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## Column One Events

### Don't forget to sign up for the Bancroft 4th of July Parade

The Bancroft Chamber of Commerce invites you to participate in Bancroft's 4th of July parade on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. This year's theme is "Family, Fun and Fireworks".

Please contact Carole Bernhardt at 515-320-4294 or email her at bancroftchamber@gmail.com to reserve your parade spot. Please provide the following: Name, phone number, and the number and length of vehicle(s) for entry. Line up will be at the East end of Ramsey St. by Accura Healthcare beginning at 9:30 a.m. and the parade begins at 10:30 a.m. sharp. Awards are Bancroft Chamber Bucks: 1st place - \$75, 2nd place - \$50, and \$75 for the best representation of the theme.

### Bridal shower being held Hallie Reese

Please join us for a Come & Go Bridal Shower honoring Hallie Reese, Bride-Elect of Brady Anderson, on Sunday, July 2nd from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 302 Cedar Ave W, Swea City. The Couple is registered at Target, Walmart, and Amazon.

### Bridal shower being held Madison Reed

Bridal Shower for Madison Reed, bride-elect of Michael Mather, will be held on Saturday, July 8 at 10 a.m. at Swea City, IA Methodist Church. Couple is registered at Target and Amazon.

### Ride for Vets set for July 15

Armstrong VFW Post #5232 and Auxiliary will be holding their 2023 Ride for Vets on Saturday, July 15th.

Early Bird registration is due by Friday, July 14th. The cost is \$20 and includes the ride, supper, and an entry into a drawing for double wide, four piece, conversion set. To register, call Lisa Hansen - 712-260-2671.

Registration the day of the ride is \$25.00.

Lunch is included in the registration. If you wish to eat, but not ride, the cost of the meal is \$7.00.

All proceeds from the Ride will benefit Veterans and their programs, including VA Hospitals, disabled Vets, and homeless Vets.

Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. the day of the ride. Rules of the ride and ride map will be given out to participants at that time.

The route will start at the Armstrong VFW and will travel to Dunnell and Sherburn, MN, Lake Park, Spirit Lake, and Estherville, IA, before returning to Armstrong by 5:30 p.m.

Top three Poker Hands will be drawn at 5:30 p.m. and you must be present to win. The raffles and door prizes drawing will follow at approximately 6:00 p.m.

All vehicles are welcome to participate.



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## Board of Trustees Hears Program Reviews

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## Trustees hear program review

By Michael Tidemann

SPENCER – The Iowa Lakes Community College Board of Trustees heard a review of college programs at their monthly meeting Tuesday, June 20 at the Spencer campus.

Presenting the reviews were Emmetsburg Dean Kyle Norris and Estherville Dean Erin Latona.

Norris noted a 100 percent placement for the welding program with industry-involved faculty. Program improvements call for a five-year plan for equipment and facility upgrades, capitalizing on American Welding Society certification and boosting enrollment with capacity for more students.

The hotel/restaurant management program will get a new name, culinary hospitality management. Strengths include travel opportunities, a grab-and-go kitchen and an active advisory board. Planned improvements include reducing the credit load to allow more hands-on experience and syncing the program with more college activities.

Emmetsburg computer curriculum strengths include a wide variety of courses, real-world work and multiple certifications available. Norris said suggestions include more face-to-face offerings, implementing advisory

strategies and ongoing review of program needs.

Latona noted relocation of the HVAC (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning) program from the SERT to the wind energy building. Plans include expanding the program and strengthening partnership.

The graphic design program has had a major lab update, said Latona, along with a fine arts transfer major. Goals include increasing program visibility, a student showcase and developing student soft skills with mock interviews and presentations.

The wind energy and turbine technology program has had a strong completion rate of 70 percent, said Latona, with a planned wind farm committed to supporting the program. Latona noted strong industry support for the water quality program which is developing continuing education programs along with traditional credit programs.

The health and human services and substance abuse counseling programs are another key program with plans for a one-year program as well as a transfer major.

The board also approved the interim appointment of Michelle Dahna to replace retiring Board Secretary Cindy Oviatt.

The board conducted a number of other matters, including:

- Approved a 28E agreement with the Iowa Community College Online Consortium.
- Approved the college strategic plan for submission to the Higher Learning Commission.
- Approved the Head Start contract for the Emmetsburg campus.
- Accepted a \$5,000 donation from Martinez Tool Company to the construction technology program.
- Heard a review of the new scholarship management system from Dan Lutat, executive director of foundation and governmental affairs. Lutat noted improved student participation with the new program.
- Heard an update on installation of HVAC units at the Estherville and Emmetsburg campuses. Hiney also discussed science lab improvements at both campuses.
- Heard and approved the financial report from Chief Financial Officer Jeff Soper. The board also approved the fiscal 2024 working budget Soper presented.
- The board also heard oral reports from college President Scott Stokes and Trustee Bob Jennings.

## Swea City struggles with ambulance asset transfer agreement

By Michael Tidemann

The Swea City City Council at their Wednesday, June 21 meeting again grappled with an agreement to transfer the city's EMS assets to Kossuth County.

Both EMS staff and members of the public were on hand, arguing the council to approve the agreement. Kossuth County Emergency Medical Services Director Phil Albers said if the council could not work with him, he could not recommend to the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors that the county's contract with the city be approved.

A key problem though was that the council at the start of the meeting did not have the latest draft of the agreement in hand from City Attorney Scott Buchanan.

Mayor Wendy Zielske said she had contacted Buchanan June 9, and Buchanan had forwarded the city's questions to Kossuth County Attorney Todd Holmes. However, she said she had not yet received the revised agreement from Buchanan.

"We can't do anything tonight without hearing from our attorney," said Councilmember Barry Boland.

Both Albers and Kossuth County District Four Supervisor Kyle Stecker said the latest draft of the agreement had just minor changes. "There was no content change to that contract," said Albers. "It has remained the same since day one."

A key issue was whether Swea City would remain the northern hub for Kossuth County EMS. Stecker said the agreement never mentioned having Swea City as the northern hub would be reviewed in the next, though the Kossuth County EMS Advisory Council had discussed that. "But there's no guarantee the hub will stay in Swea City," Zielske said. "That's correct," said Stecker.

### PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Bancroft, Iowa, will conduct a public hearing on the proposal to adopt the Bancroft Code of Ordinances 2023. A copy of the Bancroft Code of Ordinances 2023 is now on file at City Hall, 105 East Ramsey Street, PO Box 157, Bancroft, IA 50517, and available for public inspection. Said hearing will be held Monday, July 10, 2023, at 7:05 P.M. at the Bancroft City Hall, Bancroft, Iowa, at which time, arguments for or against adopting said Code of Ordinances as proposed, will be heard and considered.

Comments, oral, or written may be submitted to the City Clerk at the above address or by phone at (515) 885-2382 prior to the public hearing. Any comments received will be included in the minutes of the public hearing as part of the permanent record. (Published June 28, 2023)

sent the latest agreement to City Clerk Alycia Wolterman who noted "entire paragraphs" had been added, giving the council no chance to review the agreement with Buchanan.

Another niggling issue was how much Kossuth County EMS should pay for space in the fire hall. Albers said he still did not have a lease agreement. However, Zielske said Buchanan was currently drafting the agreement.

Chris Stevens noted the agreement was the same city EMS had paid, half of both utilities and insurance and \$400 a month to store two ambulances. Albers said the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors would not approve the EMS agreement with the city without approving the building lease.

Another issue was ambulance debts coming due to the city after the city signs the agreement with county EMS.

"I don't want the city to be paying debts the ambulance should have paid because we transferred too soon," said Zielske.

Albers was concerned that county EMS would occupy 25 percent of the building but pay half of utilities and insurance.

Albers clarified another stumbling block in coming to an agreement with the city – previous red ink for the City of Algona EMS. He said Algona's EMS was now "a fair amount in the black. We will have a positive fund balance at the end of the year" or the fiscal year ending June 30.

The council also discussed details of transfer of assets. After further discussion, the council agreed to hold a special meeting the following week to approve the agreement after hearing from Buchanan.

In other ambulance-related business, the council agreed to replace a concrete apron at the fire hall and to decide at the July meeting which building will pay for the work. "I just don't feel right about taking a third of that out of the ambulance fund," said Boland. Grotte Construction of Blue Earth, Minn., had the low bid of \$17,600.

In other business, the council:

- Approved the consent agenda minus the previous meeting's minutes.
- Councilmember Randy Perdue had a question regarding the minutes.
- Tifani Stevens gave the library report, noting 165 volunteer hours

with an average of 12 library visitors daily.

• Fire Chief John Crookshank reported one mutual aid call and response to a traffic accident for traffic control.

• Ambulance Director Kristen Donnelly said the department is helping the fire department with Fund Days.

• City Supervisor Travis Stevens said Maguire Iron of Sioux Falls, S.D., had inspected the water tower.

• Approved digging up a sewer line for repairs at 105 Sixth St. N.

• Agreed to have the collapsed cold storage building cleaned up, with the city retaining the property.

• Approved Brian Thul as city attorney with the impending resignation of Buchanan.

• Approved an outdoor liquor license for Pub 307 Bar & Grill, previously Main Street Bar and Grill, pending payment and paperwork.

• Tabled action on a pledge to the Pool Plunge Committee, pending a detailed financial plan from the committee.

• Discussed but made no decision on parking area pavement replacement at Main Street Manor.

