help ensure the safety and health of the people...Pictured in the Register was Ryan Morphew who placed one of the many flags at the Avenue of Flags...The Bancroft American Legion held a 21 gun salute in front of the Avenue of flags located next to the Bancroft Memorial Park on Monday, May 25. Following the salute, Taps were played in the background. The Legion was unable to hold their normal Memorial Day ceremonies due to social distancing restrictions...The locker rooms under the stage at North Union High School in Armstrong have not seen any updates for many years. Without the updates, the locker rooms are needing a facelift. The school board approved a bid for the renovation for a cost of over \$400,000 during their meeting... Donna Schefeilbein plays Taps during the 21 gun salute held at the St. John Cemetery in Bancroft.

**10 Years Ago
May 27, 2015**

North Union elementary and middle school held a retirement social for four staff members who retired at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. They were middle school association Gail Heyn - middle school math and science teacher Pauline Zabka, second grade teacher Alma Jo Krantz, and high school guidance counselor Bobbie Hardt...Charlie and Ellengray Kennedy look through all the pictures of local men who have served in the armed forces. The Bancroft Historical Museum displayed the photos and individuals could come and view the photos following Memorial Day Services. While browsing in the Museum, you could enjoy, coffee, juice and rolls...A line began to assemble in front of Hager Foods as serving began at 11:00 a.m.. This week's featured eating establishment for Beef Promotion Month was at Hager Foods who served brats and hot dogs, chips, and a beverage. The meat for the promotion was purchased by Farmers and Traders

Savings Bank...North Union freshman Riley Bauer earned a pair of medals in the Class 1A State track meet in Des Moines. He finished in fifth place in both the 3200 run and 800 meter run. He finished in 24th place in the 1600 meter run.

**25 Years Ago
May 24, 2000**

At a special council meeting, the Bancroft City Council interviewed three prospective applicants for the vacation city administrator position. The position has been vacant since March 2000 when Gay Ernster resigned. Chosen was Mark Anderson of Huxley, who is currently the city administrator there. Mr. Anderson's salary has been at \$33,000. He will begin his duties the first part of June... Pictured were Rich Boever, Ed New, Fr. Borman, Deacon Phil Doocy, Dennis McCleish and Bill Hellman who posed with the newly dedicated monument opposing abortion, a project endorsed by the Knights of Columbus, following dedication ceremonies on Mother's Day...Gregg Elsbecker continued to work on a new window at the Bancroft Fitness Club...Carmel Boeyer, EMT and Bancroft Ambulance President, demonstrates the making of an ambulance as Mary Ann Elliott gets more supplies to ready to show, during EMS Week in Bancroft.

**50 Years Ago
May 28, 1975**

Don Shillington, Bancroft's Frigidaire sales and service, received the coveted Award of Merit this week as a result of the excellent service rendered his customers for the year 1974. The Frigidaire Award of Merit is given only to Dealers who have qualified in all phases customers relations and service. Presenting the award is Glenn Heisterkamp, Frigidaire Division Sales manager...Brian Vaske, son of Mr. and Mrs. Linus Vaske of Bancroft, was selected to represent the Bancroft American Legion at Boys State at Camp Dodge in Des Moines. Brian was elected Bancroft Future Farmers president for 1975-76 school year and was junior class vice president this past year. He will be a senior at Saint John High School this fall... Jim Merron turned in one of those

great pitching performances when he stopped Woden-Crystal Lake without and won 10-0.

**70 Years Ago
May 26, 1955**

Gerald Kennedy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kennedy of Armstrong, has been awarded a \$200 scholarship at Iowa State College, Ames, by the Fisher Foundation...The St. John's high school baseball team was far too strong for St. Cecelia's of Algona winning 12-1...Mr. and Mrs. James

Henderson of Fort Dodge moved to Bancroft. Mr. Henderson is employed at Welp's Hatchery...After suffering a sick spell of many months duration, the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce came bouncing back to life when nearly 50 members were on hand when the meeting opened, all full of enthusiasm and ideas...The gravel pit of Union Slough Game Refuge will be open to fisherman Monday according to Mildred Smith, federal game warden and manager of the refuge.

