NEWS/RECORDS

Robert Edwin 'Bob' Kentner, Sr.

Robert Edwin "Bob" Kentner, Sr., age 84, of Humeston, was born on Nov. 21, 1940, and passed away on Friday, Sept. 19, 2025, in Des Moines.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Judith Christine Kentner; parents, Donald Edwin and Ona Pearl Reynolds-Kentner; and brother, Steven F. Kentner and wife, Sheryl.

Bob graduated from high school in Leon. He played college football on scholarship for two years at Simpson College in Indianola, and then at Graceland



Bob enjoyed hunting, golfing, camping, and watching football games, especially the Hawkeyes. He always had a beloved pet

dog. People remem-

ber him driving around

Humeston in his little red truck with his dog, Rosie. He is survived by his

children: Robert Kentner, Jr. and Linda Zorichak of Miami, Fla., and Danielle and Pete Starkus of Omaha, Neb.; brother, Tom and Jeanette Kentner of Elliott; and grandson. Jonas and Jacqueline Starkus. He will be missed and remembered by all who knew him.

No services are planned at this time. Arrangements were through the Slade -O'Donnell Funeral Home in Leon.

John E. Sellers Jr., 80, of Corydon, passed away Sunday, Sept. 21,

2025, at Wayne County

Hospital with his son

Charles by his side. Born July 30, 1945, to John and Harriett Sellers, John was a lifelong Wayne County resident. He farmed in Union Township with his wife Jean and raised two sons, Charles and Travis. A graduate of Cambria-Corydon High School and Iowa State University, John dedicated his life to agriculture, conservation, and community service.

He served for decades as Wayne County Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioner, including 35 years as Chair, and was active in many local, state, and national organizations. His leadership brought lasting improvements in soil health, water quality, and rural development, and he mentored countless

John E. Sellers Jr.



farmers and colleagues. Even after facing health challenges, John continued his service, attending his final SWCD meeting just days before his passing.

John is survived by his son Charles (Erika) Sellers; daughter-inlaw Christina Sellers; grandchildren Chelse (Bryce) Hartley, Jordan (Kenzie) Sellers, and Taylor (Jacob) Shackelford; great-grandchildren Hudson Sellers, Brylee Hartley, Luke Sellers, and Charlee Hartley: brother Patrick (Kristi) Sellers; and special friend Kathy Showers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Susan Porter, wives Jean and Susan, and son Travis.

A memorial reception will be held Friday, Oct. 10, 2025 at Thomas Funeral Home in Corydon from 4-6 p.m., with a program and open mic for sharing memories at 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be directed to the Wayne County SWCD Booster Club, which supports conservation education and scholarships for local students. Memorials may be mailed to Thomas Funeral Home Attn: Sellers Family, 303 E. Jefferson Corydon, IA 50060. Condolences may be shared online at www.thomasfh.com or www.facebook.com/ thomasfuneralhome.

John will be remembered for his dedication to the land, his leadership, and his kindness.

Blooming Moments **Pumpkins**

Teresa Evans Associate Editor

Pumpkins are large, round fruits in the squash family, native to North America and rich in nutrients like fiber and Vitamin A, though they can also be yellow, green, white, or blue, not just orange. These plants take several months to grow, with most parts, including the flowers, being edible. Pumpkins are botanically a type of berry called a pepo and are cultivated worldwide, with the U.S. being a major producer, especially Illinois, which is known for processing pumpkins for food.

Classification & Botany

Fruit, not a vegetable: Botanically, pumpkins are classified as fruits because they develop from the flower of a seed-bearing plant.

Squash Family: Pumpkins are a type of winter squash from the genus Cucurbita.

Pepo: The specific type of fruit is a berry called a

Growth & Appearance

Growth Time: Pumpkins take about 90 to



Pumpkins are a fall favorite for decorating. (Photo by Teresa Evans)

120 days to grow from planting to maturity.

Planting Time: They are typically planted in May and July to mature for the fall harvest.

Color: While typically orange, pumpkins can also be white, yellow, or green.

Structure: A pumpkin has a hard, woody stem, a ribbed rind, flesh, fibrous strands, and seeds.

Nutritional Value & **Benefits**

Rich in Nutrients: Pumpkins are high in fiber, Vitamin A (from beta-carotene), Vitamin C, and antioxidants.

