

Obituaries

Audrey Joan Johnson



She married Donald Johnson on December 15, 1956 and lived on the family farm south of Elmore. She continued to work on the farm as well as a Pharmacy Tech at Fischer Drug and Walmart, and later at the Elmore Post Office, where she retired. Audrey was active in the Elmore United Methodist Church and also the Elmore Library. Her most enjoyable moments were spending time with her family. Left to treasure her memory are Tammy (Kim) Meyers of Blue Earth; Terry (Jody) Johnson of Blue Earth; Tom (Lori) Johnson of Buffalo Center, IA, grandchildren Teresa Johnson of Blue Earth, Tyler (Macy) Meyers of Lino Lakes, MN, Kyle (Ashley) Meyers of Maplewood, MN, Ryan Johnson and her great-grandson, Cameron Meyers. Joined in heaven by her husband Donald in 1995 and her twin brother Allen in 2023.

Marilyn Ann (Ploog) Bjorklund ...93



spent 17 winters in Casa Grande, AZ. Marilyn spent her working career as an Elementary classroom teacher and Title I Reading teacher, where she was known for her joy in teaching, especially reading. Outside of work, she found joy in spending time with her family, volunteering at her church which included numerous years as a Sunday School teacher, and was always happiest when planting and digging in her flower gardens. Marilyn cherished her family. She is survived by her five children, Kurt (Luanne) Bjorklund of Charles City, IA, Brenda (Dale Dhein) Bjorklund, Alexandria, MN, Terri (Carl) Guggenberger, Alexandria, MN, Kelli (Jody) Schramel, Sartell, MN, and Kathi (Tom) Krey, Richfield, MN; one brother Gary Ploog of Queen Creek, AZ, and one sister, Myrna Hass of DeWitt, IA. Marilyn dearly cherished her 15 grandchildren and 13 (plus 2 on the way) great grandchildren and their families. She was preceded in death by her dear parents; beloved husband, Lorimer in 2015; one brother-in-law, Loren Hass, and one sister-in-law, Karen Ploog. Marilyn's presence brought warmth and steadiness to those around her, and her absence will be deeply felt. A private family service will be held on March 21, 2026, at Morris Nilsen Funeral Chapel, Richfield, MN, with burial later at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Sauk Rapids, MN. Marilyn leaves behind a legacy of faith, love, family and the memory of her life will continue to inspire all who knew her.

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BOARD PROCEEDINGS
March 3, 2026
REGULAR March SESSION
The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were Carter Nath (Chairman), Howard Haas, Kyle Stecker, Amber Garman and Josh Waechter. Chairman, Carter Nath called the meeting to order at 8:00A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There wasn't any public discussion. Motion by Haas and 2nd by Stecker to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting dated February 24, 2026. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Haas to approve the claims and drainage claims. Supervisor Garman abstained. All other Supervisors voted aye.

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| A Riffkin Supp | 135.00 | |
| AgSource Coop Svcs Svcs | 73.40 | |
| Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. Exp | 226.98 | |
| Algonia Hearing Center LLC Serv | 35.00 | |
| AMU Svcs | 781.52 | |
| Algonia Plumb & Htg Svcs | 23.00 | |
| Alg Pub Co Notices | 451.42 | |
| Alliant Energy Svcs | 477.23 | |
| American Capital Serv Supp | 708.68 | |
| AU Life Ins Ins | 109.08 | |
| Arnold Motor Supply Parts | 12.50 | |
| Fidelity Sec Lif Ins Ins | 43.94 | |
| A Berte Exp | 41.71 | |
| Bomgaars Supp | 3797.53 | |
| D Briggs Exp | 75.00 | |
| Calhoun-Burns & Associates, In Engineer Sup | 2169.00 | |
| Central IA Juv Svcs | 417.66 | |
| Centurylink Phone | 204.13 | |
| City of Fenton Utilities | 124.56 | |
| City of Lone Rock Exp | 332.47 | |
| City of Wesley Cons | 72.69 | |
| City of West Bend Utilities | 841.95 | |
| City of Whitemore Exp | 659.68 | |
| City Systems & Software Supp | 18522.51 | |
| Electronic Specialties Svcs | 40.00 | |
| Fareway Supp | 411.41 | |
| Fenton Coop Telephone Svcs | 27.50 | |
| Forge & Build-Algonia Exp | 47.97 | |
| Galls Supp | 1210.09 | |
| Grainger, Inc. Engineer Sup | 241.99 | |
| D Green Exp | 371.35 | |
| Henry-Olson Fuhrman Funeral Svcs | 700.00 | |
| Holmes Animal Clinic Svcs | 112.04 | |
| Hy-Vee Supp | 4108.08 | |
| Iowa Division of Criminal Inve | Exp | 1000.00 |
| IA Lakes EC Elec | 1289.70 | |
| IA Law Enforcement Academy Svcs | 25.00 | |
| Iowa Police Officers Associatio | Exp | 60.00 |
| ISACA Dist II Auditors Dues | 20.00 | |
| JCL Solutions Supp | 20.36 | |
| John Deere Financial Parts | 34142.67 | |
| Kemna GM Serv | 90.50 | |
| KC Treas Svcs | 6842.00 | |
| KRHC Svcs | 160.00 | |
| KRHC Svcs | 241.00 | |
| S. Kunkel Exp | 560.12 | |
| Lentz Funeral Home Serv | 660.00 | |
| Lone Rock Coop Tel Phone | 130.95 | |
| Martin Marietta Agg Rock | 2065.65 | |
| MCHS EMS Program Exp | 47.50 | |
| Mid Am Energy Svcs | 271.95 | |
| Mocic Exp | 100.00 | |