Kossuth Area Garden Club sponsoring workshop

In observance of Nation Garden Club Week, the Kossuth Area Garden Club is sponsoring an environmental workshop on Thursday, June 5, at the First Presbyterian Church, 101 North Main, Algona, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The keynote speaker for the evening is Jamie Beyer who will be speaking on "Creating Buzz: The Joy, Ease, and Challenge of Supporting Pollinators"

Beyer, a Lifetime Master Gardener, President of the Central Iowa Beekeepers Association, and the recipient of the Spencer Award, presented by the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, will speak on the topic "Creating Buzz: The Joy, Ease, and Challenge of Supporting Pollinators"

"Pollinators like butterflies, hummingbirds, native bees, and honey bees are essential to our ecosystems and they need help," said Beyer. During his lively presentation

Come and watch Magician Jonathan May in Lakota

The Lakota Library Proudly Presents Professional Magician, Jonathan May! It will be held on Monday, June 9 from 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. at the Lakota Community Center.

Jonathan will be entertaining us with a show that is fun for ALL AGES! You can find more on Mr. Magic Productions Jonathan May-Magician at www.JmayMagic.com.

Jonathan is a full-time magician who tours all over performing more than 400 shows a year for children and adults! It's guaranteed to be a fun show for EVERYONE!
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he will dive into the fun of planting beautiful, nectar-rich flowers, the ease of simple steps like reducing sprays and mowing less, and the rewarding challenge of shifting attitudes about weeds and wild spaces.

Whether you are a seasoned gardener, a renter, or simply curious about supporting nature, this talk will leave you inspired and ready to create a buzz in your community.

"This will be an excellent presentation on a very timely topic" said Walt Reemtsma, President of the Kossuth Area Garden Club, "and I encourage you to attend this presentation"

Refreshments and the awarding of door prizes will conclude the meeting. There is no charge to attend but donations to offset the expenses of this event will be greatly appreciated.

Cummins comes up short for state

By David Swartz
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 PRIMGHAR — North Union's Alexis Cummins came up just a couple strokes short of qualifying for the Class 1A State Tournament.

The sophomore carded a 95, just four strokes away for tying for fourth at the region final at the Primghar & Country Club on Wednesday, May 21. Boyden-Hull's Josie Rokusek won the region with an 81 while Alta-Aurelia's Avery Westphal was second with an 86 and Emmetsburg's Calista Joyce was third with an 89. Cassidy Horstman of South O'Brien, Jordyn Sitzmann of Kingsley-Pierson, and Macy DeMey of newell-Fonda tied for fourth with a 91.

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Swea City Days Gone By

**5 Years Ago
May 27, 2020**

The Swea City Council, citing public health and needed repairs, decided to not open the city pool for this season. The council also approved a pool study up to \$20,000 to determine the feasibility of repairs or the cost of the new construction. The council's action came after Gov. Reynolds approved to open municipal pools...North Union Community School announced that they will continue to serve meals under the Covid-19 Grab and Go regulations through June 29, 2020... Mike Donnelly and Swea City Mayor Wendy Dannels were pictured in the Herald Press placing flags along the outside of Reynolds Park... North Union High School senior, May Laverty, daughter of Robert and Patty Laverty of Swea City, was chosen as the recipient of the Iowa Governor's Award.

**10 Years Ago
May 27, 2015**

The Swea City American Legion purchased engraved plastic name tags for the flags that are placed in Reynolds each year. The cost of \$600 project was funded by the Legion. Pictured holding the flag with one of newly purchased tags is Legion member RaDann Dawson...The

Swea City Library recently received a grant from the Kossuth County Community Foundation. The money was used for new computers that were installed this week and are now ready for library patrons to use...Cliff Van Berkum gave the message during the Memorial Day Service held at the North Union Middle School gymnasium...North Union sophomore golfer Parker Oleson qualified for the Class 1A state golf meet by earning the medalist honor at the district meet at Spencer Golf and Country Club.

