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NorthStar Restaurant to serve Liver and Onions

NorthStar Restaurant and Lounge in Fenton will be serving Wednesday, June 19th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. They will be served with mashed potatoes and a vegetable. Each Wednesday nights are also Pizza and Taco Nights.

Conner Haukoos diagnosed with AML Leukemia



Conner Haukoos, 15 year old son of Justin Haukoos and Carol Ann Sathoff, was diagnosed with AML Leukemia after having symptoms for only a short couple of weeks that prompted a doctors visit and blood draw. The doctors said that there are typically two types of Leukemia that affect children and roughly 80% are one type and the other 20% is AML Leukemia. It is a very aggressive cancer and is being treated as such with Conner starting Chemo just one day after being diagnosed and receiving blood transfusions.

Follow along Connor's journey on the Caring Bridge website: <https://new.caringbridge.org>. In the search bar, type Connor's name.

If you would like to help support Conner and his family, monetary donations can be made at NorthStar Bank in Armstrong and Estherville under Connor's name and at Employees Credit Union in Estherville under Justin and Conner.

Donations can also be made to the family through Venmo:

@casathoff or by searching Carol Ann Haukoos or

@Justin-Haukoos or by searching Justin Haukoos.

On Saturday, June 29th, the team at Nordic Detailing LLC will be offering Basic Exterior Details, with all income from the day being donated to Conner Haukoos and his family to help with costs they incur during his cancer treatments.

Minimum donation is \$50 - cash only. In order to keep things moving and to get as many vehicles in as possible, please no motorcycles or side-by-sides on this day. THE EVENT STARTS AT 9:30 a.m. and we will start the last car at 4:00 p.m!

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Bancroft Mayor Tom Johnson spoke about the town of Bancroft and what it has to offer to those living here and people visiting during the Bancroft District Conference meeting on Friday, June 7 and 8th. Rotarians attending were able to tour the Helderfer farm, golf, frequent area businesses while enjoying all the amenities of Bancroft.



The annual Bike Ride Across Kossuth County sponsored by the Algona Rotarians began at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 8th at the Bancroft Memorial Ballpark. Riders were able to chose between the short route and the long route which took them to Burt and Lone Rock and back to Bancroft or for extra miles, riders could leave Lone Rock and head north to Swea City before returning to the ballpark.

Accura Healthcare among Iowa long-term care facilities recognized with national Commitment to Quality Bronze Award



The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL) recently announced the recipients of the 2024 Bronze - Commitment to Quality Award. Thirty-three Iowa long-term care facilities were recognized by AHCA/NCAL with this award, which encompassed over 700 long-term and post-acute care providers in 48 states.

Thirty-three Iowa long-term care facilities received this award, including:

* Accura HealthCare of Bancroft (Bancroft)

The AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award Program honors long-term and post-acute care providers that have demonstrated their commitment to improving the quality of care for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

"This serves as a powerful acknowledgment of the exemplary care offered within these Iowa long-term care facilities and assisted living programs," said Iowa Health Care Association Vice President of Quality Improvement and Regulatory Compliance Brenda Irlbeck. "Achievement within the National Quality Award program is a testimony of their commitment to continuous quality improvement and providing top-notch care for Iowans."

This national award program has three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold. Providers begin the quality improvement process at the Bronze level, where they assess their organization's mission, vision and key factors that lead to success. They also develop an organizational profile and must demonstrate their ability to implement a performance

improvement system. Trained examiners review each application to determine if the facility has met the demands of the criteria. Bronze recipients may move forward in developing approaches and achieving performance levels that meet the criteria required for the AHCA/NCAL Silver - Achievement in Quality Award.

The program is based on the core values and criteria of the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, which also serves as the foundation for the metric-based AHCA/NCAL Quality Initiative. The Baldrige framework helps organizations among different business sectors improve organizational effectiveness and achieve strategy-driven performance.

Winners of the 2024 Silver - Achievement in Quality and Gold - Excellence in Quality Award will be announced in the coming months.

Ricke trial set for June 25

By Michael Tidemann

The first-degree murder trial of Kyle Lou Ricke, 43, of Algona has been set for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 25 in Dickinson County District Court in Spirit Lake with Third Judicial District Judge Nancy L. Whittenburg presiding.

Ricke is charged with the Sept. 13, 2023, murder of City of Algona police officer Kevin Cram who was serving an arrest warrant on Ricke at the time. Ricke remains held on a \$2-million cash-only bond. Ricke allegedly used a handgun to kill Cram, according to the arrest complaint.

Prosecuting the case are Assistant Attorneys General Ryan A. Baldrige and Scott D. Brown. Representing Ricke are Matthew L. Pittenger, Dianne Wallway and Barbara J.

Westphal of the Mason City Public Defender's Office.

Both prosecuting and defense attorneys agreed to the request of change of venue due to pretrial publicity. The court chose Dickinson County for the change of venue, citing similar demographics.

Judge Ann M. Gales had initially recused herself from the case due to conflict of interest. Ricke had also sought recusal of Whittenburg due to her presiding over two civil cases in which he was involved. However, Whittenburg denied the request.

Iowa has no death penalty. Murder in the first degree is a Class A felony punishable by life in prison without parole. Only persons under 18 when committing the offense are eligible for parole after serving 25 years.

Dog registration due by July 1

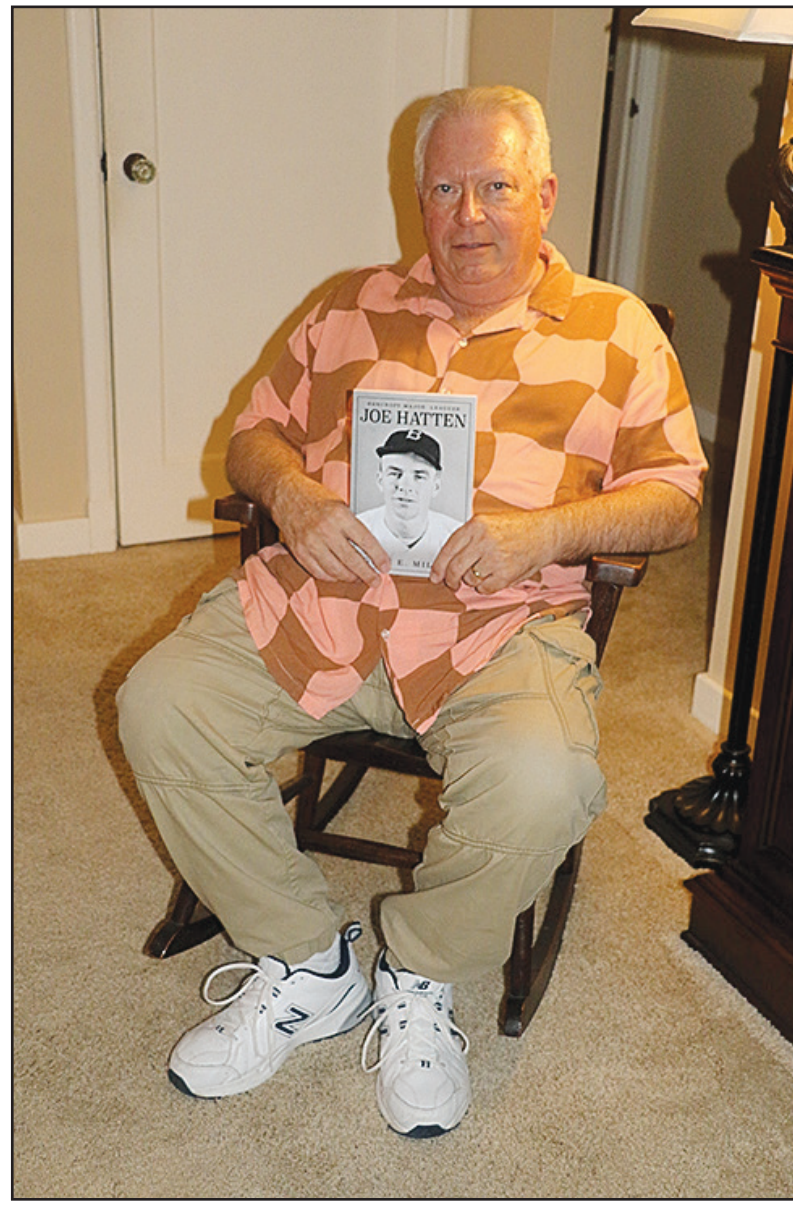
Reminder: It is time to renew or register your dog with the City of Bancroft by July 1, 2024.

