



Column One Events

Kidstop annual soup supper

Kidstop Childcare is having its annual Soup Supper fundraiser on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm. The soup supper will be in the Summit Center Cafeteria in Bancroft, Iowa. It is a free-will donation, with the proceeds going toward Kidstop activities and supplies. Take-out is available! You can also call ahead and have your order ready for pick up. Call Kidstop at 515-885-2379 by noon on March 22 to put your order in. Meal includes chili, chicken noodle, broccoli cheddar soup, cornbread, homemade cinnamon rolls, homemade dinner rolls, and desserts.

They will also be having 3 and 4-year-old preschool registration for the 2023-2024 school year from 5 pm-6 pm.

Main Street Pub to hold Fish Fry

Main Street Pub in Bancroft will be holding a fish fry every Friday thru Lent from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. The dinner includes three pieces of cod fillets, baked beans, cole slaw, and choice of potato for only \$15.99 plus tax. An extra fillet is \$2.00 a piece.

Democrats to hold March meeting

The Kossuth County Democrats will hold their March meeting and Odd Year Caucus on Monday March 27th at 6:30 PM at the Algona Public Library. Regular monthly business, election of officers, and odd year caucus will be on the agenda.

Bancroft Register sets new hours

Hours at the Bancroft Register office will vary over the next few weeks. Monday and Tuesday - closed; Wednesday and Friday - 8:30 - noon and 1:00 - 4:00; Thursday - 8:30 - 12:00. These hours may change without notice.

From the Shelves

Thank you to everyone who attended Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party on March 4.

We had a great time reading, making crafts, and playing games.

Book clubs meet Wednesday, March 22. Fiction Addiction meets at 10:00 and is reading Still Life by Louise Penny. The evening Club meets at 6:30 p.m. and is reading The Happiest Man on Earth by Eddie Jaku. Join us for the discussion and receive the new book for next month.

Stop in for a cup of coffee and a visit -we'd enjoy seeing you!!

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Betty Lou Jones received the Don Logan Award on Friday, March 10 in Des Moines. Pictured with Betty Lou is husband, Larry, along with Don Logan, Executive Secretary of the IBCA. The award is given in his honor.

Betty Lou Jones named as Don Logan Award winner

During the Iowa High School Class Boy's Basketball championship game on Friday, March 10, Betty Lou Jones of Swea City was honored for being chosen as the Don Logan Award Winner.

Betty Lou has been the Iowa Cheerleading Coaches Association All-Star Cheer Squad director for the Iowa Basketball Coach Association (IBCA) All-Star Games for 22 years. She was one of the original cheer coaches for the squad which started in 1999.

The All-Star cheer squad is made up of cheerleaders from across Iowa that are chosen by a video tryout. They perform at the halftimes of the All-Star basketball consolation and championship games.

Betty Lou has been a member of the Iowa Cheer Coaches Association Board of Directors for 29 years and has held the position on the board as All-Star Director and Northwest and Northcentral District Representative.

She was a cheer coach for 39 years, coaching at North Kossuth, North Sentral Kossuth and North Union.

Members of the North Union High School boys basketball team along with athletic director Alex Fisher were present when the award was given to Betty Lou.



Betty Lou Jones holds her award that she received.

Swea City man arrested by Kossuth County Sheriff's Department

On March 6th, 2023, the Kossuth County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at 205 7th Street South in Swea City. As a result of the search warrant, Felipe Garza (age 25) was arrested and charged with multiple offenses.

Deputies seized several firearms, which Garza is prohibited from possessing, along with marijuana THC cartridges and drug paraphernalia.

Because there are minor children that live at the residence, DHS was contacted to open an investigation.

Felipe Garza was transported to the Kossuth County Jail and was charged with: Possession of a short barrel rifle (Class D Felony), Possession of Firearms by Domestic Offender (Class D Felony), Child Endangerment (Class D Felony), Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana (Class D Felony), Failure to Affix Drug Tax Stamp (Class D Felony), and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (Simple Misdemeanor).

This case remains under investigation with future charges pending. All persons are presumed innocent until found or proven guilty in a court of law.

Kossuth County Sheriff

Kossuth County Sheriff arrests Titonka man

On March 5th, at about 7:36 a.m., the Kossuth County Sheriff's Office received a report of an individual causing problems at the apartment complex in Titonka, which is located at 324 1st Ave NE. It was reported a male was pounding on an apartment door and identifying himself as law enforcement.

When deputies arrived, the individual was identified as Shawn Krug, age 43 of Titonka. Krug had barricaded himself inside of his apartment. When deputies attempted

to communicate with Krug, he threw an object though a window, nearly striking an officer. After verbal communication failed, deputies deployed a taser in an attempt to control the situation. During the physical confrontation, Krug struck one of the officers in the face, causing an injury.

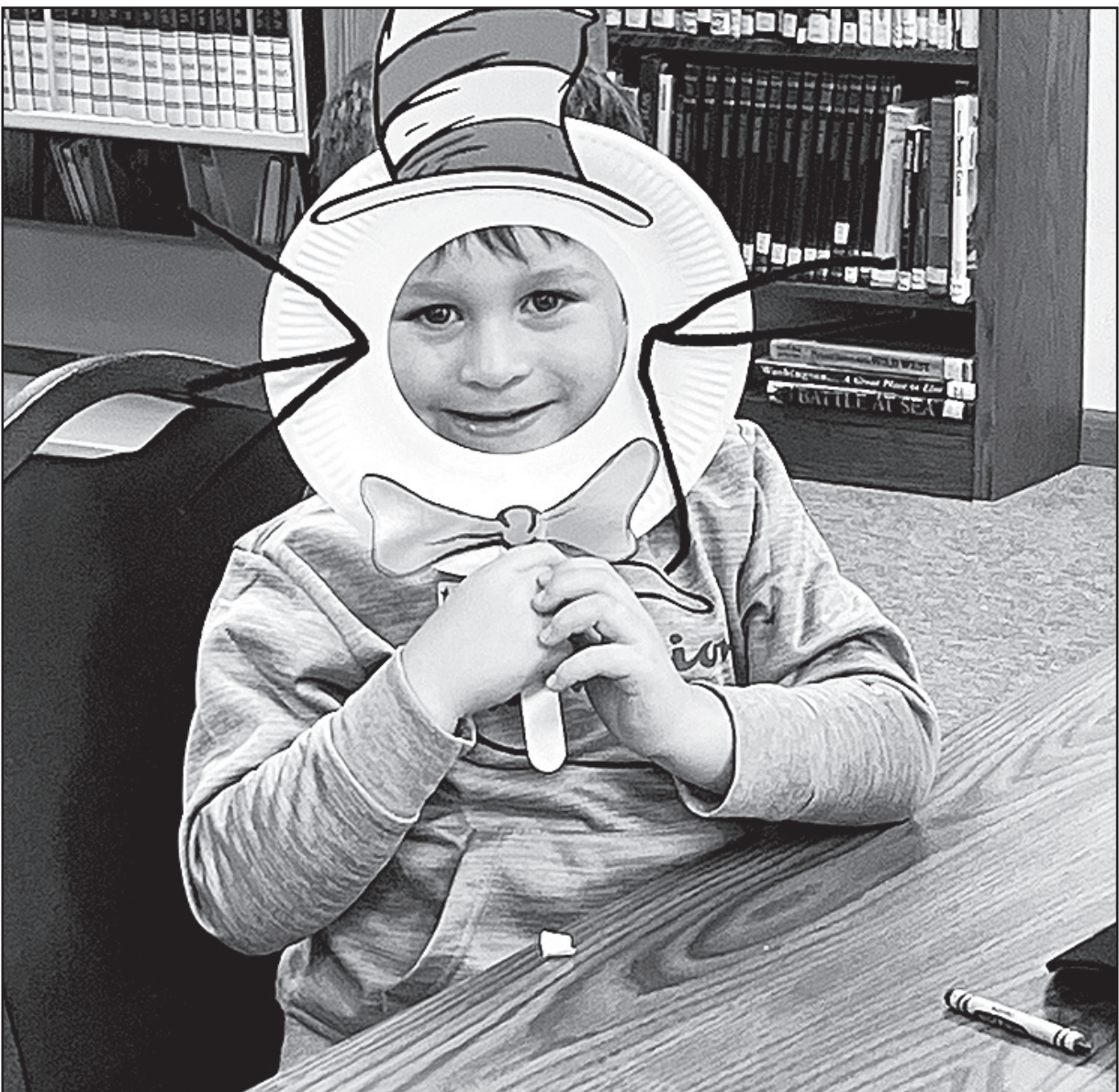
Krug was arrested and transported to the Kossuth County Jail after being checked by medical staff at the Kossuth Regional Health Center. The deputy was treated and released

from Kossuth Regional Health Center with a laceration to his face requiring stitches.

Krug was charged with 1 count of Impersonating a Public Official, 2 counts of Harassment, 1 count of Interference with Official Acts, 2 counts of Assault of a Peace Officer, 1 count of Disorderly Conduct, and 1 count of Criminal Mischief.

A person is presumed innocent until proven or found guilty in a court of law.

Kossuth County Sheriff



Ryker Johnson is all smiles as he holds up his Cat in the Hat face during the Swea City Library's birthday party for Dr. Seuss on March 4th.



Volunteer Abbie Droessler helps one of the youngsters who attended the Swea City Public Library's birthday party for Dr. Seuss on Saturday, March 4th. The young lady was trying to place her tie on the neck of the cat.

Voters approve measures in North Kossuth and North Union School Districts

By Kim Meyer

On Tuesday, March 7, voters in the North Union and North Kossuth School Districts went to the polls to vote on the Revenue Purpose Statement (RPS). The ballot measure describes how school districts can spend SAVE funds that the State of Iowa has dedicated to public schools.

The second measure on the ballot for North Union District only was to renew the district's Physical Plant and

Equipment Levy at \$1.34 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation.