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## North Kossuth School Board

Regular Board Meeting	North Kossuth	Conc supplies, elem fund	\$117.40
Conference Room Swea City, Iowa 6:00 PM June 12, 2023 (All votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted)	North Kossuth ther employee deduc North Kossuth Flex Flex w/held North Kossuth General Other employee deduc North Kossuth Insurance Medical ins North Union Other employee deduc TX Child Support Other employee deduc Algona CSD FY23 Open enrollment BW Gas Gasohol, diesel Central Iowa Distributing Custodial Department of Education (7) Bus North Union FY23 Open enrollment Pergande Enterprises Fertilizer/Aerate Swea City, City of Water/sewer/garbage Walker Chiropractic L Jones DOT Delta Dental, Dental ins Dollar General, Maint supplies Mutual of Omaha, Life ins Bob's Biffys, Boys conf track Cambium Assessment ELPA 21 Summ Cardmember Services Alliant, Ringlet, JCL Central Iowa Distributing Custodial DHS Cashier May medicaid Iowa Communication Network Internet Kabel Business Flex admin Mondragon, Courtney Reimb May mileage Elizabeth Rogers Reimb May mileage Jeff Speltz, Reimb MS art Timberline Billing May medicaid fee Was Sales & Service Side by side BW Gas, Gasohol, diesel Ed's Service, Diesel Travis Schueller Jun cell phone Stevens Construction Snow removal Swea City, City of Water/sewer/garbage Visa, Amazon Bancroft Register Publications Mapping Strategies Redistricting Swea City Herald Publications General **FUND TOTAL** Student Activity Vendor, Description Algona CSD Boys track entry Dollar General	\$632.20 \$335.10 \$2,833.29 \$111.67 \$43,852.78 \$69.25 \$764.00 \$128,793.19 \$3,009.51 \$1,153.00 \$350.00 \$3,788.03 \$560.00 \$874.21 \$90.00 \$2,469.86 \$9.55 \$760.66 \$150.00 \$44.00 \$3,150.71 \$1,276.00 \$1,820.40 \$24.00 \$63.44 \$89.60 \$288.26 \$44.87 \$233.54 \$494.30 \$3,139.10 \$170.46 \$60.00 \$2,450.00 \$913.65 \$4,651.93 \$132.88 \$1,450.00 \$132.88 \$213,416.03 \$40.00 \$229.72 \$359.58 \$65.00	\$180.00 \$500.00 \$274.70 \$480.00 \$520.00 \$480.00 \$120.00 \$520.00 \$120.00 \$520.00 \$120.00 \$120.00 \$120.00 \$120.00 \$3,336.90 \$675.00 \$53.71 \$1,322.00 \$759.78 \$2,015.80 \$192.00 \$175.00 \$12,907.29 Amount \$1,042.31 \$6,108.73 \$1,126.46 \$836.90 \$133.40 \$6,811.41 \$36.25 \$16,095.46 Amount \$480.00 \$1,583.48 \$1,583.48 \$4,332.60 Amount \$840.00 \$1,583.48 \$1,583.48 \$4,006.96 \$288,524.64 (Published June 28, 2023)

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

NOXIOUS WEEDS MUST BE DESTROYED

Notice is hereby given this 22nd day of June 2023, pursuant to the Code of Iowa, Chapters 317, Weed Law. All owners, occupants, agents, and public officials in charge of lands in Kossuth County shall destroy or eradicate noxious weeds standing, being, or growing on such lands by effective cutting, tillage, cropping, or treating with chemicals or combination thereof, as often as may be required to prevent the weeds from blooming and maturing seeds.

GROUP - 1 - by June 21 - Leafy

the Weed Commissioner is required to proceed pursuant to the law and have the weeds destroyed, the expense of which shall constitute a lien and be collected as other real estate taxes are collected.

GROUP - 2 - by June 24 - Canada thistle, Russian knapweed, Buckthorn plantain, Wild mustard.  
GROUP - 3 - by July 15 - Field bindweed, Wild carrot, Poison hemlock, Multiflora rose, Horsenettle, Punchnut, Quackgrass, Velvetleaf, Suncture vine, Cocklebur, Bull thistle, Tall thistle, Wild sunflower, Teasel, and all other thistles of the Cirsium or Carduus genus, Shattercane, Palmer Amaranth, Peppergrass and Purple Loosestrife.  
Upon failure to observe this notice,

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, KOSSUTH COUNTY, IOWA  
Aaron Montag  
Kossuth County Weed Commissioner  
Algona, Iowa  
(Published June 28, 2023)

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

KOSSUTH COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 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 Christ and Nancy Fetters. The application (2023-02) is requesting a variance to the zoning ordinance for property located in an A-1 Agricultural District. Specifically, the variance application is requesting a reduction to the minimum area requirement of the zoning ordinance. The zoning ordinance specifies the minimum area to be 5.0 acres in an A-1 Agricultural Zone District. The applicant is requesting the minimum area be reduced to 1.67 acres.

The property is specifically described as:

Commencing at the North Quarter corner of said Section 21; Thence south 88 degrees 37 minutes 10 seconds east, along the north line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 21, a distance of 672.28 feet; Thence south 00 degrees 56 minutes 46 seconds west, a distance of 102.66 feet to the point of beginning; Thence south 88 degrees 59 minutes 20 seconds east, along the south right of way line of Iowa Highway 9, a distance of 271.26 feet; Thence south 04 degrees 44 minutes 07 seconds west, a distance of 277.30 feet; Thence north 89 degrees 06 minutes 56 seconds west, a distance of 252.93 feet; Thence north 00 degrees 56 minutes 46 seconds east, a distance of 277.28 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 1.67 acres, more or less, and subject to any easement or restrictions of record.

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, July 14, 2023. Written objections shall be signed by the writer to be considered valid.

If objections are received, The Kossuth County Board of Adjustment will conduct a public hearing on this request in the Kossuth County Courthouse at 5:30 PM, Wednesday July 19, 2023.

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

The public may participate in this hearing (if needed) by attending the meeting in person or by joining the Teams Meeting detailed below.

Teams meeting ID 221 070 084 918, Passcode jBgxVL  
Phone Number 312-625-3636, Phone Conference ID 450 024 589#  
Email questions or comments zoning@kossuthcounty.iowa.gov  
More information is available at: https://kossuthcounty.iowa.gov/public-notices.php

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Auditor and Kossuth County Board of Supervisors.  
Motion by Nath and 2nd by Waechter to adjourn at 12:42 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest: Tammy Eden  
Kossuth County Auditor

Roger Tjarks, Chairman  
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors  
(Published June 28, 2023)

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## Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
June 13, 2023  
REGULAR June SESSION  
The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were Roger Tjarks (Chairman), Joshua Waechter, Carter Nath, Kyle Stecker and Jack Plathe.

Chairman, Roger Tjarks called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Public discussion was held.

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Stecker to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting dated June 6, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly discussion was held with the Secondary Road Foremen.

Kossuth Regional Health Center gave their monthly update.

The board acknowledged the transfer made by the Kossuth County Auditor that was made from Rural Basic to Secondary Road in the amount of \$250,000. This is Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) money.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to approve and sign the Project Hope Proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

June 13, 2023  
We, the Supervisors of Kossuth County, Iowa in conjunction with the Kossuth County Economic Development Corporation proclaim the weeks of June 18 - July 1, 2023, "Project Hope Weeks." The goal is to provide a sense of comfort to the children, teenagers and adults who have been removed from their homes in Kossuth County and no longer have personal health care products. The Intern program participants will be collecting personal health items throughout the weeks that will be distributed to the Sheriff's Office, the Department of Human Services, area shelters, and schools in the county. By doing this, the interns hope that by providing these personal care items, it will give them some comfort.

We encourage all Kossuth County residents to participate in the collection of items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, travel size shampoos, conditioners, soaps, and deodorant. Any items can be taken to KCEDC offices at 106 S. Dodge Street, Suite 210 in Algona. KCEDC will continue to gather these items past July 1, 2023.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Engineer/Zoning Administrator.  
Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to open the Completion Hearing for DD 4 OD FEMA Repairs.

Jack Plathe  
Kyle Stecker  
Carter Nath  
Joshua Waechter  
Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Nath to approve the Kossuth County Records Policy and to post it online. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding retaining Von Bokern Associates for HR. More information will be obtained and put back on the agenda for further discussion.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed amendment to the Planning & Zoning Ordinance for Hazardous Liquid Pipelines. No decisions were made. This item will be put back on the June 27, 2023, agenda.

Supervisor Plathe left the meeting.  
Motion by Nath and 2nd by Waechter to approve and authorize the chair to sign a three-year farm lease with Josh Roethler, Algona, Iowa for the tillable acres in the Irvington gravel pit located in Section 36, Cresco Township, Kossuth County beginning March 1, 2023, and ending March 1, 2026. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Nath to approve and authorize the chair to sign a three-year farm lease with Josh Roethler, Algona, Iowa for the tillable acres in the O'Rourke gravel pit located in Section 2, Riverdale Township, Kossuth County beginning March 1, 2023, and ending March 1, 2026. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Stecker to authorize and give its permission to Lumen of Des Moines, IA, to bore approximately 3,315 feet of fiber optic cable in the north ROW of 210th Street to approximately 85 feet east of 170th Avenue, thence south under road. Work will be in Sections 2, 3 and 11 of Irvington Township. Permit number 06-18-2023 is on file in the Kossuth County Engineer's Office. See map attached to permit for installation details. Motion carried 4-0.

Supervisor Plathe returned to the meeting.  
Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Engineer/Zoning Administrator.  
Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to open the Completion Hearing for DD 4 OD FEMA Repairs.

Tyler Conley from Bolton & Menk presented the completion materials for DD 4 OD FEMA Repairs. Crop and soil damage as well as repairs needed for each landowner were discussed.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to pay the Arndorfer damages for DD 4 OD FEMA Repairs out of the contractor's retainage. Motion carried unanimously. After further discussion the board decided further action would happen after the close of the hearing.

More discussion was held regarding all landowner damage claims and repairs from the DD 4 OD FEMA Repairs. Any approved damage reimbursement amounts will be included in Bolton & Menk's report.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Tjarks to close the Completion Hearing for DD 4 OD FEMA Repairs. Chairman 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 Nath to approve all the contractor's retainage claims as discussed for DD 4 OD FEMA Repairs. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to approve all the damages and crop type changes for DD 4 OD FEMA Repairs as discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Waechter to have the Supervisors handle their requests as follows: Supervisor Tjarks: Request 2023-059 DD 86; Supervisor Stecker: Request 2023-061 DD 139; Request 2023-062 DD 80; Supervisor Nath: Request 2023-060 DD PAK 1. Motion carried unanimously.