**25 Years Ago
May 24, 2000**

The North Kossuth School recently received the "School of Year" from EF Foundation. EF Foundation Jan Tocasche of Bogota, Columbia and Bill Friedow present the award to Principal Brian Ney on behalf of the faculty, staff and students of North Kossuth...Sarah Kobler receives her diploma from North Kossuth Superintendent Kathy Gilbert at the North Kossuth High School graduation...Chris Stevens, a senior from North Kossuth, constructed, painted, and hung the new North Kossuth Cougars banner in the high school gym in Swea City...Elsie Kvamsdale of Swea City...now displaying her collection of Little Women porcelain and paper dolls

plus her other porcelain dolls at the Swea City Library. Elsie's Little Women dolls were gifts from her four daughters...Cory Corcoran, 13 of Swea City placed sixth at the State Science Fair held in Ames. He won a science medalion ribbon and the Discovery Young Scientist Challenge 2000 pin.

**50 Years Ago
May 29, 1975**

Karen Silfka displays the Poppy Poster that won her first prize in the recent poster contest. Second prize went to Beth Busch and 3rd prize honors went to Cheryl Heyn. The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade, under the direction of Mr. Don Sorenson, took part in the contest. Mrs. Sheryl Sanftner handed Karen her prize...The weatherman cooperated with everyone Monday for the annual Memorial Day parade and program. Members of the V.F.W. American Legion. School boards, scouts and others all marched from the Legion Hall through Main Street and up Highway 9 to the park where the program was held. The Avenue of Flags fluttered softly from warm balmy breezes giving an added attraction and meaning to the days events...The Swea City Swimming Pool is scheduled to open for the season. The Swea City Swimming Pool staff includes Stacie Albers, Kay Campbell, Julie Larsen, and Deanne Ditsworth as lifeguards and Nancy Charlson as head lifeguard.

**70 Years Ago
May 26, 1955**

Thirty boys from the Swea City FFA chapter left Monday night following graduation exercises on

Kossuth County Farmers Market to open May 31 in Algona

The Kossuth County Farmers Market will open soon for the season, offering homegrown, homemade and handcrafted items for shoppers to enjoy.

The opening day for the Saturday market is May 31 from 9 to 11 a.m. The farmers market is located on the corner of Nebraska and Dodge Streets, on the Carnegie Lawn in Algona.

Several local growers, bakers and crafters participate in the market, with vendors from across Kossuth County and surrounding communities. Typical items available at the market include fresh produce, bedding plants, baked goods, jams, honey, and crafts. Items vary with the season and weather conditions.

"We are looking forward to getting back into market season and seeing everyone on Saturday mornings," said Joanne Roepke Bode, local producer and farmers market manager.

The Wednesday farmers market will feature a new time this season.

Beginning on Wednesday, July 2, the mid-week market will be open from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

"We have had a lot of requests over the years to keep the market open later to accommodate people who work until 5 p.m., so we have made a slight change to the time," Roepke Bode said. "We hope this helps even more people come out and enjoy the Wednesday market, once it begins in July."

Eligible vendors at the Kossuth County Farmers Market may accept vouchers through the Farmers Market Nutrition Program for seniors and WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program.

Both the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) and the WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program (WIC FMNP) are Congessionally authorized programs administered by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services.

SFMNP vouchers are distributed by the Area Agencies on Aging June 1 through September 30 on a first-come-first served basis. Eligible Seniors, age 60 and older, must apply annually and may only receive SFMNP vouchers once per year. Watch for a letter in the mail with application instructions or contact Elderbridge Agency on Aging in Mason City to learn more at 800-243-0678.

