

Column One Events

SCIL hosting Bingo

Swea City Improvement League (SCIL) is hosting BINGO at the Country Inn, Swea City on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Games will start at 7:00 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!

Surprise 90th birthday party for Jim Kelley

Surprise 90th Birthday Come & Go Party honoring for Jim Kelley will be held on Wednesday, May 5th from 4-8 p.m. at Wateredge Nature Center, Algona, Iowa. If you cannot celebrate with us in person and would like to celebrate by sending a card, Jim can be reached at: James Kelly, 333 West Ramsey St., Bancroft, IA 50517.

Hats Off to our Grads

North Union Graduation Open Houses

Halle Rezac
Saturday, May 8th, 4-7 p.m., At her home (5739 5th St., Armstrong, Ia)

Weston Long
Saturday, May 8th, 4-7 p.m., Ringsted American Legion, Ringsted, Ia

Damian Freitag
Saturday, May 8th, 3-7 p.m., 904 1st Avenue, Armstrong, Ia

Don't forget to put your son or daughter's reception in the newspaper for \$20.00 for two weeks. Contact Kim at 515-885-2531 or Clint at 712-868-3460.

Spring into the donor chair

Bancroft Community to hold blooddrive

LifeServe will be holding a blood drive on Monday, May 3 from 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist's Parish Hall Classroom, Bancroft. Appointments are required. You can text them at 999-7777, call 800-287-4903 or visit lifeservebloodcenter.org. For your safety and the safety of the team members, appointments and masks are required for donations.

Every lifesaving blood donor receives a health screening at their donation, finds out their blood type, and is being tested for Covid-19 antibodies to help the state health department understand the virus and identify more convalescent plasma donors.

Don't forget....

As of April 24, 2021, you must dial 10 digits for all local calls (area code + telephone number). This change is due to the FCC's adoption of 988 as a new three-digits number to be used nationwide to reach the National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline.

If you are calling the Bancroft Register, please remember to dial 515-885-2531.

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Bancroft, Graettinger and West Bend begin talks to share linemen

By Kim Meyer

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According to Wikipedia, a capital improvement plan (CIP), or capital improvement program, is a short-range plan, usually four to ten years, which identifies capital projects and equipment purchases, provides a planning schedule and identifies options for financing the plan. Essentially, the plan provides a link between a municipality, school district, parks and recreation department and/or other local government entity and a comprehensive and strategic plan and the entity's annual budget.

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After more discussion was held, Bancroft City Council will make its decision at their regular May 10th meeting.

Death at hog barn south of Swea City ruled accidental

By Kim Meyer

According to the Kossuth County Sheriff's Office, Deputies and Swea City Ambulance were dispatched to a hog-site building at 407 390th St. Street, about five miles southwest of Swea City just after 9:00 p.m. Monday, April 19 after a person was found unconscious.

Upon arrival, a female was found unresponsive and transported to Kossuth Regional Health Center in Algona by Swea City Ambulance with assistance from Algona EMS. The female had reportedly been assisting in the cleaning and power washing of the facility and was found lying on the floor by another person that was also working in the area.

The female, identified as 17-year-old Victoria Marie Parra Lerdo of

Trent Iversen resigns as electric superintendent

By Kim Meyer

During a special city council meeting held on Monday, April 19, the Bancroft City Council approved the resignation of Trent Iversen as electric superintendent. The city will now begin the search to replace Trent. They are also working on a possible agreement with West Bend and Graettinger to help out.

During the Monday, April 12 meeting, the council decided to have street patching rebid due to questions in regard to materials being used.

Bob Boland Ford to donate portion of proceeds of vehicle sales to Ambulance Department

By Kim Meyer

Bob Boland Ford is once again stepping up to the plate to help Bancroft's Emergency services. For every car and truck sold in May and June, they will donate \$150.00 for to the Bancroft Ambulance.

This is being held in conjunction with the Bancroft Ambulance annual fundraiser. The EMS is seeking donations to update their equipment and to help with continued education that is required of them to keep up their certification licenses as crew members and service.

The EMS plan to invest in a Stryker Power Cot and Power Load System. The new cot will give Bancroft EMS the capability to auto load patients into the ambulance without the required assistance of lifting the patient with multiple members as they



Rockwell City, was pronounced dead at the hospital.

Following an autopsy by the State Medical Examiner's Office in Ankeny, her death was ruled an accident by

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning.

Autopsy results from the Iowa Medical Examiners Office show Parra-Lerdo's death was accidental. Investigation at the scene revealed a power washer was being operated within the hallway area of the building near where Parra-Lerdo was working. Inadequate ventilation caused Parra-Lerdo to be overcome by the fumes.

Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas and poisoning is caused by inhaling combustion fumes. When too much carbon monoxide is in the air you're breathing, your body replaces the oxygen in your red blood cells with carbon monoxide. This prevents oxygen from reaching your tissues and organs, according to information on the Mayo Clinic website.

The building according to property tax records show the deed holder of the facility is Cottonwood Investment Company, and is managed by Christensen Farms of Sleepy Eye, Minnesota.

Parra-Lerdo was not employed by Christensen Farms. Parra-Lerdo's mother owns the company that was hired to clean the facility on the night the 17-year old passed away.

Parra-Lerdo is a member of the Class of 2022 at South Central Calhoun High School.

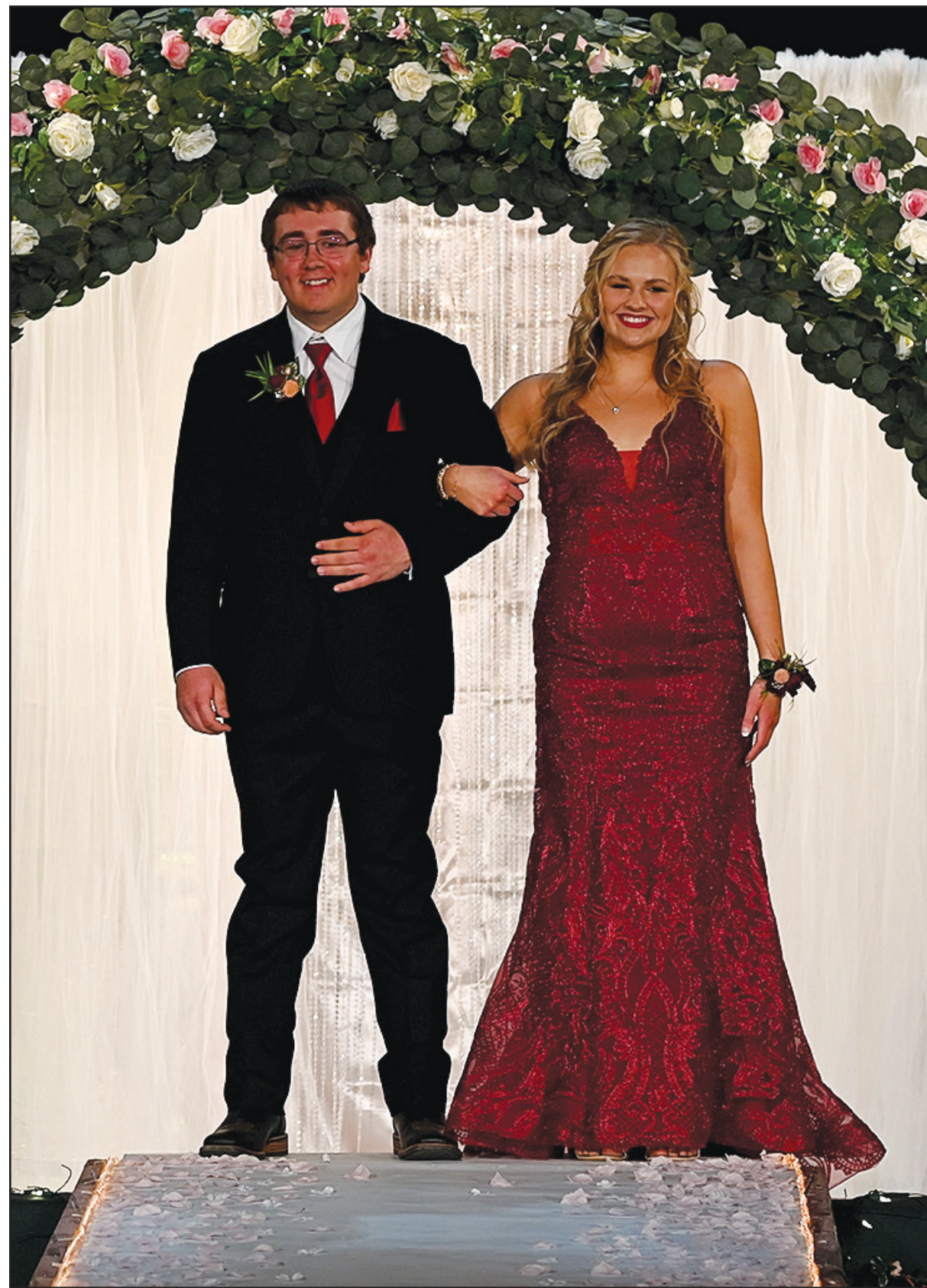
Stateline Publications Cookbook coming back

A cookbook, being published by Stateline Publications, will be published this summer. This will be a summer cook book and we are asking readers to submit their favorite summer recipes. We need all recipes to be submitted by June 1, 2021.

There are different ways of submitting recipes to us. You can type and email them to clint@armstrongjournal.com or bancroftregister@yahoo.com. You can mail in recipes to us at 520 6th Street, Armstrong, Iowa 50514. You can also bring them in to our offices in Armstrong or Bancroft. We can scan recipes from cook books only if people have the recipes marked and prepared. Or copies can be left at our offices. Both locations have drop boxes on the front of the building.

We are looking for great recipes that families love to use in the summer. This can include grilling, deserts, salads, etc.

Prom 2021 in the books



North Union High Schoolers were all dressed up for the "Grandiose Garden" themed Prom held on Saturday, April 24 in Armstrong. Junior Connor Rolling escorted Rachel Henriksen during the grand march. Following the grand march, the students enjoyed a dance before heading to after prom activities.



A light dusting of snow and sleet blanketed the area on the morning of Sunday, April 25. The snow and cooler weather was a beautiful scene at the North Kossuth Golf Course but definitely made it difficult for anyone who wanted to shoot a few holes. By the afternoon, the snow was gone and on Monday, the temperatures were already climbing into the 70's.