# Celebrate the 4th of July

**Armstrong, Iowa • July 1, 2 & 4, 2023**

## Saturday, July 1 The Celebration Begins

**10:00 a.m. Country Greens Golf Course**  
*Red, White & Blue 4-person scramble - 18 holes. Kitchen open*

**8 p.m. - 12:00 Dance "Big Daddy playing at Armstrong Community Center"**  
**Hosted by Class of 1978**

**DANCE!**  
**SATURDAY NIGHT**  
**- BIG DADDY -**  
**COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**8 p.m. - Midnight**

## Sunday, July 2

**3:00 p.m. Little Miss/Miss Armstrong Pageant** *Armstrong Community Center*  
*Paige Bunkofske 507-476-7671*

**4-6:00 p.m. Supper** *Armstrong Community Center, Maidrite and chips, Pageant Fundraiser*

## Tuesday, July 4 • A Day of Celebration in Armstrong, Iowa

**7:00 a.m. Ecumenical Church Services** *Armstrong City Park Shelter house, by Armstrong Ministerial Assoc.; Everyone Welcome! Bring your lawn chairs*

**8:00 a.m. VFW Track & Field Events** *for pre-school through 6th graders at High School Track; sponsored by Armstrong VFW Post #5232 Loren Looft 712-260-9306*

**8:00 a.m. Punt, Pass & Kick** *at the High School football field. Sponsored by NU football team • Matt Ernster 641-420-1309*

**9:00 a.m. Heritage Museum Open until 3:00 p.m.**  
**Toy Tractor Display** *Closed for parade.*

**9:30 a.m. 3 on 3 Basketball** *City Basketball Court, Derek Anderson 712-363-0691*  
*3 divisions - Elementary, MS and Open T-shirts for 1st Place winners*

**9:00 a.m. Registration begins for Car Show**  
**Classic, Custom, Tractor, Semi, Motorcycle, Truck & Kids 12V Pedal**  
*Registration time is 9:00-12:30; awards at 3:00 p.m.*  
*St. Mary's Catholic Church Parking Lot, 404 5th Avenue, Joe Bunkofske 712-209-9186.*  
*Sponsored by Joe's Detailing.*

**10 a.m.- 4 p.m. Vendor Show** *on west side of city park*

**10:00 a.m. Soap Box Derby Races** *will be held at nursing home hill, Jared Larson, call 507-236-5704 for additional information.*

**10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. Face Painting & Sidewalk Chalk Drawing** *City Park*

**10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m. Stevens Express Train Rides** *on 4th Ave, North side of Park*

**11:00 a.m. Big Wheel Races** *on west side of city park, Rhonda Eisenbacher chairs the event*

**1:00 p.m. PARADE**  
*\*Mike Glatz 712-852-6532, Jamie Glatz 712-852-6531, Amy Fossen (Pre-registration) 712-209-0450*  
*• Parade route begins at football field, turns at 1st Ave and ends at football field*

**After the Parade:**

**Entertainment 'Heart Song'**

**Free Swimming** *Armstrong City Pool*

**Watermelon Feed** *south side of Park, sponsored by local professionals*

**Kids Pedal Tractor Pull** *west side of Armstrong City Park*

**During Entertainment:** *Armstrong City Park Shelter house*

**Winners of ABC Drawings & Parade Winners**  
*Armstrong City Park Shelter house*

**2 - 4 p.m. Art in the Park** *City Park*

**2 - 3:30 p.m. Stevens Express Train Rides** *on 4th Ave, North side of Park*

**3:00 p.m. Announce Winners of VFW Auxiliary Raffle**  
*Armstrong City Park Shelter house*

**3:00 p.m. Announce Winners of Car Show** *Catholic Church Parking Lot*

**3:30 p.m. FREE BINGO** *in the Park, sponsored by the ABC*

**3:30 p.m. Firemen's Water Fight** *Located: NW corner of City Park, Register at 2:30 p.m.*

**10:00 p.m. Fireworks** *Large display of fireworks ends a great July 4th celebration. Display will be set off north of Armstrong by Armstrong Fire Department*

## FOOD

### Support our Local Vendors!

**FLOATS, POPCORN, FRESH SQUEEZED LEMONADE, POP & WATER**  
*Armstrong Area Bible Campers • Armstrong City Park*

**MINI DONUTS and CARAMEL APPLES**  
*Anderson Family*  
*South side of Armstrong City Park*

**PORK PATTIES, HOT DOGS, POP, WATER**  
*Emmet Co Republicans • Armstrong City Park*

**SNOW CONES & COTTON CANDY**  
*NU Cheerleaders • Armstrong City Park*

**KETTLE MANIA KETTLE CORN**  
*Kollasch Family • Armstrong City Park 10-3*

**LUCKY WIFE WINE SLUSHIES**

**TACO TRUCK**

**JO JO'S BBQ**

*Also serving food on the 4th*

**NAZARETH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. at the church*  
*Pulled pork sandwich, hot dogs, chips, pie, cake, bars, ice cream, coffee, water, lemonade*

**VFW on Main Street**  
**AUXILIARY BREAKFAST** *6:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.*

**DALES REC** - Open after parade  
*Maidrites and Hot Dogs*

**DAIRY QUEEN** - Open after parade - 8:00 p.m.

### FOOD TRUCKS & MORE!

Event times are subject to change.  
[www.armstrongiowa.net](http://www.armstrongiowa.net)  
Facebook: Armstrong, IA

**Sandy Laabs & Val Jones**  
**2022**  
**Citizens of the Year**

**Gen McGregor**  
**Accounting**  
**2022**  
**Business of the Year**

### \* Parade Information:

• Main Parade Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> - \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$100, 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$75

Three Classes in Main Parade: 1) Family 2) Commercial 3) Organizational

#### Two Special Float Awards

Floats will be pre-judged before parade for these two awards!  
Courtesy of:

**Moovero**  
**Art's-Way Manufacturing Co., Inc.**  
*Thank you from ABC Club*

All Entries Welcome for Main Parade!

For more information contact:

• Amy Fossen (Pre-registration) 712-209-0450  
• Mike Glatz 712-852-6532  
• Jamie Glatz 712-852-6531

**Car Show**  
**July 4th**  
**Catholic Church**  
**Parking Lot**

**RAFFLE**  
**TICKETS!**

**Lots of great prizes**  
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# Bancroft Days Gone By

## 5 Years Ago June 27, 2018

Evan Ingalls, a member of the Algona High School Trapshoot team, took first place at the Iowa State High School Trapshoot Championship. He shot 99 in the morning and a perfect 100 in the afternoon for a score of 199. He was also part of the team that placed sixth in the senior varsity division...The Bancroft Community Foundation presented Crysti Neuman with a check for \$1,000 to be used towards improvements to the Bancroft Memorial Ballpark. The money was raised through donations received at the ball park's 70th anniversary in May...The Bancroft Chamber of Commerce presented a plaque to the Bancroft Rotary Club noting their 25th anniversary...Lone Rock native Don "Hutch" Hutchinson was inducted into the Iowa Senior Games Hall of Fame...Bob Cink, Mitch Hauskins, Bob Carroll, Bud Petersen and John Feld took part of the 15th Honor Flight.

## 10 Years Ago June 26, 2013

Volleyball court project received a \$1,150 grant from the Bancroft Community Foundation. The money will cover the needed \$6,700 project. Several people have donated their time and/or machinery to complete the project...Kidstop Childcare have been taking trips around the area this summer. They mostly recently visited the Grotto in West Bend...Dwayne Sandt of Bancroft proudly displayed is Mattel Barbie Doll Collection of over 100 dolls at the Bancroft Historical Museum. His collection began with a Barbie Doll dressed in a beautiful red Christmas dress which caught his attention in 1998. The doll was part of Dolls of World Collection started in 1979. This collection and the new series collection, he has accumulated a total of 448 dolls.

## 25 Years Ago June 24, 1998

The US Fish and Wildlife Service has selected Kossuth County Iowa as Farmers Walter and Paul Aukes as recipients of the 1998 Iowa Prairie Pothole Joint Venture Stewardship Award. The Aukes, who farm along Buffalo Creek two miles east of Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge, have worked with the Service since 1995 to restore wildlife habitat on their acreage...A while ago the Bancroft Ambulance Service received a letter regarding the Mayo Ride Along Program which included communities that Mayo I services, to help stimulate goodwill between the communities and Mayo Health

Systems. Joan Peyman was chosen out of numerous submissions for her to the reasons why she should like to go on a life flight. She went on the Life flight helicopter on June 6. She had never flown in a helicopter before.

## 50 Years Ago June 27, 1973

Winners of the pork products given away on Pork Producer Day in Bancroft were listed in the newspaper...Mrs. John Rustemeier, the former Margaret Powers, has joined Hubbard Milling in Mankato as the new payroll clerk. She will be involved in with development of Hubbard's new centralized payroll system of all he area Hubbard plants. She and her husband, Johns, reside in Eagle Lake, MN and he is employed in construction work...Johnnies add four wins in diamond play. They defeated Mason City Newman, Graettinger, Estherville and Emmetsburg...The barn on the Fenton 160 acre Ted Jensen farm has been appropriately decorated signifying the Pork Producer's participation as a yearly grower of approximately 500 hogs. The 6 ft by 8 ft mural was drawn and painted by Mrs. Jensen's sister, Mrs. G.W. (Carol) Jackson who is a an artists. The painting was made of press wood shavings and mounted on the barn showing two bigs with the words Makin Bacon underneath...