If your dog has not been registered with the city before, fill out the dog license form found on the city of Bancroft's website or one can be picked up at the city hall.

If you are renewing, please provide the city hall with an updated Rabies Vaccination documentation.

Please stop by the City Hall to pick up your new registration tag during regular business hours.

Miller pens 22nd book with Joe Hatten biography



Gene Miller of Fenton recently published his 22nd book, *Joe Hatten: Bancroft Major Leaguer, a compilation of news stories about Joe Hatten of Bancroft who played for the Brooklyn Dodgers*.

By Michael Tidemann

There are baseball fans – and then there are baseball fans.

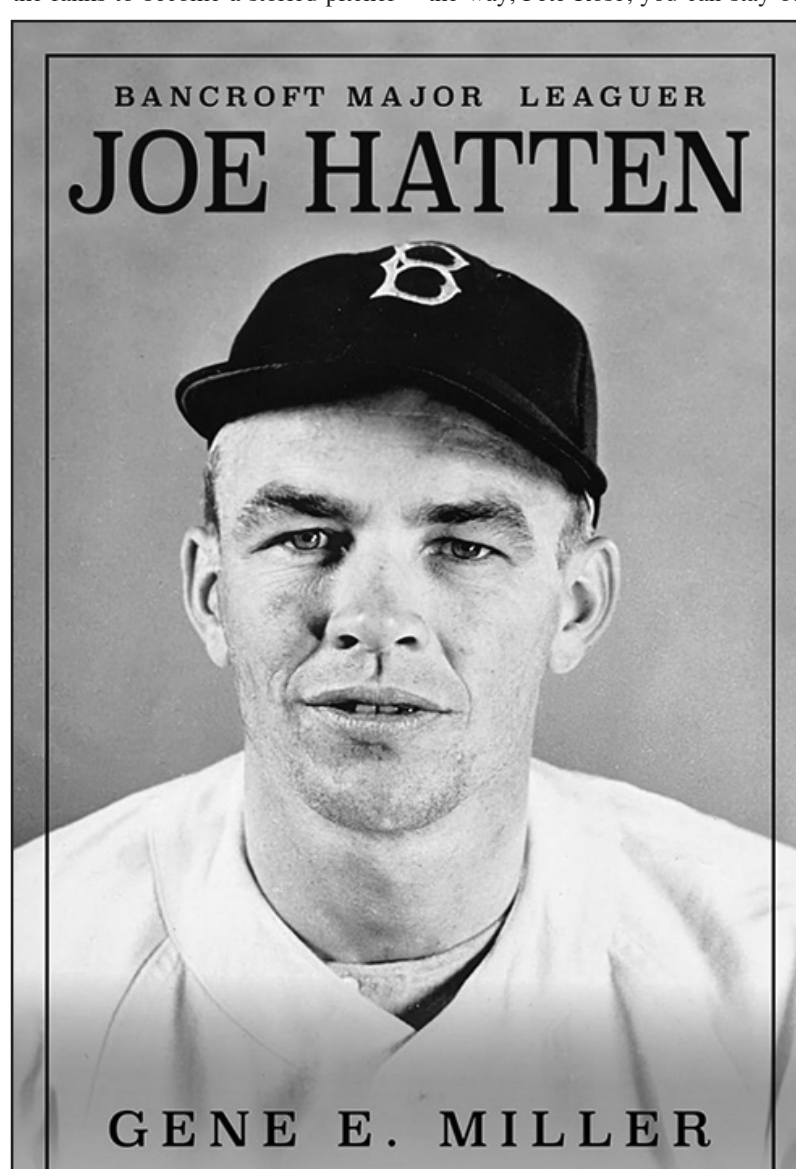
Gene Miller is a baseball fan extraordinaire.

Hatten's latest book, *Joe Hatten: Bancroft Major Leaguer*, released this spring by Wasteland Press of Shelbyville, Ky., tells the story of Joe Hatten, a Bancroft farm boy and talented southpaw who rose through the ranks to become a storied pitcher

for the Brooklyn Dodgers plus many farm clubs throughout the U.S.

This is Miller's second book about a Bancroft major leaguer. He previously published a book on Denis Menke. And, as Miller points out from a Sept. 5, 1946, article from the Bancroft Register, "Bill Welp, son of Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Welp (of Bancroft), has been called to report with the Brooklyn Dodgers."

So what are the odds of that? (By the way, Pete Rose, you can stay out



of this one.)

Miller's book includes both an informative introduction and afterward, with the bulk of the book taken up from local newspaper files from the Bancroft Register, Algona Upper Des Moines, Burt Monitor, Renton Reporter, Kossuth County Advance, Swea City Herald and Whittemore Champion. They chronicle a remarkable career from a remarkable player who found time to return to his hometown every October to play in exhibition games at Bancroft that drew up to 3,000 spectators. Just imagine that.

According to Miller, Hatten grew up on a farm north of Bancroft. His father ran a harness shop in Bancroft.

Born Nov. 7, 1916, Hatten graduated from St. John's High School, now the Summit Center in Bancroft. At that time, every small town had a high school and a baseball team. Hatten's baseball career started with the Junior American Legion league, followed by high school and American Legion play before playing semi-pro up until World War II when he played for the U.S. Navy. It was when Hatten was in the service when the Brooklyn Dodgers nabbed him, signing him after the war. Hatten played for the Dodgers from 1946-1951 before playing for a host of minor league teams.

In all, Hatten played professionally for 21 years, seven to eight of those years with the majors.

Hatten held out before signing his official contract for the Dodgers in 1946, making \$5,000 his first year, a handsome salary at the time when that amount could have bought one of the better homes in Bancroft. His first win was against the New York Giants, a 2-1 victory against the team in which a guy by the name of Jackie Robinson played his first game.

The Dodgers traded Hatten to the Chicago Cubs where he pitched for a year, pitching his last major league game as a reliever July 4, 1952, in St. Louis. From there Hatten went to the minors, including teams such as the Vancouver Mounties, Bakersfield Bears and Havana Cubs. He retired from professional baseball in 1960 at age 43 when he worked for the Post Office, delivering mail for 18 years. He continued to coach American Legion baseball in his adopted new hometown of Redding, Calif., his wife's hometown.

He passed away Dec. 16, 1988, in Redding where he is buried. Hatten's memory is memorialized with Joe Hatten Drive passing by Bancroft Memorial Park.

The last news story about Hatten included in Miller's book is also from the Bancroft Register dated June 28, 2023, in Bancroft Museum Memories by Marjorie Fitzgerald, who details a photo of Hatten in a 1981 parade during Bancroft's centennial in which Hatten appears in his Brooklyn Dodger's uniform.

As Fitzgerald describes: "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 larger 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."

And so the Hatten legend lives on . . . The book is available from Wasteland Press and from Amazon.

NOTICE:

Due to the Juneteenth holiday on Wednesday, June 12th and no mail delivery, newspapers will not be delivered until Thursday due to the federal holiday.

