

# Obituaries

## David Michael Winter . . . 61



David M. Winter passed away Friday, April 18, 2025 at Kossuth Regional Health Center, at the age of 81.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Janice Winter of Lakota; four daughters, Ronda (Kevin) Gray of Titonka, Donna (Dave, deceased) Christ of Lakota, Brenda Winter of Clear Lake, and Paula (Dennis) Spilman of Garner; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, Kristy Brunsvold (Chris, deceased) and her children Bode, Tucker, and Emma, Kurt Gray, Teresa Lee and her children Caden and McKenzie, Anthony (Kristin) Christ and their children Aspy, Baker and Oakley, Brett Winter, Amber Winter, Emily (Turner) Albertson, Macey (fiancé Ryan Meyers) Spilman, and Bradey Spilman. He is also survived by two sisters, Barb Schroeder of Bancroft, Carol Evers of Lakota; a sister-in-law, Eleanor Winter; and many in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, Dave Christ; two brothers, Donald and James Winter; two brothers-in-law, Ron Schroeder and Herman Evers; as well as other in-laws.

Oakcrest Funeral Services of Bancroft in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to [www.oakcrestfuneralservices.com](http://www.oakcrestfuneralservices.com).

## LaVon Marlene Schiltz . . . 81



LaVon had a passion for connecting with others, whether through her work, her love of politics, or her joy in gardening flowers. She especially enjoyed traveling for work and building lasting relationships. Her greatest joy, however, was her family. She deeply cherished her role as a mother and grandmother, always ready to spoil her grandchildren with love and attention.

LaVon passed away peacefully on April 16, 2025, at Goldfinch Memory Care in Fairmont. She was 81.

She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Gary of Nevada, IA; three children, LaNette Janzen and her husband, Jon of Fairmont, MN, Kathy Bartz and her husband, Kevin of Truman, MN; Mark Schiltz and his wife, Alicia of Story City, IA, grandchildren, Sarah Bartz and her fiancé, Briar Rowley, Jamie (Bartz) Anderson and her husband, Brady, Michael Schiltz, Zachary Schiltz, Amanda Schiltz; great-granddaughter, Julia Mae Anderson and many nieces and nephews. LaVon is also survived by siblings-in-law, Tom (Bobbie) Schiltz, Dick (Toni) Schiltz, Mary Schiltz, Jane Killoran, Pat (Mike) Kayser, and Carmen Schiltz.

Preceding her in death are her parents, Ralph and Julia Thompson; brother, Willard (Marilyn) Thompson; sister, Carol (Jim) Elsbecker; parents-in-law, Art and Lucille Schiltz; brothers-in-law, Jack Schiltz, Jim Schiltz, Kevin Killoran; and sister-in-law, Beryl (Scott) Schiltz.

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## Update on Kossuth County Scam Case

On February 27th, 2025, the Kossuth County Sheriff's Office released a report that an individual by the name of Eddie Benitez, age 33 of Miami Florida, had been arrested for Theft in the First Degree regarding a grandparent scam that occurred within Kossuth County.

On April 15th, 2025, Kossuth County Deputies took custody of a second suspect in this case. A nationwide warrant had been issued for:

Carlos Garrido Guzman, age 29 of Homestead, Florida.

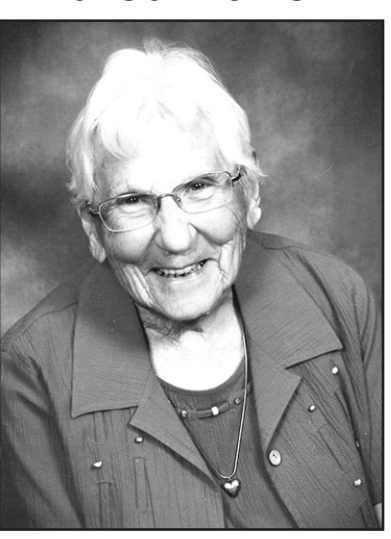
Guzman was arrested on April 11th in Miami, Florida and extradited back to Kossuth County on April 15th for:

Theft in the First Degree, Class C Felony and is being held in the Kossuth County Jail on a \$75,000 cash bond. Both Benitez and Guzman are also being held on other warrants from agencies that also had victims of scams. All persons arrested are presumed innocent until proven or found guilty in a court of law.