## 70 Years Ago June 25, 1953

Lefty Joe Hatten of the Los Angeles Dodgers has added his name to the Pacific Coast League Hall of Fame following his no hit, no run conquest of San Diego in the seven inning nightcap. Of the 23 that faced him, only four got on base, three on walks and one an error. He walked the lead off batters in the second and fourth innings, but double plays erased them...A sizable improvement program is under way at the Bancroft Public School this summer. Total expenditure will be slightly under \$7000. All toilets in the facilities and piping leading to the both restrooms will be replaced. Completely redecorating the downstairs of the building and stairways along with new roof tile, lay a new felt roofing and replace the tile...The possibility of paving a pat of the streets in the residential district of Bancroft is being considered by the Bancroft Town Council. It is not the thought of the council to proceed with anything unless it is wanted by the property owners...Fifteen Kossuth County 4-H boys will attend the annual 4-H boy's short course at Iowa State College.



Joe and Ruth Ann Loebach

## 60th Wedding Anniversary

The children of Joe and Ruth Ann Loebach invite friends and loved ones to participate in a card shower in celebration of their parents' 60th wedding anniversary. Please send cards to 520 S Blackford St., Apt. 113, Algona, IA 50511 and wish them well on this momentous occasion.

Joe and Ruth Ann (Klein) Loebach were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in St. Joe, IA on July 6, 1963, by Father Schumacher. They raised their seven children on a farm outside of Burt, IA. Their children and spouses include Joe and Julie Wetherell of San Diego, CA; Mary Ann and Bill Riesen of Mason City, IA; Jeanette Bosveld of Marshall, MN; Ed and Melissa Loebach of Racine, WI; Eugene and Amelia Loebach of Rockford, IL; and Pat and Erin Loebach of Ames, IA. One son, Anthony, and one grandchild, Megan, have preceded them in death. Joe and Ruth Ann have ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Please join us in wishing them well for the future!

## Swea City City council approves EMS agreement

By Michael Tidemann

With a bass guitar thumping just outside during Fun Days, the Swea City City Council thumped through a crucial agenda in just under a half hour when they approved an asset transfer agreement with Kossuth County Emergency Medical Services in a special meeting Friday, June 23.

The agreement essentially ended a months-long stalemate of negotiations and delays and helped ensure ambulance service for Swea City. The agreement came after Kossuth County Supervisor Kyle Stecker forwarded the latest draft of the agreement during the regular council meeting just two days before - obviously not in enough time for the council to review the agreement with their attorney Scott Buchanan of Algona. The council was subsequently forced to table action on approving the agreement until consulting with Buchanan.

That consultation came the next day, allowing the council to place the item on its agenda for the special meeting Friday night. Councilmember

Cal Wolterman moved for passage with Councilmember Lupe Kollasch seconding his motion and the council approving.

The council also approved a companion motion - the Fire Hall lease. Mayor Wendy Zielske said she received the lease 2 p.m. Thursday and forwarded it to County Attorney Todd Holmes. Zielske pointed out that, while the city ambulance service had paid 50 percent of utilities and insurance plus \$200 a month rental for each of the two ambulances, that amount was dropped to 25 percent. Phil Albers, Kossuth County EMS director, had objected to the higher amount which was what city ambulance paid when he was director.

After discussion, Councilmember Barry Boland moved for approval with Wolterman seconding his motion and the council approving. In another matter, the council replaced a portion of the recorded minutes of the May 17 meeting. Councilmember Randy Perdue at the regular meeting June 21 had objected to the minutes reported in the newspaper. After hearing on the recording that the ambulance agreement was tabled until the city received a final agreement from the county, Perdue agreed the minutes were correct.

The council also agreed to buy two lots from StateLine Cooperative for \$5,000 to build a new cold storage building. The existing building collapsed earlier this year. The two lots are assessed at \$7,700. Boland moved for approved with Wolterman seconding his motion and the council approving.

# Bancroft Museum Memories



By Marjorie Fitzgerald

It's summertime! And, I am looking forward to the big parade here in Bancroft on the 4th of July. It seems that it was only yesterday when we honored our military heroes on Memorial Day.

This week, I have two special pictures, which were taken during the parade in 1981, Bancroft's centennial year. It was a beautiful sunny day, and the parade route was lined with crowds of spectators. In picture #1, you see "Lefty" Joe Hatten wearing his Brooklyn Dodger's uniform. Always proud of his hometown, "Lefty" came home to take part in the festivities. I was in high school when Joe pitched for the Dodgers in the 1947 World Series. The Sisters at St. John's High School allowed us to gather in the large study hall to listen to the game on the large console radio, (something unheard of in those days). After all, study hall was the place where you quietly studied. As I look back, I believe the Sisters were just as anxious to hear the game, as we were.

In September, 1947, the Bancroft Register reported "Joe won a double

victory for his Brooklyn Dodgers at Cincinnati, pitching all nine innings of the first game for a 13-2 win and then returning to the mound with one man out in the third inning of the second game, and finishing this game, allowing just one hit." While Brooklyn eventually lost the series to those darned Yankees, the victory did not come easy for them, and we were so proud of our hometown hero.

You may want to check page 189 of Bancroft's black centennial book at the library for more of his story. Did you know that "Due to hard times, he had to quit school to help the family"? Yes, Joe was a teenager during the Great Depression.

In picture #2, it was obvious that State Senator Berl Priebe was happy to be riding in the parade. What a magnificent horse! Was Berl a member of the Seneca Saddle Club? While his home was in the Lone Rock/Seneca area, he always expressed a fondness for the people in Bancroft.

You may wonder where the pictures were taken. The street sign verifies that they were at the corner of Summit and Ramsey Street in Bancroft.

Today, you may not recognize the house in the background. Since 1981, the front porch has been changed, and new windows replaced the large bay window.

Do you have some special pictures or memories of past parades, which you would like to share with us? My phone # is 515-885-2052. My address is P.O. Box 55, Bancroft, IA 50517.

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

Will we see you at the museum on the 4th? It will be open from 11:00AM to 4:00PM. We will have a nice cold glass of lemonade for you, and then you can stay as long as you like. Each year, there are more items on display. Bancroft has a rich history, and it is wonderful that it is being treasured in our museum.

## East Fork Ikes Summer Trap Shooting League

June 20th

"A" League

Yds	Team	Score
20	Algona Machine	1054
16	Ingalls Electric Jr	1052
22	Security State Bank	1037
18	Harms Masonry	1032
16	Ingalls Electric	1026
16	Kemco Tires	1024
16	Dan Peterson Construction	1020
24	Main Street Specialties	1018
26	S&B Farms	1004

"B" League

Yds	Team	Score
22	Reutzel Excavating	1054
18	Ed's Service	1025
20	M&M Pumping	1020
24	Algona Welding	1018
16	Schumacher Drilling	1016
16	Deitering Brothers	1014
16	Commercial Services	1012
16	Reutzel Excavating Jr	1010

High Team Scores

Yds	Team	Score
16	Ingalls Electric Jr	223
20	Algona Machine	221
16	Ingalls Electric	209
18	Ed's Service	205
22	Security State Bank	202
16	Harms Masonry	201
16	Kemco Tires	201
22	Reutzel Excavating	200
16	Dan Peterson Construction	197
24	Main Street Specialties	173
20	M&M Pumping	172
16	Reutzel Excavating Jr	168
16	Schumacher Drilling	165
24	Algona Welding	159
26	S&B Farms	157
16	Commercial Services	157
16	Deitering Brothers	154

High Individual Scores

Yds	Name	Score
16	Joe Ingalls	49
16	Kyle Moore	48
16	Evan Ingalls	48
16	Caleb Rasch	47
16	Blaire Becker	46
20	Rick Freeberg	46
16	Keith Johnson	46
16	Scott Tracker	46

# CHUCK GRASSLEY

UNITED STATES SENATOR FOR IOWA

Q&A: Farmers Markets  
With U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley  
Q: Are farmers markets expanding in Iowa?

A: More and more entrepreneurs are embracing the roots of Iowa's agrarian heritage by producing and selling farm-fresh, wholesome products to their local community. For generations, Iowans have participated in the seasonal tradition of pulling over to the side of the road to buy freshly picked sweet corn from the back of a local grower's truck or check out homegrown, homemade goods at roadside food stands. Just as county fairs across the state celebrate the fruits of Iowans' labor from their gardens and barns with blue ribbon worthy entries, farmers markets showcase locally grown foods and goods for sale directly to the consumer that connect urban and rural neighbors across Iowa. Supply chain disruptions during the pandemic underscore the advantages of having locally grown and raised produce and meat.

Q: What are some ways Congress supports farmers markets and direct to consumer sales?  
A: In 1992, Congress established the Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) to help provide fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables to people supported by the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program. Participants in the WIC program may use FMNP coupons to purchase eligible foods from farmers markets. In fiscal year 2021, more than 570 Iowa farmers were authorized to accept FMNP coupons, providing fresh produce to nearly 26,000 recipients in Iowa. The Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) offers matching grants to help local producers expand direct producer-to-consumer markets. Most recently, a farmer-owned online marketplace in Henry County secured funding in fiscal year 2022 to help its livestock farmers use e-commerce to increase sales and connect with customers.

tomatoes and freshly baked bread is a good way to find common ground and build community. Many venues schedule kid-friendly attractions and other events geared to adults, such as salsa contests and chili cook-offs. In national surveys, Iowa farmers markets have ranked among the cream of the crop, including the Freight House Farmers Market on the riverfront in Davenport as well as the downtown farmers market in Des Moines that features hundreds of vendors from half of Iowa's 99 counties. Farmers markets generate economic activity and commerce in the local community, putting money in the pockets of local growers and nutritious, farm-fresh food on the dinner table.