Algona Man Charged with Felony Theft from Bancroft Dealership

An Algona man was arrested on a felony theft charge after a search warrant was executed at his residence last week.

55-year-old Russell Jordan is charged with 1st degree theft, a class D felony. The Kossuth County Sheriff's Office says Jordan was arrested Tuesday following the execution of the search warrant at a residence on South Woodworth Street in Algona

According to the criminal complaint, Jordan wrote up a bill of sale while working for a Bancroft car dealership on December 28th, 2023 and took possession of a vehicle valued at over \$10,000, without making any form of payment.

Jordan is alleged to have taken the vehicle on trips out of state, had possession of the vehicle in

his garage when the search warrant was executed, and had the vehicle registered in his name.

Jordan was booked into the Kossuth County Jail and then released after posting a cash bond. He has entered a written plea of not guilty and is scheduled to have a preliminary hearing June 26th in Kossuth County District Court.

NKGC Golf Scores

Tuesday Men's Early League
6/04/24

Bob Richter/Larry Blocker	.....6
Bob Deitering/Dude McGuire	.....4
John Cowin/Joel Klocke	.....4
Jerry Reimers/Jerry Diers	.....4
Pat Bradley/Bucky Renger	.....4
Bruce Heetland/Kevin Kajewski	.....2
Games under 40: None	

Tuesday Men's Late League

Tanner Doocy/Brady Blocker	.....7
Nick Stevens/Brandon Kollasch	.....7
Nick Schiltz/John Schiltz	.....6
Robert Ortmann/Riley Bauer	.....6
Bradten Ortmann/Jeremy Ortmann	.....5
Ryan Larson/Spencer Ricke	.....5
Colin Runksmeier/Cody Runksmeier	.....5
Parker Eichenberger/Dominyk Price	.....5
Dyson Umscheid/Gage Madden	.....4
Chris Hansen/Wee Gibbs	.....4
Nick Doocy/Greg Penning	.....4
Blake Pedersen/Blake Stevens	.....4
Grant Goche/Nick Goche	.....3
Jeff Broesder/Dewan McDonald	.....3
Drew Doocy/James Nemmers	.....3
Alex Krantz/Corey Vaske	.....3
Michael Mather/Brett Deitering	.....3
Larry Renger/Tyler Heetland	.....3
Chad Arndorfer/Nick Arndorfer	.....3
Jordan Monson/Nick Symonds	.....2
Craig Runksmeier/Bob Goche	.....2
Dean Rahe/Scott Shillington	.....1
Games under 40: Drew Doocy - 38, Corey Vaske - 39	

Ladies Early League
6/05/24

Elaine Davis	.....137
Sara Voigt	.....111
Kris Goetsch	.....109
Kay Hardt	.....105
Carole Bernhard	.....84
Andrea Accola-Sabin	.....83
Melissa Davis	.....19
Games under 50: Andrea Accola-Sabin - 44, Carole Bernhard - 45, Elaine Davis - 46	

Ladies Late League

Jenny Eichenberger/Judy Vaske	.....11
Dawn Heetland/MaKayla Heetland	.....10
Jill Hellman/Abbie Grimm	.....10
Michelle Wood/Lori McGuire	.....9
Morgan Lahndorf/Katy Lahndorf	.....9
Cassie Vaske/Carrie Arndorfer	.....8
Kris Goetsch/Elaine Davis	.....8
Amanda Goche/Justine Hellman	.....7

East Fork Ikes Summer Trap Shooting League
6-6-2024
Team Standings

1. Main Street Specialties	615
2. Ingalls Excavating	600
3. Reutzel Excavating	600
4. Ingalls Electric	599
5. Dan Petersen Const.	596
6. Harms Masonry	596
7. Reutzel Excavating Jr.	596
8. Security State Bank	586
9. S&B Farms	586
10. Algona Machine	575
11. Kemco Tires	572
12. Commercial Services	557
13. Ed's Service	555
14. Schumacher Well Drilling	554
15. Deitering Bros	512

High Team Scores

Reutzel Excavating	220
Main Street Specialties	214
Harms Masonry	204
Reutzel Excavating Jr.	201
Security State Bank	199
Ingalls Electric Jr.	197

High Individual Score

Kollyn Wiemers	49 16 yds
Evan Ingalls	48 18 yds
Chase Roof	47 16 yds
Caleb Christensen	47 16 yds
Kyle Moore	47 16 yds
Steve Harrington	47 16 yds
Cohen Reffer	47 16 yds
Hunter Thilges	47 16 yds

Annual memorial butterfly release set for June 27

Hospice of the Heartland will host its annual memorial service and butterfly release on Thursday, June 27 in the outdoor courtyard of Kossuth Regional Health Center at 5:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend this memorial ceremony to honor and remember loved ones. At the conclusion of the memorial service, attendees will be able to release a butterfly in the KRHC courtyard in memory of a special loved one.

A tax-deductible gift of \$10 will purchase a butterfly in memory or honor of a loved one who has passed. All proceeds will benefit hospice care and services. For those who wish to purchase a butterfly, you can find the form on our website at www.krhc.com by visiting the News & Media page or you may contact Community Health and Hospice at 515-295-4430.

The deadline to purchase a butterfly is Thursday, June 20, 2024.

Hospice of the Heartland provides services to clients diagnosed with a terminal illness who can no longer benefit from curative treatment. A team of trained, local professionals—physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, pharmacists, volunteers—work together to offer medical, care and support services to patients, as well as their families and caregivers.

For more information about Hospice of the Heartland call 515-295-4430.

Rachel Arndorfer/Hailey Arndorfer .7
Mel Blakesley/Heather Adams7
Mandi Goche/Shelby Harms7
Ali Farrow/Karen Busch6
Dawn Bernhard/Kathy Blocker6
Carole Bernhard/Julie Knudsen6
Pam Berte/Sharon Goche5
Erica Johnson/Donna Rahe5
Jen Wolf/Amy Lowe5
Laura Arndorfer/Emily Vaske4
Sara Thilges/Beck Pedersen4
Dalla Heidecker/Ashley Valvick4
Megan Heetland/Heather Goche3
Games under 50: Dawn Heetland - 44, Carole Bernhard - 45, Jenny Eichenberger - 49, Michelle Wood - 49

Thursday Men's Early League
6/06/24

Jeff Rahe/Bob Richter	.....10
Larry Rahe/Bill Mehe	.....9
Roger Vaske/Steve Rahe	.....8
Jerry Diers/Dave Fritzier	.....8
Chad Arndorfer/Tim Goche	.....7
Dean Rahe/Chad Ortmann	.....6
Jay Johnson/Tim Richter	.....6
Dave Ley/Dennis McMillan	.....4
Tom McCleish/Ron Dacken	.....4
Mark Reynolds/Roger Fisher	.....4
Randy Wood/Nick McGuire	.....4
Ken Helderfor/Pat Bradley	.....2

Games under 40: Tim Richter - 38, Jerry Diers - 39

Thursday Men's Late League

Travis Neuman/Jeremy Stover	.....8
Larry Vaske/Darryl Vaske	.....8
Paul Doering/Grant Vaske	.....8
Phil Lampe/Brian Blocker	.....8
Jeremy Ortmann/Mark Blair	.....7
Alex Fisher/Joe Johnson	.....7
Jerry Oliver/Steve Vaske	.....6
Brady Blocker/Drew Doocy	.....6
Corey Vaske/Chris Vaske	.....6
Burke Arndorfer/Russ Vaske	.....6
Jim Bradley/Tim Bernhard	.....6
Tom Hellman/Nathan Hellman	.....6
Kevin Meyer/Larry Eichenberger	.....6
Ryan Goche/Drew Hellman	.....6
Josh Grimm/Bryan Arndorfer	.....5
Doug Doocy/Denny Doocy	.....5
Michael Mather/Alex Deitering	.....4
Kent Hintze/Bob Bauer	.....4
Dan Dacken/Derrick Gaffor	.....4
Brad Eichenberger/Ryan Steenhard	.....4

Games under 40: Drew Doocy - 36, Jerry Oliver - 37, Derrick Bauer - 37

Emmet County Sheriff Arrested for OWI in Dickinson County



Emmet County Sheriff Mike Martens was arrested over the weekend on a charge of O.W.I.-1st offense in Dickinson County. The 61-year-old Martens was arrested at around 8:50 pm Saturday evening, June 8 at the Marble Beach State Recreation Area.