Ringsted Blood Drive to be Held April 8th

Donors needed now as hospital demand outpaces blood donations

The American Red Cross is experiencing a national blood shortage. Fewer donors than needed have given blood this year, drawing down the national blood supply and reducing distributions of blood and platelets of the most needed blood types to hospitals. Donors of all blood types are urgently needed, and there is an emergency need for platelet donors and type O blood donors to make an appointment to give now to ensure patients across the country continue to receive critical care. Right now, blood product distributions to hospitals are outpacing the number of blood donations coming in. The Red Cross needs blood and platelets now. Schedule an appointment to give blood on Wednesday, April 8th, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Ringsted Legion Community Center by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, and enter: RINGSTEDIA. You may also call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767). Or you may call Barb Christensen at 712-260-0375, Cindy Liljedahl at 712-260-2155, or Karen Witte at 712-260-7499 to schedule an appointment.

More than 240 Iowa Nurse Leaders Gather at the State Capitol for Iowa Organization for Nursing Leadership Day on the Hill



On Wednesday, March 11, more than 240 nursing leaders and advocates, representing 76 Iowa hospitals and health systems across the state, gathered at the Iowa State Capitol for the Iowa Organization for Nursing Leadership (IONL) annual Day on the Hill. Local nurse leader Stephanie Colvin, Chief Nursing Officer attended, representing Kossuth Regional Health Center. "The Day on the Hill highlighted the importance of collaboration between nurses, healthcare administrators, and policymakers," said Colvin. "I am grateful for the opportunity to stand alongside fellow hospital nurses and thank our legislators for their continued work to support their care and strengthen Iowa's healthcare system." The impactful day empowered IONL members to connect with lawmakers to strengthen dialogue and influence key health care policies in Iowa. "Nurses are a vital component of Iowa hospitals and communities," said Amanda Mohr, IONL President and Chief Nursing Officer at Greater Regional Health. "IONL Day on the Hill is an opportunity for nursing leaders and frontline staff to share their stories and evidenced-based practice needs within the healthcare system face-to-face with elected officials." Participants discussed key issues including workforce shortages, improving access to care for rural and underserved communities, as well as lowering health care costs. Throughout the day, attendees met with legislators, attended policy briefings and shared stories illustrating how legislative decisions impact patients, health care providers and local economies. The event reinforces IONL's commitment to shape the future of health care delivery, education and health policy. "The essentials in Iowa, rural and urban, are essential to the stability and growth of the community in which they serve," Mohr said. "Not every community hospital has exactly the same needs, and IONL Day on the Hill allows nursing leaders to share actual experiences and solutions to care within those communities." IONL is a personal membership group (PMG) of the Iowa Hospital Association. PMGs offer hospital professionals opportunities to learn and network with colleagues across Iowa. IHA represents 121 hospitals and health systems across the state and supports its members through advocacy, education and data services.

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BOARD PROCEEDINGS
March 4, 2026
SPECIAL SESSION
The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were Howard Haas (Vice Chairman), Amber Garman, and Josh Waechter. Vice Chairman, Howard Haas called the meeting to order at 12:17 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Motion by Garman and 2nd by Waechter to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Garman to adjourn at 12:21 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest: Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor

Carter Nath, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors
(Published March 25, 2026)

90th birthday card shower



To honor Albert Kahler's 90th birthday on April 4th, a card shower is being held in his honor. Cards will reach him at 520 E. Ramsey St., Bancroft, IA 50517.