Participants in the WIC FMNP must be active participants in the Iowa Department's Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. The local WIC Agencies distribute WIC FMNP benefits from June 1 through September 30. Contact the local WIC office to learn more.

For more information or updates about the farmers market, watch for the weekly market column in the Kossuth County Advance newspaper and posts shared on the Kossuth County Farmers Market Facebook page.

These weekly church messages and schedules are contributed by those concerned and responsible citizens and businesses from this area!

Area Church Services

Attend the Church of Your Choice this Sunday

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ST. CECELIA ALGONA
ST. MICHAEL WHITTEMORE
SS. PETER & PAUL WEST BEND
CATHOLIC CHURCHES
Wednesday, May 28
4:00 p.m. - Mass at West Bend
Thursday, May 29
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Michael, Whittemore
9:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration/Sacrament of Penance, St. Michael's, Whittemore
Friday, May 30
7:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Cecelia, Algona
7:30 a.m. - Sacrament of Penance at St. Cecelia, Algona
Saturday, May 31
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, June 1
8:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Michael, Whittemore
8:00 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, June 2
6:50 a.m. - KC's Rosary for Vocations at St. Cecelia's, Algona
7:30 a.m. - Mass at Bishop Garrigan Chapel, Algona
Tuesday, June 3
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Joseph, Wesley
9:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration/Sacrament of Penance, St. Joseph, Wesley
4:30 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration/Sacrament of Penance, St. John, Bancroft
5:30 p.m. - Mass at St. John, Bancroft
Wednesday, June 4
4:00 p.m. - Mass at West Bend
Thursday, June 5
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Michael, Whittemore
9:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration/Sacrament of Penance, St. Michael's, Whittemore

9:00 a.m. - Worship Services inside the church
Social hour will be held following service
Wednesday, June 4
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, June 1
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship
Wednesday, June 4
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, June 1
9:30 a.m. - In person and Facebook Live Worship Services
6:30 p.m. - In person Sunday Evening Service
Wednesday, June 4
7:30 p.m. - In person evening, Prayer Service
FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
Lakota, Iowa
Pastor Kent Madison
Sunday, June 1
8:30 a.m. - Worship
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Lakota, Iowa
Pastor Josh Johanson
Sunday, June 1
8:30 a.m. - Worship Service
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
ALGONA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday, June 1
9:00 a.m. - Adult Bible Study - The Wired Word, focus on connecting current events with scripture.
10:15 a.m. - Worship Service followed with fellowship and coffee time
1:00 p.m. - Afternoon group Bible Study "Seeking Him" (contact church for book information)
Monday, June 2
9:00 a.m. - Sunday's Worship Service on AMU Channel 20 and Mediacom Channel 18

Wednesday, June 4
5:15 p.m. - F.R.O.G.s (Fully Rely On God) Elementary Youth Group
6:30 p.m. - W.O.W. (Worship on Wednesday) Service
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Lone Rock, Iowa
Pastor Walter Reemtsma
Sunday, June 1
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service at Lone Rock
10:00 a.m. - Fellowship
Tuesday, June 3
9:30 a.m. - Prayer Time
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Lone Rock, Iowa
Pastor Duane Miesner
Sunday, June 1
9:00 a.m. - Worship
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OPEN BIBLE CHURCH
Swea City
Sunday, June 1
10:00 a.m. - Worship Services at church
10:30 a.m. - Service streamed at sweacityopenbible.org
Wednesday, June 4
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
Thursday, May 29
Pastor Dose at Burt
Sunday, June 1
9:30 a.m. - Divine Service
Monday, June 2
Deadline to sign up for pictures for directory
Tuesday, June 3
8:30 a.m. - Pastor Nelson at Burt
BURT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pastor Chad Madison
Pastor Walt Reemtsma
Sunday, June 8
10:30 a.m. - Service will be broadcast live on the Burt Presbyterian Church Facebook page

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Once long ago, before you were born,
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Then said "I know what I'll do. I'll make the U.S.A.