According to the criminal complaint, Martens was observed by an officer driving a Honda side by side that drove past two signs that clearly stated that golf carts as well as side by sides were prohibited beyond his point. According to the complaint, when the officer exited his vehicle, Martens pulled over to him. Martens was asked if he had a license and stated that he did not have his license on him. Martens was asked if he had any insurance and while providing insurance the officer noticed a strong scent of alcoholic beverages on Martens breath. Martens then failed a series of field sobriety tests. On the roadside, Martens blew a point-one-zero on a portable breath tester, above the legal limit of point-zero-eight. His blood alcohol level was point-zero-eight three percent on the data-master breathalyzer.

Martens was arrested and transported to the Dickinson County Jail. Martens made his first court appearance Sunday morning and was released on his own recognizance without bond. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 1st at 4 pm at the Dickinson County Courthouse.

Obituaries

Thomas W. Garry . . . 86



A funeral Mass for Thomas W. Garry, of Bancroft, was held on Monday, June 10, 2024, at 10:30 AM, at Divine Mercy Parish - St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bancroft, with Father Zach Jones, Father John Thomas, Deacon William Black, and Deacon David Penton officiating. Interment followed at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in Bancroft.

Tom died peacefully at Homestead Assisted Living and Memory Care in Algona on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at the age of 86. From our weekly virtual poker games, he left his family with a poker debt of \$165, but he gave them so much more. He left a legacy of service, storytelling, laughter and love for his family and friends. We will never call someone a flatass without thinking of our ChaCha. His smile brightened a room and his laugh was worth the effort.

Thomas William "Twid" Garry was born July 12, 1937, in Bancroft the 6th of 8 children of Thomas D. and Florence A. (Sandschulte) Garry. Twid was the quintessential small-town guy and would always be proud of his roots in Bancroft. He overcame polio as a child and went on to play basketball and baseball for St. John's, well enough to tell inflated stories about his abilities for years to come. In 1956, he graduated from St. John's, after serving as class president no less, and went on to attend Fort Dodge Community College and then Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago, IL.

While in Chicago, one fateful night, Tom caught the eye of Adrienne Lucchesi at a college hangout and stole her heart. It took the next five years to convince her to leave the windy city and move to small town Iowa. Tom and Ade were married on February 27th of 1965, at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Chicago and they returned to Bancroft where Tom worked with his father at Garry Funeral Home. Tom never shied away from hard work. In earlier years he also operated an ambulance service, giving dual duty to the hearse as well as Garry Furniture Store. Later Tom expanded his funeral home into what is now known as Oakcrest Funeral Services. He took pride in serving the needs of others and he cherished all the friendships that were made

Ronald C. Porter

Graveside services for Ronald C. Porter will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., at the Center Chain Cemetery.

Ronnie passed away at Valley View Care Center in Armstrong, Iowa, on March 26, 2024.

Henry Olson Funeral Home of Armstrong is in charge of arrangements.

Gov. Reynolds Issues Disaster Proclamations for Kossuth, O'Brien Counties

Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a disaster proclamation for Kossuth and O'Brien counties in response to severe weather that occurred on May 31. The governor's proclamation activates the Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program and Disaster Case Advocacy Program.

The Iowa Individual Assistance Grant Program provides grants of up to \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Grants are available for home or car repairs, replacement of clothing or food, and temporary housing expenses. Original receipts are required for those seeking reimbursement for actual expenses related to storm recovery. The grant application and instructions are available on the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management website. Potential applicants have 45 days from the date of the proclamation to submit a claim.

The Disaster Case Advocacy Program addresses serious needs related to disaster-related hardship, injury, or adverse conditions. Disaster case advocates work with clients to create a disaster recovery plan and provide guidance, advice, and referrals to obtain a service or resource. There are no income eligibility requirements for this program; it closes 180 days from the date of the governor's proclamation. For information on the Disaster Case Advocacy Program, contact your local community action agency or visit iowacomunityaction.org

throughout his 35 years as a funeral director. It made him very proud to know that his sons, Victor and Tony also made the career choice of being funeral directors.

In October of 2000, Tom and Ade decided it was time for Tom to retire and turn over the keys to his portion of the Oakcrest Funeral Empire to his son, Victor. Tom had always wanted to be a farmer and he was finally able to devote time to his garden which then led to hobby squirrel and rabbit hunting. He loved to golf, play tennis, fish, and play cards. He enjoyed listening to stories almost as much as telling them. Tom's faith was always something that was important to him, he found renewed connections by attending many Jesuit retreats. He was a member of the St. John's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus, Lions Club, Rotary International, and the Iowa Funeral Directors Association. He also was a member of the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce, and the Bancroft Building Company, and he served on the Bancroft City Council.

To his grandchildren, he was known as Papa Tom. He was always happy when he was with family. In his later years, Tom was well cared for at Homestead Assisted Living and Memory Care and the Garry Family would like to thank the staff for everything they did for Tom as well as the entire family. We would also like to thank Hospice of the Heartland for their exemplary care and Fr. John Thomas and Deacon Bill Black who supported and prayed with Tom often. We ask that memorials will be directed to organizations that were dear to Tom's family, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Hospice of the Heartland, Kossuth County Dementia Care, and Homestead Assisted Living and Memory Care.

Tom Garry is survived by his wife of 59 years, Adrienne; five children, Kathleen (Gordon) Schiltz of Eagan, MN, Colleen Kennedy of Plymouth, MN, Victor (Tricia) Garry of Algona, Janeen (Michael) Tiedt of Readlyn, and Anthony (Julie) Garry of Lake Zurich, IL; Grandchildren: Samantha Schiltz, Thomas Schiltz, Raymond Kennedy, Megan (Taylor) Ashworth, Rachel Kennedy, Benjamin Kennedy, Alex (Jeff) Jonesson Garrison, Madeline Garry, Lucchesi "Luke" Garry, Elizabeth Tiedt, Andrew Tiedt, Isabella Garry, and Jack Garry. He is also survived by two brothers, Phil (Janis Teal) Garry of Albuquerque, NM; and George (Beverly) Garry of Osseo, MN; a sister-in-law, Mary Anne Garry of Cedar Rapids; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas D. and Florence Garry; his parents-in-law, Victor and Jane Lucchesi; his brothers, Richard (Phyllis) Garry, Patrick (Theresa) Garry and their daughter Margaret Garry; and John "Jack" Garry; his sisters, Louise Garry and Rose Eisele; and his sister-in-law, Alice (Walsh) Garry.

As a husband, father, and grandfather, Tom always strived to live up to a quote that he had trucked in his Bible and referenced often to, "Our best work and greatest contribution to the world comes when we show up as our true imperfect vulnerable selves."

Oakcrest Funeral Services of Bancroft in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to www.oakcrestfuneralservices.com.

Julie Arcand

Julie Arcand, of Armstrong, Iowa, formerly of Spencer, Iowa, passed away on Sunday, June 2, 2024, at the Avera McKenna Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Funeral services were held on Friday, June 7, 2024, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Spencer, Iowa, with Pastor Peter Rosenkvist as the officiant.