"Family, Friends, and The Fourth"

The Bancroft Chamber of Commerce invites you to be in our parade on July 4th, 2021! Please contact Carole Bernhardt at 515.320.4294 or bancroftchamber@gmail.com to reserve your parade spot. They will need the following to ensure enough space is available in our lineup.

--Number of vehicles and/or

--Length of vehicles

We line up at the east end of Ramsey street by Accura Healthcare beginning at 9:30am. The start of the parade is 10:30am sharp.

Their PRIZE structure has changed!

Top Prize --\$75 Chamber Bucks goes to the float that best represents the theme "Family, Friends, and The Fourth".

1st Place Overall --\$50
2nd Place Overall--\$25

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Bishop Garrigan students do well at Art Show



A few of the Bishop Garrigan High School's art student's displayed their artwork at the Stinson Prairie Art Show in Algona. Sophomore Darius Goche won First Place with her quilling project.



Senior Kyphus Goche as awarded Honorable Mention with his ink project. Darius and Kyphus are the children of Scott and Mandi Goche of Bancroft.



Brielle Skowronski, age 7, Great-Granddaughter of Marie Kemna, made her musical debut as the lead character "JoJo" in Seussical Jr. The musical was held at Prairie Lakes Community Theatre in Des Plaines, IL on April 16, 17, and 18.

Clark's Corner



Langushing is a word I heard over the weekend and it was a word I have not heard or seen very often so I had to do a little research. I discovered that some folks are using the word as I feel for the years 2020 and 2021. One writer described it was a sense of stagnation and emptiness. It feels as if you are muddling through your days, looking at your life through a foggy windshield. And the writer thought it might be the dominant emotion of 2020 and 2021.

This past weekend I had the opportunity to meet folks who were certainly not muddling through the events of this year. My wife, Diane, and I attended a craft show (not too many men there) and we found that folks are starting to get out a lot more than in the past year or so. That was good news and the other good news for us was the vendors were not just muddling along either. They were proud of their products and happy to show them off to folks in attendance. It was sort of a happy event. There were even some food samples there vendors were sharing, safely of course. Those were some of my favorite booths, of course.

When we stopped for lunch we met a young man named Matt who was our server at the restaurant. He certainly was not muddling through his day either. He seemed happy to take our order and continued to stop back to see how we were doing. We commented and told him we appreciated his kind hospitality. He told us he was working his final day there because he was headed out east to attend college. He had served six years in the navy and had been in college and would soon be entering medical school. He wasn't exactly muddling through college and he finally told us he carried a 4.0 grade point average. Conversations like that are always fun and encouraging and frankly involve a much larger tip.

On our way home we stopped to pick up some tools I had purchased online from a gentleman I had never met, but seemed friendly enough through our messages. He was a friendly guy and introduced us to his family. He had immigrated to this country from Mexico and was so glad to be here and have a good job. His wife had a good job, one daughter was going to college and the younger one was home-schooling. He had remodeled their home and had a newer car in the driveway. He was certainly not langushing or muddling through life. These two encounters with non-muddling folks were encouraging. Let's stop langushing and get busy with our lives. Until next time.....

Judge overrules Thackery dismissal motions

By Michael Tidemann

Third Judicial District Judge Nancy Whittenburg Wednesday, April 21 overruled all defense motions for dismissal of felony and serious misdemeanor charges against former Armstrong City Clerk Connie Thackery.

- The charges include:
 - Ongoing criminal conduct, a class B felony.
 - Theft in the second degree, a class D felony.
 - Theft in the second degree, a class D felony.
 - Theft in the third degree, an aggravated misdemeanor.
 - Non-felonious misconduct in office, a serious misdemeanor.

The charges relate to Thackery's position as Armstrong city clerk and followed a multi-year investigation by the Emmet County Sheriff's Office and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation.

Judge Whittenburg overruled the motions made by Thackery's attorney Edward Bjornstad in an April 5 hearing. Those motions included:
• Motion for bond review.
• Motion for bill of particulars.
• Motion to dismiss due to Iowa's three-year statute of limitations.
• Motion to dismissal due to preaccusatorial delay.

Judge Whittenburg also stated in her order that Thackery's motions for a media impact study and motion for Gigio Review, which would have required disclosure of law-enforcement personnel files, had been withdrawn so no motion was required.

Union Slough Auto Tour Route Open May 1-9 In Celebration of Migratory Bird Day

Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge is pleased to announce the auto tour route will be open from Saturday, May 1st through Mother's Day, May 9th, 2021 in celebration of World Migratory Bird Day. Visitors are welcome to drive the tour route from sunrise to sunset during those dates. The auto tour route begins at the refuge headquarters and takes visitors along a four and one-half mile drive of wetland, open water, and prairie habitat. Along the tour route, a variety of birds and other wildlife can be seen including trumpeter swans, bald eagles, great blue herons, ducks, geese, shorebirds, pelicans, songbirds, river otters, and white-tailed deer.

In her ruling on the motion for bond review, Whittenburg stated that the defendant, "does not set forth any arguments that the bond set by Judge Mayer violates Iowa law or the Constitution of the State of Iowa; and, further, she sets forth no substantial changes in her circumstances upon which a review of the bond is warranted."

In the motion for bill of particulars, Judge Whittenburg ruled that the state had provided adequately specific charges. Addressing the dismissal motion based on Iowa's Statute of Limitations, Judge Whittenburg cited the tolling provision in Iowa Code and that Thackery continued to work part-time for the City of Armstrong.

Addressing the motion to dismiss due to preaccusatorial delay, Judge Whittenburg said Thackery bears "the heavy burden" of proving her defense suffered actual prejudice due to a delay in prosecution and that the delay was unreasonable.

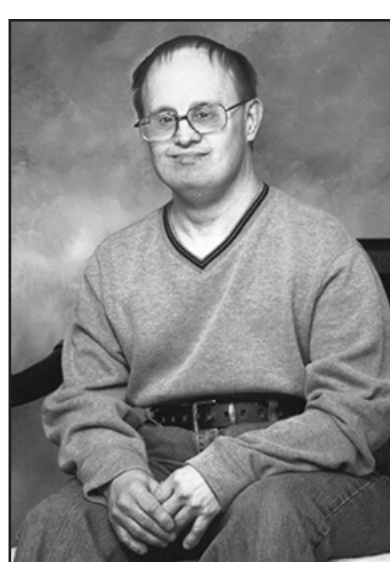
Judge Whittenburg also overruled the second motion to produce evidence, saying the defense's request for emails between Mary Kate Stator and her attorney, Jack Bjornstad, and the Office of the Attorney General, and Tracie Lang and her attorney, Bethany Brands and the Office of the Attorney General, would violate attorney-client privileged information.

Also on April 21, Judge Jeffrey A. Neary was designated to hear pretrial and post-trial proceedings for Thackery, former Armstrong Mayor Greg Buum and Armstrong Police Chief Craig Merrill who remains on unpaid leave from the city. All face charges related to the multi-year investigation.

In addition, Sandhill Cranes are commonly seen in the burned areas along the tour route. Remember that wildlife are generally most active in early morning and early evening. Although the Auto Tour Route is open, the Union Slough NWR Office itself remains closed for safety of staff and visitors as a public health precaution. Union Slough NWR is located 6 miles east of Bancroft on County Road A-42. For further information, please call (515) 928-2523. For more information on the Midwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service visit <http://midwest.fws.gov>.

Obituary

Steven Duane Hansen . . . 61



In 1983, Steven moved to Estherville into the ECHO Group Home with many of his friends until the late 1990's when he made the move to a house with four of his close friends. ECHO was eventually bought by Hope Haven where Steven worked until his retirement around 2010. Steven then attended Dayhab (Day Habilitation) within the Hope Haven community up until his passing.

Steven had a highly active social life. He was active in his church at Trinity Lutheran and within the Estherville community. Steven loved to dance, sing, go golfing, bowling, fishing, and participating in Special Olympics where he won many gold medals over the years. But his all-time favorite thing to do was to watch All Star Wrestling (WWE or WWF), which he would do every night. Early in his life, Steven loved to ride his Moped around Ringsted, where he would stop and talk to many of the residents, even if he did not know who you were, you were going to get to know Steven. He was extremely outgoing!

Left to cherish Johnson's memory are his sisters, Judy Stevenson and her husband Terry of Armstrong, Kathy Johnson and her husband, Steve of Big Lake, MN, his brothers Bill Hansen of Ringsted, Brian Hansen and his wife, Michele of Rosemount, MN and a sister-in-law, Diane Hansen of Castle Rock, CO. He was surrounded by many loving nieces and nephews.

Steven was preceded in death by his parents; William and Evelyn and two brothers; Dennis and Gary.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE FROM THE ZONING ORDINANCE

Public notice is hereby given that an application to the Kossuth County Board of Adjustment has been submitted by David Grimm, Wesley, Iowa. The application is requesting a variance to the zoning ordinance for property located in an A-1 Agricultural zone. The variance would permit a reduction to the minimum back and side yard building setback distances to allow for the construction of a Shop. The zoning ordinance specifies the back-yard setback be 100 feet and the side-yard setback be 30 feet in an A-1 Agricultural zone. The applicant is requesting the back-yard building setback be reduced to 1 foot on the west side and the side-yard building setback be reduced to 1 foot on the north side of the property.

The property is located at 2707 240th Avenue, Wesley, Iowa and is located in the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 2, Township 96 North, Range 27 West of the 5th P.M., Wesley Township, Kossuth County, Iowa. A Legal Description and Plat of Land of the property is recorded in Survey Plats Book 7 Page 264 in the Kossuth County Recorder's Office.

If anyone has an objection to the variance request as is, please submit the objection in writing to the Kossuth County Zoning Administrator no later than 12:00 noon, Friday, May 21, 2021.

If objections are received, the Kossuth County Planning and Zoning Commission will conduct a public hearing on this request in the Kossuth County Courthouse at 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 26, 2021.

If no objections are received, the Kossuth County Board of Adjustment will take action by mail.

The public may participate in this hearing by attending the meeting in person or by joining the Zoom Conference detailed below.