First He used a glacier as a giant broom,
And swept the Midwest 'til it was clean and smooth.
God leaned on the handle when He was through,
And said, "There! I guess that will do for a corn patch or two."

Then He turned the glacier into a spade,
And with a few strokes scooped out the Great Lakes.
He dug Niagara Falls for a lovely fountain,
And tossed the dirt West to make the Rocky Mountains.

God started the great Mississippi from a little spring,
And sent it flowing down the map clear to New Orleans.
You can float on a barge and watch white heron flying,
Or catch twenty-pound catfish just ready for frying.

On each side of the country He set an ocean with beaches of sand,
And winds full of salt spray like giant fans.
He put whales and fish along each coast,
And notched deep harbors for huge sailing boats.

God looked at His work and said "That's grand!
But I need a border of gardens around this land,
Where it's never cold, but not too hot,
I want to plant oranges and grapefruit, and lots of kumquat!"

So He made the South full of fruit and flowers,
And told the Sun, "Shine right there for hours and hours."
He made dark cypress swamps, mysterious and calm,
Hung Spanish moss on the trees and planted coconut palms.

Out West He grew forests and liked them so much,
He turned some to stone so they's never be cut.
Planted dates and grapes and roses for miles,
Then added the desert for a giant sandpile.

In the North He sent snowy winters across the map,
With skating and sledding and maple syrup to tap.
He added hundreds of dairy cows giving milk and cheese,
And for juicy pies, planted the cherry and apple trees.

As a finishing touch to His fine new land,
God set wind in the trees for a soft string band.
He looked it over and smiled when He was through,
Said "There! I guess that will do for a million years or two."

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 Fabric packs, cross-stitch patterns, misc. sewing notions. Hand tools, air tools, pipe wrenches, paint gun, kiddie pool, die cast cars, Bill Elliott collection, golf balls, large safe, Pack-n-Play, 23" TV (never used), handmade wood decor, wood x-mas trees, golf balls, toilet (Gerber), Antiques: Dazey butter churn, 5 gal. Red Wing, Coke sign (tin), much misc.

Multi-Family Garage Sale

122 Golf Course Drive.
 Friday, June 6- 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
 Saturday, June 7- 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
 Women's clothing, Maternity clothing, Men's clothing, Baby, Toddler, & Kids clothing (boy and girl), Kids toys, Kids room decor and much more.
 There will also be a lemonade stand with treats!

Still time to list your Garage Sale for next week!