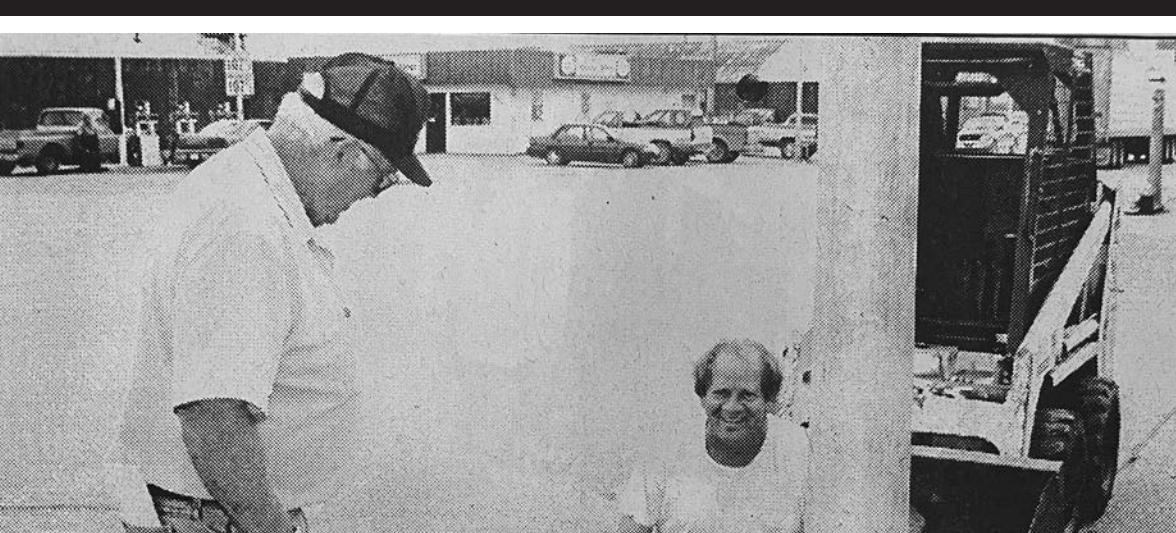
Find a listing of farmers markets at the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship at <https://data.iowaagriculture.gov/fmnp/> to find dates, times and addresses, listed alphabetically by community.

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As a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I advocate policies to boost the farm and food economy. More than two decades ago, I wrote legislation to create the Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program to help foster market-development and income opportunities for local producers to get their products to market and boost economic vitality and job creation in local communities. Administered by the USDA, the program offers matching federal grants as seed money to help entrepreneurs sprout their business and get food from farm to fork, providing assistance for processing, marketing and improving food safety, for example. The 2018 farm bill included VAPG in the new Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP), keeping its mission to benefit small and mid-sized farming operations, beginning farmers and veterans to help develop value-added products, new markets and new customers. Producers in Iowa have received VAPG funds to help get their businesses off the ground, including a winery, creamery, produce delivery service and custom beef farm. Approximately \$31 million will be available in fiscal year 2023 for competitive grants that provide funds for planning and working capital. As work continues on the new farm bill, I'm backing responsible funding for the farm and family safety net to ensure our nation has an affordable, stable food supply that also protects the taxpayer and upholds fiscal integrity of vital farm and nutrition programs.

## Swea City Memories and Milestones



Jerry Hupp, Swea City employee, talks to Bill Deibler, owner of Deibler Excavating of Garner, about what their next move isto continue the boring underneath the streets. Deibler and his crew, are boring (laying pipe underneath the sidewalks) in order for new electrical wires to be placed inside them. Crews also dug holes around the lightpole located next to the firehall.

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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 it [bancroftregister@yahoo.com](mailto:bancroftregister@yahoo.com) or contact Kim at 515-885-2531.

### Cool Cows (and calves): Managing Heat Stress From An Animal Welfare Perspective Webinar On July 19

ORANGE CITY, Iowa - The Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Dairy Team's 2023 Dairy Webinar Series continues Wednesday, July 19 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. CDT. Dr. Jennifer Van Os will discuss heat stress in dairy cows and calves from an animal welfare perspective, including recognizing how cattle tell us they need help beating the heat.

"Dr Van OS will promote best practices in the dairy industry and to help the dairy industry adapting to our scientific knowledge about animal welfare continues to grow," said Fred Hall, dairy specialist with ISU Extension and Outreach. Additionally, she will review options for heat abatement strategies for lactating cows as well as pre-weaned calves in the Midwest. She will share some of the latest research coming out of UW-Madison on keeping cows and calves cool and comfortable.

Jennifer Van Os is an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist in Animal Welfare on the faculty of the Department of Animal & Dairy Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Van Os received her PhD in the interdisciplinary Animal Behavior graduate program at the University of California-Davis and conducted postdoctoral research in the Animal Welfare Program at the University of British Columbia. The research in her lab at UW-Madison focuses on understanding, evaluating, and improving the welfare of dairy animals from biological- and social-science perspectives.

There is no fee to participate in the webinar; however, preregistration is required at least one hour before the webinar. Preregister online at:

<https://go.iastate.edu/JL5XPT>

For more information contact the ISU Extension and Outreach Dairy Field Specialist in your area: in Northwest Iowa, Fred M. Hall, 712-737-4230 or fredhall@iastate.edu; in Northeast Iowa, Jennifer Bentley, 563-382-2949 or jbentley@iastate.edu; in East Central Iowa, Larry Tranel, 563-583-6496 or tranel@iastate.edu.

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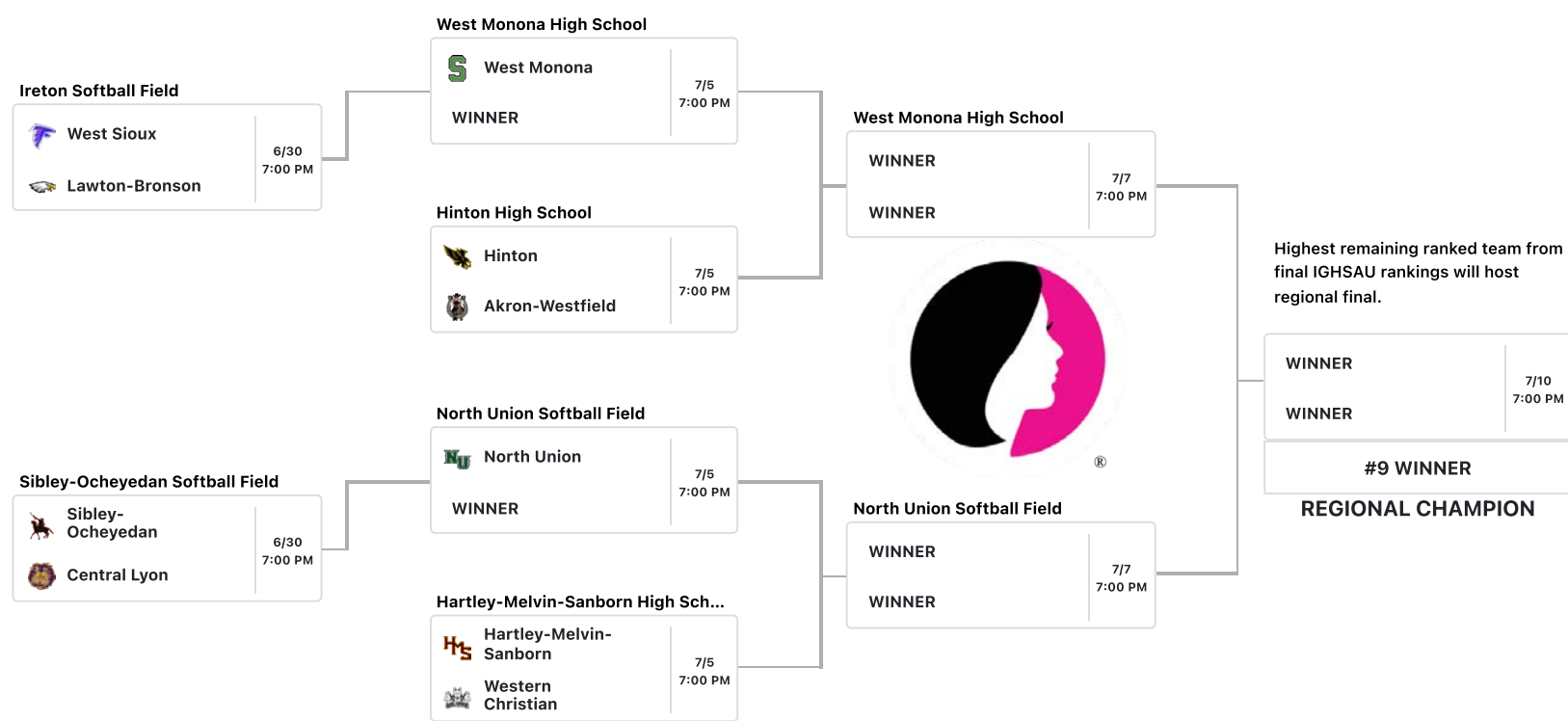
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# Best of luck as you start the tournament trail

# North Union Warrior Softball



North Union Varsity Softball....Front row: Ella Ulrich, Shelby Fraker, Olivia Von Bank, Emily Meyer; kneeling: Kyla Irmiter, Harley Tobin, Hannah Nielsen, Beth Streuber, Olivia Price; standing: Brylie Deim, Avery Walstead, Maisey Bierstedt, Shallie Walders, Ainsley Ulrich.



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# 2023 Armstrong Little League

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**PK - K Grade Girls**  
 Front row: Hannah Beenken, Brookline Fisher, Milani Dylestra, Elin Beenken, Tatum Lappe; back row: Emmie Stevens, Ella Fisher, Zoey Jensen, Quinn Bruhn, Madilyn Goraczowski. Coaches Nikki Goraczowski and Katie Jensen.



**1st - 3rd Grade Girls**  
 1st - 3rd Grade, Nora Preston, Nellie Young, Ryleigh Leach, Elsie Beenken; back row: Coach Tab Ernster, Ella Reutzel, Addilyn Ernster, Chloe Beenken, Fvix Jensen.



**1st - 3rd Grade Boys**  
 1st - 3rd Grade, Blake Larsen, Cora Crouch, Bryndal Brown; back row: Harper Struecker, Rosalie Vaske, Brenna Bollig, Riley Christianson, Braylee Brown. Coaches Lindsey Brown and Maleri Crouch. Not pictured is Isyss Householder.



