



Volunteers, along with the veterans participating in Hunting With Heroes, stand together along with the boxes of food distributed on November 11th.



Hunting With Heroes served approximately 725 individuals during their annual Veteran's Day Drive Thru held on November 11th in Lakota. The lines of those waiting spanned down the road and onto the highway.



Winners of the Daughters of the American Revolution's essay contest were announced during the Veterans Day program at the North Union Fenton campus on Tuesday. Pictured are Chaplain Mary Behrends, 1st place - Braylee Brown, 3rd place - Trey Bruhn, 2nd place - Jameson Thompson, Robin Hansen. The theme of the essay was What the Flag Means to Me.



The guest speaker at the North Union Middle School Veteran's Day Program was Kim (Lindell) Hubers, a graduate of Armstrong-Ringsted High School and a former member of the South Dakota National Guard.

Public Notice

The Kossuth County Board of Supervisors, has received a construction permit application for a confinement feeding operation, more specifically described as follows:

Name of Applicant: Andy & Lisa Merron

Location of the Operation: NE ¼ SE ¼, Section 19, Ledyard Township

Type of Confinement Feeding Operation Structure Proposed: Increase in animals only at an existing swine confinement facility.

Animal Unit Capacity of the Confinement Operation after Construction: 2000 animal units (500 head of swine finishers)

Examination: The application is on file at the Kossuth County Auditor's Office and is available for public inspection during the following days: November 19, 2025 through December 1, 2025 during the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Comments: Written Comments may be filed at the County Auditor's Office until the following deadline: 4:00 pm, December 1, 2025. The Kossuth County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing regarding this facility at their regular Board meeting on Tuesday, December 2nd, 2025 at 8:05 am in the Supervisor's Meeting Room.

/s/ Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor
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CHUCK GRASSLEY

Q&A: Cameras in the Courts
With U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley
Q: Why are you continuing to push for cameras in federal courtrooms?

A: Opening up the federal courthouse to cameras would help foster civic engagement and boost public confidence in our legal system. As a watchdog for good government, I've led a crusade for nearly three decades to let the sun shine on federal court proceedings so people can see the wheels of justice in action and better appreciate how the rule of law shapes prosperity, peace and justice in America. My legislative efforts align with the intent of the founding fathers who believed public trials would help prevent abusive government power and uphold public confidence in the justice system. John Adams said the right to a trial by jury, along with representative government, serve as the "heart and lungs of liberty."

Although American life in the 21st century is much different than in the 18th century, the founding principles must remain ironclad as a check on government power to uphold America's promise of freedom and liberty for generations yet to come. Allowing cameras in the courtroom would give the American people a front row seat to the federal judiciary, a co-equal branch of the federal government that has tremendous influence over civic life and the economy, tasked with delivering justice on behalf of the American people. Transparency brings accountability. Just consider, cameras have captured every minute of Senate floor proceedings since 1986. Earlier this year, I cosponsored a bipartisan resolution to commemorate the 39th anniversary of C-SPAN 2's gavel-to-gavel Senate coverage, connecting the American people via a nonpartisan lens to the people's business. I supported C-SPAN's fight to be platformed by streaming giants to keep pace with how Americans obtain news and entertainment and welcomed the agreement that they will carry C-SPAN's coverage of Congress and public affairs programming as a service to the American people.

Just as the American people have a front row seat to the legislative branch, they deserve a front row seat to the judicial branch. Giving people the opportunity to observe its work will enhance public awareness and understanding. The Father of the Constitution, James Madison,

Public Notice:

Pursuant to Iowa Code 279.6, the North Kossuth School Board publishes this notice of its intent to appoint to fill vacancies on the Board. Interested individuals may contact the board secretary or a current board member. Eligible electors of the North Kossuth School District have the right to file a petition requiring that this vacancy be filled by special election. Petitions must be received by the board secretary within 14 days after the publication of this notice. For details and signature requirements, contact the board secretary.
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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 Dean Hilbert, Heirs of Donna M. Hilbert. The application (2025-09) 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 District. The applicant is requesting the minimum area be reduced to 3.16 acres to allow the parcel to be split from an existing farm.