•Video Conference – Join Zoom Meeting ID: 392 098 9650 Passcode: 676147

•Phone Conference – Dial 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 392 098 9650 Passcode: 676147

•Email questions or comments – zoning@kossuthcounty.iowa.gov More information is available at: <https://kossuthcounty.iowa.gov/public-notices.php>

COSSUTH COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Dated: April 20, 2021
By: Douglas A. Miller, Secretary
(Published April 28, 2021)

A Celebration of Life for Steven Hansen was held on Friday, April 23, 2021 at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Estherville. Steven was laid to rest at Ringsted Memorial Cemetery. Henry-Ringsted Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

was born on September 15, 1959 in Estherville, Iowa to William James and Evelyn Ardell Hansen. He was raised on a farm about 3 miles west of Ringsted until his family moved into town in 1978. Steven started attending ECHO (Emmet County Handicap Organization) in Estherville in the late 1960's and early 1970's and eventually graduated from Estherville High School in May of 1980. He passed away peacefully at his house in Estherville on Monday, April 19, 2021 at the age of 61 years old.

Public Notice

The Kossuth County Board of Supervisors, has received a construction permit application for a confinement feeding operation, more specifically described as follows:

Name of Applicant: Summit Pork III, LLLP

Location of the Operation: NE ¼ NW ¼ Section 25, Irvington Township

Type of Confinement Feeding Operation Structure Proposed: Two new deep pit swine finisher confinement buildings to hold 4999 head, as a new swine confinement facility.

Animal Unit Capacity of the Confinement Operation after Construction: 1999.6 animal units (4999 head of swine finishers)

/s/ Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor
(Published April 28, 2021)

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

BOARD PROCEEDINGS April 13, 2021
REGULAR APRIL SESSION

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were: Roger Tjarks, Chairman, Galen Casey, Kyle Stecker, Donnie Loss and Jack Plathe.

Chairman, Roger Tjarks called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Loss and 2nd by Plathe to approve the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting dated April 6, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Public discussion was held. The board acknowledged transfers made by Kossuth County Auditor, Tammy Eden, from General Basic to Secondary Road in the amount of \$85,564.47 and Rural Basic to Secondary Road in the amount of \$676,986.54. The transfers were made April 5, 2021.

Discussion was held as to the possibility of renting the election center by the hour in addition to daily. The board decided to leave it as rentable by the day only.

Discussion was held with the secondary road foreman. Todd Holmes advised the board

that Barry Jennings from Advanced Architectural Products would be available to be at the courthouse the week of April 26th to address the entrance door issues.

Kossuth Regional Health Center presented their monthly update.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to authorize and give its permission to Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative, Estherville, IA, to replace power poles in the west right of way of 160th Avenue for approximately 4127 feet north of Hwy. 9. Work will be in Section 16, Ledyard Township. Permit 04-10-2021 is on file in the Kossuth County Engineer's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held with the county engineer and zoning administrator.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Stecker to have the supervisors handle their requests for drainage as follows:
Supervisor Stecker: Request 2021-010 DD 133; Supervisor Tjarks: Request 2021-009 DD 80, Request 2021-011 DD HK 5-87, and Request 2021-012 DD HK 2-36. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to approve petition for voluntary annexation of lands from DD 75 to DD 30. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Stecker: yes, Casey: yes, Loss: yes, Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held with Melissa Loehr from Care Connections of Northern Iowa.

Motion by Casey and 2nd by Tjarks to approve and adopt the Kossuth County Secondary Road

Department Fiscal Year 2022 Budget and Five-Year Construction Program and to recommend approval to the Iowa Department of Transportation. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Stecker: yes, Casey: yes, Loss: yes, Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Auditor and the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors. Attest: Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor

Roger Tjarks, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors
(Published April 28, 2021)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF KOSSUTH COUNTY, IOWA

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Adjustment of Kossuth County, Iowa, has granted a variance from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance in connection with the application submitted by Hamilton Auto Body.

The variance allows for the front yard building setback reduction to 15 feet on the north side of the property.

The property is located in the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 97 North, Range 27 West of the 5th P.M., Buffalo Township, Kossuth County, Iowa.

The property is described as: Tract 4 of Plat of Survey recorded as Book 2011 Page 2457 in the Kossuth County Recorder's Office.

Any person aggrieved by this decision may present to the District Court of Kossuth County a petition for review within thirty days from the 22nd of April 2021.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

BY: Douglas Miller, Kossuth County Zoning Administrator
Dated: April 22, 2021
(Published April 28, 2021)

Your Right To Know . . . Proceedings of the Bancroft City Council

Minutes
City of Bancroft
105 E Ramsey St
Information and Special Council Meeting

April 19, 2021
MINUTES-

Mayor, William Droessler opened the informational meeting at 6:00 PM. Present at the informational meeting concerning sharing of General manager for Electric Utility, Bancroft City Council- Jeff Theisen, Richard Arndorfer, Jeremy Fraker, P J Ingalls, Corey Rasch. Bancroft staff present were Crysti Neuman, City Director, Tim Rowlet, Utility Clerk, and Trevor Kluender lineman. Others present were Greg Fritz- NIMECA, John Bilstein, Rod Vitzum AMU, Joe Montag- West Bend City Council and Brian Hatten- resident.

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At 7:00 PM meeting open Drossel called the special meeting over with Bancroft City Council- Jeff Theisen, Richard Arndorfer, Jeremy Fraker, P J Ingalls, Corey Rasch. Present Bancroft staff present were Crysti Neuman, City Director.

Motion by Fraker, second Rasch to accept Trent Iversen's resignation. All approve. Motion carried.

Motion by Theisen, second Fraker, to approve the lowest bid on street patches. 4 ayes, 1 nay Motion carried.

No decision was made on sharing agreement but Council did state that they would meet at 5:45 on May 10th to discuss this prior to the Regular meeting.

Meeting adjourned on a motion by Rasch, second Fraker. All approve. Motion carried.

Mayor, William Droessler

ATTEST: Crysti Neuman/City Director
(Published April 28, 2021)

City of Bancroft
Police Chief
Monthly Report
March 2021:

Traffic Violations:

1. Warnings	21
2. Citations	4
3. Accidents	0
a. Property damage	1
b. Personal injury	0
c. Fatality	0
4. Motorist assists	4

Public Service

1. Citizen assists	12
2. Unsecured doors	0
3. Citizen complaints	16
4. Observed complaints	4

Agency Assists

1. Kossuth Co. Sheriff	2
2. Other Co. Agencies	2
3. Medical assists	1

Community Service

1. Public Relations	0
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Bancroft Police Department had the following for the month of March 2021: Wrote a grant for Iowa Traffic Safety Bureau for the radar sign. Police report on a fraudulent check, report of a person acting strangely in a store, a report of a gas drive off 1 day later, check on the welfare of a dog, found 2 dogs running loose south of town called rural owner, request insurance company wanting a police report, parent wished to speak to an officer about their child, complaint of someone parked on their property without permission, dog running around with no lease unknown owners, harassment complaint, request to speak to an officer, parent wanting to speak to an officer about child, cat reported outside a house, dog barking and dog sanitation complaint, spoke to owners, suspicious vehicle driving around persons property, report of careless driving - citation issued, pills or drug tablets found in a plastic bag, unlock a van, call about a flooded basement, pick up reported missing, assist fire department testing static water pressure, report of dog from north of town in their yard, mandatory Zoom class for all Law Enforcement Class, call from parents having trouble with their children, dog bite another dog and owner fell, called vet, dog current on shots, complaint from parent of an unrelated child informed to contact DHS, report of door left open, called owner, report of two intoxicated individuals who had COVID-19, unlocked pick up, report that somebody ran a stop sign, call about poor driving skills, gas drive off, found the individual they contacted the store, investigating an accident with property damage to Water Plant Door and a fuel catch pan - initial charge is careless driving and other possible charges are pending. Report of a fight at a business. Any questions, concerns or need to speak with an officer, please contact me at the following number 515-320-0435 cell or 515-885-9517 home.

Art Ingalls
Bancroft Police Chief

Swea City
Days Gone By

Compiled by Julie Droessler

**Five Years Ago
April 27, 2016**
Kossuth County Community Foundation Member Dave Harner, presented a check to Phil Albers, representative of the Swea City Ambulance Department. KCCF held their annual grant ceremony on Wednesday, April 20 at the Algona Senior Center, Algona. A check in the amount of \$4,711.00 will be used towards purchasing equipment for the ambulance department...Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Fairmont hosted a public open house on Thursday, April 21 to showcase the new Emergency Department. The \$4.5 million expansion and renovation project was announced in June 2015. Taylor Davis, Brittany Sobolik, and Sandee Vaske, along with other staff members were on hand to give guided tours to other staff members on Wednesday and to the public on Thursday...Two Buena Vista University students have been awarded stipends and 10-week summer internships at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., a part of the Mayo Clinic's Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program. Jacob Braddock, a junior biology major from Swea City, was awarded a fellowship in the Virology and Gene Therapy Department at the Mayo Clinic. He will receive a stipend from the Mayo Foundation to support his research internship in the laboratory of Stephen J. Russell, M.D., Ph.D.

**Ten Years Ago
April 27, 2011**
Fierce Salon in Swea City is springing into changes. Owner and stylist Jen Zinnel has been very busy traveling and attending classes to learn about new products, new hairstyles and new cuts. New hair stylist to the salon is Brittany Moore who also does nails. Coni Hutchings, the massage therapist, is now coming once a week. The biggest announcement from Fierce Salon is they are moving to a new location in Swea City. Jen has purchased the former clinic building located across from Main Street Manor. She is looking to be moved in by July 1...Kelsey Gerhart, junior at North Central Kossuth High School, will represent Bancroft Rotary Club as the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Conference to be held at the YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln, Blue Grass, Iowa, near Davenport July 17-22. She is the daughter of Deb and Wayne Gerhart...Genna Valvick of North Central Kossuth High School was honored on April 14, 2011 as a Better Business Bureau Student of Integrity. Genna was one of five high school seniors out of over 140 applicants to receive this honor and was presented with a \$1,000 college scholarship.