Voters approved both measures.

In the North Kossuth School District, 123 voters casted their votes with 101 yes votes to 21 no votes for a 82% approval.

In the North Union School District, Public Measure A (RPS) received 12 votes for yes and 4 votes for no.

In Public Measure B (PPEL), 10 voted yes with five voted no for a 66%

approval.

North Union Superintendent Travis Schueller stated, "The passing of the PPEL and RPS at North Union and the RPS at North Kossuth will continue to allow the district to continue to improve and provide a great learning environment for our students. Thank you to all of the people in our communities that got out and voted in support of our districts."

Two Ledyard men and one woman arrested

On March 10, 2023, the Kossuth County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at 401 Richland Street in Ledyard. An ongoing investigation led to information of illegal activity within this residence. Deputies seized numerous items known to be associated with illegal drug use, such as cash, methamphetamine, marijuana, and guns.

Arrested and transported to the Kossuth County Jail were:

Jeffrey Lynn Miller, Sr (age 60) and Jeffrey James Miller (age 35), both charged with:

- Possession w/ Intent to deliver Methamphetamine (Class B Felony)

- Gathering where drugs are used other than marijuana (Class D Felony)
- Failure to Affix Drug Tax Stamp over 7 grams of meth (Class D Felony)
- Possession of marijuana 1st Offense (Serious Misd.)
- Possession of drug paraphernalia (Simple Misd.)

Also arrested and transported to the Kossuth County Jail was: Sherri Lynn Gillis (age 53) charged with:

- Gathering where drugs are used other than marijuana (Class D Felony)
- Possession of controlled substance 3rd or subsequent, meth (Class D Felony)
- Possession of controlled substance

2nd or subsequent, marijuana (Serious Misd.)

- Possession of drug paraphernalia (Simple Misd.)

All three subjects are residents at 401 Richland Street.

All persons charged with a crime are presumed innocent until proven or found guilty in a court of law. The Kossuth County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Emmet County Sheriff's Office with part of this investigation. Further charges are pending as the investigation remains active.

Q&A: Sunshine Week With U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley

Q: What is Sunshine Week?

A: Sunshine Week celebrates the public's right to know what its government is doing. As a watchdog for good government, I put a high priority on strengthening sunshine laws to hold the government accountable to the American people. Transparency brings accountability. Too often, the federal bureaucracy forgets that government business is the people's business. Just consider one of our nation's first and prolific defenders of open government. James Madison recognized how important transparency was to get buy-in from the victors of the Revolutionary War to form a new government. Americans who shed blood to free themselves from tyranny would want constitutional guardrails to prevent encroachment of these freedoms for generations to come. Sunshine Week honors Madison's legacy on the anniversary of his birth on March 16, 1751.

Widely recognized as the Father of the Constitution, Madison infused sunshine into the Bill of Rights by enshrining individual freedoms in the First Amendment, including freedoms of speech and of the press. Whether the 18th or 21st century, the connection between an informed citizenry and an open government is central to our system of self-government. Consider recent actions of the Biden administration. Using government powers to chill free speech or undermine religious liberty is wrong. That's why I pushed back on the Department of Justice for its misguided efforts to police school board meetings and knock down the door of religious liberty by targeting people of Catholic faith. I'm also keeping my foot on the gas to understand the origins of COVID-19. The pandemic turned the U.S. economy upside down and killed more than one million Americans.

Iowa Legislature Officially Recognizes March as Disabilities Awareness Month

On Thursday, March 9, with representatives from the Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council, Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Disability Rights Iowa, and disability advocates from across the state looking on, the Iowa House of Representatives passed a resolution designating March as Disabilities Awareness Month—the first resolution of its kind in Iowa.

The resolution (HR9) received bipartisan support and was introduced by Rep. Art Staed (D) of Cedar Rapids and Rep. Thomas Jeneary (R) of LeMars. Several representatives took part in reading the resolution aloud

We need to know how it started to help prevent pandemics and global crises in the future. Sunshine is said to be the best disinfectant, and from my decades of oversight work, I have found it to be the most powerful tool to weed out wrongdoing and corruption. Confidence in our institutions of government requires knowledge and access to the government's work, including federal agency records and proceedings in the judicial branch. That's why I work to strengthen Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) laws and continue to push my bipartisan legislation to allow cameras in federal court and acquaint the next generation with the work of the federal judiciary. Simply put, the people's business ought to be public. From releasing information about JFK's assassination to protecting whistleblowers from retaliation and rooting out secrecy of corporate wrongdoing to uphold the integrity of our financial systems and protect retirement income from fraud on Wall Street, open government is good government. Five years after leaving the White House, our nation's fourth president wrote that a "people who mean to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives."

Q: What is the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)?

A: Madison's writings shed light on his motivation to safeguard open government. He viewed transparency as a fulcrum to individual freedom and preservation of our republic, writing in 1825 that "...knowledge is the only Guardian of true liberty." Some 141 years later, Congress passed the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), making it the nation's primary transparency law to empower any person, enforceable in court, to obtain access to federal agency records. The law provides for specific

in full to the House before passage. Rep. Steven Bradley (R) of Cascade, Rep. Timi Brown-Powers (D) of Waterloo, Rep. Ken Croken (D) of Davenport, Rep. Thomas Gerhold (R) of Atkins, Rep. Martin Graber (R) of Fort Madison, Rep. Heather Turek (D) of Ankeny, Rep. Josh Turek (D) of Council Bluffs, and Rep. Elizabeth Wilson (D) of Marion all read a section of the resolution and met with the advocates in the House chamber.

A similar resolution (SR4) has been introduced in the Iowa Senate by Sen. Izah Knox (D) of Des Moines. Sen. Nate Boulton (D) of Des Moines introduced advocates to the Senate on

exemptions that would do harm to national security, individual privacy, proprietary business interests and the functioning of the government. The U.S. Supreme Court also has ruled that FOIA is "needed to check against corruption and to hold the governors accountable to the governed."

As former chairman and senior lawmaker on the Senate Judiciary Committee, I work to strengthen and update FOIA laws to ensure the government is in compliance and accountable to the American people. Recently, whistleblowers, aided by FOIA requests, exposed wrongdoing at the Veterans Administration. As is often the case, the federal bureaucracy dragged its feet. That song and dance prompts me to dig in my heels to get to the bottom of bureaucratic stonewalling. Time and again, sunshine proves to be the best disinfectant. My efforts to investigate and root out alleged sexual misconduct at the Federal Bureau of Prisons and the FBI were informed by whistleblowers. My oversight of potential misconduct and mismanagement at nursing homes were informed by news reporting protected under the First Amendment.

The Department of Justice in March released its annual report of FOIA requests. Of the 120 federal agencies subject to FOIA, the federal government recorded an all-time high of 929,323 requests for public records in fiscal year 2022. From my senior position on the Senate Judiciary Committee, I'll continue to hold the Biden administration accountable to reduce the FOIA backlog. Waiting years for a response to a FOIA request is comparable to the principle that justice delayed is justice denied. To learn more or to make a federal records request, visit foia.gov.

Sunshine Week is March 12-18, 2023.

Thursday, acknowledging recognition of March as Disabilities Awareness Month.

The purpose of the resolution is to bring awareness to the contributions of persons with disabilities as well as disability-related issues faced by Iowans across the state. Disability rights advocates asked legislators to ensure that the opinions of individuals with disabilities are heard during discussion on policies that could directly impact their lives, emphasizing that it's crucial to make decisions with people with disabilities—not for them.

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

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Plathe to approve the engineer's report for DD 60 Sub 4 with 1/2 and 3/4 coefficient and proceed with the bid letting. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Plathe to approve the landowner to private tile from Whittemore Sec. 16 to Whittemore Sec. 17 PAK 1 O.D. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: no, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried 4-1.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Nath to approve the claim for PAK 1 Main Tile Repair in the amount of \$5,346 to King Excavating. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to approve Pay App 6 for DD 4 O.D. FEMA repairs to McCarty Custom Inc. in the amount of \$298,456. Motion carried unanimously.

At 12:00 P.M. the Board of Supervisors attended the Conference Board Public Hearing.

At 1:00 P.M. discussion was held with Wellmark regarding the County Health Insurance initial rates for FY 2024.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Nath to accept and approve the Kossuth County Secondary Road Labor Agreement negotiated January 25, 2023 between Kossuth County and the International Union of Operating Engineer's for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Nath to approve B & W Control Specialists, Inc. quote for roadside weed control for 2023 which is on file in the County Engineer's Office. Total estimated cost for control of noxious weeds equals \$111,484.25. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Nath to authorize and give its permission to Black Hills Energy, IA, to bore gas under 200th Street, approximately 50 feet east of 160th Avenue. Work will be in Sections 10 and 15 of Irvington Township. Permit 02-04-2023 is on file in the Kossuth County Engineer's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

Held discussion with the Kossuth County Engineer and Zoning Administrator.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Auditor and Kossuth County Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Plathe to close the public hearing for DD 60 Sub 4 Improvement Project. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried.

The Engineer's Report for the DD 60 Sub 4 Improvement Project was presented by Engineering Firm Bolton & Menk. Discussion was held with the landowners, engineer, and the board of supervisors.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Plathe to close the public hearing for DD 60 Sub 4 Improvement Project. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried.

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A funeral Mass for Danny Kollasch of Bancroft was held Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 10:30 AM at Divine Mercy Parish ~ St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bancroft with Father Matthew Solyntjes officiating and Father Merle Kollasch homilist. Burial was in St. John's Catholic Cemetery. Oakcrest Funeral Services of Bancroft in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to www.oakcrestfuneralservices.com.

Daniel Charles Kollasch was born in Algona, Iowa on May 14, 1993, to Jennifer (Degen) Eichenberger and Steve Kollasch. Danny graduated from North Central Kossuth high school in 2012. After graduation Danny attended North Iowa Area Community College where he studied sports management.