Garage Sale

June 6th-7th,
 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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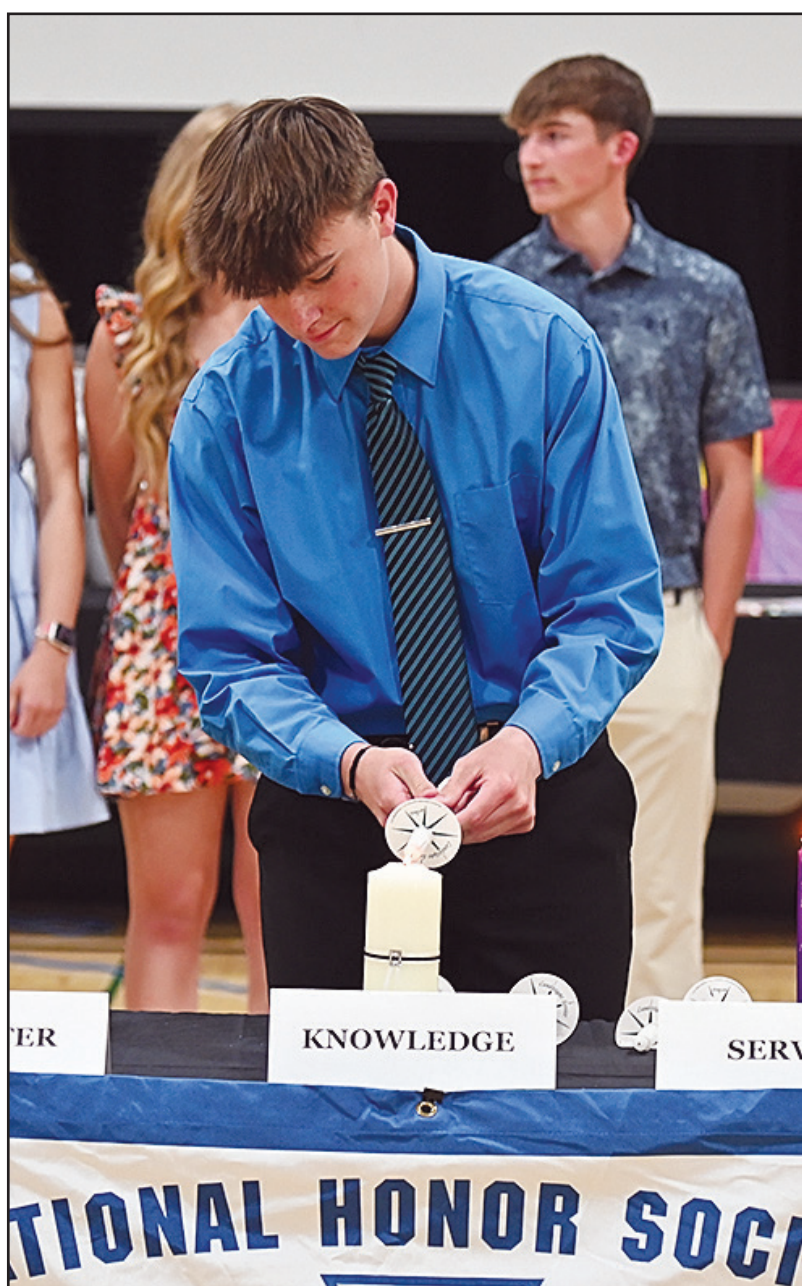
North Union National Honor Society inducted several new members into their organization on May 13th. Pictured are new and current members front row: Hannah Ellingson, April Benson, Donovan Harris, Olivia Price, Jamele Reyes, Cloey Anderson, Adaline Rolling, Emma Preston, Taylor Larson and Jackson Hutchinson; second row: Peyton Jenks, Ainsley Ulrich, Adeline Kollasch, Carly Oleson, Kyla Irmiter, Mylee Oleson, Jacey Welbig, Regan Nielsen, Emmett Bierstedt, Caden Zoyt, and Gabe Whaley; third row: Alyssa Welsh, Alexis Cummins, Macy Colegrove, Brylie Deim, Aubrey Knowles, Addison Kruse, Drew Henderson, Grady Madden, Casey Rezac, and Max Merrill; fourth row: Shalie Walders, Maisey Bierstedt, Allyson Gramstad-Nelson, Mariah Nock, Emma Kirkegaard, Hannah Nielsen, Ava Steinberger, Brennan Bollinger, Jacob Brown, Caden Walders, Cooper Hoye, Cole Nicoson and Greyson Colegrove.



Congratulations to the North Union - Fenton campus fifth graders on winning the Kossuth County Soil & Conservation Poster Contest. Mrs. Klepper, the 5th grade teacher taught a unit on water and soil for science and had the students compete in the contest. Winners are right to left: first place to Ivy Fossen, second place Paisley Wegner, and third place Broden Olson.



North Union National Honor Society inductee Olivia Price lights her candle as NHS member Carley Oleson smiles and watches during the NHS induction ceremony.



North Union National Honor Society inductee Cooper Hoye carefully lights his candle.



North Union National Honor Society inductee Hannah Ellingson lights her candle as NHS member Emma Kirkegaard watches during the NHS induction ceremony.



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