The Kossuth County Sheriff's Office would like to remind all citizens to use extreme caution

if you are contacted by phone or through social media regarding any individual or persons identifying as a business or government agency that claims you will need to pay money or purchase gift cards. The scammers will use numerous scenarios to try and convince you that your money is needed to help someone in trouble or in need. Do not provide any of your personal information and contact your local law enforcement so they can confirm this is a potential scam.

Kossuth County Sheriff



A Memorial Service for Mildred Anderson, age 100, of Spirit Lake will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Spirit Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Hops For Hope, an organization helping to support research for ALS and FTD: HFH/Raising Hope PO Box 401 New Prague, MN 56071.

Mildred (Milly) Marie Anderson, age 100, of Spirit Lake, Iowa finally got her "turn" and was called home by her Lord and Savior on April 10, 2025, just shy of her 101st birthday. She passed away at Accura HealthCare surrounded by her family and friends. Mildred was born on April 23, 1924 to George and Dora (Larsen) Johnson on a farm east of Rignsted, Iowa. Mildred was baptized, confirmed and married at her beloved St. Johns Lutheran Church in Ringsted. After graduating from Ringsted High School, Mildred attended Iowa Teachers College, receiving her Teachers Certificate and started her teaching career in a one room school house in Washington Township District #2. Later she attended the University of South Dakota, receiving a B.S. in Education and enjoyed teaching for 33 years in various school districts, retiring from Arnold's Park Consolidated in 1985.

Mildred married Bertle Anderson on August 18, 1946, in Ringsted. While raising their two sons, Raymond and Dwayne, they lived in Rolfe, Armstrong, and Spirit Lake Iowa. As a family, they enjoyed happy days camping with family and friends and had many funny camping stories to share. When she was not teaching, Mildred enjoyed her homemaker role. She loved pouring over cookbooks

## Bancroft Days Gone By

### 5 Years Ago April 22, 2020

Winnabago Cooperative Telecom Association will disburse nearly 10,000 dividend checks totaling \$2 million mid to late May...Spa-deedah, too owners Ellengray Kennedy and Alison Steburg were pictured holding an envelope that contained gift certificates to sold through of Bancroft Chamber of Commerce. The gift certificates were sold as part of helping boost Bancroft businesses...This year was definitely a different Easter for most. With not being able to see relatives due to Covid, the DePue family of Bancroft had a quiet Easter at home then decided to make the most of their family time together and went outside to build a snow bunny. Showing off their art work were Jason, Kristie, Jacob and Nick DePue...On Friday, April 17, school administrators, teachers, parents and students were disheartened to hear that Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds closed all schools for the remainder of the year. Spring sports were also cancelled but the future of summer sports will be decided by June 1. Graduation for North Union has been pushed back to June 14th and prom will be held on June 25th.

### 10 Years Ago April 22, 2015

The Bancroft City Council has decided to terminate the lease with the Bancroft Community Foundation. The city is leasing two garages and a meeting room for \$23,000 a year. The city uses the garages to house the police car and the Bancroft ambulance. Due to several reasons, the council felt this was in the best interest of the city...Gene Vaske and Amy Larsen, both employees of Farmers and Traders Savings Bank, could be seen raking leaves by the Gazebo park, located next to the Bancroft City Hall. The clean up was part of the "Up For Bancroft" project to help clean up, pick up, etc the town of Bancroft...Taking first place in the Blue Balls golf tournament was Jeremy Ortman and Paul Doerning. Placing second was Russ Vaske and Burke Arndorfer with Ryan and Amanda Goche winning a prize for taking last place at the tournament. Allison Delperdang and Linda Nyman dressed the parts of Heavenly Hawgs during the BBQ part of the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce's Blues, Brews and BBQ tournament.

