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Column One **Events**

Bancroft Historical Museum to hold meeting

will be meeting on July 29th at 6:00 p.m. at the museum. Everyone is invited to attend.

Annual "Portraits of Kossuth" **Photography Contest**

Got a great nature photo? Don't miss your opportunity to showcase that photo in this year's "Portraits of Kossuth" Photography Contest sponsored by the Kossuth County Conservation Board. Here are the rules: • Must be a nature photo (weather,

wildlife, landscapes, etc.). • Photo must have been taken in Kossuth County within the last 12

• Photo must be at least 8" x 10" and be framed and ready to hang

(frame can be any size). • Your name, address, phone #, and photo title must be on back of pic-

Entries can be submitted by dropping them off at the Water's Edge Nature Center, 3 miles north of Al-

gona before the deadline at 4:30 PM on Friday, July 25th. Photos will be displayed and judged by the public at the upcoming Kossuth County Fair, and can be retrieved after the contest. For more information, call the KCCB at 295-2138.

East Fork Ikes Summer Trap Shooting League Team Standings A League Kemco Tires

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Ingalls Electric	1789
Main Street Specialties	1793
Reutzel Excavating	1795
Algona Machine	1795
Dan Petersen Constr.	1/98

S&B Farms Security State Bank Commercial Services Ingalls Electric

Clay Busters

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High Team Scores Algona Machine Commercial Services 217 Clay Busters 209 Security State Bank 206

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High Individual Scores

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The Bancroft Historical Museum

The street between Nyman TV & Furniture and Main Street Pub was blocked off for a short time on Thursday, July 17th for a water main break next to the Pub. At the same time as the water break, Algona Glass Company was busy removing the old windows out of Nyman building and then replacing them with new glass.

Bancroft City Council hires new Municipal Clerk/ Finance Officer during July meeting

By Kim Meyer

The Bancroft City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 16th. The council went into closed session to discuss the hiring of a replacement for the position of Municipal Clerk/Finance Officer due to Tim Rowlet's notification of his resignation. Following the closed session, the council offer the position of Bancroft Municipal Clerk/Finance Officer to Shawn Vaske at \$27 per

A Public Informational Meeting regarding the Grid Resiliency Plan is set for 6:00 p.m. on August 13th, 2025, will be held at the Summit

The final reading to amend Ordinance 6-5-10 Sewer Rate was approved.

The final reading to amend Ordinance 6-5-8 Water Rates was approved.

Discussion was held on the quotes received to repair and resurface the basketball court and to add pickleball lines. The council approved the quote and work will begin on the court.

A locking gate will be installed on the south side of the Bancroft Swimming Pool.

Following the recommendation of the Equipment Committee, the Digger Derrick will be sold.

Action was tabled regarding street project at Center Street for more bids. Action was tabled regarding Resolution 2025.07.02, A Resolution setting the date for a public hearing and additional action on the proposal to enter into a General Obligation Loan Agreement, pending receipt

of quotes for the pool slide and toy

With RAGBRAI only a few days away on Tuesday, July 22, the council approved that set up could begin Monday, July 21.

The hiring of Chayse Berg as an Ambulance Driver was approved.

The council approved the following: • Amending Liquor Licenses for

Johanson's Café, S & B Distillery, and Main Street Pub for RAGBRAI • Approved the Liquor License for Bancroft Liquor Store.

The council tabled two agenda items at the meeting

· regarding filling cracks and coating on streets to obtain quotes from different companies

A Resolution adopting an Open Records Policy.

Kossuth County Fair just around the corner

The Kossuth County Fair is just around the corner and is full of activities for all ages.

The fair kicks off with the Antique Tractor Pull on Sunday, July 27th. This free grandstand event offers a fun afternoon of pulls.

Monday, July 28th starts off with the Kossuth County 4-H Static judging dog show open class flower and quilt show entries.

The night will end with a 4-H/FFA show in the horse areana at 6:00 p.m. followed by Go-Karts at 6:30 p.m. in the grandstand. This is also a free event. Those wanting to participate can contact Carl Waugh at 515-320-

Tuesday, July 29th the fair grounds will be buzzing with activities as 4-H and FFA kids will begin bringing their animals to show.