Property: the part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4SW1/4) of Section Nine (9), Township Ninety-four (94) North, Range Twenty-seven (27), West of 5th P.M., Kossuth County, Iowa, described as Parcel "A" of the Survey record as Document No. 2025-2631.

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, December 5th, 2025. Written objections shall be signed by the writer to be considered valid.

Comments or questions can be sent by:

Email to: zoning@kossuthcounty.iowa.gov
Mail to: Kossuth County Zoning Administrator
109 West State Street,
Algona, IA 50511

If objections are received, The Kossuth County Board of Adjustment will conduct a public hearing on this request in the Kossuth County Courthouse at 5:00 PM, Tuesday December 9th, 2025. 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
KOSSUTH COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Dated: November 14th, 2025
By: Corey Petersen, Planning and Zoning Administrator
(Published November 19, 2025)

extolled the need for an engaged and educated citizenry as an essential lever for the preservation of liberty and the longevity of our republic. That's why I champion sunshine laws, from strengthening the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to expanding whistleblower protections and broadening public access to the courtroom. As Madison wrote, "...a people who make to be their own Governors, must arm themselves with the power which knowledge gives." His words of wisdom written 200 years ago are a clarion call today that "the advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only Guardian of true liberty."

Q: What are your two bills that would put cameras in the courts?

A: As chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I reintroduced two pieces of bipartisan legislation in March that would allow television cameras in federal courtrooms. The Sunshine in the Courtroom Act would grant the presiding judge in all federal courts, including the Supreme Court, the discretion to allow cameras in the courtroom, while protecting the identities of witnesses and jurors. The bill also prohibits media coverage of private conversations and includes a three-year sunset provision with the requirement Congress evaluate the impact of media access on the federal judiciary. The Cameras in the Courtroom Act would instruct the Supreme Court to permit television coverage of open sessions, unless a majority of the high court decides that doing so would violate due process.

In November I delivered remarks on the Senate floor to compliment Erika Kirk, the wife of assassinated conservative leader Charlie Kirk. She made a courageous plea to allow cameras in the courtroom during the trial of her husband's alleged assassin. It's said the wheels of justice turn slowly, but grind exceedingly fine. Our courts must balance the rights of the accused with the rights of victims. For example, as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I keep check on the executive and judicial branches to ensure laws protecting victims' rights are followed as Congress intended. Allowing cameras in the courtroom would help boost public confidence that justice is served with fairness. Lady Justice is sometimes depicted with a blindfold as a symbol of impartiality, and a sword to represent power. Opening the federal courthouse to cameras would allow the public to bear witness to the scales of justice in federal legal proceedings.

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BOARD PROCEEDINGS

November 4, 2025
REGULAR November SESSION

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were Carter Nath (Chairman), Josh Waechter, and Howard Haas. Absent: Amber Garman and Kyle Stecker.

Chairman, Carter Nath called the meeting to order at 8:01A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

There wasn't any public discussion. Motion by Haas and 2nd by Waechter to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting dated October 28, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Haas and 2nd by Waechter to open the public hearing for discussion on the vacation of a portion of originally established Road #43, being 66' in width, 33' on each side of the line between the northeast corner of Section 25-97-28; thence running south on the township line to the southeast corner of Section 25-97-28.

Chairman Nath called for a roll call vote: Haas: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes. Motion carried.

Engineer, Doug Miller presented additional information. No objections were received.

Motion by Haas and 2nd by Waechter to close the public hearing for discussion on the vacation of a portion of originally established Road #43, being 66' in width, 33' on each side of the line between the northeast corner of Section 25-97-28; thence running south on the township line to the southeast corner of Section 25-97-28.

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Chairman Nath called for a roll call vote: Haas: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Haas and 2nd by Nath to approve Resolution # 11-04-25-01, which is a Resolution approving vacation of a portion of originally established Road #43, being 66' in width, 33' on each side of the line between the northeast corner of Section 25-97-28; thence running south on the township line to the southeast corner of Section 25-97-28.