**Twenty-five Years Ago
April 24, 1986**
The Swea City American Legion Auxiliary Fisher Post 14 has selected Melinda Henderson as a delegate to

Girls State. Melinda is a junior at North Kossuth High School in Swea City. She is the daughter of Burton and Sandy Henderson of Swea City. Girls State will be held June 8-20 at UNI in Cedar Rapids, IA. Adrianna Hauskins, also a junior at North Kossuth High School and daughter of Mitch and Karen Hauskins of Swea City, was selected as an alternate... The two quilts that are to be sold at the silent auction in the fall to help benefit the Methodist Church are finished and ladies began work on number three. The first two quilts were full size log cabin and tulip pattern and the third is a queen size geometric design. The blocks for this quilt were given to the church when one of the ladies, Helen Mino, died.

**Fifty Years Ago
April 29, 1971**
No doubt you have all heard of Black Magic, but have you ever heard of Red and White Magic? Red Magic and White Magic are actually varieties of Petunias and they are the official varieties to be planted in our town this spring. We would urge the cooperation of all of the residents of Swea City and if you do cooperate we guarantee a more attractive town, one that people will notice and admire... The office of Senator Harold E. Hughes has notified us that a Swea City boy, Mark O'Green, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard O'Green, has been given appointment to the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, Colo. The appointment was made by the Academy from a list of finalists submitted to them by Senator Hughes... Mayor A. M. Kollasch announced today that town fire hydrants will be flushed on Wednesdays only, hereafter. Housewives are asked to take this into consideration when they do washing of clothes.

**Seventy Years Ago
May 3, 1951**
A tornado swept the Swea vicinity and a machine shed and a barn were destroyed by the heavy wind. Anton Kardoes said he lost 60 of 100 head of hogs when the barn fell. A combine and a seeder in the shed were damaged by falling debris. Besides the loss of hogs and damaged machinery, Kardoes lost a huge quantity of seed oats he had stored in the barn. Wreckage was scattered around the farm as evidence of the tremendous wind that night. Other farms in the same vicinity were hit also by the same storm though the damage at those places was slight when compared to the Kardoes' damage...A telegram came to Swea City Tuesday, May 1, and with it came an end to a village post office and the postmaster's job. Official notice was sent by telegram from the U.S. Post Office department Tuesday ending the existence of the Gerled post office. The office was closed on that date because there is no one to take the place of Mrs. Iris Finn, who was 70 years of age on April 3 and forced to retire as postmaster.



Iowa Lakes Community College Emmetsburg Campus Dean Tom Brotherton introduced Cosmetology Program instructors and students to the college trustees at their April 20 meeting. From left are Brotherton; instructor Kendra Webb; students Gracie Zemler, Elizabeth Trent and Samantha Harris; and Program Director Laurie Pearson.

Trustees tour new Emmetsburg cosmetology lab

By Michael Tidemann

EMMETSBURG - Shave and a haircut...today. Well, make that more like May 19. That's when the public will be able to avail itself of services at the new cosmetology lab at the Iowa Lakes Community College Estherville campus. The Iowa Lakes Board of Trustees had a personal tour of the lab at their Tuesday, April 20 meeting.

Rivaling - and perhaps exceeding - what one might find at many salons - students learn everything necessary to work in a salon. The lab has the traditional hair treatments as well as mood-enhanced pedicure stations.

Program Director Laurie Pearson and instructor Kendra Webb introduced students Gracie Zemler, Elizabeth Trent and Samantha Harris who told how they are getting cosmetology training as well as having the benefit of a traditional college experience and activities.

"It just felt like home," Trent said of the campus. Harris also said she liked the fact that the training is close to home.

With seven students currently, Emmetsburg Campus Dean Tom Brotherton said the program has 30 solid prospects for the program this fall, with a goal of 15 students. Pearson said students will have 2,270 documented contact hours in the program - they punch in like a regular job - with 2,100 required by the state. She said students are on campus 30 hours a week.

In other business, Robert Leifeld, vice president of administration, discussed the College and Career Transition Counselor Grant. Leifeld said the person would work under High School Partnerships.

College President Valerie Newhouse said the position would have a purely an academic counselor who would work with three high schools. She said Iowa Lakes was

one of six Iowa colleges awarded under the program which Eastern Community College began.

The trustees voted to accept the grant application.

Leifeld also presented a Future Ready Iowa Employer Innovation Fund grant application for board approval. The \$50,000 grant would be matched by \$50,000 match from the college foundation and address the needs of students in accounting and human resources with classes starting June 1. The trustees approved that grant application as well.

Leifeld also requested and received approval for the Iowa Workforce Development Summer Youth Internship Pilot Project Grant of \$246,720 with a goal of 60 students. Leifeld said students would work in internships for 10-30 hours a week for 12 weeks.

Jolene Rogers, executive director of community and business relations, said interns would work throughout the five-county college service area. She said 25 students applied over the first two days and recent high school graduates would also qualify. "The demand is there. We just wanted to make sure the supply is there," said Rogers.

Leifeld also gave a grants update, including the National Science Foundation STEM grant of \$1,455,077 over five years. He said Matt Strom will be principal investigator, assisted by Mark Zabawa.

Rogers presented farm donations and a cash donation for board approval. She said scholarship awards were underway. Rogers also said the college is working on accreditation of a professional dog grooming programming. She also noted continuing education enrollment was up 7 percent from last year.

Rogers also said a 260F training

grant application had been submitted with three companies applying for the first time. The companies are in Clay, Dickinson and Palo Alto counties.

Delaine Hiney, executive director

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Sam Nielsen takes a leap over the bar during the high jump event held at Drake Relays on Thursday, April 22.

Nielsen places ninth at Drake Relays

By Greg Grabianowski
DES MOINES—Junior Sam Nielsen of North Union had a strong showing on the biggest stage in Iowa on the beautiful blue oval at the 111th annual running of the Drake Relays on Thursday, April 22.
Nielsen tied for ninth place in the high jump with her leap of 5' 2". The Warrior junior missed her first attempt

VonBank girls golf well at Garner

By Clinton J. Davis
Sisters, Olivia VonBank SO and Vanessa VonBank SR, placed first and third respectively at a triangular in Garner. Their scores helped North Union seal a win in the triangular featuring Garner Hayfield Ventura and Lake Mills. This was North Union's fourth win of the 2021 golf season.
Olivia VonBank was the medalist with a final score of 49. Olivia shot 1 stroke under her 9-hole average on the year. Vanessa tied for second with a 50 but lost out on runner-up during the card back review.
Halle Rezac SR, scored third on the North Union score card and 5th overall in the triangular. She parred the Par 5, 2nd hole to help the Warriors win.
Abby Rezac SO, shot a 55 which is 10 strokes under her 9-hole average on the season. Amelia Fothergill FR, also shot a 55 for the Warriors. She had a par on the Par 3, 7th hole.
That was 2 strokes under her 9-hole average for the year. Jordyn Cummins SR, after a second place finish at Spring Valley earlier in the week scored a 56 for the Warriors at Garner.
North Union shot an overall of 206. That was 14 strokes ahead of GHV and 34 strokes better than Lake Mills.

- NORTH UNION--206**
Olivia VonBank - 49 Medalist
Vanessa VonBank - 50
Halle Rezac - 52
Abby Rezac - 55
Amelia Fothergill - 55
Jordyn Cummins - 56
- GARNER HAYFIELD**
VENTURA--220
Kenedee Frayne - 51
Jailyn Krein - 54
Rylee Frayne - 56
Kelsey Watson - 59
Morgan Krein - 59
Allison Heflin - 65
- LAKE MILLS--240**
MaKenna Hanson - 50 Runner Up
Lindsey Hershey - 60
Jadyn Hengesteg - 64
Madison Levine - 66
Kaelin Barbour - 67

North Union Warrior Girls place seventh at Estherville

ESTHERVILLE—The North Union Warrior girls' track team finished in seventh place overall with 42 points at the E-LC Relays on Thursday, April 22 as the Spencer Tigers won the team title with a total of 160 points.
The green-black-and-silver's top place winner was Olivia Merrill in the shot put with a second place toss of 32' 6". Ending up in third place was Merrill in the discus with a throw of 88' 8", Anna Longhenry in the 100-meter hurdles with her time of 16:29 and the distance medley relay quartet of Olivia Von Bank, Vanessa Von Bank, Libby Stevens and Cassie Beadle in 5:01.86.
Naomi Jones finished in fourth place in the high jump at 4' 8" as did the 4 x 800-meter relay squad of Hanna Sandvig, Harley Tobin, Beadle and Stevens with a clocking of 12:03.71.
Placing fifth for the Warriors was the shuttle hurdle relay group of Shelby Fraker, Beth Streuber, Maggie Engelby and Olivia Guerdet in 1:22.60; the 4 x 200-meter relay foursome of Abby Deitering, Ella Ulrich, Fraker and Jones with a time of 1:56.56 along with the 4 x 400-meter relay crew of Lily Henderson, Longhenry, Jones and Beadle in 4:37.66.
A pair of North Union relays took sixth place in the sprint medley relay team of Ulrich, Fraker, Longhenry and Henderson with their clocking of 2:02.14 and the 4 x 100-meter relay unit of Olivia Von Bank, Vanessa Von Bank, Deitering and Ulrich in 55.62.
Finishing seventh was MaKayla Burt in the discus with a throw of 81' 6"; Jones in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.85, Streuber in the 400-meter dash in 1:21.49 and Henderson in the 800-meter run with a clocking of 2:44.71.
Taking eighth place for the green-black-and-silver was Olivia Von Bank in the high jump at 4' 4" along with Hannah Morphew in the 3,000-meter run in 13:37.57, Sandvig in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:13.70 and Fraker in the 400-meter hurdles in 1:26.81.
E-LC Relays Final Team Standings—1. Spencer 160; 2. Forest City 100; 3. Bishop Garrigan 72; 4. Estherville-Lincoln Central 63; 5. Emmetsburg 60.5; 6. Spirit Lake Park 50.5; 7. North Union 42; 8. Sioux Central 41