### 25 Years Ago April 19, 2000

and spent many hours in the kitchen preparing/cooking meals for her family. She was a lifelong learner and enjoyed reading - especially National Geographic and Our Iowa. Gardening was another hobby Mildred enjoyed in her spare time, a testament to her nurturing spirit. Her greatest treasure was her family. She loved spending time with her 3 granddaughters and would enjoy taking them to the Summer Theater, Arnold's Park, Treasure Village, Ice skating in the Harbor and when not cooking, to the O'Farrell Sisters for breakfast.

In her later years, Milly enjoyed talking about her memories spanning the last 100 years. She was an amazing lady, and you could not go anywhere, without someone approaching her and introducing themselves as a student or acquaintance from the past. She lived out her faith each and every day and taught us all how to live in humility, grace and unconditional love. She will be remembered for those bright eyes that lit up when you walked in the room and for her sweet smile.

Those left to cherish her memory include son Raymond (Barb) Anderson of Rogers, MN, and daughter-in-law Vicki Anderson of Spirit Lake, Iowa; three granddaughters: Michelle (Bryan) Nemes of Rogers, MN, Melissa (Ryan) Shaddrick of St. Michael, MN, and Sydney (James) Thibault of Rapid City, SD; five great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Mildred was preceded in death by her husband Bertle Anderson, son Dwayne Anderson, parents George & Dora Johnson, one brother James Johnson and one sister Iona Plath.

Turner Jenness Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

### Patrick S. Quastad

A time for remembering and celebrating the life of Patrick S. Quastad, 36, of Fairmont, MN, will be 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 24, 2025, at the Lakeview Funeral Home in Fairmont, MN. A private family burial will be held at a later date.

Patrick passed away Sunday, April 20, 2025, at Mayo Clinic Health Systems-St. Mary's Campus in Rochester, MN. The Lakeview Funeral Home and Cremation Service of Fairmont is assisting the family with arrangements.

Full obituary will be published next week.

Eighteen fifth grade students at St. John grade school graduated from D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). Each student receive a diploma and a lion to signify their completion of the three month program taught by Deputy Roger Fisher...The Bancroft City Council met in regular session with all members present. A petition, signed by 91 individuals and started by Bill Dudding and Paul Bernhard, to eliminate a city administrator all together and go back to the Mayor, Council form of government was on the agenda. Around eight citizens were present at the meeting in regards to the petition. Most there, however, still wanted to stay with a city administrator. No one on the council made a motion to go back to the old way...Work continues on the Bancroft Health Center as insulation and sheet-rock were added.

### 50 Years Ago April 23, 1975

Miss Debbie Laubenthal, a junior at Saint John High School in Bancroft and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Laubenthal won an all expense paid trip to Washington, DC this summer as a result of her winning essay in a contest, sponsored by D.E.K. Rural Electric of Estherville...Mixed doubles held their end of the season pot luck meeting at Leisure Lanes. First place trophy and check R&S went to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ratigan and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schiltz, second place trophy and check Hilltoppers went to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Vaske, Mr. and Mrs. David Schiltz and Mr. and Mrs. James Hatlen...The Bancroft Fire Department was called to Saint John High School after custodian Pat Wilhelm discovered a fuse box in the broiler to be on fire. Damage was confined to the outdated and outmoded fuse box which will be replaced with a new modern facility. The school was evacuated in two minutes after the alarm sounded, and classes resumed when the emergency was under control...Judges and managers of the Iowa High school music contest held at Bancroft enjoyed a luncheon break at Roy's Grill in Bancroft.

