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## **Gangster** Blog

## **RECAP: NE Iowa Spring Book Tour #1 (April)**



Thank you to the residents at the IOOF Home and Community Therapy Center (pictured) in Mason City — for kicking off my **inaugural NE Iowa Book Tour (April 5-9)** to announce *The Black Bag of Dr. Wiltse, Murder on the Prairie* (2021). They read the book as a group — and had plenty of questions and comments (awesome). Thanks for the invitation, Troy, activities director.

The remainder of **Book Tour #1** included stops at libraries in Waverly, Arlington, Fayette, Wadena, Sumner, and Colesburg, my first visit to most of these venues. A special **"shout-out"** to Carol, director, Colesburg library, for furnishing donuts and coffee (nice touch). I'm very grateful to one and all for all the great turnouts.

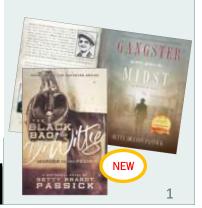
**Book Clubs:** Let me know well in advance when you want me to attend your final read.

If you missed the FUN **April 5th KWAY Country** interview by Matt Ray, here's the link: <a href="https://soundcloud.com/kway-radio/the-black-bag-of-dr-wiltse-interview">https://soundcloud.com/kway-radio/the-black-bag-of-dr-wiltse-interview</a>. Thank you, Matt!



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## (2) New Collections



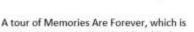
"The Seymore Farm for Offensive Creatures," by Betty Brandt Passick, Minnesota Stories, A Collection of 28 Fiction Stories About the State We Love. Compiled by Women of Words, published by Kirk House Publishers. Available: July 2022.

"Recently Cooperative," by Betty Brandt Passick, The Gift and Other Stories is

a community service project sponsored by Pages Promotions, LLC. This collection contains 90 stories contributed by 17 authors, and serves The Haley Sue Foundation. Available: August 2022.

## "The John Bartels Family of 1889" (see attached)

Reminder: I will be speaking at the Old Jr. High School, 300 W. Fourth Street (second floor, 1-5 pm) in Sumner, Iowa, on Sunday, June 12. The subject of my talk will be



A tour of Memories Are Forever, which is a 1901 historical school building filled with memorabilia from Sumner and Bremer County.





"Sumner Sesquicentennial"

THROUGH HISTORY Bremer County Hist. Society 319-352-1862 Sun., June 12

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street, Samner, IA Stur., June 1-5 pm

## "The John Bartels

**Family of 1889."** John F. and Anna (Moeling) Bartels established their farm near Westgate, and retired to a home in Sumner.

## NE Iowa Spring Book Tour #2 (see attached)

## NE Iowa Book Tour #2 Award-winning Author

## Betty Brandt Passick

"The Legacy of a Pioneer Physician"

- Fri., Jun. 10, 10-2 (book signing), The Landing Market, 211 College Dr., Decorah
- Fri., Jun. 10, 3:30-4:30 pm, Fort Atkinson Community Center, 303 3rd St NW, sponsored by the Fort Atkinson Public Library, Fort Atkinson
- Sat., Jun. 11, 7:30-11 am (book signing), Farmers' Market, long River Street behind Bushel & A Peck, 401 West Main St., Manchester
- Sat., Jun. 11, 1:30-2:30 pm, Delaware Co. Historical Museum Complex, College Sq. HWY 38, Hopkinton
- Sun., Jun. 12, 1-5 pm, "The Bartels Family of 1889," Cruising Through History"/Summer Sesquicentennial, Old Junior High School, 300 W 4th St., Summer
- Tues., Jun. 14, 2-3 pm, New Hampton Public Library, 20 W Spring St., New Hampton
- Wed., Jun. 15, 4:30-5:30 pm, Manchester Public Library, 304 N Franklin St., Manchester



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## **Author Events**

# Book Tour #2 (June) "The Legacy of an Iowa Pioneer Physician"

- Fri., Jun. 10, 10-2 (book signing), The Landing Market, 211
   College Dr., Decorah
- Fri., Jun. 10, 3:30 pm, Fort
   Atkinson Community Center, 303
   3rd St NW, sponsored by the Fort
   Atkinson Public Library, Fort Atkinson, IA
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   (book signing), Farmers' Market,
   along River Street behind Bushel &
   A Peck, 401 West Main St., Manchester, IA
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  - Tues., Jun. 14, 2-3 pm, New Hampton Public Library, 20 W Spring St., New Hampton, IA
  - Tues., Jun. 14, time tbd
     (book signing), Pulpit Rock
     Brewery,207 College
     Dr., Decorah, IA

— Wed., Jun. 15, 4:30-5:30 pm, Manchester Public Library, 304 N Franklin St., Manchester. IA

### **Festivals**

- (Pending) **Sat., Jul 30,** Delhi Daze, Delhi, IA
- (Pending) **Sat., Aug. 20, 2 pm**, River Runner Regatta and Cardboard Boat Race, Whitewater Park, Manchester, IA
- (Pending) October, Iowa City
   Book Festival, Iowa City, IA

## Conferences

- Sept. 8-11, Bouchercon, the
   World Mystery Convention, Minneapolis, MN
- **Sat., Oct. 1, 9-3**, DVBF 2022, 7th Edition Live, 2030 Adams Street, Mankato, MN
- (Pending) **Sat./Sun, Nov. 26-27, 10-6/10-4,** GSR Fine Arts Festival 2022, 1 Civic Center Plaza, Mankato, MN

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