- North Union Results**
2nd Place—Olivia Merrill, Shot Put 32' 6"
3rd Place—Merrill, Discus 88' 8"; Anna Longhenry, 100-Meter Hurdles 16:29; Distance Medley Relay (Olivia Von Bank, Vanessa Von Bank, Libby Stevens, Cassie Beadle) 5:01.86
4th Place—Naomi Jones, High Jump 4' 8"; 4 x 800-Meter Relay (Beadle, Stevens, Hanna Sandvig, Harley Tobin) 12:03.71
5th Place—Shuttle Hurdle Relay (Shelby Fraker, Beth Streuber, Maggie Engelby, Olivia Guerdet) 1:22.60; 4 x 200-Meter Relay (Fraker, Jones, Abby Deitering, Ella Ulrich) 1:56.56; 4 x 400-Meter Relay (Lily Henderson, Longhenry, Jones, Beadle) 4:37.66
6th Place—Sprint Medley Relay (Ulrich, Fraker, Longhenry, Henderson) 2:02.14; 4 x 100-Meter Relay (Deitering, Olivia Von Bank, Vanessa Von Bank, Ulrich) 55.62
7th Place—MaKayla Burt, Discus 81' 6"; Jones, 100-Meter Dash 13.85; Streuber, 400-Meter Hurdles 1:21.49; Henderson, 800-Meter Run 2:44.71
8th Place—Olivia Von Bank, High Jump 4' 4"; Hannah Morphew, 3,000-Meter Run 13:37.57; Sandvig, 400-Meter Dash 1:13.70; Fraker, 400-Meter Hurdles 1:26.81
9th Place—Morphew, 1,500-Meter Run 6:18.80
10th Place—Stevens, 1,500-Meter Run 6:33.08
11th Place—Ashlyn Wickman, Long Jump 11' 9"; Sam Nielsen, 200-Meter Dash 30.94
12th Place—Burt, Shot Put 26' 3½"; Nielsen, 100-Meter Hurdles 18.13
15th Place—Wickman, 100-Meter Dash 15.20
16th Place—Wickman, 200-Meter Dash 34.34; Tobin, 800-Meter Run 3:24.34
- North Union Junior Varsity Results**
2nd Place—4 x 200-Meter Relay (Streuber, Dakota Villareal, Angely Cifuentes, Lindsay Daschner) 2:10.73
4th Place—Sprint Medley Relay (Engelby, Villareal, Daschner, Cifuentes) 2:24.32
6th Place—Jorja Cole, 100-Meter Hurdles 21.97
10th Place—4 x 100-Meter Relay (Engelby, Villareal, Cifuentes, Daschner) 1:05.32

Jordyn Cummins places second at Spring Valley

By Clinton J. Davis
Jordyn beat her 9-hole average for the year by three strokes at one of the tougher courses on the schedule. The three other golfers were for North Union were above their yearly average on the year.
The North Union Lady Warriors now have their second, 2nd place finish out of five meets. They have placed first in three of them.
NORTH UNION--242
Jordyn Cummins 47-Runner Up
Halle Rezac 59
Amelia Fothergill 62
Abby Rezac 74
BISHOP GARRIGAN--192
Kelly Baade 45-Medalist
Annie Burns 48
Ava Eisenbarth 49
Anna Berke 50
Rylie Rosenmeyer 53
Avery Lichter 62
FOREST CITY--294
Katelyn Beenken 70
Kaysee Miller 73
Brooke Olson 74
Kyra Gibbs 77
Gabi Sifuentes 78
Kylie Skesker 80



Nesting swans at Spring Valley Golf Course had the golfers negotiating their shots between the greens on holes 4 and 8, and the tee box on hole 9.

Central Student Sarah Ingalls Honored at Scholarship Celebration

Sarah Ingalls of Bancroft, IA, was one of more than 800 students at Central College who would have been honored at the college's annual Scholarship Celebration on Thursday, April 22. The event was canceled because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Scholarship Celebration in P.H. Kuyper Gymnasium gives student scholarship recipients the opportunity to personally thank and share dinner with donors who help make their Central education possible. Ingalls received the Journey Scholarship.
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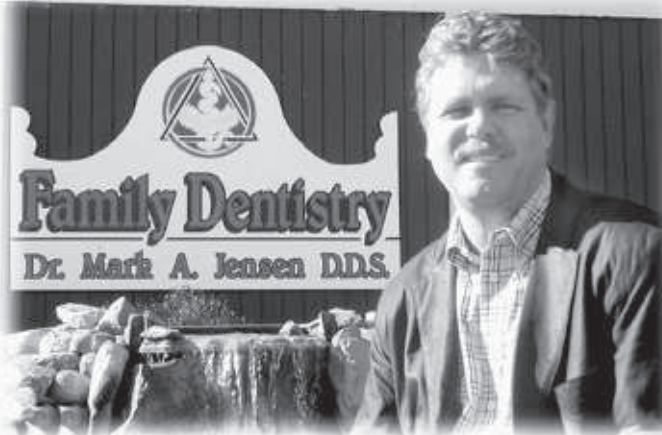
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North Union boys third at Poky Relays

By Greg Grabianowski

POCAHONTAS—North Union won six events and placed second in two more to amass 109 points to finish in third place overall in Class B.

Bryer Prochniak was a double winner for the green-black-and-silver as he sprinted across the finish line first in both the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.32 and the 200-meter dash in 23.44.

Other individual gold medal winners for the Warriors were Aiden Fries in the 400-meter dash with his clocking of 55.22 and Presto Guerdet in the 1,600-meter run in 5:09.98.

Winning North Union relays were the distance medley relay unit of Izaak Martens, Carter Morphew, Carter Anderson and Guerdet with a time of 4:05.34 and the 4 x 100-meter relay team of Carter Morphew, Martens, Fries and Prochniak in 46.97.

Anderson placed second in both the high jump at 5' 8" and the 110-meter high hurdles with a clocking of 16.52 while teammates Carter Morphew in the 110-meter high hurdles in 16.54 and Fries in the 200-meter dash with a time of 24.87 took third.

Finishing fourth was Martens in the discus with a throw of 93' 5", Anderson in the 400-meter hurdles in 1:04.95, the sprint medley relay crew of Trevor Kruse, Carter Morphew, Martens and Fries with a clocking of 1:42.68 along with the 4 x 800-meter relay foursome of Gavyn Morphew, Kaden Laabs, Liam Kollasch and Dalton Tobin in 10:20.31.

Fifth place winners for the green-black-and-silver on Friday were Aric Arndorfer in the discus with a throw of 91' 8" and the 4 x 200-meter relay group of Shawn Odegaard, Colin Rasch, Arndorfer and Kruse with a time of 1:51.50.

The lone sixth place went to Aidan Clausen in the shot put with a toss of 35' 5" while teammate Gavyn Morphew took seventh in the 800-meter run in 2:29.71 as Prochniak ended up in eighth place in the 400-meter dash with a clocking of 1:01.16.

Pocahontas Relays Class B Final Team Standings—1. Bishop Garrigan 118; 2. Emmetsburg 111; 3. North Union 109; 4. Sioux Central 105; 5. South Central Calhoun 78; 6. Eagle Grove 62.

First Place Winners and North Union Results

Shot Put—1. Jordan Anderson, Emmetsburg 41' 4½"; 6. Aidan Clausen, North Union 35' 5"; 9. Colin Rasch, North Union 34' 1"

Discus—1. Anderson, Emmetsburg 113' 11"; 4. Izaak Martens, North Union 93' 5"; 5. Aric Arndorfer, North Union 91' 8"

High Jump—1. Cole Corey, South Central Calhoun 5' 10"; 2. Carter Anderson, North Union 5' 8"

Long Jump—1. Corey, South Central Calhoun 20' 0¼"

Sprint Medley Relay—1. Sioux Central 1:41.60; 4. North Union (Martens, Trevor Kruse, Carter Morphew, Aidan Fries) 1:42.68

3,200-Meter Run—1. Quinn Swift, Bishop Garrigan 11:02.75

4 x 800-Meter Relay—1. Sioux Central 8:50.39; 4. North Union (Gavyn Morphew, Kaden Laabs, Liam Kollasch, Dalton Tobin) 10:20.31

Shuttle Hurdle Relay—1. Emmetsburg 1:12.13

100-Meter Dash—1. Bryer Prochniak, North Union 11.32; 12. Shawn Odegaard, North Union 13.90

Distance Medley Relay—1. North Union (Martens, Carter Morphew, Anderson, Preston Guerdet) 4:05.34

400-Meter Dash—1. Fries, North Union 55.22; 8. Prochniak, North Union 1:01.16

4 x 200-Meter Relay—1. Eagle Grove 1:39.63; 5. North Union (Odegaard, Arndorfer, Rasch, Kruse) 1:40.48

110-Meter High Hurdles—1. Corey, South Central Calhoun 16.33; 2. Anderson, North Union 16.52; 3. Carter Morphew, North Union 16.54

800-Meter Run—1. Ethan Mills, Sioux Central 2:15.64; 7. Gavyn Morphew, North Union 2:29.71; 10. Tobin, North Union 2:47.21

200-Meter Dash—1. Prochniak, North Union 23.44; 3. Fries, North Union 24.87

400-Meter Hurdles—1. Corey, South Central Calhoun 58.22; 4. Anderson, North Union 1:04.95; 9. Kruse, North Union 1:11.28

1,600-Meter Run—1. Guerdet, North Union 5:09.98; 10. Laabs, North Union 5:59.54

4 x 100-Meter Relay—1. North Union (Martens, Fries, Carter Morphew, Prochniak) 46.97

4 x 400-Meter Relay—1. Sioux Central 3:47.31



North Union sophomore Bryer Prochniak is making great strides this track season by breaking two school records. Bryer broke the 100 meter record with a time of 11.32 and the 200 meter record with a time of 23.05.



Taking a running leap and jump over the bar in the high jump was Carter Anderson. Anderson placed fourth with a jump of 5' 8" at the Western Christian Relays.

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# Prochniak double winner at Bison Relays

By Greg Grabianowski

**BUFFALO CENTER**—North Union sophomore Bryer Prochniak was a double winner at the annual Bison Relays held on Thursday, April 24. The green-black-and-silver scored 61 points to place sixth in the 10-team field as Saint Ansgar won the team title with 130 points.

Prochniak sprinted to gold medals in the 100-meter dash in 11.62 and the 200-meter dash with his winning time of 23.92 while teammate Carter

Anderson earned a gold medal by winning the 110-meter high hurdles in 17.08.

Anderson also finished second in the high jump with a leap of 5' 6" as did the Warriors' 4 x 100-meter relay squad of Izaak Martens, Aiden Fries, Carter Morphew and Prochniak with a clocking of 46.57.