Danny had a love for anything with wheels...with or without a motor. His first ride was a Graco, from there he advanced to a radio flyer, shortly after that, with more bravery he conquered a Power Wheels F-150...after successfully mastering his driving skills, he was upgraded to a Power Wheels John Deere Gator which was the base of sales success as he broke the record for raffle sales at the St. John Bazaar year after year! Once he wore the treads off the John Deere...he rolled out in a deluxe adaptive chair. Being upset about not having his independence, he soon upgraded to his made-to-order, deluxe model motorized ride. While they were making sure he had everything he needed on the chair, his first comment was, "Can you make it go faster?" Dan enjoyed giving kids rides on the back of his wheelchair and many enjoyed watching him cruise by on a nice day.

Danny enjoyed one week each summer attending Camp Courageous in Monticello, Iowa from 2000-2019 where he met lifelong friends and got into a lot of mischief. Going to camp brought the biggest smiles to Danny's face as he could be just like other kids. It was always a week to be remembered and he looked forward to it each year.

Danny attended St. John Catholic School through 5th grade. From there he went to North Kossuth Middle School. He was so nervous to have new classmates and attend a new school but as he walked into the classroom that first morning a handsome young man named Travis walked right over, leaned on his chair and said, "You and I are going to be best friends for life". As Dan says, that is one of the few times Travis has

been right.

Throughout middle and high school Danny was a 4 year honor roll student, and was a freshman and senior homecoming court attendant. Danny was also the baseball and football manager, thrilled to be part of the state championship team of 2008. After graduating, Dan continued to volunteer coach with the baseball team rarely missing a game!

Danny enjoyed "trying" to beat his brothers and brothers-in-law in x-box, playing board and card games with family, downloading every entertainment app there was and determined to watch every series and movie he could get. There was never a truer, die-hard fan than Danny as he followed the Iowa Hawkeyes, Chicago Cubs, Indianapolis Colts (actually Peyton Manning and Dallas Clark), and the LA Lakers (ok... actually LeBron James). No one, and we mean NO ONE, could bad mouth any of his teams or players without backlash from Danny! Danny's complete love for NASCAR was evident by his love of driving fast! He loved Dale Earnhardt, Dale Earnhardt, Jr. and Earn Elliott.

Danny was blessed to get to travel with his father to Florida to the Daytona 500, where he brought Dale Jr. into victory lane. He also traveled to speedways in Vegas, Arizona, Michigan, Bristol, Texas, Indianapolis, and Iowa, stopping in Nashville where he got to attend the Grand Ole Opry, and North Carolina at the NASCAR hall of fame. Danny's family has also taken him to several Cubs games and LA Lakers games. One of Dan's favorite memories was his Make-A-Wish trip to Disneyworld in Florida in 2001. Danny was treated like a king by all the employees and characters and came home with two suitcases full of stuffed animals from all the volunteers at Give Kids the World Village where they stayed for the week.

Danny's favorite thing was to spend time with his family, especially his nieces and nephews. Those kiddos brought SO much joy to his life and he loved to buy them things, play cards with them and tease them. Danny loved it when his family came home and big together and blessed us with his biggest smiles when he kicked everyone's butt in a game! Danny was full of love and compassion and enjoyed surprising friends and family with gifts, especially when they were in need of something specific. He especially loved adopting a family in need every Christmas and participated fully in buying the things they needed.

Danny is survived by his parents, Jenny (Brad) Eichenberger and Steve Kollasch; his siblings, Steph (Brent) Schneider and their children Zealin and Astrid, Beth (Blake) Pedersen and their children, Cooper, Owen and Elliott, Thomas Kollasch, and Parker Eichenberger; his maternal grandmother, Ann "Nana" Degen, his paternal grandfather, Jim Kollasch; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather Don "Papa" Degen; his paternal grandmother, Glenda Kollasch; and a niece and nephew, Patrick and Raelynne Pedersen.

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North Kossuth School Board Minutes

Regular Board Meeting
Conference Room
Swea City, Iowa
6:00 PM

February 20, 2023
(-1/1 votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted)

The North Kossuth School Board met in regular session on Monday, February 20, 2023, in the Conference Room, Swea City, Iowa at 6:00 PM. Meeting was called to order by Vice President Autumn Morphew. Roll Call was answered by Albers, Hagedorn, Wolterman, Deim, and Morphew. Absent were Hardt and Burt. Also present were Supt. Travis Schueller, SBO Erin Rogers, and member of media. Motion by Albers, seconded by Wolterman was made to approve the Board Agenda. Motion carried.

Announcements & Communications: None

Reports: Travis Schueller reported on District Activities.
Consent Agenda: Approval of Financial Reports, Approval of Bills & Claims, and Open Enrollments. Motion by Wolterman, seconded by Deim was made to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

Discussion: none
Action Items: Motion by Deim, seconded by Hagedorn was made to table softball field updates, pending receipt of bids. Motion carried.

Motion by Deim, seconded by Albers was made to approve the resignation of Hope Steinberger as assistant softball coach, effective immediately. Motion carried.
Held discussion with the Kossuth County Engineer and Zoning Administrator.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Auditor and Kossuth County Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Nath to adjourn at 3:25 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest: Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor

Roger Tjarks, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors
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Erin Rogers, Secretary Pro-Tem

North Kossuth Community School District
General Feb-23
Vendor Description Amount

Johnson Plmby & Heating Maint supplies \$461.01
Timberline Billing Service Dec Medicaid \$72.58
Aflac, Aflac \$359.61
Fidelity Security, Vision ins North Kossuth \$632.20
Other employee deduc North Kossuth Flex \$302.95
Flex w/held \$3,033.29
North Kossuth Insurance Health ins \$44,804.02
North Union CSD Other employee deduc TX Child Support \$60.00
Other employee deduc Delta Dental, Dental ins \$764.00
Mutual of Omaha, Life ins BW Gas, Gas, diesel \$743.66
\$2,228.15
Cardmember Services Alliant, NCI, Ringtel \$6,573.31
Central Iowa Distributing Cust supplies \$666.00
Mitch's Towing, Tow bus Visa, Amazon \$229.00
\$33.98
Inman Electric, Service call Kabel Business \$389.56
Flex admin fees \$63.44
Patty Cash - Jennie Larsen Replenish \$70.53
Aflac, Aflac \$359.58
Collection Services Center Other employee deduc \$167.00
Fidelity Security, Vision ins North Kossuth \$632.20

Other employee deduc North Kossuth Flex \$338.11
North Kossuth Insurance Flex w/held \$2,833.29
Health ins \$44,222.56
North Union CSD Other employee deduc \$60.00
Polk County Sheriff's Other employee deduc TX Child Support \$764.00
Algonia CSD FY23 Sped Tuition \$4,514.94
Bancroft Register Publications \$125.03

Bancroft Days Gone By

5 Years Ago
March 14, 2018

The Greenwood 4-H Club community project was helping the Bancroft ambulance Service with stuffing envelopes and mailing letters that reached out to the community for donations...During the 2018 Iowa High School's 2A Girl's State Basketball tournament, Donna Christ of Ledyard was honored prior to the North Union/Panorama quarter final game. The award is presented by the Iowa Farm Bureau who recognizes one community member from each participating school at the state basketball tournament that exemplifies sportsmanship and support for his/her team...Kate Anderson, a senior at North Union High School, was recently honored as the 2018 recipient of the Iowa Banker's Association's Student Athlete Achievement Scholarship Award during the Iowa high school state basketball championship games. Bankers was selected based on her scholastic standing, leadership skills, community involvement and athletic participation. She is the daughter of Jeff and Shelly Anderson.

10 Years Ago
March 13, 2013

Bishop Garrigan High School Student Thomas Bradley was one of the Garrigan students who met with Rep. Tedd Gassman at the State Capital...Blues, Brews and Barbeque will be coming bancroft to Bancroft. The event is sponsored by the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce...The North Union Middle School Quiz Bowl team won their division during a recent bowl tournament held at Bishop Garrigan in Algona. They, along with their coach Brooks Walter, received a letter from the National Academic Association, stating the following: Congratulations to the North Union Elementary/Middle School for winning your division. This accomplishment qualifies your team for participation in the sixth annual Junior National Academic Championship. Quiz bowl members are Hannah Anderson, Matt Hardgrove, Michael Mather, and Riley Kintzle...Coach Michael Ricke once again will be taking his Madison Bulldog Basketball team to the state tournament to be held in Rapid City, SD. He is the son of Jim and Helen Ricke of Bancroft.

25 Years Ago
March 11, 1983

Former Bancroft Register owner Ralph Cayler passed away at the age of 84. He, and his wife, Darlene, purchased the newspaper and printing business in 1971. Ralph retired in 1981...Erin Kienitz of Bancroft has entered the Franciscan Order of Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration in Irondale, Arizona. She is the daughter of Bill and LeAnn Kienitz...Kristen Clark, 14 year old daughter of John and Dawn Clark of Swea City, and an 8th grader at North Kossuth Middle School, has been performing at several percussion contest and Jr. High All State Band.

50 Years Ago
March 14, 1953

Seniors David Schemmel and Diane Inman were crowned King and Queen during their annual Mardi Gras festivities at Saint John school in Bancroft. Their court of honor in-

cluded freshman Rose Vaske and Bob Richter, sophomores Dianna Kemna and Steve Mulligan, and juniors Tom Kayser and Barb Accurso...Three new shop men have been added to Detering Bros to bolster the service department. Clarence Ginchin of Fenton and Art Cutler of Bancroft are both experienced tractor mechanics, Paul Host of Fenton has joined the firm as set up and delivery man. Gordon Delperdang and Dave Doocy have been retained for shop work also...Paula Bauer of Bancroft, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bauer, was crowned Miss Kossuth-Winnebagoo. She will now compete in June at the Miss Iowa Pageant. Miss Bauer, 19, attended Yankton college and is now a junior at Iowa State University in Ames, majoring in physical education, with a minor in art.