Bancroft Days Gone By

**5 Years Ago
March 31, 2021**
Maggie Vasche and Joey Doerning, both of Bancroft, are part of the upcoming Bishop Garrigan High School production of "It's A Wonderful Life"...Seven cheerleaders from North Union were members of the 2021 Pizza Ranch IBCA All Star Cheer Squad that performed at the All Star basketball games at Dallas Center-Grimes. They were Kasandra Watkins, Ashton Merrill, Ella Hagebock, Morgan Friess, Elizabeth Harrison, Rachel Henriksen and Dakota Villarreal. Receiving additional honors were Dakota Villarreal. - All Tournament Cheer Squad, Ashton Merrill - All Tournament Cheer Squad and a \$250 Iowa Cheer Coaches Association Scholarship and Ella Hagebock - All Tournament Cheer Squad...Betty Welp turned 100 years old on March 29. She was honored with flowers, balloons and a sash, along with birthday cards.

**10 Years Ago
March 23, 2016**
Handing a green shamrock cookie to a few of the kids from Kidstop Daycare was Helen Rickie of Farmers and Traders Savings Bank. The bank handed out the cookies on March 17 in honor of St. Patrick's Day...The Bancroft City Council reported that the old Score Board from Bancroft Memorial Park has not yet been found a home. A silent auction will be held through the Bandit baseball season for anyone interested in a placing a bid. Monies will go back into maintenance of fields, youth baseball and softball. The little will also be getting a new scoreboard at the softball diamond. This was made through donations and grants...The "Days Gone By" fundraiser committee presented Father Sunny with a check in the amount of \$4500.00 at the Knights of Columbus fish fry. This money was raised from the dinner and program held November 1st. The proceeds are to be used for the Quasiquincentennial.

**25 Years Ago
March 21, 2001**
The Bancroft City Council approved the purchase of a new police car during their regular meeting. The car will be purchased from Kenna Motor Co in the amount of \$19,534.64...Anthony McGuire, son of Mark and Melissa McGuire of Bancroft, was pictured in the newspaper holding trophy that he won at the 17th annual MathCount tournament...The Seton eighth grader and his team also won first place at the tournament...The Bancroft Ballroom held a ribbon cutting on March 15. Those present were Bancroft Mayor Charles Kennedy, chamber director Jeff Johnson, chamber director Eileen Hagist, owners Sandy and Ray Page, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Allison Delperdang, chamber president Dan Salters and chamber director Dwyane Nyman...St. John

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BOARD PROCEEDINGS
March 9, 2026
SPECIAL March SESSION
Special Election Canvass
The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were Howard Haas (Vice Chairman via phone), Kyle Stecker, Amber Garman and Josh Waechter. Absent Carter Nath. Vice Chairman, Howard Haas called the meeting to order at 12:00P.M. Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Garman to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously. The abstract of votes was read. Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to approve the abstract of votes. Motion carried unanimously. The board reviewed the election claims.

Location of the Operation: NE ¼ NW ¼ Section 13, Buffalo Township
Type of Confinement Feeding Operation Structure Proposed: Increase animals only at an existing swine finisher confinement facility.
Animal Unit Capacity of the Confinement Operation after Construction: 2120 animal units (5300 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: March 26th to April 6th 2026, 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, April 6th. The Kossuth County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing regarding this facility at their regular Board meeting on Tuesday, April 7th at 8:30 am in the Supervisor's Meeting Room.

Attest: Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor
(Published March 25, 2026)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED BUDGET

Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027
Assessing Jurisdiction: KOSSUTH COUNTY ASSESSOR
The Conference Board of the above-named Assessing Jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 4/7/2026 Meeting Time: 12:00 PM Meeting Location: Kossuth County Courthouse Board Room
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Conference Board. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished to any taxpayer upon their request.
Contact Name: Brandon Ostwald Contact Telephone Number: (515) 295-3857

| | FYE June 30, 2025 Actual | FYE June 30, 2026 Re-estimated | FYE June 30, 2027 Proposed | Transfers Out | Estimated Fund Balance FY 2027 | Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2027 | Estimated Other Receipts | Transfers In | Estimated Amount To be Raised By Taxation |
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| 1. Assessment Expense | 391,467 | 547,719 | 571,002 | | 723,093 | 671,383 | 32,456 | 0 | 590,256 |
| 2. FICA | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3. IPERS | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 4. Emergency | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5. Unemployment Comp. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 6. Tort Liability | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 7. TOTAL | 391,467 | 547,719 | 571,002 | 0 | 723,093 | 671,383 | 32,456 | 0 | 590,256 |

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.32054
Virtual Meeting Information:
Microsoft Teams meeting Meeting ID: 276 258 600 586 23 Passcode: L5C5ZE9p