The lone third place went to Carter Morphew in the 110-meter high hurdles in 17.41 while both the sprint medley relay quartet of Carter Johnson, Carter Morphew, Martens

and Fries with a time of 1:44.64 and the 4 x 200-meter relay unit of Aric Arndorfer, Martens, Johnson and Fries in 1:43.48.

The only fifth place was Preston Guerdet in the 800-meter run with his time of 2:16.53. Placing sixth was the shuttle hurdle relay team of Carter Morphew, Trevor Kruse, Anderson and Johnson with a clocking of 1:17.17 and the 4 x 800-meter relay crew of Gavyn Morphew, Kaden Laabs, Liam Kollasch and Guerdet in 9:52.96.

110-Meter High Hurdles 17.41

4th Place—Sprint Medley Relay (Martens, Carter Johnson, Carter Morphew, Fries) 1:44.64; 4 x 200-Meter Relay (Martens, Johnson, Fries, Aric Arndorfer) 1:43.48

5th Place—Preston Guerdet, 800-Meter Run 2:16.53

6th Place—4 x 800-Meter Relay (Carter Morphew, Anderson, Johnson, Trevor Kruse) 1:17.17; 4 x 800-Meter Relay (Guerdet, Gavyn Morphew, Kaden Laabs, Liam Kollasch) 9:52.96

9th Place—4 x 400-Meter Relay (Laabs, Gavyn Morphew, Kollasch, Dalton Tobin) 4:24.95

10th Place—Aiden Clausen, Shot Put 35' 2"

11th Place—Kruse, 400-Meter Hurdles 1:08.48

12th Place—Martens, Discus 95' 2"

13th Place—Colin Rasch, Shot Put 32' 5"; Shawn Odegaard, 400-Meter Dash 1:11.62

14th Place—Johnson, Long Jump 15' 10½"

15th Place—Odegaard, 100-Meter Dash 14.06; Tobin, 800-Meter Run 2:33.51; Odegaard, 400-Meter Hurdles 1:23.28

17th Place—Arndorfer, Discus 70' 10½"

3rd Place—Carter Morphew, 100-Meter Dash 11.62; Prochniak, 200-Meter Dash 23.92; Carter Anderson, 110-Meter High Hurdles 17.08

2nd Place—Anderson, High Jump 5' 6"; 4 x 100-Meter Relay (Izaak Martens, Aiden Fries, Carter Morphew, Prochniak) 46.57

3rd Place—Carter Morphew, Mason City Newman 14

North Union Results

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29th Place—Johnson, Long Jump 15' 10½"

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# Chase Cummins scores well at Spring Valley

By Clinton J. Davis

The North Union boys golf team sent 6 varsity golfers to Spring Valley on April 22nd. Spring Valley is known for its tough course. However, the boys North Union Golf Team fared well despite its toughness. The Warriors placed second in the triangular against Forest City and Bishop Garrigan.

The second place finish last week was the fourth consecutive second place finish for the Warrior boys golf team. Chase Cummins SO, placed first on the North Union squad with a final 9-hole score of 46 and fourth overall in the triangular. Four North Union golfers started off hole 1 with a par on the score card; Cummins, Michael Hanson SR, and Gage Madden SR.

Cummins would eventually find himself ten over par heading into the final hole. He only needed three shots to hit par and end his round with a 46. Parker Eichenberger JR, placed second on the Warrior team with a score of 48, which was tied for 6th overall. Parker had three par holes on his scorecard.

Hanson and Madden both ended their score cards with 49 shots. Their final score placed them tied for eighth overall in the triangular. Hanson paled one hole and Madden three holes on the evening. Teagan Fothergill SO, finished his round with a 55, which placed

him 12th overall. Rounding off the North Union scorecard was Tanner Boever JR with a final score of 67, which placed him 18th overall on the evening. Boever finished his round with a par on the final hole.

Three North Union golfers finished under their 9 hole average at the tough Spring Valley Golf Course. Cummins was 2 strokes under his average, Hanson was 3 strokes below, and Madden shot 1 stroke below his yearly average.

| NORTH UNION - 192   |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Parker Eichenberger | 48 |
| Teagan Fothergill   | 55 |
| Chase Cummin        | 46 |
| Michael Hanson      | 49 |
| Gage Madden         | 49 |
| Tanner Boever       | 67 |

| FOREST CITY - 186 |    |
|-------------------|----|
| Jack Harms        | 39 |
| Elijah Alsop      | 48 |
| Will Heidemann    | 58 |
| Jayden Kendall    | 56 |
| Tommy Miller      | 47 |
| Caleb Johnson     | 52 |

| BISHOP GARRIGAN - 199 |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Kyle Schaaf           | 42 |
| Adyn Rowlet           | 45 |
| Jacob Leerar          | 52 |
| Joey Schumaker        | 61 |
| Ethan Kuper           | 60 |
| Ben Greteman          | 61 |

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# Pastor's Message

## Not for Show

Pastor, Kent Madison, Lakota and Burt Presbyterian Churches

Not for show, is the title of the message for us today. You have heard me say it many times in our preparation for worship. Is it ritual or is it real? Now I am not saying that all Liturgical Ritual is necessarily bad or that spontaneity in worship is good. The point is, are you just going through the motions in your worship or are you really worshipping our Holy God? Are you doing things for show before men, to glorying self, or are you doing things to glorify God? The Lord's Prayer is God's example to us when the disciples asked Jesus to teach us how to pray. It is something we recite quite often in our worship of God. Are we really praying and thinking about the words we are saying, or because we know it so well, do we recite it, just out of habit, with no thought or meaning to the words we are saying? Nothing upset Jesus more than the hypocrisy of the religious leaders of his day. These scribes and Pharisees received his harshest criticism for showing off how "Godly" they were. Jesus saw all their motives, and God sees all our motives in all we do with people and in our worship of Him. Jesus urges us to practice a faith that is totally honest, a faith that is totally authentic and a faith that is really amazingly quite simple.

In Matthew chapter six, Jesus addresses three disciplines that we as believers in Jesus Christ, practice in our faith. Giving, Matthew 6:2-4,

praying, Matthew 6:5-15, and fasting, Matthew 6:16-18. Most believers give and pray quite regularly, fasting well not so much. Sadly, western culture has for the most part lost the religious discipline of fasting. Scripture does not command Christians to fast. God does not require or demand it of Christians. At the same time, the Bible presents fasting as something that is good, profitable, and beneficial. The book of Acts records believers fasting before they made important decisions. Fasting and prayer many times are often linked together. Too often, the focus of fasting is on the lack of food. Instead, the purpose of fasting should be to take your eyes off the things of this world and to focus our eyes completely on God. Fasting is a way to demonstrate to God, and to ourselves, that we are serious about our relationship with Him. Fasting helps us gain a new perspective and a renewed reliance upon God.

Yet, the focus of Matthew six is not, if we are doing these disciplines. The focus is, when we do them, is it for God's Glory or for show before men? Are we faking it for man's applause or is it real, because of our love for God and what he has done for us, through his Son Jesus Christ? God sees through to the heart brothers and sisters; He sees our motives. We can fake it with people, but all is laid bare before a Holy God. Nothing is hidden from his eyes. Hebrews 4:13 says; "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account." That

is why Jesus was so upset with the church leaders of His day. They were not helping people with their walk and faith in God. It was all about showing the people how Godly they were and how sinful the people were.

So let us look at Jesus's teaching in Matthew six, and apply it to our faith and daily living.

In Matthew 6: 1-5 Jesus says, "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." We have all seen people loudly plunk their money they put in the offering plate, or make sure they have us see that big bill they are putting in. Is it real for God or show for man's applause?? Or do you give just to get your name on a bronze plaque?? Now I am not saying anything against those who give large amounts of money and get buildings or hospitals name after them. We truly are blessed by those individuals who can do that. Yet again, Jesus is telling us he sees our motives. With the right motives, we give to glorify God, and expand His kingdom.

In Matthew 6:5-8, Jesus teaches "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

Again, Jesus teaches us to be authentic. Do we try to impress people with our big words and our long prayers? God wants us to have an intimate relationship with Him, brothers and sisters. That is why he says, "go into your room, close the door, and pray to your Father who is unseen". What a loving picture, a perfect Father, who knows our needs before we ask. Talk to Him like he is your best friend because that is what He is. Jesus then gives us a model prayer. Elements that should be in our prayers when we go to our rooms. Acknowledging Him that he is Holy, and we are not. We pray for His Kingdom to come like it already is in heaven. In other words, we are praying for His return as he promised He would do when he ascended after His resurrection. To come and make things right and perfect again. We ask for our daily needs to be met. Not our wants but our needs. We acknowledge that we are sinners, and pray for forgiveness, and then we need to forgive others, like He forgives us. We pray for a hedge of protection from the evil one and the temptations of this world. This is the way we ought to pray.

Then Fasting; Matthew 6:16-18. "When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure

their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they are receiving their reward in full. 17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." In other words, nobody should know you are fasting but you and God. You are fasting to build that relationship between you and Him, not to show people how Holy you are.