Chairman Nath called for a roll call vote: Haas: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Haas to approve Pay App 2 for DD 4 Lat 42 Improvement in the amount of \$57,268.27 to Zachary Laubenthal Excavating. Motion carried unanimously.

Bancroft Days Gone By

5 Years Ago
November 25, 2020

The Greenwood 4-H Club accepted a check in the amount of \$100 from the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce. When a Bancroft businesses closes its doors, the Chamber donates \$100 to an organization. Diane Zeller, owner of the NAPA store, chose the 4-H club as its recipient. Receiving the check were Aslynn Sobolik, Abby Deitering, Emily Meyer, McKayla Burt, Tanner Boever and Kaylee Meyer...Farmers and Traders Savings Bank didn't want to discontinue the tradition of serving pumpkin pie the Friday before Thanksgiving so they decided to do it pandemic style. Those wanting a piece of pumpkin pie, could use the drive up window and employee Shyla Merron would place it in the box and pass it safely to their customers...Since the pandemic, nursing homes have been closed to the public to help stop the spread of the virus. To help bring smiles to their residents, Andi's Embellishments and Floral of Bancroft delivered 30 dozen roses to Accura Healthcare and Stonebridge Suites in Bancroft. This was enough for very single resident to receive a bouquet of beautiful roses.

10 Years Ago
November 18, 2015

Staff Sergeant Ryan Morphew of Bancroft spoke briefly about his three tours of duty in the National Guard. He focused his speech on thanking the veterans present at the program and those weren't, for their service to the country...Olivia Guerder was pictured in the Register holding her cake that she had won at the St. John Parish Annual Bazaar Cake. Along with the cake walk, a variety of other games, including bingo, were played throughout the afternoon...With warmer temperatures in the past few weeks, the iris plant outside the home of Therese Richter began blooming in late October and early November. Prior the freeze on November 12th, Therese stated that she cut several irises and placed them in a vase where they continued to bloom...The holiday season is upon us and the first of open houses were held in Bancroft at Wrangling Grace Cafe and Design, along with Andi's Floral and Embellishments.

25 Years Ago
November 15, 2000

The Bancroft Community Historical Society is taking steps to acquire a permanent museum in Bancroft. It was voted on to purchase the Bancroft Creamery for the museum...The North Kossuth freshmen government class and computer class held interviews with Bancroft, Swea City and Ledyard citizens, in preparing a documentary on city governments. Pictured were Neil Engelhart and Tim Zinnel who were interviewing Dick Deitering about the Bancroft City Council. Class teachers are Brooks

Walter and Mary Jo Lofstrom...Election volunteers, Arlene Behnkendorf, Irma Brandenburg, and Maddie Summitt, each do a specified job to help all the voters who came to the Bancroft City Hall. There was a large turnout of voters according to the volunteers...The Bancroft Pharmacy installed a new sign on the building. Chris and Dan Salters have owned the pharmacy since 1998...Kemna Motor Co. is getting a new look on the front side of their building. New fascia will be placed on the front side.

50 Years Ago
November 26, 1975

Golden Sun Feeds, Inc., has named Lamont Jansen as Plant and Sales Manager of their Maquoketa, Iowa plant. Mr. Jansen has formerly been with the Rath Feed Division as Director of Training and Dealer Development prior to the acquisition of the Rath Seed Division of Golden Sun Feeds...Dolores A. Champlin has accepted the position of administrator at Heritage Home of Bancroft...Phil Marlow, a second year student at Iowa Lakes Community College in Estherville, is a member of the cast, "Our Town", a production of the ILCC drama department. Marlow, a 1974 graduate of Saint John High, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Marlow of Bancroft...Bancroft and Saint John School realized a long anticipated dream Friday night when the first girls' basketball team ever to play for the parochial school took the floor against their close neighbor rival - the Swea City Trojanettes. The girls were impressive and looked strong in their first encounter, losing to Swea City by seven points, 60-53.