**PK - 1st Grade Boys**  
 Front row: Jameson Uffers, Brycen Cole, Kash Preston, Ridge Hansen, Hartley Davis; back row: Coach Clint Davis, Bryce Thompson, Frank Laverty Jr, Oliver Goraczowski, Brigg Ulrich. Missing is Paxton Rein.



**2nd - 4A Grade Boys**  
 Owen Welbig, Jaxyn Spoon, Wolfgang Kollasch, Cooper Peterson, Brady Brown, Brady Marsh; back row: Coach Travis Schueller, Breklyn Morpheu, Max Heinen, Trevor Walders, Talyn Strong. Not pictured are Jorgen Henriksen, Aiden Carranza.



**2nd - 4A Grade Boys**  
 Luke Hansen, Lincoln Nelsen, Donnie Stevens, Jaxon Matheson, Knox Schueller; back row: Coach Travis Schueller, Breklyn Morpheu, Max Heinen, Trevor Walders, Talyn Strong. Not pictured are Jorgen Henriksen, Aiden Carranza.

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**PK - K Grade Girls**  
 Front row: Willow Fossen, Lyanna Larson, Quinn Larson, Haiyvn Anderson, Brylon Preston; back row: Gwyn Vaske, Leightyn Dahl, Adalyn Bunkofske, Audrey Hill, Evelyn Cassidy. Coach Levi Fossen and Amy Fossen. Missing is Saylor Jones.



**4th - 7th Grade Girls**  
 Front row: Macie Schuller, Delanie Linge, Deleya Escalante, Peyton Galle, Aubree Sorenson, Aspyin Davis, Kruse Clendene; middle row: Macy Merrill, Addison Greise, Kendall Nuff, Journey Clendening, Hannah Whaley, Olivia Kruse, Stevie Jo Beschornier; back row: Bristol Strong, Tallyn Gallagher, Portia Lane, Ashlyn Sobolik, RaeAnn Leach, Ariana Giddings, Hadley Moore, Bryn Nicolson, Natalie Walders. Coach Dan Giddings and Coach Dustin Sobolik.

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**Green Team**  
 Front row: Bryson Cole, Denver Miller, Malori Larson, Preston Maday; back row: Coach Allison Walders, Gunner Jorgenson, Nora Giddings, Trevor Walders, Nakita Bowman, Coach Nick Larson



**Orange Team**  
 Front row: Jaxyn Spoon, Kinsley Lown, Jae Lown, Maggie Carlin; back row: Coach Andy Lown, Emmet Thomas, Peyton Lown, Bristol Strong, Shyla Parker, Coach Betsy Lown.



**PK - 1st Grade Boys**  
 Denver Miller, Allan Anderson, Ryker Johnson, Jack Struecker, Jordan Young; back row: Coach Dustin Sobolik, Drako Helmick, Teague Sobolik, Harrison Anderson, Jace Lown. Not pictured is Easton Linge.



**4B - 7th Grade Boys**  
 Luke Hansen, Lincoln Nelsen, Donnie Stevens, Jaxon Matheson, Knox Schueller; back row: Coach Travis Schueller, Breklyn Morpheu, Max Heinen, Trevor Walders, Talyn Strong. Not pictured are Jorgen Henriksen, Aiden Carranza.



**4B - 7th Grade Boys**  
 Front row: Paxton Waddell, Camden Crouch, Blake Larsen, Landon Pergande, Brayden Brown, Lane Engelby; back row: Brody Deim, Thomas Price, Noah Herstoff, Talyn Jones, Coach Kollasch and Jakob Ernster.

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Back row left to right: Camden Vaske, Jack Murphy, Ava Heyer, Alex Giddings, Mathyas Norland, Elton Hubbard, Steele Hubbard; Middle row left to right: Charly Murphy, Rhett Raymond, Isaac Heyer, Xander Parsons, Athena Norland, Carter Rasmussen; Front row left to right: Paxton Vaske, Josey Spear, Roman Johnson, Kendra Rasmussen.

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After a nice little poke to the outfield, Ryan Haukoos gets a fist bump from his coach Noah Morphev.

## Warriors defend home turf for win over West Hancock

By David Swartz

BANCROFT — The North Union Baseball Team defended its home turf against West Hancock in the Monday, June 19 conference game in Bancroft. The Warriors plated three runs each in the third and fourth innings on the way to an 8-2 victory over the Eagles. Landon Hagedorn pitched five innings in the victory, giving up one earned run on four hits with four strikeouts and three walks. Drew

Henderson closed out the final two innings, giving up one earned run on two hits with one strikeout, one walk and one hit batter. North Union pounded out 11 hits in the contest as Carter Morphev went 3-4 with a double and three RBIs while Talan Priester was 3-3 with a double and two RBIs. Also, Logan Odegaard was 2-3, Danyal Fothergill was 2-2 with a triple, and Colin Rasch was 1-2 with an RBI. Ryan Haukoos also had an RBI.

## GHV squeezes by with a 10-8 win over North Union

By David Swartz

GARNER — Trailing 10-3 entering the seventh inning, the North Union Baseball Team came close to rallying for a victory against host Garner-Hayfield-Ventura on Tuesday, June 20. The Warriors plated five runs before the Cardinals could record the final out, but the visitors fell short 10-8.

North Union had eight hits on the night. Landon Hagedorn was 2-3 with two RBIs, Talan Priester was 2-4 with a double, and Ryan Haukoos was 1-4 with a double and three RBIs. Also, Odegaard was 1-2 with an RBI, Cole Nicoson was 1-3 with an RBI and Colin Rasch was 1-1. Caden Walders had an RBI.

Talan Priester started on the mound for North Union. In four innings, he gave up seven runs (three earned) on five hits with one strikeout, six walks

## Bears defeat Warriors

By David Swartz

BANCROFT — Bishop Garrigan avenged its only Top of Iowa West Conference loss with a 9-4 win over North Union on Friday, June 23.

strikeouts, two walks and one hit batter. Landon Hagedorn closed out the final inning, striking out one batter while giving up one hit and hitting two batters.

The Warriors had defeated the Golden Bears 4-0 in Algona on June 2.

North Union finished with five hits as Morphev went 1-3 with a double and an RBI while Danyal Fothergill was 1-2 with a double and an RBI. Colin Rasch was 1-3 with an RBI, Cole Nicoson was 1-2 and Ryan Haukoos was 1-4. Hagedorn also had an RBI.

While North Union scored the first run in the bottom of the first inning in Friday's games, Bishop Garrigan erupted for six runs in the top of the second. The Golden Bears led 9-1 after 5 1/2 innings when North Union scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth. However, that was all the Warriors could muster.

For North Union, Carter Morphev pitched six innings and gave up nine runs (six earned) on 11 hits with five



Meeting the bat with the baseball was North Union's Caden Walders. Walders hit to the outfield allowed him to get a double against Belmont-Klemme.



Stealing, Carter Morphev slides safely into second base during the North Union Warriors conference match up in Belmont on Wednesday, June 21.

## North Union Warriors defeat Belmont-Klemme Broncos

By David Swartz

BELMOND — The North Union Baseball Team brought home a win over host Belmont-Klemme with a flourish, as the Warriors scored six runs in the top of the fifth inning and then held the Broncos scoreless in the bottom of the inning to leave town with a 15-5, five-inning victory on Wednesday, June 21.

three walks and one hit batter. Carter Morphev closed out the final two innings, striking out four batters and hitting one without giving up a hit or walk.

North Union had 12 hits on the night with Caden Walders going 3-3 with a pair of doubles and three RBIs while Cole Nicoson was 2-2 with four RBIs. Ryan Haukoos was 3-5 with two RBIs and Morphev was 2-3 with a double and an RBI. Talan Priester was 1-2 with two RBIs and Logan Odegaard was 1-2 with an RBI.

Drew Henderson started on the mound to earn the win. In three innings, he gave up five runs (three earned) on five hits with one strikeout,



Best of luck as you start the tournament trail

# North Union Warrior Baseball



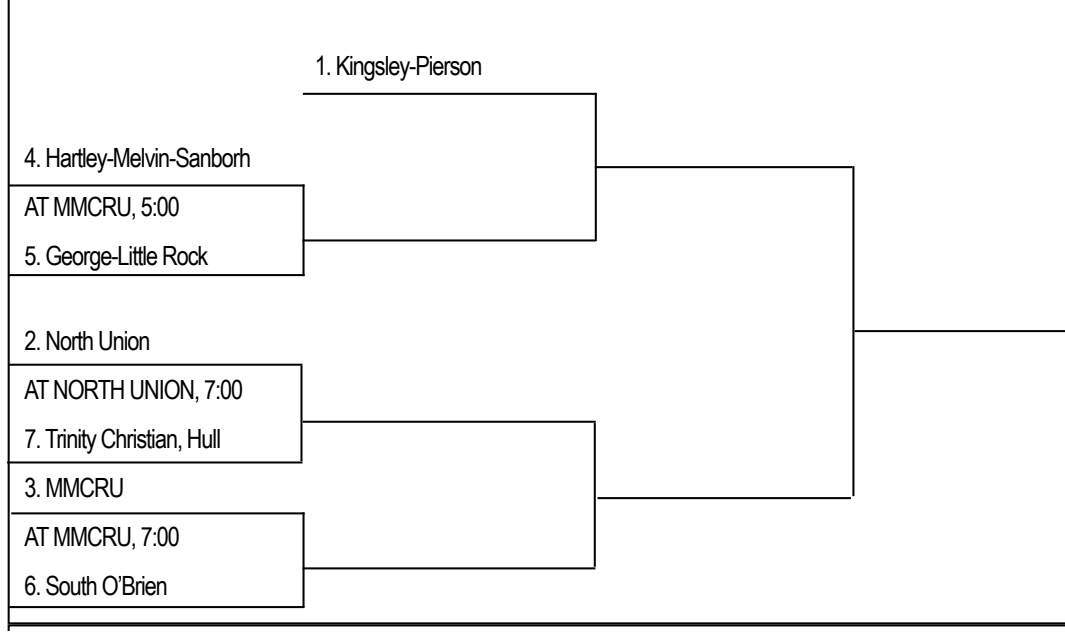
North Union Baseball...Front row L-R:Connor Haukoos, Wiley Stevens, Casey Rezac, Greyson Colegrove, Max Merrill, Dyson Wikert, Cooper Hoye, Dylan Letts; kneeling: Colin Rasch, Danyal Fothergill, Landon Hagedorn, Cole Nicoson, Talan Priester, Brennan Bollinger, Caden Walders, Drew Henderson, Owen Haukoos; standing: Coach Steven Ryan, Logan Odegaard, Ryan Haukoos, Carter Morphev, Coach Noah Morphev. Missing Kolton Weisbrod.