70 Years Ago
March 12, 1953

With the resignation of Al Dudding from the Bancroft Fire Department, one vacancy now exists...Art Merrill has accepted a position in the Hood's Super Valu Grocery at Humboldt. The Hood store is owned by Hubert Hood former Bancroft boy, and Mrs. Hood is the former Margaret Schlitz also of Bancroft...The St. John's junior high cagers won their first round game of the diocesan tournament at Emmetsburg downing Presentation Academy of Whittemore 31-21...St. John's high school carried off top honors at the D.Y.O. One Act Play Festival at Fort Dodge. The affair was held in the Corpus Christi Parish Center. The play "We Breathe Pay Our Debts" included Sharon Deitering as Mrs. Brent, James Clark as Lyle Brent, Betty Doyle as Marge and James Antoine as Arthur Brent. The Bancroft players drew a superior rating for their performance...Wilbur Fox and H.V. Clark were elected members of the Bancroft Independent School Board at the election held in Bancroft. A total of 137 votes were cast, an unusually large number with no contest on the ballot. Bancroft did not vote on members of the county board this year.

Spring Storytime and Fun Time to be held at the Bancroft Library

The Bancroft Public Library is hosting Spring Story and Fun Time!

Preschool Children, 3 years old and above, please join us on Tuesdays April 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th from 9:30am-10:30am.

On Wednesday April 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th the School Kids, K-5th grade, can join us at 4:30pm-5:30pm.

Registration is greatly appreciated! Please call the library at 515-885-2753, send us a FB message or stop on in to get signed up! Be sure to give the age of the child so they get put in the right group! We are looking forward to the fun we're going to have and the nicer weather that is upon us!

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(Published March 15, 2023)



Titonka Library Director Damien Stecker holds the book entitled *When Winter Came: A Country Doctor's Journey to Fight the Flu Pandemic of 1918* written by author Mary Beth Sartor Obermeyer.



Kids attending the Swea City Public Library birthday party for Dr. Seuss on March 4th enjoyed coloring pictures of socks along with enjoying treats and other games.



Swea City Library volunteer Lupe Kollasch watches one of the little ones throw bean bags into the holes during the Dr. Seuss birthday party on March 4.

Market vendors to meet on March 18

All local vendors and growers invited

A meeting for potential vendors at the Kossuth County Farmers' market will be held on Saturday, March 18 at 10 a.m. at the First Congregational Church in Algona.

The market is held seasonally in Algona on the corner of Dodge and Nebraska Streets on the Carnegie Lawn. The market is open on Saturday mornings from the first weekend in June through early October and Wednesday afternoons from July through September.

The meeting for vendors will focus on rules and regulations for the market, with time for questions and discussion as needed. All potential vendors are invited and encouraged to attend. Both vendors and shoppers can watch the Kossuth County Farmers' Market Facebook page for more updates and reminders as the market season approaches.

The farmers' market typically features fresh produce, flowers, jams, baked goods, meat and homemade craft items. If you are interested in being a vendor and would like more information, please contact Joanne Roepke Bode at jroepkebode@yahoo.com or 515-341-4864.

Fidelity Bank & Trust Will Award Scholarships

Fidelity Bank & Trust has announced that scholarship applications are now available for the 2023 College Scholarship Program.

The forms are available at all locations of Fidelity Bank & Trust or visit www.bankfidelity.bank. Applications must be returned by March 31, 2023.

Under the program, twenty nine \$500 scholarships will be awarded to area high school seniors who plan to attend a two or four year college or vocational school. The students and their parents are not required to be

Fidelity Bank & Trust customers.

The scholarships will be awarded based on scholastic standing, extra curricular activities, community involvement, financial need and a short essay on why the individual should be considered for this scholarship.

Interested high school students should contact their high school guidance office or Fidelity Bank & Trust for further assistance in completing the scholarship application. Scholarship winners will be announced in early April.

Dick Deitering Memorial to Award Scholarship

The family of Dick Deitering has announced that scholarship applications are now available for 2023. This scholarship is for students planning to attend post-secondary trade/vocational programs. The forms are available at North Union, North Iowa, Bishop Garrigan and Algona High Schools, as well as at Deitering Bros., Inc., in Bancroft.

Under the program, a \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior who attends post high school training in the vocational/trade fields. (Ex. mechanical, cosmetology, massage therapy, electrical, plumbing,

etc.) The scholarship will be awarded based on need, community involvement, and with special consideration for applicant wanting to return to local area for employment.

To apply for this scholarship, you must complete an application, a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher, along with a short essay from the applicant on why he/she should be awarded this scholarship. Application should be returned to their high school counselor or Alan at Deitering Bros. by Friday, March 31, 2023.

Need Help With Your Heating Bill?

North Iowa Community Action Organization will be accepting applications for the 2022-23 Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LI-HEAP).

Applicants will need to provide verification of the Social Security number for all members of their household, a copy of recent heating bill and a recent electric bill, and proof of all household members' gross income for the past 30 days, the past calendar year, or their most recent Federal income tax return.

The LIHEAP program is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services through the Iowa Department of Human Rights/DCAA. This program is not designed to pay a household's energy costs. The program will provide supplemental assistance based on several factors. Those factors include total household income, household size, dwelling type, and heating fuel, among others.

Seniors 60+ and/or disabled can start applying for assistance on October 1, 2022. The general population can start on November 1, 2022.

The in-person requirement has

been waived. Applications are accepted by mail, email, online, or by telephone. Completed applications can be emailed to energy@nicao-online.org.

Individuals with the last name beginning with H-N, must visit an office to complete the verification process.

The deadline to apply is April 30, 2023.

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Applications will be accepted on Thursdays at 117 East Call St., Algona, IA 50517 or call 515-295-2531. You can contact Cerro Gordo County at 1-800-873-1899.



Staff members at Valley Vue Care Center pose with the food they collected during the Food Drive Competition with Emmetsburg Care Center. Valley Vue staff members collected 137 items for the local food pantry. Pictured left to right are Josh Rogers, Amber Busch, Sydney Gochanour, Janine Kinnander, Kristin Nicoson, Danielle Tirevold, and Olivia Kollasch.

Swea City Memories and Milestones



Swea City now has a herd of 10 buffalo to its credit as pictured above. Wilbur Geerdes poses with his addition of livestock at his parent's farm.

Swea Now Has Buffalo

This may be the first in the State of Iowa, but it certainly is a first for Vo-Ag Student of the local FFA Chapter. Wilbur Geerdes has Buffalos. Wilbur is a freshman student in high school this year. He plans on starting a herd for food and profit. Wilbur is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Geerdes.

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Each week, this publication will share stories and pictures of that growth of Swea City. We will showcase the town of Swea City. If you have photos or information that you would like to share with this column, please email bancroftregister@yahoo.com or contact Kim or Julie at 515-885-2531.

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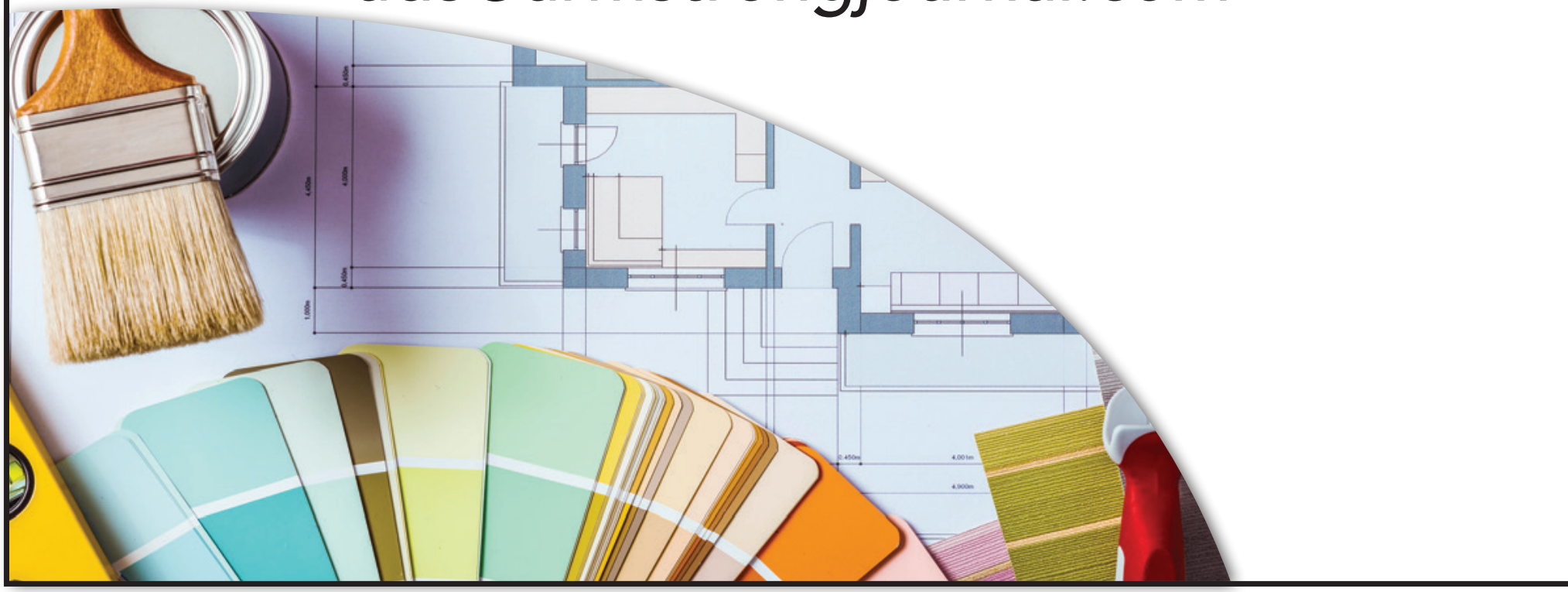
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Last-Dollar Scholarship Awards Over One Million Dollars To Iowa Lakes Students

The Future Ready Iowa Last-Dollar Scholarship has paid off big for Iowa Lakes students. During the 2022-23 academic year, students enrolled in qualifying programs received over one million dollars in scholarship aid. “Students planning to attend college should investigate the opportunities available at Iowa Lakes through the Last-Dollar Scholarship program. Iowa Lakes is ranked among the top twenty community colleges in the nation, with graduates launching a career within two years,” said Annie Kalous, Iowa Lakes Director of Admissions.