70 Years Ago
November 17, 1955

The Ramsey 4-H Club picked up corn on the John McCarthy farm. A total of 78 bushels was picked up. The money they receive will be used to put on a pancake supper for the boys' fathers. What is left over after the expenses, will be put in the treasury...John Merrill has resigned his position at the Deitering Garage effective December 1 and will take a job at the Bancroft Municipal Electric Plant, as of that date. He will replace George Fangman. Fangman, who is retiring, has been night operator at the plant for several years...Bancroft hunters donated 30 pheasants to the Veterans Hospital, Des Moines, over the weekend in the hunt sponsored by McKinnon Post, The American Legion...Welp's Hatchery entertained 65 of their dealers and their wives at a program and lunch held at the hatchery. J.H. Welp was master of ceremonies and introduced three speakers, all of the Welp organization. W.R. Shoenhair spoke chicks, Harold Hundley explained the feed program and A.C. Welp told of the recently added bulk feed delivery.

of section 25-97-28; thence running south on township line to the Southeast corner of section 25-97-28.

WHEREAS: Proper and legal, notice and publications were served and published according to the Code of Iowa and,

WHEREAS: There were no claims for damages filed and,

WHEREAS: No comments or questions were received from the public during the public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors that the following described road is ordered vacated and closed.

That part of originally established road #43, being 66' in width, 33' on each side of the following described centerline:

Beginning at the Northeast Corner of section 25-97-28; thence running south on township line to the Southeast Corner of section 25-97-28.
DATE: November 4, 2025

Carter Nath, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

STATE OF IOWA)
) SS
COUNTY OF KOSSUTH)

I, Tammy Eden, hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors, that the above and foregoing resolution is a true and correct copy of the resolution which was passed, adopted and approved by the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors on the 4th day of November, 2025.

Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Haas to open the public hearing for private tile improvements to DD 116.

Chairman Nath called for a roll call vote: Haas: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes. Motion carried.

Landowners in the DD 116 private tile improvement area have come to an agreement outside of the meeting.

No action will be taken.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Haas to close the public hearing. Chairman Nath called for a roll call vote:

Haas: yes, Waechter: yes, Nath: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Haas and 2nd by Nath to approve Change Order 1 for DD 4 Lat 42 Improvement which decreases the amount by \$12,451.49. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Haas to approve Pay App 2 for DD 4 Lat 42 Improvement in the amount of \$57,268.27 to Zachary Laubenthal Excavating. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Haas to request the Supervisors handle their requests as follows:

Supervisor Stecker: Request 2025-094 DD 90 Lat 61; Request 2025-095 DD 90 Lat 20; Request 2025-096 DD 82; Request 2025-097 DD 69; Request 2025-098 DD 90. Supervisor Nath: Request 2025-099 DD 174 Main and Request 2025-100 DD HUK JDD 1 L-A. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Auditor.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Engineer and LeRoy Pesicka regarding 130th Street east of Hwy 169. No action was taken.

Motion by Haas and 2nd by Nath to approve Kossuth Waste Management Association's exercising of its right to extend the contract entitled "Service Agreement for Transportation of Solid Waste to Central Disposal Systems, Inc. Landfill" for an additional three (3) year period beginning January 1, 2026, and to authorize the chair to sign the Notice of Contract Extension. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Haas to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a three-year Farm Lease with Kory Hagen, Cylinder, Iowa for the tillable acres in the Zinnel Gravel Pit located in Section 19, Fairfield Township, Palo Alto County beginning March 1, 2026, and ending March 1, 2029. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Haas and 2nd by Waechter to approve and authorize the Chair to sign a three-year Farm Lease with Matt Dornbier, Wesley, Iowa for the tillable acres in the McGuire Gravel Pit located in Section 25, Cresco Township, Kossuth County beginning March 1, 2026, and ending March 1, 2029. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Haas to authorize and give its permission to Rodney Jensen, Algona, IA, to install 64' of 12" ø Class 4 reinforced concrete pipe and 10 feet of 18" CMP by cutting through 350th Street, 80 feet east of the southwest corner of Section 27, Seneca Township, Kossuth County. Permit Number 10-30-2025 is on file in the Kossuth County Engineer's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Engineer.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Haas to adjourn at 8:55A.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest: Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor

Carter Nath, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors
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