Julie was laid to rest at Highland Cemetery, Ruthven, Iowa.

Condolences may be sent at www.warnerfuneral.com.

Sheriff Fisher wins primary election

Kossuth County Sheriff Roger Fisher secured his spot on the Republican ballot in the fall by defeating Brian Rensenberg. In a very contested race, Sheriff Fisher overwhelmingly won with 1,172 compared to Rensenberg's 463 votes. There were 59 write-in votes.

There were no names on the ballot seeking the Democratic Party nomination for sheriff.

Kossuth County Auditor Tammy Eden was unopposed in the Republican Party primary. There are currently no Democrats seeking the seat.

The Republican Primary for the US House District #4 seat saw incumbent Randy Feenstra edge Kevin Virgil in Kossuth County 794-716 in a contested race.

Kossuth County voter turnout of over 16% was double of the statewide turnout of 8%. Over 1,800 ballots were cast to decide who will be on the November ballot.



The St. John Class of 1954 held their 70th Class Reunion June 1st and June 2nd. Present at the activities were front row left to right: Albert Kahler, Ken Helderfor, Bill McGuire and Phil Elsbeker; second row: Walter Renger, John Kemna and Phil Vaske. Unable to attend were Carrie Lensing Phillips, Jane Ford Clark, Lois Schiltz Ferguson and Jean Welp Hixson.

Secretary Naig Honors the Streit Family with the Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award



Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig honored the Streit Family from Palo Alto County with the Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award during an event at the family's farm near West Bend on Friday, June 7. Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Grant Menke presented the award on behalf of Secretary Naig.

Streit Livestock Inc. was established in 1992 by Tony and Diane Streit. The farm has been in the family since 1971 when Tony's parents, Gerald and Ellen, purchased it. Gerald and Ellen raised Tony and his six sisters, Vivian, Michelle, Myra, Joyce, Sarah and Becky, at this farmstead. Tony and Diane moved back to the farm in the 1980s when the rural economy was struggling as a result of the effects of the Farm Crisis. They transitioned in hog production but eventually transitioned to cattle. Today, the farm operation includes Tony and Diane as well as their son Logan, his wife Amber and their four children. Tony and Diane are also the parents of two daughters, Lindsey and husband Justin Zinnel and their three children of Spencer, and Courtney and husband Ryan Fannon and their two children of Humboldt.

"Farm families like the Streits are essential to the vitality and vibrancy of our rural communities and I am

pleased to present them with the Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award," said Secretary Naig. "The Streits are an example of a hardworking multi-generational farm family that gives back to their neighbors in many ways while also being good stewards of their cattle, their farmland and our natural resources."

The family farm includes 400 acres of corn, which is harvested for both grain and silage, as well as soybean production. Additionally, the Streits seed 40 acres of rye in the fall as a cover crop and chop it in June. They then reseed those acres to millet and chop it in September. Conservation is important to the family as they utilize minimal tillage, seed cover crops, have placed acres in CRP and have established a 100-year wetland easement next to the Des Moines River. They have planted many trees over the years, including a family tradition of adding to their windbreak every spring.

The Streits' cattle feedlot is used for both custom and personal use. They have long-time customers and are proud of the relationships they have formed. Calves arrive at their feedlot between 400-500 pounds. They will feed them until they are approximately 800 pounds, before they head elsewhere to be finished for

market. By developing computerized feed systems custom-built by a past employee, Dustin Johnson, they ensure that the total mixed ration (TMR) meets all the nutritional needs of their animals. The family is BQA (Beef Quality Assurance) certified, and they are members of the Palo Alto County Cattlemen's Association.

A strong connection to the community is important to the Streit family. Tony served on the Palo Alto County Conservation Board for 20 years and previously served as a school board member. The family is actively involved in the Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in West Bend, which includes Tony's service as a Deputy Grand Knight of the West Bend Knights of Columbus.

The Wergin Good Farm Neighbor Award is made possible through a partnership with the Coalition to Support Iowa's Farmers (CSIF), the Big Show on WHO Radio, and the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. Now in its 20th year, this award recognizes Iowa livestock farmers who take pride in caring for the environment and their livestock while being good neighbors. It is named in memory of Gary Wergin, a long-time WHO Radio farm broadcaster who helped create the award.

Bancroft Days Gone By

5 Years Ago
June 12, 2019

Byron Anderson is very excited to reopen the Main Street Pub and Grill following its closing earlier this year. It has now been renamed Main Street Pub. With the help of his parents, Nate and Kelly Anderson of Armstrong signed the papers and officially took over from John and Jan Hellman of Bancroft...Several people worked all day Saturday to get the concession stand ready for the first Bandit game of the season. Coolers, cupboards, fridges and other equipment were put in place by Travis Neuman, Jeff Rahe, Bob Deitering, and Phil Lampe. They were cleaned and stocked by Mary Deitering, Donna Rahe and Teresa Kennedy. With 45 minutes to spare before the game began, they took time to celebrate their accomplishment of the new stand made possible by so many individuals and businesses...The KGLO Tractor ride made their lunch stop at the S&B Farmstead Distillery in Bancroft. The free will donation lunch proceeds will go towards the Bancroft 4th of July celebration.

25 Years Ago
June 9, 1999

Bancroft's very own Harold McNertney is celebrating 55 years of law practice at his McNertney Law Firm...Brandon Schrauth, a junior at Iowa State University in Ames, majoring in Elementary Middle School Education, is helping out with the reading program at the Bancroft Public Library, along with volunteering his time to tutor children in reading this summer. He is the son of Pat and Joyce Schrauth of Bancroft...The Greenwood 4-H Club took on the challenge to improve the appearance of the Bancroft signs, located on the north and south edge of town. They purchased a variety of shrubs and perennials to the area to help with the landscaping. Scott Shillington, a 4-H member constructed a bird house for each location.

70 Years Ago
June 10, 1954

James Antoine, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Antoine of Bancroft, recently graduated from St. John's High School, has received the American Citizenship Award. This award is a presentation made by the Iowa State Bar Association and the Iowa State Bar Foundation...Jim Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, left Sunday to spend this week attending Boys State at Camp Dodge near Des Moines. The selection is being made each year on the basis of scholarship, activities and personal characteristics. McKinnon post of the American Legion sends one boy each year from Bancroft. Jim will be a senior this fall in St. John's High School...Workmen started Monday morning installing new sponger rubber kneelers in St. John's Catholic church. The project is being sponsored and paid for by the Catholic Daughters of American. They have sufficient funds on hand to pay for the entire project but will gladly accept donations from parishioners. Fred Feller of Dubuque has the contract for the work.





North Union FFA members attending the Leadership Training Conference were front row: Sienna Hansen, Jo Oleson, Ethan Preston, Taylor Larsen; back row: Carly Oleson, Addison Kruse, Adaline Rolling, Emma Preston.

North Union FFA attends FFA Leaders Attend District Conference

Each year North Central district and Iowa FFA officers plan and facilitate Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) Conferences for FFA members in the North Central district. Ellsworth Community College welcomed FFA chapters from all over the North Central district on Wednesday, June 3, including North Union High School.

While at Ellsworth Community College on Wednesday, district and state officers lead four interactive workshops for FFA Chapter leaders, many of which are officers, for the annual COLT Conference. The

workshops facilitated were local FFA Chapter program focused in the areas of advocating for the agriculture industry, connecting with stakeholders, recruiting for the local chapter, and working as a cohesive team. FFA leaders also received training relative to their specific officer duties within the local chapter.

District FFA President, Caleb Lentz, stated, "COLT conference provides a chance for FFA members to learn more about their responsibility as a local leader and is a conference for members to meet and connect with state, district and other chapter

officers."