In all three of these examples, Jesus is teaching us that He knows if it is real or not. He knows our motives. He knows if it is for show before men or really to glorify Him. Whether giving, praying, or fasting, it is easy to fall into satan's trap and go into a performance mode. We all have a fallen nature, including your pastor, and we must all continually examine ourselves to see if our motives are for God's glory or man's applause. May we be a people of God, who are not hypocrites, as Jesus called the leaders of His day. May we be a people of God whose motive are pure. May we be a people of God, who are true believers, and "Not for Show". Amen

## Bancroft Senior Citizen Menu

Meals are for delivery only

**Thursday, April 29:** Baked Honey Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Milk Cake w/Berry Mix  
**Friday, April 30:** Swiss Style Ground Beef, Green Beans, Applesauce, Cookie  
**Monday, May 3:** Tuna Macaroni Casserole, Breadstick, Mixed Vegetables, Apricots  
**Tuesday, May 4:** Creamed Chicken over biscuit, Green Beans, Peaches  
**Wednesday, May 5:** Cheese Burger on WW Bun, Potato Wedges, Mixed Vegetables, Berry Fluff Jell-O Salad  
**Thursday, May 6:** Cubed Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Asparagus, Pears  
**Friday, May 7:** Oven Fried Chicken, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple Slices, Chocolate Chip Cookie  
**Monday, May 10:** Creamy Dijon Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes, Broccoli & Cauliflower, Rice Pudding  
**Tuesday, May 11:** Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Asparagus, Pears, Whole Wheat Roll  
**Wednesday, May 12:** Salmon Loaf, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Apricots  
**Thursday, May 13:** Ground Beef Stroganoff, Egg Noodles, Steamed Carrots, Mixed Fruit  
**Friday, May 14:** COOK'S CHOICE  
**Monday, May 17:** Taco Casserole, Mexican Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Strawberries & Pineapple  
**Tuesday, May 18:** Chicken, Potatoes & Gravy, WW Roll, Steamed Carrots, Mixed Berry Crisp  
**Wednesday, May 19:** Liver & Onions -OR- Beef Patty, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Broccoli, Peaches  
**Thursday, May 20:** Chicken Broccoli w/Pasta Casserole, Beets, Mixed Fruit  
**Friday, May 21:** Half of a Turkey Sandwhich, Cup of Minestrone Soup, Banana, Molasses Cookie  
**Monday, May 24:** Salmon Loaf, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Coleslaw, Mixed Fruit  
**Tuesday, May 25:** COOK'S CHOICE  
**Wednesday, May 26:** Sloppy Joe WW Bun, Potato Wedges, Mixed Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges  
**Thursday, May 27:** Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Broccoli, Peaches, Whole Wheat Roll  
**Friday, May 28:** Goulash, Lettuce or Spinach Salad, Green Beans, Applesauce, Bread  
**Monday, May 31:** MEMORIAL DAY  
*Menu Subject to Change*

# Area Church Services

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

**ST. JOHN - Bancroft, SACRED HEART - Ledyard, ST. JOSEPH - Wesley CATHOLIC CHURCHES**  
Rev. Steven McLoud, Pastor  
**Wednesday, April 28**  
7:00 p.m.- Religious Education Classes in person, most wear face masks and social distance.  
**Thursday, April 29**  
8:00 a.m. - Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Bancroft  
**Friday, April 30**  
8:00 a.m. - Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Bancroft  
**Saturday, May 1**  
A Facial Covering is REQUIRED by the Iowa Department of Health for ALL parishioners to use in church as well as the sanitation of hands.  
4:15 p.m. - Sacrament of Penance at St. Joseph, Wesley  
5:00 p.m. - Mass at St. Joseph, Wesley  
**Sunday, May 2**  
8:00 a.m. - Sacrament of Penance at St. John the Baptist Church, Bancroft  
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Bancroft - Reception at Mass and Parish Baccalaureate Mass and Parish Reception for Graduating High School Seniors  
10:00 a.m. - MediaCom Channel 117 or 3 in Bancroft  
www.YouTube.com (Blessed Trinity-Kossuth) or blesstrinity.org

10:30 a.m. - Mass at Sacred Heart, Ledyard  
**Tuesday, May 4**  
7:30 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, St. John Baptist Church, Bancroft  
8:00 a.m. - Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Bancroft  
**Wednesday, May 5**  
7:00 p.m.- Religious Education Classes in person, most wear face masks and social distance.  
**Thursday, May 6**  
8:00 a.m. - Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, Bancroft

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Swea City, IA**  
Pastor Todd Hartscock  
**Sunday, May 2**  
8:45 a.m. - Worship Services inside the church  
Social hour will be held following service  
Physical distancing will be observed and masks are encouraged.  
Worship service is also available to hear on radio 1620AM from your car in the Church's parking lot.  
**Wednesday, May 5**  
6:00 p.m. - Supper for Mighty Warriors Youth Group at Open Bible

**BETHANY EVANGELICAL & REFORMED CHURCH Ledyard, Iowa**

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**Sunday, May 2**  
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday Service  
**Wednesday, May 5**  
6:00 p.m. - Supper for Mighty Warriors Youth Group at Open Bible

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Bancroft, Iowa**  
Pastor Jim Dewar  
**Sunday, May 2**  
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, May 5**  
7:30 p.m. - In person evening, Prayer Service

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN Lakota, Iowa**  
Pastor Kent Madison  
**Sunday, May 2**  
8:30 a.m. - Morning Worship and installation of officers - All services in-person or on-line at Lakota First Presbyterian Church

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH Lakota, Iowa**  
Pastor Chad Duffy  
**Sunday, May 2**  
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
**Wednesday, May 5**  
6:30 p.m. - Bible Study (Zoom)

**ALGONA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Wednesday, April 28**  
3:20 - 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday School  
6:00 p.m. - Virtual Christ Wednesday Worship at Algona First Presbyterian Church  
**Sunday, May 2**  
9:45 a.m. - Middle School Church School  
10:00 a.m. - Virtual Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m. In person Worship Service at Algona First Presbyterian Church  
11:00 .am. - Confirmation Class  
**Monday, May 3**  
9:00 a.m. - Sunday's Worship Service on AMU Channel 20 and MediaCom Channel 3  
7:00 p.m. - Algona Session Meeting  
**Tuesday, May 4**  
11:00 a.m. - Mission Committee Meeting  
5:15 p.m. - Deacons Meeting  
7:05 p.m. - Virtual Bible Study at Algona First Presbyterian Church  
**Wednesday, May 5**  
3:20 - 5:00 p.m. - Wednesday School  
6:00 p.m. - Virtual Christ Wednesday Worship at Algona First Presbyterian Church  
**Thursday, May 6**  
1:00 p.m. - Presbyterian Women

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Lone Rock, Iowa**  
Pastor Walter Reemtsma  
**Sunday, May 2**  
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service - This service can be seen live by phone 515-925-2000 then when prompted use code 18610 and on Facebook at Lone

**Rock Presbyterian Church**  
**Tuesday, May 4**  
9:30 a.m. - Prayer Time in fellowship hall

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH Lone Rock, Iowa**  
Pastor Duane Miesner  
**Wednesday, April 28**  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Midweek/Confirmation Classes  
**Sunday, May 2**  
9:00 a.m. - Worship with Holy Communion  
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
**Monday, May 3**  
8:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast Bible Study

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Pastor Seth Campbell  
Swea City, Iowa  
**Wednesday, April 28**  
6:00 p.m. - Supper for Mighty Warriors Youth Group at Open Bible  
**Thursday, April 29**  
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study  
**Sunday, May 2**  
7:30 a.m. - Worship Service inside church with live streaming on Facebook at Immanuel Lutheran Church  
**Wednesday, May 5**  
6:00 p.m. - Supper for Mighty Warriors Youth Group at Open Bible  
**Thursday, May 6**  
7:00 p.m. - Bible Study

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Pastor David Schultz  
Swea City, Iowa  
**Sunday, May 2**  
9:00 a.m. - In person services

**OPEN BIBLE CHURCH Swea City**  
**Sunday, May 2**  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Services at church  
10:30 a.m. - Service streamed at sweacityopenbible.org  
**Tuesday, May 4**  
9:00 a.m. - Ladies Community Bible Study, coffee and pastries  
**Wednesday, May 5**  
6:00 p.m. - Supper for Mighty Warriors Youth Group at Open Bible

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor Joel DeNeui  
Swea City  
**Sunday, May 2**  
Services are undetermined  
**Wednesday, May 5**  
6:00 p.m. - Supper for Mighty Warriors Youth Group at Open Bible

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Burt, Iowa**  
Rev. Thomas J Cowell  
**Sunday, May 2**  
8:00 a.m. - Sunday School/Adult Class  
9:00 a.m. - Divine Service (Holy Communion)

**BURT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Pastor Kent Madison  
Pastor Walt Reemtsma  
**Sunday, May 2**  
10:30 a.m. - Service will be broadcast live on the Burt Presbyterian Church Facebook page

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# Bancroft Museum Memories



By Marjorie Fitzgerald

On April 18th, seven children were privileged to receive their First Holy Communion at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. What a special day for them, as they celebrated with their families. April 18th seems quite early, as no flowers are in bloom and the weather can be quite cold. How times have changed over the years.

Once again, I wish to share with you the picture I have of the 1947 First Communion class. I believe the celebration was held later in May, as evidenced by the large bouquets of spring flowers carried by the escorts. There were tulips, possibly ferns and lilacs, too. I wonder how many pictures were taken on the front steps of the Church which were perfect for posing large groups.

While this class which graduated in 1957 was not the largest in the history of St. John School, it was certainly in the top ten. If you can identify the students in this picture, I would like to hear from you. My phone number is 515-885-2052. Would you like to have this photo? The person who so generously loaned it to me, did not want it back. You may want it for your photo album.

When I received my First Holy Communion on May 19, 1940, the weather was apparently warm and



sunny. As you can see, my eyes were closed to the bright sunlight. I remember that Lilies of the Valley were also popular flowers in bloom for the festive day.

Would you like to remember a special day in your life? I am always looking for help from you. It could be a snapshot of a farmer in the field planting corn; or a family picture; or a wedding picture or almost anything. My address is P.O. Box 55, Bancroft, IA 50517.

In my April 14th column, I asked if anyone could identify the Sister helping Father Raemaker with his

electrical project. If I had just turned the picture over, I would have seen the name, Sister Phyllis, written on the back. She didn't arrive at St. John School until 1970, and the school had already been occupied since 1964. The first graduating class to have spent all four years in the new school building was the class of 1967.

Happy Spring! I hope that the weather will be kind to all of you farmers as you plant your corn and beans in the days and weeks ahead.

Help preserve Bancroft's heritage. Support your local museum.