During the Fall 2022 semester, more than 270 Iowa Lakes students shared \$536,627 from the Last-Dollar Scholarship, with an average of \$1,988 per student award. During the Spring 2023 term, more than 230 Iowa Lakes students received \$464,850 in scholarship support, with an average of \$2,004 per student award.

The purpose of the Last-Dollar Scholarship is to fill financial gaps in tuition not covered by other federal and state grants and scholarships for eligible applicants enrolled in qualifying programs.

“The Last-Dollar Scholarship helps bridge the gap between what the student owes in tuition minus any state or federal grant. This has been a vital tool for helping students go to college, reducing the number of loans needed to attend, and leading to students graduating with little to no student loan debt,” said Stephen Pelzer, Director of Financial Aid at Iowa Lakes.

“48% of Iowa Lakes students graduate debt-free, making Iowa Lakes a cost-effective and smart choice for college,” said Kalous.

To qualify for the Last-Dollar Scholarship, students must enroll in a qualifying program at Iowa Lakes and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®). The FAFSA is available now for the 2023-2024 academic year. The FAFSA deadline is August 1, 2023, and students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA as soon as possible.

The following programs offered at Iowa Lakes Community College qualify for the Last-Dollar Scholarship: Agriculture Production Technology, Aviation & Airport Management, Business Administration & Management, Business Specialist, Computer Programming, Construction Technology, Criminal Justice, Digital, Social & Broadcast Productions, Electrical Technology, Environmental Studies, Farm Equipment & Diesel Technology, Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning (HVAC) Technology, Hotel & Restaurant Management, Nursing; Associate Degree and Practical Nursing, Paralegal & Legal Studies, Surgical Technology, Veterinary Technician, Water Quality Technician, Welding Technology, and Wind Energy & Turbine Technology.

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Rural Iowa Report Shows Large Farms Continue to Grow as Small Farms Decrease

Farm trends publication highlights the changing landscape of Iowa agriculture

AMES, Iowa – A recent farm trends publication from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach discusses changing farm trends between 2011 and 2021, including farm sizes, production values, net incomes and debt.

In Rural Iowa at a Glance, Farm Trends (2022 Edition), David Peters, professor and extension rural sociologist at Iowa State University, shares data that shows the way agriculture in the state is shifting.

One aspect of farming that has seen a great deal of change is farm size. In the past 10 years, the number of large commercial farms has doubled, while the number of small farms has decreased by 27%. Small farms have also seen sizable reductions in sales and acres farmed, with sales dropping by 59% and acres farmed dropping by 47%.

The drop in farm sales and acres farmed is tied to the fact that 68% of farms in Iowa are now operated by people who do not make the majority of their income through farming. Many small farms are operated by people who have a non-farm income or are retired, and the farm primarily serves as a place to live rather than work.

“As the numbers demonstrate, farming can be incredibly variable,” said Peters. “We also have a severe labor shortage in the non-farm economy, so workers in rural Iowa have options. People can choose the farm life, which involves a huge capital investment and a lot of volatility, or they can choose an off-farm job, which offers a much more stable income. For many, having an off-farm job while maintaining a small farm provides the best of both worlds.”

Rise in farm incomes

According to Peters, the data also reflects a sharp and somewhat unexpected rise in net farm incomes between 2020 and 2021. Net farm

incomes increased across all farm commodities in Iowa, as well as all farm sizes and classes. This increase in net farm income allowed many farms to pay down debts, especially small and midsized farms, which saw high levels of debt utilization between 2016 and 2020.

“I was surprised by how much net farm incomes grew,” said Peters. “I knew that farm incomes would rise, however, with many government support payments for COVID and trade disputes ending in 2021, I did not expect to see commodity prices rise by as much as they did to offset those supports.”

Commodity differences

While there was a net increase in farm incomes across all commodities, some commodities saw greater increases than others. Corn and soybean farms have seen steadily growing incomes, with net farm incomes doubling since 2011. Hog farms have also seen steady growth, but net farm income was still 21% lower in 2021 than in 2011. Poultry has been much more variable, as although net farm income has grown by 200% since 2011, poultry farms saw a large dip in income between 2013-14 due to salmonella and bird flu outbreaks.

One area of concern for Peters was the cattle sector. “Incomes in the cattle industry have not increased in the same way other commodities have increased, and many cattle farms haven’t been able to pay down debt as a result,” he added.

Peters also noted that the dairy industry has seen sharp decreases in number of farms as well as acres farmed since 2011, which is another concern. “Our dairy sector in Iowa was small to begin with but has really gone into decline in terms of numbers,” he said. “The dairy industry has a long history in the state, but the trends that I am seeing indicate that this decline may unfortunately continue.”

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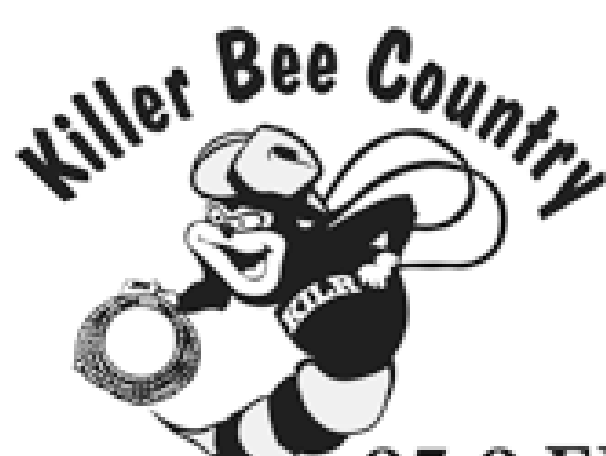
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Iowa Lakes Music Department Honors Music Hall Of Fame Nominees

(Estherville, Iowa) The Iowa Lakes Music Department will honor the 2020, 2021, and 2023 inductees at the 2023 Music Hall of Fame, with the 2022 and 2024 nominees celebrated next year. A celebratory dinner, induction ceremony, and concert will be held on April 14 at 6:30 pm in the Janice K. Lund Performing Arts Center on the Estherville Campus of Iowa Lakes Community College.

“The Iowa Lakes Music Hall of Fame honors the alumni and friends who have gone above and beyond to promote and assist the Iowa Lakes Music Department,” explained Professor of Instrumental Music Carol Ayres Stueven. “All these nominees are superheroes to us in the Music Department, and we are grateful for their time, talent, and commitment to Iowa Lakes.”

The Music Hall of Fame event is open to the public with the purchase of tickets for \$25, which includes a dinner with the choice of stuffed chicken breast or pork medallions. To purchase tickets, visit iowa-lakes.ticketleap.com or contact the Iowa Lakes Music Department at 712-362-7902.

2020 Inductees
Trudy Hopton - Innovation (Sforzando)

The Innovation (Sforzando) Award is for a nominee who has broken new ground with originality or creativity, has established new standards, and has broken through boundaries to propel

the Iowa Lakes Music Department.

Hopton has been a source of significant innovation for the Iowa Lakes Music Department, bringing her artistic skills as a costume designer, tailor, and organizer to improve the overall appearance of many Iowa Lakes events. She has worked tirelessly organizing the costume shop, bringing costing standards to a new level, and bringing a collegiate/semiprofessional level to the performances. Hopton has spent many hours repairing and creating costumes for the Madrigal, musicals, and department tuxedos.

Tom Spalding - Commitment (Coda)

The Commitment (Coda) Award is for a nominee who has committed an endless amount of time and energy to the Iowa Lakes Music Department.

Spalding demonstrated considerable commitment to the Music Department for many years. He “sat in” on rehearsals, played in performances, worked in the music library, taught lessons, and more. In addition, he was involved in numerous musicals playing in the pit orchestra. Spalding and his family have significantly contributed to the Iowa Lakes Music Department.

2021 Inductees
Tony Gulizia, Joey Gulizia, and Andy Hall - Impact (Virtuoso)

This jazz trio has made an extraordinary impact on the development and growth of the Iowa

Nominations Open for Iowa Conservation Farmer of the Year

2023 statewide winner will receive use of a John Deere tractor

Nominations are now open for the 2023 Iowa Conservation Farmer of the Year. This prestigious annual honor is given to an Iowa farmer who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to environmental stewardship and leadership.

The statewide award and nine regional awards are co-sponsored by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation (IFBF). The grand prize winner will receive the use of a new John Deere 6E utility tractor for one year.

One nominee will be selected by each of Iowa’s 100 Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) offices. These individuals will be considered for regional conservation awards. Nine regional award winners will compete for the title of “Iowa Conservation Farmer of the Year.”

“We continue to see record conservation engagement within Iowa,

and it is important that we recognize the farmers across our state who are leading the way in implementing additional proven practices,” said Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig. “As we mark the ten-year anniversary of the Nutrient Reduction Strategy, it’s been a decade defined in collaboration, partnerships, innovation, progress, investment and water quality momentum and we are even more optimistic about the great conservation successes that Iowa farmers will achieve in the next decade.”

“Iowa agriculture is well known as a national leader in production, but we’re also leading the way in conservation progress,” said Iowa Farm Bureau President Brent Johnson. “We have a great story to tell when it comes to precision agriculture and our focus on sustainability, and IFBF is honored to co-sponsor this award with the Iowa Department of

Agriculture and Land Stewardship and celebrate our successful statewide conservation efforts.”