COLT conference programming is designed as a two-year rotation of local leaders training. The focus areas of next year's program include agriculture literacy, time management, professionalism, and self-confidence. The goal is to engage FFA members in learning about the tools that would allow them to be successful in anything they are part of through high school and beyond.

COLT conference is made possible with support from Farmers Mutual Hail Insurance of Iowa through the Iowa FFA Foundation.

Warriors blank Cardinals

By David Swartz

GARNER — The North Union Softball Team pounded out eight hits and took advantage of four walks in an 11-0 five-inning victory over Garner-Hayfield/Ventura last Friday. The Warriors scored a run in the first inning, six in the second and four in the fourth. The Cardinals also committed four errors to North Union's one.

Ainsley Ulrich threw a no-hitter, striking out seven batters and walking two in earning the pitching victory.

At the plate, Shalie Walders was 2-4 with a double and an RBI. Beth Streuber was 2-3 with an RBI, and Ulrich was 2-4 with an RBI. Also, Maisey Bierstedt and Madison Bunkofske each were 1-3 and Olivia Price had two RBIs.

Help Shed Some Light on Project Hope

Students participating in the Kossuth/Palo Alto County Economic Development Corporation's Intern Program are giving hope to local youth, teens, and adults by collecting personal care items for people in need.

The K/PACEDC Internship Advisory Committee is asking the public to help with "Project Hope". Interns want to leave their mark after the summer by giving back to the community through this practical service project. The main goal of Project Hope is to provide comfort to children and young adults who are in need of personal care items in Kossuth and Palo Alto Counties.

The Kossuth County Board of Supervisors will be proclaiming the weeks of June 24th through July 5th as "Project Hope Weeks". Area residents can participate in Project Hope by donating small personal care items at participating business or at the K/PACEDC office located at 106 South Dodge Street, Suite 210, Algona, right above H&R Block. The interns will then assemble individual packages and deliver them to the Department of Human Services, local schools, the Kossuth and Palo Alto County Law Enforcement Centers, and many more places where the donations will be greatly appreciated.

Warriors go 1-1 at Spirit Lake Tourney

By David Swartz

SPIRIT LAKE — North Union split its games at the Spirit Lake Softball Tournament last Saturday. The Warriors blanked MMCRCU (Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn/Remsen-Union) 12-0 in six innings in the first game, but lost 6-3 to Class 2A No.4 West Monona.

Against MMCRCU, North Union scored six runs in the first inning and six runs in the sixth inning.

Brylie Deim finished 2-5 with two doubles and four RBIs while Beth Streuber was 2-4 with a double and an RBI. Shalie Walders had a double and one RBI while Madison Bunkofske had a double and two RBIs.

Warriors fall to GHV by one

By David Swartz

GARNER — The North Union Baseball Team ended up on the short side of a slugfest against Garner-Hayfield-Ventura last Friday, falling to the Cardinals 11-10.

The score was tied entering the seventh inning at 9-9 as the Cardinals won the final inning 2-1.

The two teams combined for 24 hits with the Warriors having the lead in that category, 14-10. However, GHV received more free bases with eight walks to the Warriors' four and were hit by pitch three times to North Union's one.

The Warriors used four pitchers in the contest. Landon Hagedorn pitched 3.2 innings and gave up four runs (two earned) on four hits with one strikeout, two walks and three hit batters. Caden Walders pitched two thirds of an inning and gave up five unearned runs on two hits with one strikeout and two walks. Drew Henderson pitched 1.2 innings, striking

Kyla Irmiter had a hit and two RBIs, and Ainsley Ulrich, and Samantha Hoye each had a hit and an RBI and Maisey Bierstedt had a hit.

Ulrich pitched five innings, striking out six batters while walking one and giving up two hits. Bierstedt pitched an inning and struck out two batters.

In the second game, West Monona jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning added two runs in the fifth and one in the seventh. North Union scored one run each in the third, fifth and seventh innings.

Ulrich pitched all seven innings, giving up six runs (four earned) on 10 hits with six strikeouts and two walks.

At the plate for the Warriors, Brylie Deim was 2-4 with a double and an RBI, Ulrich was 2-4, Beth Streuber was 2-3 and Kyla Irmiter was 1-3.

North Union (8-6 overall, 5-1 in the Top of Iowa West Conference) will go on the road to play North Iowa today. The Warriors host Forest City on Friday and then travel to a tournament hosted by Newman Catholic on Saturday.

Next week, North Union is at West Hancock on Monday and home the next two nights against Garner-Hayfield-Ventura on Tuesday and Belmont-Klemme on Wednesday.

Bulldogs nip Warriors, 6-2

By David Swartz

LAKE MILLS — The North Union Baseball Team fell 6-2 to Lake Mills on Monday in a Top of Iowa West Conference matchup.

Talan Priester started on the mound for the Warriors. In 3.1 innings, he gave up five runs (two earned) on two hits with five walks and no strikeouts. Landon Hagedorn closed out the game and gave up one unearned run on one hit with one strikeout and five walks.

North Union had nine hits, but couldn't string them together to score more than two runs. Hagedorn and Max Merrill each were 2-4 while Greyson Colegrove was 2-2. Also, Danyal Fothergill and Caden Walders each were 1-4 with an RBI while Drew Henderson was 1-3.

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Q&A: Avian Flu
With U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley

Q: How is the federal government responding to recent outbreaks of avian flu?

A: As Iowa's senior U.S. Senator, I'm staying on top of federal agencies with prevention, control, emergency management and public health responsibilities to effectively serve the American people. That includes upholding confidence in the food supply to supporting farm workers and livestock producers. Highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) can wipe out entire poultry flocks within a matter of days, as we learned from the unprecedented outbreak in 2014-2015. A decade ago, Iowa lost tens of millions of egg-laying hens, chickens and turkeys to the disease. Quarantine protocols and biosecurity measures around the perimeter of infected barns were established to limit infection. Iowans may recall bird exhibits were canceled at county and state fairs to prevent the spread of the disease. At the time, Sen. Ernst and I urged the USDA to work with the private sector to expedite development and commercialization of vaccines and prioritize research and education on avian flu.

Last month, I joined a bipartisan letter urging the USDA, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to coordinate their efforts as they work to address and curb emerging avian flu cases, including additional research on wild bird deterrents, vaccines and advanced biosecurity practices. It's also important the federal government promptly shares information with the states and American public. For example, the federal Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service coordinates with state officials on the ground to help producers with prevention and mitigation efforts. U.S. poultry barns and dairy herds this year have experienced outbreaks across multiple states. Scientists from the Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory at Iowa State University were among the first to connect the dots between avian flu and sick dairy cows in Texas. Livestock producers who suspect infection should contact their veterinarian to evaluate the flock or herd. Human infection is rare, although so far this year three people have been diagnosed with avian flu after unprotected exposure to infected animals. Lessons learned from previous outbreaks are top of mind as we navigate measures to prevent, control and mitigate spread of avian flu. To reduce the risk of infection, the CDC recommends poultry and dairy workers, livestock farmers, veterinary staff and emergency responders take precautions when working with potentially infected or confirmed infections with sick birds, livestock, manure and raw milk. According to the CDC, current public health risk remains low; it recommends people should avoid direct contact with wildlife and keep children and pets away from sick or dead birds.

Q: Have Iowa farms been impacted in the most recent outbreak?