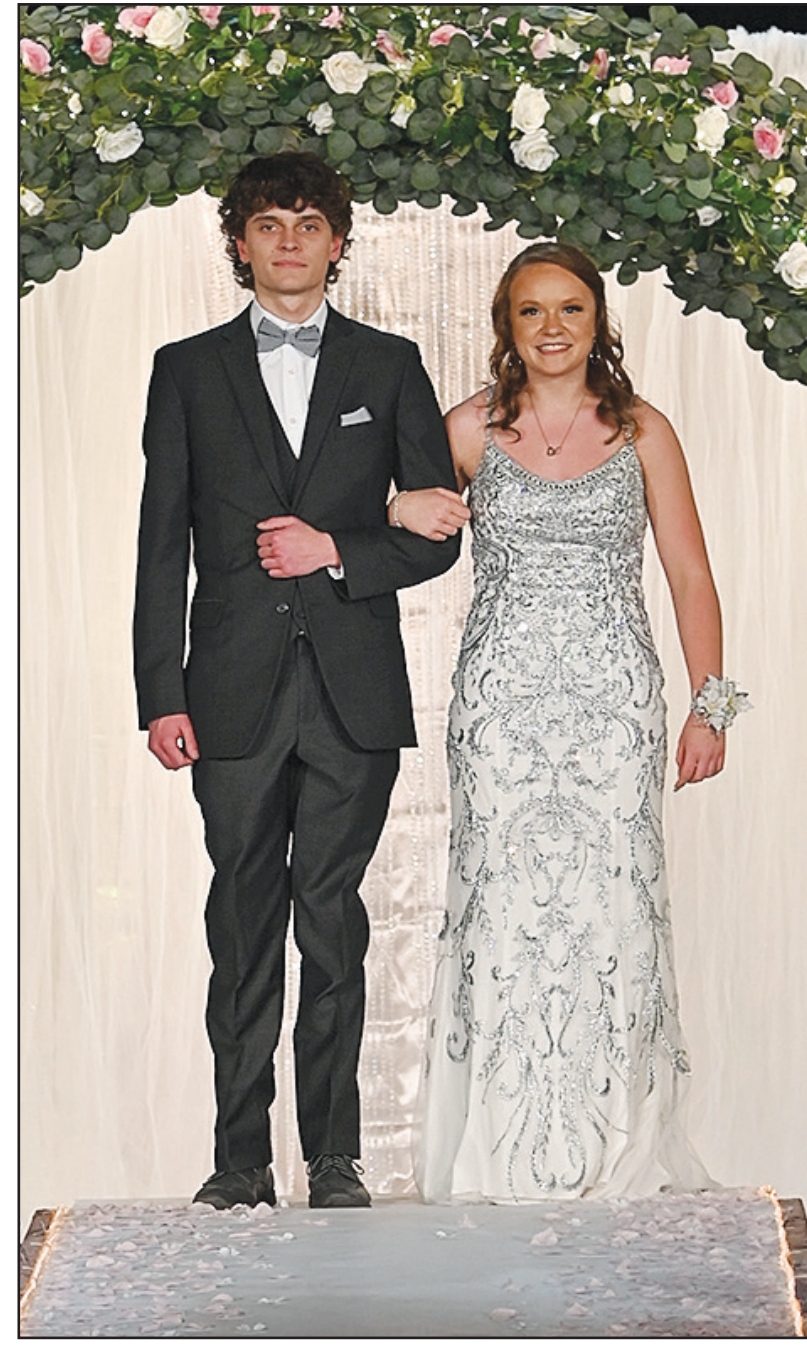
Tanner Boever escorting Dakota Villarreal



Shawn Odegaard escorting Gabby Kelly



Evann Bollinger escorting Rachel Arndorfer



Jacob DePue escorting Cassandra Watkins

## Bancroft Days Gone By

North Union middle school students and staff helped scrape paint off the front of the Bancroft Memorial Park wall on Friday, April 22 as part of Earth Day. The front will be repainted in the next few weeks, just in time for the start of ball games for North Union and the Bancroft Bandits... Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Fairmont hosted a public open house on Thursday, April 21 to showcase the new Emergency Department. The \$4.5 million expansion and renovation project was announced in June 2015. Taylor Davis, Brittany Sobolik, and Sandee Vaske, along with other staff members were on hand to give guided tours to other staff members on Wednesday and to the public on Thursday...Two Buena Vista University students have been awarded stipends and 10-week summer internships at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., a part of the Mayo Clinic's Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program. Jacob Braddock, a junior biology major from Swea City, was awarded a fellowship in the Virology and Gene Therapy Department at the Mayo Clinic. He will receive a stipend from the Mayo Foundation to support his research internship in the laboratory of Stephen J. Russell, M.D., Ph.D.

### Ten Years Ago April 27, 2011

Jeffrey Vaske, son of Brian and Judy Vaske of Bancroft, has published a book about what it takes to be successful in college academics. His book, entitled "A Student's Guide to Acing College," is a motivational and insightful guide that walks students step-by-step along the path toward academic success...Kelsey Gerhart, junior at North Central Kossuth School, will represent Bancroft Rotary Club as the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) Conference to be held at the YMCA Camp Abe Lincoln, Blue Grass, Iowa, near Davenport July 17-22. She is the daughter of Deb and Wayne Gerhart... On Wednesday, March 30th, Deitering Bros. Inc., held an open house marking their 75th year of business. During those years, three generations of Deiterings have continued serving the farming area.

### Twenty-Five Years Ago

**April 24, 1996**  
Jordan Vaske, the six-year-old daughter of Heather and Chris Vaske of Bancroft, has her very own house. "She had always wanted one of those plastic playhouses you see in the stores, but they were so expensive and so small she wouldn't use it much before she outgrew it," said Heather. Tony Kahler, Heather's father and Jordan's grandfather, said forget about buying one, he would build her one. It was a surprise Christmas present for Jordan, from the Kahlers who are very close to their only grandchild, although Heather is expecting a baby in June...A year long investigation by the Kossuth County Sheriff's Department, Algona Police Department, DNE, Region Five Task Force and the North Central Task Force concluded on April 19, 1996 with the arrests of 18 people on various drug charges...A Park/Recreation/Pool (PRP) director has been hired for the 1996 season. Andrea Accola, a math teacher and girl's golf coach at NK was hired to fill the slot for Park/Rec director.

### Fifty Years Ago April 28, 1971

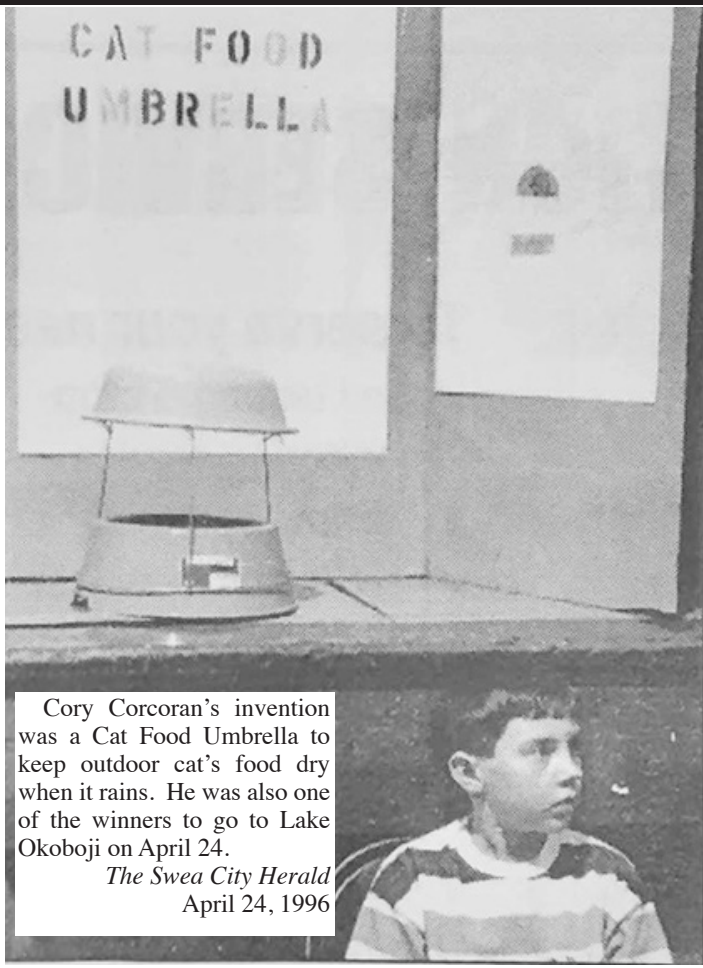
Paul Bernhard of Bancroft represented the Iowa Pork Producers at an Open House Appreciation Day, honoring Cartoll Plager of Austin, Minn., at the Austin Senior High School Sunday afternoon. Mr. Bernhard appeared on the program. This event honored Mr. Plager for his faithful and dedicated service in the swine and livestock industries for the past 40 years...The Lula Quinn Estate house in Bancroft was sold last week to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lynch and family. Mr. Lynch recently held a closing out farm sale and sold his farm near Fenton to Frank Meyer. The family plans to move into their new home soon. Mrs. Lynch is employed at Griffaw Furniture in Bancroft, and three children attend Saint John School. In other real estate action recently, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lappe, Jr. in Bancroft was sold to Mr. and Mrs. David Doocy and family. They have already moved in. The Lappe family moved to the Ernie Berte farm home near Swea City... Kevin Anderson, 21, has been hired as the new town marshal at Bancroft. He began his duties Saturday, replacing

Lloyd Dixon, who will remain on the police force in a relief capacity.

### Seventy Years Ago April 26, 1951

Pictured were two Bancroft boys in the same camp, Lawrence Kemna, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kemna, and William B. Karels, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Karels. Both Bancroft boys are stationed at Fort Campbell, KY...Forms for the concrete work on the new feed house of the A.G. Schissel elevator in Lakota were being put into place Monday. The building will be 27 by 80 feet in size and will be used for storage only...Pvt. Paul Johnson, brother of Mrs. Wayne Griffith and Lamont Johnson of Swea City, has been wounded in action in Korea, according to a letter received from him recently. The extent of his injuries was not stated in the letter from the young soldier.

## Quasiquicentennial - 125 years + 1 of growth



Cory Corcoran's invention was a Cat Food Umbrella to keep outdoor cat's food dry when it rains. He was also one of the winners to go to Lake Okoboji on April 24.  
The Swea City Herald  
April 24, 1996



Brittany Valvick is shown here with her invention at the April 17 Invention Convention. Her invention is called the Bed Buddy and fell under the Working Model category. Other categories included Adaptation, Jules Verne and Game. Brittany was one of the ten winners selected from Carolyn Grussing's third grade class to go to the Products Convention in Lake Okoboji Wednesday, April 24.

Each week, this publication will share stories and pictures of that growth of Swea City. Even though the quasiquicentennial celebration - 125 years, was not held, we will continue to showcase the town of Swea City. If you have photos or information that you would like to share with this column, please email it bancroftregister@yahoo.com or contact Kim or Julie at 515-885-2531.