## Iowa High School Athletic Association 2023 Baseball Postseason

### CLASS 1A

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# Swea City Days Gone By

## Five Years Ago

**June 27, 2018**  
The Swea City Council mulled over how cool is too cool to open the pool. The current policy is 70 degrees and five swimmers for the pool to remain open. After some discussion, the policy was tabled in order to allow the mayor to review the policy with the pool manager and employees... Three local veterans, Mitch Hauskins, John Feld and Bud Petersen, were part of the 16th Honor Flight to Washington, DC... Kossuth County was declared a disaster county after recent flooding and severe weather in the first part of June... Marion was being honored with a card shower of her 90th birthday.

## Ten Years Ago

**June 26, 2013**  
Bank Plus has donated \$5,000 to the Swea City Ambulance Service for the purchase of a new portable multi-function heart monitor/defibrillator designed specifically for EMS use. The check was donated equally between the Swea City and Ledyard offices. The ambulance service territory covers 140 square miles of Northwest Iowa including Swea City, Ledyard and surrounding areas... The street and sidewalk in front of Bank Plus has been torn up to fix a water

line issue. Parking and driving on the street have been a bit difficult. Work came to a halt on Friday as several thunderstorms rolled through the area... Marshall Klingenberg, a junior at North Union High School, was selected as the 2013 Boys State Delegate by the Swea City American Legion Post 14. He attended Camp Dodge in Johnston where he had the chance to meet with the Iowa Governor Terry Brandstad and Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds...

## Twenty-Five Years Ago

**June 24, 1998**  
Brandy LaRow, daughter of Brad and Ruth LaRow of Swea City, was named the 1998 Miss Kossuth/Winnebago Queen at the North Kossuth gymnasium. She was one of seven candidates that ran for the crown... Patent Pending Players will be performing "Hansel and Gretel"... Larry and Betty Lou Jones, owners of Coast to Coast in Swea City, are serving coffee and cookies all day Friday, June 26 and in the morning of Saturday, June 27 for all their customers they have served over the past 26 years. The Jones have recently sold Coast to Coast to John and Kathy Priester. The Priesters will take over the business during the first week of July... GKN Armstrong Wheels

some type of businessman's club. Swea City, at the present time, does not a commercial but does boast a Lion's Club. The purpose of forming a commercial club is not to "buck" the Lions Club, but rather to work with it. The pros and cons will be discussed concerning the formation of such group... Rev. S.H. Hammer has returned as pastor of the Swea City - Grant Methodist churches... Fire that completely destroyed the new barn on the Roger Line Farm caused a

## Thirty Years Ago

**June 28, 1973**  
A total of 65 persons enjoyed the four full jam packed days of Swea City Girl Scout's Day Camp held at Reynolds Park in Swea City... Michael Davis, editor and publisher of the Swea City Herald announced this week the purchase of the Armstrong Journal and the Ringsted Dispatch by him, effective July 1, 1973. The interests of both newspaper were purchased from owners, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wiseman of Armstrong. In making the announcement, Mr. Davis stated that all three newspaper (Swea City, Armstrong and Ringsted) will continue to be operated on an individual bases as in the past. Mary Ann, wife of Mr. Davis, has been placed in charge of the newspaper operation at Swea City. Mike will be devoting most of his time to the advertising and commercial printing areas of the operations here and Armstrong. All three town newspapers will join the newly formed SAR Publications and Lithographers, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Davis.

## Seventy Years Ago

**June 25, 1953**  
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**Wednesday, June 28**  
No Mass at St. Michael  
No Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michaels  
**Thursday, June 29**  
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Joseph, Wesley  
9:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph, Wesley  
No Eucharistic Adoration at SS. Peter & Paul, West Bend  
No Mass at SS. Peter & Paul, West Bend  
**Friday, June 30**  
7:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Cecelia's, Algona  
**Saturday, July 1**  
8:00 a.m. - Sacrament of Penance, Bishop Garrigan  
8:30 a.m. - Mass at Bishop Garrigan  
3:15 p.m. - Sacrament of Penance at St. Cecelia, Algona  
4:15 p.m. - Sacrament of Penance at St. Joseph, Wesley  
4:30 p.m. - Mass at St. Cecelia, Algona  
5:00 p.m. - Mass at St. Joseph Wesley  
**Sunday, July 2**  
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  
**Monday, July 3**  
7:00 a.m. - KC Rosary for Vocations at St. Cecelia, Algona  
8:00 a.m. - Mass at Bishop Garrigan Chapel, Algona  
**Tuesday, July 4**  
No Eucharistic Adoration at St. John Baptist, Bancroft  
No Mass at St. John the Baptist, Bancroft  
**Wednesday, July 5**  
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Michael  
9:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michaels  
6:00 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Mass at St. Cecelia, Algona  
**Thursday, July 6**  
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Joseph, Wesley  
9:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph, Wesley  
5:30 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration at SS. Peter & Paul, West Bend  
6:00 p.m. - Mass at SS. Peter & Paul, West Bend

**service**  
**Wednesday, July 5**  
6:00 p.m. - Mighty Warrior Youth Group, Open Bible Church

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Bancroft, Iowa  
Pastor Jim Dewar  
**Sunday, July 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, July 5**  
7:30 p.m. - In person evening, Prayer Service

**FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN**  
Lakota, Iowa  
Pastor Kent Madison  
**Sunday, July 2**  
8:30 a.m. - Worship

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Lakota, Iowa  
**Sunday, July 2**  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service

**ALGONA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**Sunday, July 2**  
10:15 a.m. - In-person Worship Service at Algona Presbyterian Church followed with fellowship and coffee time  
**Monday, July 3**  
9:00 a.m. - Sunday's Worship Service on AMU Channel 20 and Mediacom Channel 18  
**Wednesday, July 5**  
6:00 p.m. - Prayer meeting at Algona sanctuary

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Lone Rock, Iowa  
Pastor Walter Reemtsma  
**Sunday, July 2**  
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

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Lone Rock, Iowa  
Pastor Duane Miesner  
**Sunday, July 2**  
9:00 a.m. - Worship

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Swea City, Iowa  
**Sunday, July 2**  
9:00 a.m. - Worship Service inside church with live streaming on Facebook

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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**Sunday, July 2**  
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**Wednesday, July 5**  
6:00 p.m. - Mighty Warrior Youth Group, Open Bible Church

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Burt, Iowa  
Rev. Thomas J Cowell  
**Sunday, July 2**  
9:30 a.m. - Divine Service  
**Tuesday, July 4**  
8:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer

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

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Swea City, Iowa  
Pastor David Schultz  
**Sunday, July 2**  
9:00 a.m. - In person services  
**Wednesday, July 5**  
6:00 p.m. - Mighty Warrior Youth Group, Open Bible Church

**OPEN BIBLE CHURCH**  
Swea City  
**Sunday, July 2**  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Services at church  
10:30 a.m. - Service streamed at sweacityopenbible.org

## Pastor's Message

### Godly Men - Father's Day

Pastor Kent Madison  
Lakota and Burt Presbyterian Churches

We just celebrated Father's Day, a day to say thank you to the men in our lives. Our dad's, our grandpa's, the men who made us into the men, we are, and ought to be. The men God wants us to be and has called us to be. Men who are called by God to be leaders in our families, leaders in our churches, and leaders in our communities. Men who are willing to take responsibility for their actions and are willing to stand up for what is right, good, and true. I thank God for the men in my life who taught me these virtues.

The family is not an institution designed by man. It was created by God for the benefit of mankind, and mankind has been given stewardship over it. Sadly, the breakdown of the family, and the destruction of it, is one of Satan's highest priorities, and the results are devastating. John 10:10 says: "The thief (Satan) cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy, I (Jesus), am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." God wants us to have life and have it abundantly, now, and the life to come! Because of Satan's attacks, approximately 50% of marriages end in divorce. Many will brag that the divorce rate is declining in the US, and yes, it is. It is because people are not marrying, they are cohabitating. Is that God's design for us? Is that the abundant life God wants us to have?

These are just some statistics which are the results of Satan's attack on the family?? This information came from many different resources put together by the Behavioral Center of Fathering.

43% of U.S. children live without their father. [U.S. Department of Census]

90% of homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes. [U.S. D.H.H.S., Bureau of the Census]

80% of rapists come from fatherless homes. [Criminal Justice & Behavior]

71% of pregnant teenagers lack a father. [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services]

63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes. [U.S. D.H.H.S., Bureau of the Census]

85% of children who exhibit behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes. [Center for Disease Control]

71% of high school dropouts come from fatherless homes. [National Principals Association Report on the State of High Schools]

75% of adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers come from fatherless homes. [Rainbows for all God's Children]

70% of juveniles in state operated institutions have no father. [U.S. Department of Justice]

85% of youths in prisons grew up in a fatherless home.

The effects of the breakdown of the family are staggering. When we move away from God's design bad things happen. So, what is God's design for the family, what is God's design for us fathers? Guys, the buck stops with us.