Superfood: They also contain nutrients like potassium, protein, iron, lutein, and zeaxanthin, and possess cancer-fighting properties.

High Water Content:

Pumpkins are about 90% water.

Uses & Cultivation Edible Parts: Nearly

every part of a pumpkin is edible, including the flowers, skin, and seeds. Culinary Uses: They

are used in various dishes, such as soups, breads, pies, and other desserts. **Growing Regions:** Pumpkins are cultivated

globally, growing on every continent except Antarctica.

Fun Facts

Seeds: A single pumpkin can contain around 500 seeds.

Jack-o'-lanterns: The tradition of carving lanterns originated in Ireland with turnips and potatoes, but the use of pumpkins became popular after Irish immigrants came to America.

Mormon Trail Chamber plans October Boo Bash

Jodi Van Loon **Humeston Correspondent**

The Mormon Trail Chamber held its Sept. 18 meeting at Grassroots Cafe, addressing both current initiatives and future plans. August meeting minutes and the treasurer's report were approved.

Window clings for chamber members are in progress, and Jodi Van Loon was thanked for representing the chamber in the Homecoming Day parade. Janice Clark, the winner of the hot air balloon ride from Watermelon Days, was scheduled to take her ride on September 30.

Looking ahead, the chamber is organizing an October Boo Bash, a family-friendly event in the park, ending with a Halloween movie screening. A costume contest will also be held. In a move to

welcome new residents, dessert coupons—valid for a free dessert at Grassroots Cafe—will replace the traditional loaves of bread, distributed along with updated directories.

Planning for the

on Dec. 5 is underway and will be discussed at the next meeting. Belva Snow announced that the community center has acquired 20 new tables. The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Grassroots

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Marriages

Aaron Charles Brown, age 36 and Dianna Lyn Rhoades, age 35. Robert Lee Shepherd

Jr., age 22 and Charlee Phay Wilson, age 22. Vernon A. Gingerich,

age 21 and Barbara Ann Yoder, age 19.

Deeds

Gregory Hitchcock, deceased and Karen Hitchcock to Karen Hitchcock, change of title. Gregory Hitchcok and

Karen Hitchcock to Karne Hitchock, change of title. Jeffrey Garth Ewing and Tina Marie Ewing to

Linda Johnson Trust and The Linda Johnson Trust, warranty deed. Emery R. Raber and

Lydia J. Raber to Joseph R. Hershberger and Mary Ann Hershberger, warranty deed.

Todd W. Rider and Dian L. Rider to Todd W. Rider Revocalbe Trust to Todd W. Rider, Trustee; Dian L Rider, Revocable Trust; Dian L. Rider, Trustee; Todd W. and Dian L Rider, Revocalbe Trust dated Sept. 17, 2025, deed.

Griffon Point Holding LLC and Kristofer L. Logue, member to Nathan Nisley and Alice Nisley, warranty deed.

Dennis M. Middlebrook and B. Kay Middlebrook to Carla K. Housley and Shane E. Housley, quit claim deed.

Dennis M. Middlebrook and B. Kay Middlebrook to Jeffrey M. Middlebrook and Jared R. Middlebrook, quit claim deed.

Wesley Kamep Green, decease; Margaret M. Green to Margaret M. Green, change of tiltle.

Emery Raber and Lvdia Raber to Ervin N. Gingerich and Rachel W. Gingerich, warranty deed.

James L. Goodell Estate, James Goodell, deceased and Cathy Jo Farley, Executor to Nicholas John Russo II and Paula Lee Russo, court officer deed.

Karen M. Kissinger to Jordan Gradeless and Emma Gradeless, warranty deed.

Major Howard Cross,

deceased; Zackary Cross and Zachary Cross to Zackary Cross and Zachary Cross, affidavit transfer.

Samantha Miller, Samantha Ehrlich and Tristen Miller to Lance Masters and Cassie Masters, warranty deed.

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Mountain Properties, LLC, tax sale deed.

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Dana Holm to Valerie Christiansen and L.W. Barton, warranty deed.

Jacob L. Byler, Jacob Lee Byler, Mary J. Byler and Mary Jean Byler to Mary J Byler, warranty deed.



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