Iowans can nominate a deserving farmer by writing a 100-word letter describing the individual’s long-term commitment to soil conservation and water quality. Nominations are due to the local SWCD by May 12, 2023.

The state winner will be announced at the Iowa State Fair. The winner will receive the keys to their tractor during the Conservation Districts of Iowa’s annual meeting scheduled for August 28-29 in Ames at the Gateway Hotel.

The 2023 Conservation Farmer of the Year winner will receive free use of a John Deere 6E Series utility tractor for up to 12 months or 200 hours of use. The prize is donated by the Van Wall Equipment of Perry and John Deere.

Dave Lubben of Monticello was named the 2022 Conservation Farmer of the Year.

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Long Competes in Honey Creek Bull Riding Series



For some kids in high school, the sports they like are football, wrestling, basketball, etc., but Braxton Long, a Freshman at North Union schools, has decided to follow his dream and ride bulls.

In the summer of 2022, Long started his journey in Algona, Emmetsburg, and Rolfe, before moving indoors for the winter series.

The Honey Creek Winter Series in Mason City is his first winter series and he says it has been a learning experience. He had a couple of rides close to eight seconds and a couple more rides that didn't go as well.

The weekend of March 11th, Long went to a "buckout", or practice day. He was able to gain some pointers and cover a bull. With renewed confidence, Long will attend the final night of the series on March 18th and try to cover one last time before the summer series start.

Long has help from his Uncle Jason Johnson along the way. Johnson is a former bull rider.

Bull riding is a sport that makes you wonder why, but when Long sits down on the bull, gets his hand wrapped, and the rope tight, he knows why - the adrenaline, the challenge,

the ability to face down your fears, and allowing the bull to be your dancing partner for eight seconds.

"You got to let him lead and do his thing," Long says. "You just try to make points where you can and hope when the buzzer sounds, you are still on top and the just has seen your best while you exit the ride."

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Q&A: Student Loans With U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley

Q: What's your opposition to the Biden administration's student debt forgiveness policy?

A: For starters, the Biden administration's nearly \$1 trillion plan is fiscally irresponsible and follows a trail of partisan binge spending that will make it even harder for the Federal Reserve to rein in inflation. The price tag is particularly reckless when taking into account the unprecedented \$31 trillion national debt that will drag down economic growth unless Washington gets its fiscal house in order. Don't forget, wiping away student debt for 40 million borrowers doesn't magically erase their debt into thin air. It transfers the burden to the taxpaying public, on the backs of those who paid their own way through college and on the shoulders of the majority of Americans who did not get an advanced degree. Certain borrowers earning as much as \$250,000 a year could be eligible to receive up to \$20,000 in student debt forgiveness under the proposal. With the stroke of a pen, President Biden reached beyond his constitutional authority, reminiscent of former President Obama's declaration – "I've got a pen, and I've got a phone" – to sidestep Congress. The president's overreach has landed at the U.S. Supreme Court thanks to our system of checks and balances. The ultimate question before the high court is whether the president of the United States has unilateral authority to forgive half a trillion dollars in loans without congressional approval. Article I of the Constitution vests the power of the purse and legislative powers in Congress; Article II makes clear the President must "take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed." Unchecked executive power flouts the separation of powers.

Make no mistake. This misguided policy is a slippery slope that would pave the way for even more brazen overreach from the executive branch, including future administrations of either political party. That's why I joined Sen. John Thune to keep the administration in check. We introduced the Stop Reckless Student Loan Actions Act to block President Biden's effort to unilaterally cancel student loan debt and transfer the loans to the taxpayer. This blatant power grab is unaffordable and unfair. What's more, it won't curb soaring tuition costs in America. To the contrary, it would give institutions of higher education the green light to keep raising tuition from one year to the next as well as raise expectations among future student borrowers that their debts will be forgiven.

Q: What can be done to help families navigate college financial aid?

A: At my county meetings across the state, I regularly hear from Iowans about the soaring costs of higher education and the confusing thicket of financial aid forms and packages. I'm working to help bring transparency

and clarity to this process for Iowa families so they can understand at the front end what they are signing up for on the dotted line, so student borrowers don't get in over their heads. I teamed up with Sen. Tina Smith of Minnesota to introduce a trio of bipartisan bills that would help prospective and current college students become better informed about financial aid offers and borrowing decisions. Our bills would improve transparency in the loan process so students can compare dollar for dollar what makes the most sense for their futures, as well as hold colleges accountable for the way they present financial aid offers to students. Here's how:

The Net Price Calculator Improvement Act would beef up the online tool to provide students with early, individualized estimates of higher education costs and financial aid figures before they decide where to apply.

The Understanding the True Cost of College Act would create a universal financial aid offer letter and standardize the terms used to describe financial aid. These reforms would allow students to compare financial aid packages between schools, rather than the current system where colleges use different terms, calculate cost differently, and often drastically understate their costs. In fact, according to an audit by the Government Accountability Office, more than 90 percent of college financial aid offer letters low ball the costs students would pay. That's wrong. Sen. Joni Ernst is an original cosponsor of our bill and I also joined her to introduce the Student Transparency for Understanding Decisions in Education Net Terms (STUDENT) Act that would require student loan applicants receive an estimate of the total interest they would be scheduled to pay over the life of the loan before they take the loan.

The Know Before You Owe Federal Student Loan Act would reform the Higher Education Act to strengthen loan counseling requirements for institutions of higher education. For example, our bill would make loan counseling an annual requirement before new loans are disbursed, comparing a student's borrowing to likely salary so students can make sensible decisions on the front end rather than being surprised by their debt burden after graduation. In addition, our bill puts students in the driver's seat, giving them the keys to decide how much they would like to borrow, rather than offering the maximum possible loan amount as the default option. Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks introduced the companion bill in the House of Representatives. These bipartisan, bicameral bills would add stronger financial literacy tools to the tool box to help prevent student borrowers from getting bogged down with debt they can't afford to repay.

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Swea City Days Gone By

5 Years Ago
March 14, 2018

During the 2018 Iowa High School's 2A Girl's State Basketball tournament, Donna Christ of Ledyard was honored prior to the North Union/Panorama quarter final game. The award is presented by the Iowa Farm Bureau who recognizes one community member from each participating school at the state basketball tournament that exemplifies sportsmanship and support for his/her team.... Kate Anderson, a senior at North Union High School, was recently honored as the 2018 recipient of the Iowa Banker's Association's Student Athlete Achievement Scholarship Award during the Iowa high school state basketball championship games. Anderson was selected based on her scholastic standing, leadership skills, community involvement and athletic participation. She is the daughter of Jeff and Shelly Anderson.

10 Years Ago
March 13, 2013

The North Union Middle School Quiz Bowl team won their division during a recent bowl tournament held at Bishop Garrigan in Algona. They, along with their coach Brooks Walter, received a letter from the National Academic Association, stating the following: Congratulations to the North

Union Elementary/Middle School for winning your division. This accomplishment qualifies your team for participation in the sixth annual Junior National Academic Championship. Quiz bowl members are Hannah Anderson, Matt Hardgrove, Michael Mather, and Riley Kintzle...Coach Michael Rieke once again will be taking his Madison Bulldog Basketball team to the state tournament to be held in Rapid City, SD. He is the son of Jim and Helen Rieke of Bancroft.

25 Years Ago
March 11, 1983

The Swea City City Council appointed Larry Slifka as the new city council member during their march meeting. Slifka was appointed after the resignation of Henry Mayland... Kristen Clark, 14 year old daughter of John and Dawn Clark of Swea City, and an 8th grader at North Kossuth Middle School, has been performing at several percussion contest and Jr. High All State Band...The Iowa State's women track and field team defended the Big 4 title in outstanding fashion. The squad won six individual titles and placed eight athletes. Anna Hauskins placed second in the 800 meters by crossing the finish line in 2:19.05. She is the daughter of Mitch and Karen Hauskins of Swea City.

50 Years Ago
March 15, 1953

Congress Wiley Mayne R-Iowa announced the appointment of Jim Rock. Swea City area farmer, as a member of his district Farm Advisory Committee. Rock, along with Bob Chambers, a previous appointee, will serve as co-chairman representing Kossuth County district committee... Dave Rippentrop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rippentrop, of rural Swea City, has been named to a position as Outside Plant Engineer with Untied Telephone of Iowa, Newton. Hi duties will involve assisting in all areas of telephone plant planning...A major expansion project at the Swea City Cargill elevator was announced this week by head office of Cargill. They stated that a concrete annex with 11 storage bins will be built at the Swea City elevator site. The addition of the annex will increase the capacity of the elevator by some 250,000 bushels to a total of approximately 750,000 bushels. Cargill will also lay more railroad track enabling the elevator to load 54 rail cars at one time. This will be five times present 10 car per day loading capacity.

70 Years Ago
March 12, 1953

A school bus driven by Junior Doocy, and a car drive by Mervin Johnson, were involved in an accident shortly after school was dismissed. The mishap occurred by the J.H. Montgomery residence of the west edge town. The roads were slippery at the time of the accident and it is reported the car Johnson was driving skidded on the slippery road and bus and car collided....The Swea

City FFA chapter recently purchased two purebred Spotted Poland China guilts which will farrow in April. The animals were bought February 27 for \$100 each at the Clarence Hock farm near Gilmore City...Mrs. Ed Stewart

last week was named new member of the Swea City library board, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Anna Larson. Board members now are Mrs. Walter G. Smith, president; Mrs. Geo K. Nelsen, Mrs. Ray Sper-

check, Mrs. R.F. Snyder and Mrs. Stewart...Wm. C. Guyer, incumbent and Lowell Larson were named to the school board here last Monday when 261 persons turned out to cast their vote...Charles Komarek, who has

been band instructor in the Swea City school for the past three years, has submitted his resignation effective at the end of the school year.