A: The highly pathogenic avian flu recently was detected at an egg-laying farm in Sioux County and a turkey farm in Cherokee County. The public and private sectors need to collaborate to stay on top of this recent outbreak to mitigate spread and protect public health, the food supply and the farm economy. According to the USDA, more than 90 million birds have been euthanized since 2022. Growing detection in dairy herds has heightened awareness to prevent and curb transmission. More than 80 herds in ten states have had infected milk cows, including most recently a dairy farm in O'Brien County in Northwest Iowa. The CDC and FDA advise consumers that choosing pasteurized milk and dairy products is the best way to keep your family safe. As a precautionary measure to curb transmission among herds, the USDA issued federal rules requiring mandatory testing prior to moving milk cows in interstate commerce. The federal Department of Agriculture also launched a voluntary pilot program to expand testing for dairy farms, including milk samples. Tracking and containing the virus will help mitigate risk of spreading among neighbors with poultry and dairy operations. Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig has called upon Iowa producers to implement infectious disease control measures; limit unnecessary visitors and report symptomatic birds or cattle to health officials at the state Department of Agriculture at (515) 281-5305. As Congress considers appropriations for the next fiscal year, the decision-making process at the policymaking table will need to consider vaccine research, development and storage, as well as the potential impact on exports and limitations presented by the size of U.S. flocks and herds. As a taxpayer watchdog, I'll work to help ensure the taxpayer and public health are protected. For example, when federal agencies expedited manufacturing of H1N1 vaccines (swine flu) in 2009, I raised concerns about wasteful spending and the shelf life of the vaccines. Similarly, I'll keep my thumb on the federal bureaucracy to help prevent mismanagement and government waste and push for adequate funding for a coordinated response to address the impact on public health, food safety, producers, rural communities and the farm economy.

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# Swea City Days Gone By

**5 Years Ago  
June 12, 2019**  
Three Quilts of Valor were presented to veterans Maxine Brones, Leonard Laue and Kenneth Thate. Brones and Thate are residents of Valley View and Leonard Laue lives in Armstrong. The presentation was made at Valley View...As part of the GKN Hearts of Gold, GKN Armstrong Wheels employees participated in the "The GKN's Hit it out of the Park Food Drive". Pictured were Brenda Evans and Richard Guerra, both of GKN, and Renea and Dennis Haaland stand by the items donated to the Armstrong Food Pantry located at the Nazareth Lutheran Church...Joshua Braddock, North Union graduate of 2016 has completed basic training and airborne school. Braddock, 82nd Airborne, is stationed in Fort Bragg, NC. Josh is the son of Stephen and Pam Braddock of Swea City.

laughing and raising money for a good cause all in common - The Just Glow and Run Like Crazy 5K to raise money for the Little Warrior Wrestling Club at North Union... What better way to cool off then to have a water balloon toss to end the school year. The elementary staff and teachers tossed balloons over the students heads...The North Union Warriors AAU Softball Traveling Team won after taking first place at the Spencer's Slugfest. They also took second place in the 4th/5th grade ELC softball tournament the weekend before.

**10 Years Ago  
June 11, 2014**  
The Swea City Co-Ed Kids 4H group planted flower barrels and placed them around Swea City. This is a project that the Co-Ed Kids do every year. Throughout the summer, they water the barrels but they also appreciate the extra help they get from businesses and other individuals... What do walking, running, jogging,

**25 Years Ago  
June 9, 1999**  
During the month of March, one of our very own Swea City residents received a special honor from the newly elected Governor Tom Vilsack. Vilsack called and appointed Janet Fisher of Swea City to the Iowa State Board of Cosmetology. She will begin her term on May 1, 1999 and will serve for three years. She can be reappointed for another two terms... The light pole at Maxine Brones farm was blown half over during the wind and rain storm on Saturday night. Fortunately, the pole did not tip completely over and Maxine had electricity over the weekend. Other area storm damage was reported to

the newspaper but was too late for publication...The Swea City Federated Women's Club met recently and planned their table settings to be displayed at the Historical House on Fun Days. Members displaying a table are Ruth Hurlburt, Elsie Kvamsdale, Iona Richardson, Lettie Rowlet, Vi Steenhard, Fern Swanson, Jane Thompson, Maxine Valvick, and Ardis Reynolds.

**50 Years Ago  
June 13, 1974**  
Darrell Eggerth placed 5th in the mile run at the state track meet and set a new school record. Darrell ran the mile in a time of 4:34.3. Dallas Preston also qualified for the state meet in the low hurdles, and he ran the 180 yard low hurdles in a time of 21.8 but did not place...Announcement was made this week of the hiring of a new police chief who will assume his duties in the very near future. Jay Eastman of North St. Paul, Minnesota will fill the position recently vacated by Herb Redmon. Before coming here Mr. Eastman was associated with the Midwest Patrol of the Twin Cities and comes to us highly recommended by his superiors. Mr. Eastman is 27 years of age, married and has three children...Inez Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith of Lakota represented the Ledyard High School band at the North Iowa Band Festival and was crowned the New Miss North Iowa in the afternoon...Evelyn Teague presented Mrs. Leland with a flag pin. The special recognition was given to Elfrieda Leland for being a Charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She is one of two Charter members living. Mrs. Ida Larson of

Fairmont was unable to attend.  
**70 Years Ago  
June 10, 1954**  
While voting wasn't as heavy as it has been in some elections, it still was a fair turnout considering it was primary. A total of 234 persons cast ballots Monday with interest being centered on the Republican side of the ledger. The Democrats were unopposed, but voters had to make a choice of the Republican ballot... Swea City firemen will stage their annual dance at Interlaken Ballroom. The have engaged Al Menke and his orchestra for the occasion and both new and old time music will be played...Water bill payments can be made at the town hall from henceforth, according to John Verbrugge, town clerk. The town hall will be open the 1st and 2nd of the month following the receipt of statements and the 14th and 15th of the month before the penalty goes into effect for non payment...Leo M. Schmall will receive a degree of doctor of veterinary medicine from Iowa State College.

# Birth announcements



**Adair Matthew Lemos**  
Adair Matthew was born on June 6, 2024 to Morgan and Matthew Lemos of Algona. He weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces.  
Welcoming him home are siblings Serenity and Carmella.  
Maternal grandparents are Bryan and Ginny Hellyer of Graettinger, IA and paternal grandparents are Sean and Judy King of Burt.  
The new dad is a Heavy equipment operator and the new mom is a registered nurse.

**Lyla Catherine Beadle**  
Lyla Catherine Beadle, daughter of Brett and Abby Beadle of Bancroft was born on June 7, 2024. She weighed 7lbs 0 oz and was 19 inches long.  
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The Dean's List focuses on students with a GPA of 3.25 or higher who maintain full-time enrollment status and have at least 12 graded credits.  
Named to the list were: Jacob Haase - Burt, IA and Lilly Vaske - Burt, IA



