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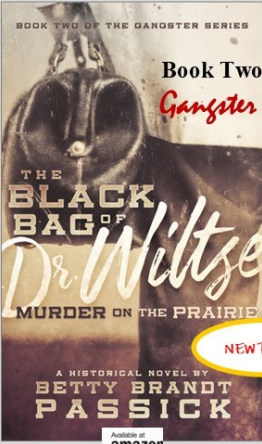
Gangster Blog

2022 Spring NE Iowa Book Tour, Apr. 5-9

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"The Legacy of an Iowa Pioneer Physician"

 **Tues., Apr 5, 8:30 am**, Radio Interview, Matt Ray, KWAY Country, 1470 AM, Waverly, IA

- **Tues., Apr. 5, 2 pm**, IOOF Home and Community Therapy Center, 1037 19th St SW, Mason City, IA, (641) 423-0428
- **Tues., Apr. 5, 6:30 pm**, Waverly Public Library, 1500 W Bremer Ave., Waverly, IA, (319) 352-1223
- **Wed., Apr. 6, 4 pm**, Arlington Public Library, 711 Main Street, Arlington, IA, (563) 633-3475
- **Thurs., Apr. 7, 3 pm**, Fayette Community Library, 104 W State St., Fayette, IA, (563) 425-3344
- **Thurs., Apr. 7, 5 pm**, Wadena Public Library, 136 S Mill St, Wadena, IA, (563) 774-2039
- **Fri., Apr. 8, 10 am**, Sumner Public Library, 206 N Railroad St, Sumner, IA, (563) 578-3324
- **Sat., Apr. 9, 10 am**, Colesburg Public Library, 220 Main St., Colesburg, IA, (563) 856-5800



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I'm looking forward to my inaugural book tour to introduce book two in the Gangster Series, *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse, Murder on the Prairie* (November 2021). It kicks off April 5th at 8:30 am with an interview hosted by **Matt Ray at KWAY radio, 1470 AM**. We've never met, but I have a "surprise" in store for Matt.

I been informed by **Troy Sundt, Activities Director, IOOF Home in Mason City**, that staff is reading *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse* to guests in preparation for my 2:00 pm visit. Nice!

Then, April 5th, 6:30 pm, will be my first author visit at the **Waverly Public Library** hosted by **Kris Fagre, Outreach Librarian**. Listen for her "shout-out" during the March 17, 8:30 am, "Library Chat" on KWAY radio. I'm so looking forward to meeting Kris, too.

There are seven opportunities (April 5-9) to hear the story of Dr. Alexander Wiltse... I hope we meet up at one of these events.



THE BLACK BAG OF DR. WILTSE
Murder on the Prairie (2021)

—now available on Amazon.com!

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Sharing the True Stories I've Captured...

As you may know, Iowa is celebrating 175 years of statehood in 2022.

I've now written three historic books about Northeastern Iowa — thus, I am in the process of contacting schools offering to do an "NE Iowa History" talk respective to some of the true stories I've captured in my books.

Each author talk lasts about sixty minutes, customized for the grade level. Included in my message is how to keep a journal. I kept a journal for seventeen years — and today, these notebooks come in handy when I'm looking for ideas for my next story or book. At least a few of today's students will become writers, authors, and journalists.

▶ Contact me if your school may be interested in hosting an event.

"The John Bartels Family of 1889," 150th Founding Anniversary of Sumner, IA

I am honored to be a part of the "Sumner Sesquicentennial" in 2022.

Priscilla Franken, historical activities planning committee chair, extended the invitation upon learning of the book I published in



2015, *We Are Eight, a Memoriam*. She saw my posting on [The Forgotten Iowa Historical Society](#) Facebook page about John F. and Anna (Moeling) Bartels, who purchased land and developed a farm near Westgate in 1889. The farm-

house is still in use (Photo: Darold Pipho). The memoir includes personal memoirs, interviews, newspaper accounts, and photos. After 32 years of farming, John and Anna retired to a home in Sumner. They are buried in the St. John (Sumner), Bremer, IA Cemetery.

My first event, as part of Sumner's historical festivities, will be on Sunday, June 12, 1-4 pm, during the "Cruising Thru History" event on the grounds of the old [Sumner High School](#) (built 1901) — now the "Memories Are Forever" museum, at 300 W. 4th St. I'll be on hand to answer questions about "The John Bartels Family of 1889."

Sumner's main celebration is July 14-17. For more information, [KCHA News](#) (Charles City) posts on-line Sumner Sesquicentennial events; also check out the [Sumner Sesquicentennial](#) Facebook page.



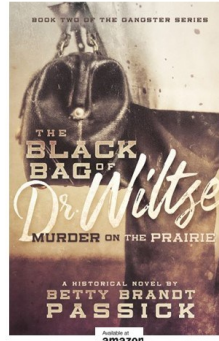
Iowa



175th Year of
Statehood
- 2022 -

"A period piece of northeast
Iowa's earliest history."

— Betty Brandt Passick
Author and Iowa Native



Author Events (2022)

March-June

— **Mar. 19, 9-4:30**, Rosemount Writers Festival and Book Fair, Rosemount Steeple Ctr, 14375 S. Robert Tr., Rosemount, MN

— **Sat., Mar. 26, 9-7**, DSM Book Festival, Capital Square, 400 Locust St., Des Moines, IA

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— **(pending) Sat., Jun. 11**, "The John Bartels Family of 1889," Sumner Sesquicentennial, Sumner Public Library, 206 N. Railroad St., Sumner, IA

— **Sun., Jun. 12, 1-4 pm**, Waverly Cruising at Sumner, "The John Bartels Family of 1889," Sumner Sesquicentennial, Old Sumner High School, 300 W. 4th St., Sumner, IA

— **(Pending) Spring**, "The Legacy of an Iowa Pioneer Physician," Delaware Co. Historical Museum Complex, College Sq. HWY 38, Hopkinton, IA

Book Clubs

— (Pending) Kaylene's Book Club
— (Pending) Helen's Book Club