### 70 Years Ago April 21, 1955

Miss Diane Sandt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Sandt of Bancroft, won first place in the annual D.Y.O. Essay Contest. Dian is a senior in St. John's High School. She will receive a medal at the annual award day presented by Bishop Mueller...Miss Regina Ber-

ens, principal of the Bancroft public school, Mrs. Helen Tostenen, and Miss Collette Kockler have been offered contracts with an increase in salary for the upcoming school year, by the School Board...Miss Marlene Ferguson, daughter of Mrs. Mary Ferguson of Bancroft, was among a group of 50 high school students selected from 120 applicants in the state wide competition as winners of three year nursing scholarships awarded annually by the Iowa Division of the American Cancer Society.



Shelby Harms holds the hand of her older daughter Kinsley as her youngest daughter Emberly picks up one of her eggs during the 0-5 age groups turn. Kinsley had to wait until the next age group to pick up her eggs during Bancroft Chamber of Commerce's Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th in the city park.



Croix Preston gives the Easter Bunny a hug while older sister Nora stands patiently waiting for their mom Sarah to take a picture during the Swea City Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th at the North Union elementary playground.



## Your Right To Know •• Proceedings of the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
April 8, 2025  
REGULAR APRIL SESSION  
The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were Carter Nath, Chairman, Josh Waechter, Kyle Stecker, Amosh Garman and Howard Haas.

Chairman, Carter Nath called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public discussion was held.

Motion by Haas and 2nd by Waechter to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting dated April 1, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held with the Secondary Road Foremen.

Years of Service Awards were presented to Scott Ziesman and Matt Schlegler for 30 Years of Service to Secondary Road and Autumn Zwielfel for 20 Years of Service to the Recorder's Office.

The board acknowledged transfers that were made from General Basic to Secondary Road in the amount of \$94,295.16 and from Rural Basic to Secondary Road in the amount of \$652,538.64. The transfers were made on April 2, 2025.

Motion by Garman and 2nd by Stecker to accept the advancement of EMS Staff Certification for Phil Albers, Evan Bollinger and Ellen Needs to Advanced EMT's. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to authorize EMS to attend Preventative Maintenance from Hamilton on our ventilators with the addition of a 2-year employment contract. Motion by Haas and 2nd by Stecker to amend the previous motion

to state "two maintenance cycles" instead of "a 2-year employment contract". Supervisor Garman voted nay; all other Supervisors voted aye. Motion carried 4-1. Supervisor Nath called for a roll call vote on the amended motion: Haas: yes, Garman: no, Stecker: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes. Motion carried 4-1.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to approve the engagement letter with Ahlers and Cooney for the Solar Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

Kossuth County Engineer Doug Miller presented information on the FY 2026 IDOT Secondary Road Budget and Program. No action was taken.

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Stecker to authorize and give its permission to Creek Enterprise of Hudson, IA, to place 400 feet of communications cable in the north right of way of 210th Street, approximately 1,750 feet east of 180th Avenue. Work will be in Section 1 of Irvington Township. Permit number 04-10-2025 is on file in the Kossuth County Engineer's Office. See map attached to permit for installation details. Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held with the Kossuth County Engineer.

Discussions were held with the Kossuth County Auditor and Kossuth County Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Garman and 2nd by Waechter to adjourn at 9:33 A.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest: Tammy Eden  
Kossuth County Auditor

Carter Nath, Chairman  
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors  
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**Open House Couple's Shower**  
honoring  
**Allison Mehr**  
& **Marshall Klingenberg**  
Saturday, May 3rd  
1:00 p.m. at  
**Global Methodist Church**  
*The couple is registered at Target and Amazon*

**Bridal Shower**  
for  
**Natalie Henriksen**  
*bride elect of Connor Anderson*  
**Saturday, May 3**  
**10:00 a.m. at**  
**Nazareth Lutheran Church**  
**Armstrong, IA**  
*The couple is registered at Zola, Amazon & Target*