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8:30 a.m.- Mass at St. Joseph, Wesley  
9:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration/ Sacrament of Penance at St. Joseph, Wesley  
Friday, June 14  
7:00 a.m. - Mass at St. Cecelia, Algona  
7:30 a.m. - Sacrament of Penance at St. Cecelia, Algona  
Saturday, June 15  
3:15 p.m. - Sacrament of Penance at St. Cecelia, Algona  
4:15 p.m. - Sacrament of Penance at St. Joseph, Wesley  
4:30 p.m. - Mass at St. Cecelia, Algona  
5:00 p.m. - Mass at St. Joseph, Wesley  
Sunday, June 16  
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, June 17  
7:00 a.m. - KC Rosary for Vocations at St. Cecelia's, Algona  
8:00 a.m. - Mass at BG Chapel  
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Michael's, Whittemore  
Tuesday, June 18  
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Joseph, Wesley  
4:30 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration/ Sacrament of Penance at St. John's Bancroft  
5:30 p.m. - Mass at St. John's, Bancroft  
Wednesday, June 19  
8:30 a.m. - Mass at St. Michael, Whittemore  
9:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration/ Sacrament of Penance at St. Michael, Whittemore  
Thursday, June 20  
8:30 a.m.- Mass at St. Joseph, Wesley  
9:00 a.m. - Eucharistic Adoration/ Sacrament of Penance at St. Joseph, Wesley  
SWEA CITY COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Swea City, IA  
Pastor Todd Hartsock  
Wednesday, June 12  
6:00 p.m. - Mighty Warrior Youth Group, Open Bible Church  
Sunday, June 16  
9:00 a.m. - Worship Services inside the church  
Social hour will be held following service  
BETHANY EVANGELICAL & REFORMED CHURCH  
Ledyard, Iowa  
Sunday, June 16  
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. - Worship  
Wednesday, June 19  
6:00 p.m. - Mighty Warrior Youth Group, Open Bible Church  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
Bancroft, Iowa  
Pastor Jim Dewar  
Sunday, June 16  
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, June 19  
7:30 p.m. - In person evening, Prayer Service  
FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN  
Lakota, Iowa  
Pastor Kent Madison  
Sunday, June 16  
8:30 a.m. - Worship  
Tuesday, June 18  
6:30 p.m. - Session Meeting  
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Lakota, Iowa  
Sunday, June 16  
9:30 a.m. - Worship Service  
ALGONA FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Sunday, June 16  
9:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
10:15 a.m. - Worship Service at Algona First Presbyterian Church followed with fellowship and coffee time  
Monday, June 17  
9:00 a.m. - Sunday's Worship Service on AMU Channel 20 and Mediacom Channel 18  
Tuesday, June 18  
6:00 a.m. - 2 Mile Tuesday. Mark you calendars for each Tuesday morning (weather permitting)  
Wednesday, June 19  
5:15 p.m. - Frogs  
6:30 p.m. - Wednesday evening service  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Lone Rock, Iowa  
Pastor Walter Reemtsma  
Sunday, June 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  
Monday, June 20  
7:00 p.m. - Session Meeting  
Tuesday, June 21  
9:30 a.m. - Prayer Time  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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Sunday, June 16  
9:00 a.m. - Worship  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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Sunday, June 16  
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OPEN BIBLE CHURCH  
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Sunday, June 16  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Services at church  
10:30 a.m. - Service streamed at [sweacityopenible.org](http://sweacityopenible.org)  
Wednesday, June 19  
6:00 p.m. - Mighty Warrior Youth Group, Open Bible Church  
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Burt, Iowa  
Sunday, June 16  
9:30 a.m. - Divine Service  
BURT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Pastor Kent Madison  
Pastor Walter Reemtsma  
Sunday, June 16  
10:30 a.m. - Service will be broadcast live on the Burt Presbyterian Church Facebook page  
6:30 p.m. - Worship

# Pastor's Message

## Struggling With Sin

Are you struggling with sin? You are not alone! Even Paul, who wrote much of the New Testament, struggled with sin. We all have a sinful nature within us. I hope and pray that what Paul wrote will help you and me to understand how God made a way for us to be free from the power of sin. We will still struggle with sin, but it won't keep us from following and living in the Spirit of God. God won't condemn us, because of our sin, if we belong to Christ Jesus. May the Spirit lead you to the truth of what Paul wrote below.

Romans 7:14 - 8:4 NLT  
Struggling with Sin  
14 So the trouble is not with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. 15 I don't really understand myself, for I don't want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. 16 But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. 17 So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.  
18 And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. 19 I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. 20 But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.  
21 I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. 22 I love God's law with all my heart. 23 But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. 24 Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? 25 Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

Life in the Spirit  
8 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. 2 And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. 3 The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son a sacrifice for our sins. 4 He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

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Brennan Bollinger bends down to avoid being hit by the pitch while at bat during the North Union Eagle Grove conference match up.



Safely stealing second was North Union runner Greyson Colegrove. Colegrove also had pitching duties during the North Union/Eagle Grove conference game.



North Union senior Landon Hagedorn connected with the baseball sending it to the outfield during the conference match up against Eagle Grove.

## Algona Bulldogs hand loss to Warriors

By David Swartz  
**ALGONA** — North Union struggled to string its hits together in a 5-1 loss to Algona in last Thursday's softball game.

North Union scored its run in the top of the second inning with Maisey Bierstedt's hit driving in Olivia Price.

Algona tied the game in the third inning and then took control with a four-run fifth inning.

Leading the Warriors at the plate, Price, Brylie Deim and Shallice Walders each went 2-3 while Bierstedt was 1-3.

Ainsley Ulrich pitched all six

innings, giving up five runs (three earned) on five hits with six strikeouts and three walks.



North Union second baseman Beth Streuber catches the throw by the catcher to tag the Eagle Grove runner out while trying to steal.

## North Union girls wins slugfest over Eagle Grove

By David Swartz  
**BANCROFT** — The North Union Softball Team won a slugfest, 11-8, against Eagle Grove in the teams' Wednesday, June 5 game.

North Union led 4-0 after three innings of play with Eagle Grove scoring three runs in the top of the fourth to cut the deficit to one, 4-3. However, the Warriors responded with seven runs in the bottom of the inning. The Eagles' rally in the sixth netted five runs, but they couldn't complete the rally in the seventh inning.

Ainsley Ulrich threw a complete game for North Union, giving up eight runs (seven earned) on eight hits with eight strikeouts, four walks and one hit batter.

North Union pounded out 13 hits led by Ulrich, who was 3-4 with a double and two RBIs. Brylie Deim was 3-4 with an RBI, Shallice Walders was 2-3 with two RBIs and Beth Streuber was 2-4 with a double and two RBIs.

Also, Olivia Price was 1-4 with an RBI and Ariana Giddings and Madison Bunkofske each were 1-3.

## Eagles too much for Warriors

By David Swartz  
**BANCROFT** — The North Union Baseball Team got off to a slow start against visiting Eagle Grove and couldn't catch up with the visitors in a 12-5 loss in the teams' Wednesday, June 5 game in Bancroft.

Eagle Grove led 5-0 after a four-run second inning and the Eagles won each of the last four innings.

Only three of the Eagles' runs were earned as North Union committed six errors in the game.

Greyson Colegrove started on the mound for the Warriors and gave up six runs (two earned) on five hits

with six strikeouts, three walks and a hit batter. Max Merrill pitched 1-1 innings and gave up three unearned runs with two walks and one hit batter. Drew Henderson pitched an inning and gave up two unearned runs with two strikeouts and one hit batter. Cooper Hoye pitched an inning and gave up one earned run on three hits.

At the plate for the Warriors, Landon Hagedorn was 2-4 with a double and two RBIs, Cole Nicoson was 2-3 with an RBI, Merrill was 2-3 and Talan Priester was 1-1 with an RBI. Also, Danyal Fothergill was 1-3 and Colegrove and Drew Henderson each were 1-4.

## NU takes down Bulldogs

By David Swartz  
**LAKE MILLS** — The North Union Softball Team broke open a 2-2 tie with four runs in the top of the sixth inning and then tacked on two insurance runs in the seventh for an 8-2 win against Lake Mills on Monday.

The Warriors' Ainsley Ulrich struck

out 16 batters while giving up two unearned runs on six hits with five walks to earn the victory.

North Union bats pounded out 12 hits. Beth Streuber was 2-3 with a double and an RBI, Maisey Bierstedt was 2-4 with two RBIs, Ariana Giddings was 2-4 with a double and an RBI, and Kyla Irmiter was 2-4 with an RBI. Also, Ulrich was 1-4 with a double and two RBIs, Madison Bunkofske was 1-3 with a double, Brylie Deim was 1-4 with a double and an RBI, and Olivia Price was 1-4.



Making a running catch from centerfield to get the out was Brylie Deim. The catch ended the inning stopping Eagle Grove from scoring.



North Union shortstop Olivia Price dives for the line drive stopping the ball from heading to the outfield. She then popped up and threw it to first base to try and get the Eagle Grove runner out.

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