Area Church Services



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DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC PARISH
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ST. JOSEPH WESLEY
ST. CECELIA ALGONA
ST. MICHAEL WHITEMORE
SS. PETER & PAUL WEST BEND
CATHOLIC CHURCHES
Rev. Steven McCloud, Pastor
Wednesday, March 15
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Michael, Whittemore
2:00 p.m. - Sunday Scripture Study - SC parents room
6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (SH) meal to follow
6:30 p.m. - Religious Education for grades K/1, 2 at St. John the Baptist, Bancroft
7:00 p.m. - Religious Education for grades 8, 9, 10 at St. John the Baptist, Bancroft
7:00 p.m. - YDisciple at St. Cecelia

Thursday, March 16
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Joseph, Wesley
9:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph, Wesley
5:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration at SS. Peter & Paul, West Bend
6:00 p.m. - Mass at SS. Peter & Paul, West Bend
Friday, March 17
7:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Cecelia's, Algona
7:30 a.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, March 19
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Michael, Whittemore
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. John the Baptist, Bancroft
10:30 a.m. - Mass at SS. Peter & Paul, West Bend
10:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Cecelia, Algona
2:00 p.m. - Lenten Communal Penance Service at St. Cecelia

Monday, March 20
7:00 a.m. - KC Rosary for Vocations at St. Cecelia, Algona
8:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Cecelia, Algona
5:30 p.m. - Lenten Vespers at St. Cecelia

Tuesday, March 21
8:40 a.m. - Student Mass at St. Cecelia, Algona
5:30 p.m. - Mass at St. John the Baptist, Bancroft
5:30 p.m. - Mass at St. Cecelia, Algona
6:00 p.m. - Sacrament of Penance at St. Cecelia, Algona

Wednesday, March 22
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. John the Baptist, Bancroft
6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross (SH)
6:30 p.m. - Religious Education for grades K/1, 2 at St. John the Baptist, Bancroft
7:00 p.m. - Religious Education for grades 8, 9, 10 at St. John the Baptist, Bancroft

Thursday, March 23
8:40 a.m. - Mass at St. Cecelia, Algona

5:30 p.m. - Mass at SS. Peter & Paul, West Bend
6:30 p.m. - Mass at St. Michael, Whittemore

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Swea City, IA
Pastor Todd Hartsock
Sunday, March 19
8:45 a.m. - Worship Services inside the church
Social hour will be held following service
Worship service is also available to hear on radio 1620AM from your car in the Church's parking lot.

Wednesday, March 22
6:00 p.m. - Mighty Warrior Youth Group, Open Bible Church

BETHANY EVANGELICAL & REFORMED CHURCH
Ledyard, Iowa
A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America
Sunday, March 19
9:00 a.m. - Adult and Children's Sunday School
10:00 a.m. - Worship
Wednesday, March 22
6:00 p.m. - Mighty Warrior Youth Group, Open Bible Church

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Bancroft, Iowa
Pastor Jim Dewar
Sunday, March 19
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, March 22
7:30 p.m. - In person evening, Prayer Service

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN
Lakota, Iowa
Pastor Kent Madison
Sunday, March 19
8:30 a.m. - Worship
Wednesday, March 22
6:30 p.m. - Lenten Service at Lutheran Church

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Lakota, Iowa
Pastor Chad Duffy
Sunday, March 19
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School/Confirmation
10:00 a.m. - Worship
Wednesday, March 22
6:30 p.m. - Lenten Service

ALGONA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Thursday, March 16
9:15 a.m. - MOPS
Sunday, March 19
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School
10:15 a.m. - In-person Worship Service at Algona Presbyterian Church followed with fellowship and coffee time
Monday, March 20
9:00 a.m. - Sunday's Worship Service on AMU Channel 20 and Mediacom Channel 18

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Lone Rock, Iowa
Pastor Walter Reemtsma
Sunday, March 19
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service - This

service can be seen live on Facebook at Lone Rock Presbyterian Church
10:00 a.m. - Fellowship coffee
5:30 p.m. - Lenten Service
6:00 p.m. - Worship Service at Lone Rock at Burt Church
Tuesday, March 21
9:30 a.m. - Prayer Time in fellowship hall

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Lone Rock, Iowa
Pastor Duane Miesner
Sunday, March 19
9:00 a.m. - Worship
9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
Monday, March 20
8:00 a.m. - Men's Breakfast/Bible Study
1:30 p.m. - Women's Bible Study LWML meeting to follow
Wednesday, March 22
5:30 p.m. - Supper
6:30 p.m. - Lenten Worship at Immanuel

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Swea City, Iowa
Sunday, March 19
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service inside church with live streaming on Facebook at Immanuel Lutheran Church
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
Wednesday, March 22
6:00 p.m. - Mighty Warrior Youth Group, Open Bible Church

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor David Schultz
Swea City, Iowa
Sunday, March 19
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service inside church with live streaming on Facebook at Immanuel Lutheran Church
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
Wednesday, March 22
6:00 p.m. - Mighty Warrior Youth Group, Open Bible Church

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Pastor David Schultz
Swea City, Iowa
Sunday, March 19
10:30 a.m. - Service will be broadcast live on Burt Presbyterian Church Facebook page

Sunday, March 19
9:00 a.m. - In person services
Wednesday, March 22
6:00 p.m. - Mighty Warrior Youth Group, Open Bible Church

OPEN BIBLE CHURCH
Swea City
Sunday, March 19
10:00 a.m. - Worship Services church
10:30 a.m. - Service streamed at sweacityopenbible.org
Wednesday, March 22
6:00 p.m. - Mighty Warrior Youth Group, Open Bible Church

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Burt, Iowa
Rev. Thomas J Cowell
Sunday, March 19
8:30 a.m. - SSchool/Adult Class
9:30 a.m. - Divine Service
6:00 p.m. - New Member Class at Trinity
Tuesday, March 21
10:00 a.m. - Morning Prayer
Wednesday, March 22
4:45 p.m. - Supper at Trinity
6:00 p.m. - Lenten Service at Trinity
6:30 p.m. - Midweek Catechisis at Trinity

BURT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Pastor Kent Madison
Pastor Walt Reemtsma
Sunday, March 19
10:30 a.m. - Service will be broadcast live on Burt Presbyterian Church Facebook page

Pastor's Message

Redeeming St. Patrick's Day

By Pastor Thomas Cowell

The holiday which we celebrate on March 17th known as St. Patrick's Day has really taken on an unusual character in recent decades. What originated in the early 1600's as a celebration of the life and faith of St. Patrick, the great 5th century missionary to the Irish people, has turned into a day filled with leprechauns, corned beef and cabbage, and green beer!

While I like green beef and cabbage (and green beer!) as much as anyone, I would hate for these to overshadow the incredible inspiration and example of the faith that St. Patrick and his ministry is for us. I encourage you to find a book or website that details the entirety of Patrick's incredible life, but here is Patrick's story in a nutshell: Patrick was born in Britain at the end of the 4th century. When he was 15 years old, Patrick was captured by a group of Irish raiders and brought to Ireland as a slave. Patrick managed to escape and walk 200 miles home. Because God had greatly strengthened Patrick's faith during his captivity, Patrick decided to become a priest. Later, Patrick became convicted in a dream to become a missionary to the Irish people - the same people who had previously enslaved him! Through his work as a missionary throughout the rural kingdoms and villages of Ireland, Patrick baptized thousands of people, confronted and refuted many of the pagan religions of the land, and confessed and taught the truth of the Christian faith in ways that are still a blessing to us today.

One of those gifts of the faith that St. Patrick left with the Church on earth is a prayer that he wrote which is now known as "St. Patrick's Breastplate." As Patrick would go about his missionary journeys, he would pray this prayer to protect him in the midst of the spiritual battles he would be fighting with the devil and the many false idols of the land. This prayer has been paraphrased and set to music in the hymn: I Bind unto Myself Today, which I recommend you look up and give a listen!

Here, though, is a translation of St. Patrick's breastplate in its entirety. I hope that as you close your leprechauns, pick your clovers, and put on your green outfits this March 17th, you might also find time to pray this beautiful prayer given to us by the real St. Patrick himself:

I bind unto myself today
The strong Name of the Trinity,
By invocation of the same,
By Three in One and One in Three.

I bind this day to me for ever.
By power of faith, Christ's incarnation;
His baptism in the Jordan river;
His death on Cross for my salvation;
His bursting from the spiced tomb;
His riding up the heavenly way;

His coming at the day of doom;*
I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself the power
Of the great love of the cherubim;
The sweet "well done" in judgment hour,
The service of the seraphim,
Confessors' faith, Apostles' word,
The Patriarchs' prayers, the Prophets' scrolls,
All good deeds done unto the Lord,
And purity of virgin souls.

I bind unto myself today
The virtues of the starlit heaven,
The glorious sun's life-giving ray,
The whiteness of the moon at even,
The flashing of the lightning free,
The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,
The stable earth, the deep salt sea,
Around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, His might to stay,
His ear to heedken to my need,
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, His shield to ward,
The word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard.

Against the demon snares of sin,
The vice that gives temptation force,
The natural lusts that war within,
The hostile men that mar my course;
Or few or many, far or nigh,
In every place and in all hours,
Against their fierce hostility,
I bind to me these holy powers.

Against all Satan's spells and wiles,
Against false words of heresy,
Against the knowledge that defiles,
Against the heart's idolatry,
Against the wizard's evil craft,
Against the death wound and the burning,
The choking wave and the poisoned shaft,
Protect me, Christ, till Thy returning.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

I bind unto myself the Name,
The strong Name of the Trinity;
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One, and One in Three,
Of Whom all nature hath creation,
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word;
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.
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Letter to the editor - support your newspapers

Some members of the Iowa Senate do not think that public notices published in newspapers remain relevant and necessary. A bill filed in the newly formed Technology Committee just over a week ago moved through committee in two days and last week moved through the Ways & Means Committee in one day. Senate File 546 would result in removing a major component of government transparency. This legislation would require legal notices to be posted on a website controlled by the very government legal notices are designed to oversee and notices would not be required to be published in this newspaper.