A good Christian family, one that is led by a responsible father, is one that lines up with biblical principles and one in which each member understands and fulfills his or her God-given role. God says the biblical family unit is comprised of one man, one woman—his spouse—and their offspring or adopted children. One of the primary principles of the family unit is that it involves a commitment ordained by God for the lifetime of the members. That is why we say in our marriage vows: "Forsaking all others till death do us part." The husband and wife are responsible for holding it together. Sadly, that is not the current attitude of our culture today. Divorce is sought and granted much too easily in our society. The Bible tells us that God hates divorce. We find that in Malachi 2:16. "The man who hates and divorces his wife," says the Lord, the God of Israel, "does violence to the one he should protect, says the Lord Almighty. So be on your guard, and do not be unfaithful."

Of course, the first requirement for fathers, is that they all be Christians. That means having a true relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Fathers who understand their own fallen nature, and need of a Savior, are humbled by their own sinfulness, and understand their responsibility in leading a family. They understand they need guidance in leading their families. The Bible is full of principles we can use in guiding our families. It is also full of examples of men who did not follow those principles, and the family dysfunction that happened because of it.

Ephesians 5:22-26 provides the guidelines for husbands and wives in a Christian family. It says, "wives submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word." Many guys love the first part of this passage, but never look at the second part. Let's look at that more closely.

Husband's, Father's, you are required to love your wife as Christ loved the church. How did Christ love the church? Christ died for the church. Christ loves the church unconditionally and sacrificially. Guys, do you love your wife unconditionally and sacrificially? Are you willing to die for her? Are you willing to put her needs in front of your own as Christ did for the church? If we fail to do that, wives will have much difficulty in respecting us. I believe a wife will respect her husband, if he is loved by her's willing to die for her, he is led by God, and loves her unconditionally. A husband's goal in marriage should be to help his wife grow in godliness and help her become the woman God has called her to be.

A father is to provide for his family. If he does not, he "denies the faith and is worse than an unbeliever," it says in 1 Timothy 5:8. This does not mean that the wife cannot assist in supporting the family—Proverbs 31 demonstrates that a godly wife may surely do so—but providing for the family is not primarily her responsibility; it is us guys.

So, as we celebrate Father's Day, let us thank those who have had a positive influence on our lives. Let us also be the kind of men, God has called us to be. Fathers of integrity, responsibility, and conviction. Fathers with a strong faith in God. Men who are loving examples, to their wives, to their children, and to their God. Amen.

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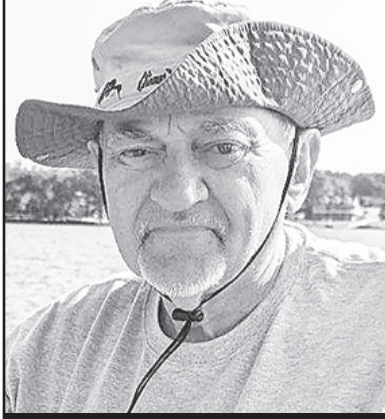
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Registration begins 11 a.m.

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(2) American Legion, Sherburn, MN

(3) Johnny's Pub, Lake Park, IA

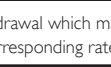
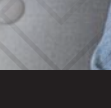
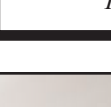
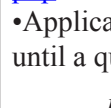
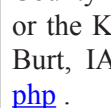
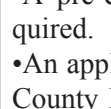
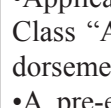
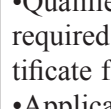
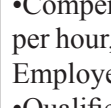
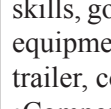
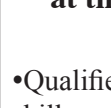
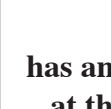
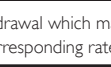
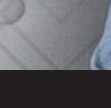
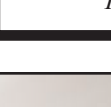
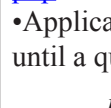
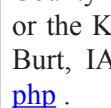
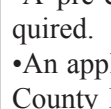
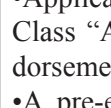
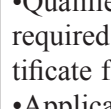
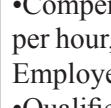
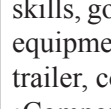
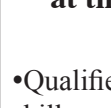
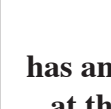
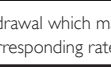
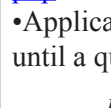
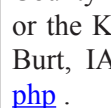
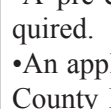
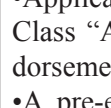
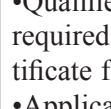
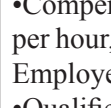
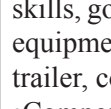
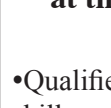
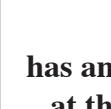
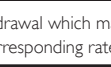
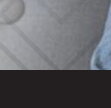
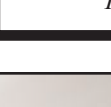
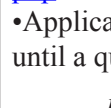
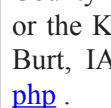
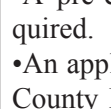
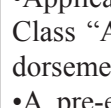
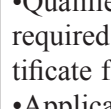
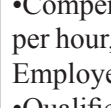
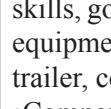
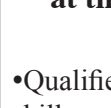
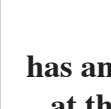
(4) VFW, Spirit Lake, IA

(5) VFW, Estherville, IA

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Brylie Deim connects with the softball during the North Union's non conference match up with Central Springs.

## North Union loses 1-0 to Central Springs

By David Swartz

MANLY — In a classic pitchers' duel, Class 2A No. 10 North Union came up on the short end of a 1-0 game against Class 2A No. 3 Central Springs last Thursday.

The Panthers scored the lone run of the night in the bottom of the fourth inning courtesy a defensive error by the Warriors.

North Union senior pitcher Emily Meyer threw a complete game, striking out five batters while giving

up one hit and one walk.

Central Springs used two pitchers. Sophomore Cameron Cobb started on the mound to earn the win. In four innings, she struck out three batters while giving up just three hits and hitting one batter. Senior Cooper Klaahsen closed out the final three innings and recorded four strikeouts while giving up two hits and no walks.

At the plate for North Union, Shelby Fraker was 2-4 with a double, Shallice Walders was 1-3 with a double, Olivia Von Bank was 1-4 with a double and

Meyer was 1-2.

Both teams' defenses committed three errors.

## Warriors easily defeat West Hancock

By David Swartz

SWEA CITY — Class 2A No. 6 North Union made short work of West Hancock in softball action on Monday, June 19. The Warriors scored 12 runs in the first inning and 10 in the second to defeat the Eagles 21-0 in three innings.

Emily Meyer pitched two innings, striking out three batters to get the win. Eighth grader Ainsley Ulrich pitched an inning and struck out two batters.

North Union scored its 21 runs on 15 hits and five walks.

Beth Streuber finished 3-4 with a triple and three RBIs while Shelby Fraker was 2-3 with a solo home run. Ella Ulrich was 2-2 with an RBI, Olivia Von Bank was 2-4 with an RBI and Meyer was 2-3. Also, Shallice Walders and Olivia Price each had a double and two RBIs and Ainsley Ulrich and Brylie Deim each had a hit.

North Union is 15-5 overall, 10-0 in the Top of Iowa West Conference.



Senior pitcher Emily Meyer, middle holding softball, met another milestone winning her 100th career win as a pitcher for North Union. The milestone came after North Union defeated Garrigan on Friday night, June 23 in Swea City.

## Meyer reaches 100th pitching career win

By David Swartz

SWEA CITY — North Union's Emily Meyer reached another milestone with her 100th career pitching victory in a 2-0 win over Bishop Garrigan in softball action last Friday, June 23.

Meyer threw a two-hit shutout while striking out nine and giving up just two singles on the night.

Of her 100 wins, 54 have been shutouts. As an eighth-grader Meyer posted a 9-11 record. She went 12-5 during the pandemic-shortened 2020 season, and then was 29-6 as a sophomore, 33-5 as a junior. She was 17-6 this season following the win

over Garrigan brining her record to 100 wins and 33 losses.

Meyer said she knew she was close to earning 100 wins, but didn't know exactly until after the game.

Offensively, the Warriors managed five hits, but they strung them together well in the fourth inning.

Beth Streuber led off the bottom of the fourth inning with a solo home run over the left-field fence. Shelby Fraker beat out a bunt single and then scored on a double by Olivia Von Bank.

Streuber finished 2-3 while Von Bank and Fraker each were 1-3 and Olivia Price was 1-2.



Raising her glove up to catch the throw from shortstop was North Union's first baseman Kyla Irmiter during the West Hancock conference game in Swea City.



Fielding the ball perfectly was shortstop Olivia Von Bank.

## Warriors shut out GHV

By David Swartz

GARNER — The Top of Iowa West Conference softball teams continue to struggle against Emily Meyer and the North Union Warriors. On Tuesday, June 20, North Union shut out Garner-Hayfield-Ventura for the second time this season, defeating the Cardinals

12-0 in three innings.

The Warriors scored six runs in the first inning and three runs each in the second and third innings.

Meyer struck out six GHV batters while giving up one hit and one walk for her 15th win of the season.

North Union pounded out 14 hits with Meyer helping her own cause by

going 3-3 with two doubles and two RBIs. Shallice Walders was 2-3 with two RBIs, Olivia Von Bank was 2-3 with an RBI, Ella Ulrich was 2-3, and Kyla Irmiter was 2-2 with three RBIs. Also, Ainsley Ulrich was 1-3 with three RBIs, Olivia Price was 1-2 with an RBI and Shelby Fraker was 1-3.

## Warriors continue to win

By David Swartz

BELMONT — A couple errors allowed Belmont-Klemme to score some runs late in the Wednesday, June 21 softball game, but Class 2A No. 6 North Union already had the contest well in hand.

The Warriors jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning and led 8-1 entering the bottom of sixth inning when the Broncos plated three runs. But that was all the hosts would get as North Union secured an 8-4 vic-

tory

The Warriors' Emily Meyer pitched all seven innings, giving up four runs (one earned) on three hits with nine strikeouts and one walk. Meyer helped her own cause by going 1-4 with a home run and two RBIs. Also, Beth Streuber was 2-4 with a double and two RBIs, Shelby Fraker was 2-4 with a triple, and Olivia Von Bank as 2-4 with a double and an RBI. Ainsley Ulrich had a triple and Shallice Walders and Brylie Deim each had a hit.

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