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## Celebrating their first Easter Egg Hunt in Bancroft

### Column One Events

#### Bancroft Historical Society to hold meeting

The Bancroft Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bancroft Museum. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### Bridal Tea Party honoring Abigail Kintzle

An Open House Bridal Tea Party honoring Abigail Kintzle, bride elect of Logan Longhenry, will be held on Saturday, April 26 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at 3400 Cedar Park Rd Fairmont, MN. The couple is registered at: theknot.com/loganandabbymay2025.

#### Mobile Food Pantry to be in Swea City

The Mobile Food Pantry will be available at the Swea City Methodist Church on Thursday, May 1, 4-6 p.m. Please bring your own totes or boxes.

#### BBQ Ribs/Grilled Shrimp at Johanson's Cafe

Johanson's Cafe in Bancroft will be serving a BBQ Ribs or Grilled Shrimp Special on Sunday, April 27th from 4:30 to 9:30 p.m. or until gone. They will be served with baked potato, cole slaw and garlic toast.

#### North Kossuth School Board approves budget

The North Kossuth School Board held a public hearing for the 2025/2026 budget hearing on Tuesday, April 15th. North Union Superintendent Travis Schueller stated that the tax rate for this year is \$8.33 which is very consistent with the tax rate over the past five years. He also noted that the district is the third lowest in the state.

Once the hearing was closed with no public comments, the board approved the budget.

Mr. Schueller gave a short update on things happening in the district. He noted that ISAP testing was finished. Middle school track season had begun.

He noted that Pergande Enterprises thatched and fertilized the softball field. Other areas of the field are also being taken maintained.

The board approved the FY 26 Budget Guarantee resolution at around \$72,000.

The resignation of elementary teacher Amanda Goche was approved. They approved the hiring of Ron Swalve.

The next school board meeting is tentatively set for May 12.

#### City clean up day set for June 7

The City of Bancroft has set June 7th as town clean up day. Watch the newspaper for more information.

#### Bancroft to hold city wide garage sales

Bancroft City wide garage sales will be held June 5th thru the June 7th. If you are interested, please contact Allison Delperdang at 515-320-5101 or Melissa Berte via Facebook.

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Cash Marsh, son of Nick and Kaylee



Calan Paulson, son of Chase and Samantha



Micah Arndorfer, daughter of Bryan and Laura



The Easter Bunny waves to the camera as the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce Director Carole Bernhardt explains to the kids and their parents how the Easter Egg Hunt will work on April 19th in the city park.



McPeak Trenching was in Bancroft last week working on boring electrical lines throughout Bancroft. On Wednesday, April 16, lines were bored underneath Ramsey street with electrical work being completed to allow the city to rehook up the digital sign.

### Bancroft City Council discusses RAGBRAI

By Kim Meyer

With the announcement of RAGBRAI making Bancroft the meeting place in July, the Bancroft City Council heard an update during their April 14th meeting.

Bancroft City Director Crysti Neuman explained the RAGBRAI committee would be meeting with the Bancroft committee to discuss what would be happening on July 22.

She explained that state patrol will be in town while the riders are here. The town should be prepared by 8:00 a.m. for riders to start arriving. Per RAGBRAI rules, riders will be asked to be headed out by 2:00 p.m.

Riders will be entering Bancroft on A-42 (Seneca Blacktop), head south on Portland Street, turn left for two blocks, turn south at S&B Distillery, go one block, turn west for a block and then head south on Summit Street heading towards the blacktop which will lead them to their next destination.

RAGBRAI will have their own ambulance service for the riders but asks that the our local ambulance be available for local residents.

Local vendors and non profit organizations will be able to set up. A possible band may also be set up by Main Street Band. Informational meetings will be held.

The Bancroft RAGBRAI committee has chosen "Holy Spokes! Welcome to Bancroft".

The Bancroft RAGBRAI committee asked if the city council would approve having murals painted on the city shed and city office building. Council member Jay Johnson stated he liked the idea of mural but not on the city buildings. Other members agreed.

Johnson suggested having a temporary wall built and placed in the elsewhere. A mural can be drawn on there to allow the riders to sign the mural or place their stickers on the wall. This would allow easier clean up.

The council stated they liked the idea but felt it was better to deny the mural on city property.

The council approved Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Bancroft, Iowa by adding a temporary section entitled "RAGBRAI - MISCELLANEOUS PERMITS".

A public hearing was held in regards to the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Annual Budget. With no public comments, the council then passed the budget.

The following resolutions were approved:

- Resolution 2025.04.01 - A Resolution Adopting the Bancroft Municipal Electric Utility Reliability Plan.
- Resolution 2025.04.02 - A Resolution Approving the annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 - July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

Following an electrical outage recently, Cargo Express experienced some issues which incurred costs to fix items in their store. Bancroft Cargo, LLC's request for \$1,386.68 reimbursement for costs was denied. The council stated that electrical outages are out of their control and have not paid any prior requests.

The council approved a 3-year Customer Support Agreement (CSA) for the following Engine Models 351B Serial # 7RN01265/7RN01266 with Ziegler CAT at a cost of \$21,675 annually for the length of the contract.

Discussion was held on the Preventative Maintenance Agreement on Emergency Power System with Ziegler CAT for Med. Voltage Switchgear Inspect, Maintenance and Test for \$6,895 and Switchgear Single Function Protective Relay Maintenance and Test for \$8,376 until after Phase 1. The council felt it was better to wait and table this until the new switchgear is installed.

Webster City is part of the NIMECA group that the Bancroft Municipal Utilities belongs too. One of the linemen was critically injured during a recent snow storm. They were asking for donations to help the lineman. The council approved a \$500 donation.

Council member PJ Ingalls was against the purchase of a gravity tilt trailer. And strongly suggested to have it sent back to the Equipment Committee which was approved by the council.

Also being sent back to the committee is purchasing of the 544P John Deere Payloader to Equipment Committee.

The third item being sent back to the committee was the lease of a BobCat Excavator.

City of Burt will buyout the Potholer Agreement for \$2,500 contingent on the delivery of the City of Bancroft's replacement.

Repairs to Center Street, between Summit Ave and Clay St was tabled and sent to Street Committee.

The council approved the hiring pool co managers Norma Foster and Amy Rasch. They also approved the following lifeguards - Carson Auen, Brian Leininger and Ashlyn Bechler. The city is working on hiring additional lifeguards.

Tony Laubenthal obtained Certified Pool Operator Licensing. A resolution was passed amending compensation for him.

Laubenthal stated that they found the leak at the pool and it has been fixed. The chlorinator was to arrive on April 17th and will be installed.

With the chlorinator arriving, the state inspector will be notified in order for the pool to be put on the inspection list. This will need to be completed in order to open this summer.

Jaimes Looft status for the Bancroft Ambulance has changed from Driver to EMT was approved.



Elsie Goche wasn't sure of getting her picture with the Easter Bunny until mom Amanda agreed to have her picture taken.



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