This is the wrong move today, tomorrow and for the future. Government transparency is more important than ever. In truth it is critical.

While Bancroft Register/Swea City Herald Press and other Iowa newspapers have an economic interest in seeing that the public notice publishing requirement remains, the issue goes far beyond a few dollars. Maintaining the legal requirement to publish government actions and meetings in local newspapers is crucial for ensuring accountability and keeping the public informed of important information that affects people's lives. And it is the job of our local newspapers to serve as a check on government, not the government to check itself.

The proposed savings under the guise of modernization would come at a very high cost to Iowa's communities.

While many people now browse digital platforms for information — including Bancroft Register and Swea City Herald Press — not everyone has access to the internet or the technological know-how to navigate online platforms. And the staggering amount of information available online, representing every viewpoint, degree of accuracy, hidden agendas and motivations from every philosophy and side of the political spectrum, makes it more and more likely public notices posted online would be lost among the chaff. Worse, they may be vulnerable to manipulation or not easily accessible through search algorithms.

By publishing public notices in newspapers, government bodies can ensure that critical information is available to everyone in a format that has stood the test of time for accuracy and accessibility. It requires governments provide timely information for citizens to participate in their government. The notices are appearing in the communities in or very near where the decisions are made. Public notices cover a range of activities — bids and leads for public projects, minutes from government meetings, foreclosures, petitions, election information, water quality reports and other information that is important to citizens and vibrant communities.

The basis for public notices published in newspapers remains as important as ever:

- Requiring an independent, third-party to publish the notices in

accordance with the law helps prevent government officials from hiding information they prefer the public not to see. The government cannot be in charge of holding itself responsible. A public notice must be published in a forum independent of the government. As an independent and neutral third party, a newspaper has an economic and civic interest in ensuring that the notice delivery requirements are followed.

- Publishing the notice in a newspaper ensures that the information is widely accessible to the public. Unlike social media or other online platforms, newspapers are trusted sources of information that are available to everyone, regardless of whether or not they have access to the internet or social media accounts. This helps to ensure that all members of the public have an equal opportunity to be informed and involved in government decision-making.

- A public notice must be archived in a secure and publicly available format. Newspapers have always fulfilled this requirement because a public notice published in a newspaper is already archivable and accessible. This is particularly important for notices that contain information about government decisions and actions that impact individuals and communities for years to come. Requiring governmental bodies to publish legal notices in newspapers ensures that this information is always accessible.

- The public must be able to verify that a legal notice is not altered after being published. In a newspaper notice, an affidavit is provided by the publisher, which can be used in an evidentiary proceeding to demonstrate that a true copy was published as well as the exact wording that was used. Legal notices published in newspapers are subject to public scrutiny and can be easily monitored by journalists or concerned citizens. This guarantees that governmental bodies are held accountable and acting in the best interests of their constituents.

- Community newspapers have established relationships with readers and have a deep understanding of the issues and concerns that matter most to them. When public notices appear in newspapers, government bodies can tap into these relationships.

- Newspapers have a long history of serving as watchdogs for their communities, holding local officials accountable and shining light on

issues that might otherwise go unnoticed. By requiring government bodies to publish public notices in newspapers, we are ensuring that these important watchdog functions are preserved and that the public has access to information that might otherwise be hidden from view.

- Many newspapers also publish the public notices on their websites and nearly all public notices across the state are also uploaded to a centralized website at iowanotices.org, a site run by newspapers at no additional cost to government or taxpayers. It is available for those who prefer accessing an electronic version.

There may be parts of the country where newspaper readership is receding, but not in Iowa. Iowa has 241 community newspapers with one or more newspapers in every county. Market research conducted in 2022 showed 84% of Iowa adults read local print or digital newspapers. And newspaper readers are more engaged in their community. Newspapers reach 93% of Iowans who report, "I feel that I have a responsibility to help share the future of my community."

It is true that newspapers charge a nominal fee, set by Iowa law, for publishing legal notices. This is a very small price for freedom, as it is typically under 1% of any government body's spending. All Iowans should demand more scrutiny of government affairs, never less.

While the bill does not prohibit local government bodies from publishing public notices in newspapers, it removes the current requirement for doing so. Removing the legal requirement would most certainly result in local governments discontinuing all public notice publications in their local newspapers. But the long-term costs communities and citizens would pay far exceed the price paid by government bodies to publish legal notices in newspapers.

We believe that requiring governmental bodies to continue publishing legal notices in local newspapers is crucial for ensuring transparency, accountability, and accessibility in government decision-making. Newspapers — especially Iowa newspapers — remain a trusted source of information that is widely accessible and easily searchable.

As a newspaper, we strongly urge Iowa's senators to vote "no" on this short-sighted bill.

As should all Iowans.

Annie's Project: Historic Program for Iowa Farm Women

Two decades of offering risk management education to women in agriculture

AMES, Iowa — When her husband passed in 2000 from complications with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Jean Driscoll found herself stepping up in some big ways to operate the family farm.

A swine and crop producer from Cedar County, Driscoll had been involved with the farm from the start, working with her husband, the late Dennis "George" Driscoll, on barn chores, recordkeeping and occasionally some fieldwork.

His death at age 53 made her knowledge of the farm all the more important, and she quickly found herself taking on more responsibility, working alongside her sons, Tom and Sean.

"When George passed, I wasn't totally blindsided because I had already worked closely with him on so many things, but there were areas where I wanted to learn more," said Driscoll. "A few years after his death, I was offered an educational opportunity to learn more and improve my knowledge."

That opportunity was "Annie's Project," an 18-hour farm business management course that empowers women in agriculture to be successful with farm finances, human resources, legal issues, marketing and agricultural production.

In its 20-year history, more than 19,000 people have completed Annie's Project courses, in 38 states and the U.S. Virgin Islands. In Iowa, more than 128 Annie's Project courses have empowered 2,200 women in agriculture.

Increasing knowledge

Driscoll had an advantage in that she already knew most of the ins-and-outs of her family's farm, including the financial numbers and records. She also had a strong relationship with extension, having served on the extension council for many years. Annie's Project, which she completed in 2007 with her daughter, Lori Crock,

still helped take her farm knowledge to a new level.

"At the time, women like ourselves were becoming more involved with ag, and this seemed like a great opportunity," said Driscoll. "We covered topics that were important at the time and that are still important, like financial balance sheets, conservation programs, marketing, women land ownership and rental agreements."

Driscoll and her daughter both actively farm today, on two separate farms near Mechanicsville, Iowa. The elder Driscoll will turn 76 in March, and although the farm has changed over the past couple decades, she is still involved full-time with caring for feeder pigs and fieldwork, as well as recordkeeping.

Today, Jean Driscoll and her sons no-till about 1,300 acres and finish roughly 6,500 pigs a year. During planting season, she operates the seed tender, and during harvest she hauls grain from the fields.

Driscoll encourages other women who might be thinking about the Annie's Project course to get involved. No matter what their level of farm knowledge may be, she said participants will expand their knowledge, in ways that will help themselves and their families.

"I would definitely encourage other women to go through this. You're never too young to learn and there is always something new to learn," she said.

Driscoll has continued to use the knowledge she acquired from working with Iowa State University Extension and Outreach and was honored to be recognized in 2016 as one of Iowa State's first Women Impacting Agriculture awardees. She explains her farm and the many improvements she's made in a YouTube video posted the same year.

Reaching everyone

Although Driscoll already had a

good understanding of her farm, not all Annie's Project participants are as fortunate. For some, the classes are the first significant exposure women have to what's involved with running a farm.

Kelvin Leibold, a farm management specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach, has been involved with the program in Iowa and nationally since its early years. In the beginning, he said many women were working off-farm jobs, partly stemming from the farm crisis of the 1980s, and many women were not as involved with the day-to-day operations as their spouses.

"In many cases, they (women) became distanced from the farm and didn't always have time to get involved with the financial matters and the lenders," said Leibold. "I saw a lot of stress and a lack of understanding that Annie's Project helped to overcome. As an educator, I wanted women in my audience, and Annie's provided a safe haven for this to happen."

Historic beginnings

The very first Annie's Project was offered in Illinois in 2003, to a class of 10 participants. The program was the vision of Ruth Hambleton, a University of Illinois extension educator, who modeled the program after the real-life success of her mother, the late Annette Kohlhausen Fleck.

Annie was a farm woman who grew up in a small town in northern Illinois and married a farmer in 1947. She helped navigate her family's farm through challenging times by using good recordkeeping, sound decision making, and determination in the face of adversity. Ruth named the program in her mother's honor and it quickly caught the interest of other states. It was first offered in Iowa in 2004, by the late Bob Wells, a farm management specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach.

Wells, who lived and worked in eastern Iowa, said in a video in 2011 that Annie's Project "gave women the chance to really empower themselves with the knowledge that they are not alone in this world. There are other farm women in their neighborhood, in their area and their state that face the same problems every day that they do."

National reach

Wells worked with Hambleton and other colleagues in extension to expand the program across the country, including Tim Eggers, past farm management specialist, Kelvin Leibold, and Madeline Schultz, current president of the national Annie's Project board of directors and program manager for Women in Agriculture. The team helped advise the national organization for many years and obtained grant support from the United States Department of Agriculture.

"Iowa has been a leader in the development of Annie's Project as a national program and nonprofit organization," said Schultz. "Here in Iowa, Annie's Project continues to be a very strong program and our farm management team members see the positive impacts it makes for Iowa women in agriculture."

Ruth Hambleton serves the national board as treasurer and said she has no doubt her mother would be proud of what the program has become.

"She'd be very flattered that Annie's project is patterned after her and I know she's looking down from heaven, just really pleased to see all that is going on," Hambleton said.

(The second story in this series will focus on the national influence of Annie's project, from the years 2009-2015. Follow the ISU Extension and Outreach news site for the second story, in late spring.)

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