At 6:00 p.m., the 27th annual Fair Parade will begin. Please note that the

RESCHEDULED: Now for Stay Independent **Program**

Stay Independent is a healthy aging program offered through Iowa State University Extension and Outreach for adults who are 60 and older.

A "Cooking For One or Two" program will be offered at the Bancroft Public Library (208 E Ramsey St., Bancroft) on Thursday, August 14, from 9:30 to 10:30 am. Participants will learn to use MyPlate for meal planning and unpack a toolbox of tips for planning, shopping, and preparing well-balanced meals.

For more information, or to register, contact either the Bancroft Public Library (515-885-2753), or the Kossuth County Extension office (515-295-2469). There is no cost to attend thanks to Kossuth County Extension and the Bancroft Public

parade route will begin at east of the Carneige Library in Algona due to road work.

A free gate pork loin meal will be served by the Kossuth County Farm Bureau an Agents from 6:00 - 8:00

Opening at 6:00 p.m. will be the giant sandbox, floral hall and outside floral hall will be L'Maries permanent Jewelry.

Registration for the pedal pull contest will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the pull starting at 7:00 p.m. next to the Farm Bureau Shelter House.

Come and sit while enjoying Music Bingo in the entertainment garden at 7:00 p.m. while the kids enjoy the midway.

Crowning of fair royalty will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the grandstands. Over 60 contestants will cross the stage in hopes of receiving a crown.

Wednesday, July 30th is filled with 4-H/FFA shows, Midway opens at 2:00 p.m. with the free BBQ sponsored by the Kossuth County Fair Board and area business from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. At 6:30 p.m., No Bull Rodeo - timed event jackpot, will be held in the horse area. No admission.

Scott Kirkhart will give a free concert in the entertainment garden from 9:00 - 11:00 p.m.

The highlights of Thursday, July 31 include Wyffles Watermelon Fee from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Racing Hall of Fame inductions at 5:30 p.m. in the Kossuth Agriculture and Motorsports Museum followed by the Hovinga/ Harken Memorial dirt track special with Outlaw Mini Mods.

Friday, August 1, the Kossuth County Fair Annual Tractor Ride will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Algona Chamber Coffee at 9:30 a.m. in the Farm Bureau Shelter House.

Free ice cream by A&E at 12:00 noon, with midway opening at 2:00

• regarding Resolution 2025.07.01,

p.m. Daycare and Special Needs Kid's Midway special offered. A watermelon feed at 5:00 p.m. sponsored by Homestead Assisted Living and Memory Care will take

The night will end with the Demolition Derby and Bus Races at 7:00 p.m. in the grandstand. Followed by IV Play Concert with \$10 admission in the entertainment garden starting at 9:00 p.m.

The last day of the fair will begin with a free gate fundraiser corn hole tournament with registration at 9:00 a.m. by the entertainment garden The cost is \$30 per team. The tournament will begin at 10:00 a.m. For more information contact Kim Meyer at 515-320-2272 or Jacob Kofoot at 515-341-4265.

At 2:00 p.m., Absolute Pro Wrestling will provide a family fun show in the entertainment garden.

The truck and tractor pull will be held in the grandstand at 5:00 p.m. followed by Faster Horses (\$10 admission) in the entertainment

The floral hall businesses and shoppers Market will be open Tuesday 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Wednesday through Friday 12:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 12:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Shuttle Service starts at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday from the Algona High School Parking Lot to the Kossuth County Fair Main Gate. The shuttle will run until the end of grandstand event.

Kossuth County Agriculture Learning Center building is open Tuesday, 5:00 -8:00 p.m., Wednesday through Friday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:00 a.m - 7:00 p.m.

Check out the flyer in this week's newspaper or the Kossuth County Fair website or Facebook page for all events and shows.

North Kossuth School Board holds work session regarding overview of Swea City building

By Kim Meyer

Following their July 14th meeting, the North Kossuth School Board held a work session to listen to the findings by Site Logic who did a comprehensive review of the Swea City building.

The two representatives present gave a power point presentation going over areas that may need to be upgraded/updated. This presentation gave the school board a place to start to help with maintenance of the building and to start talks on cost an projects.

Prior to the worksession, the board held their monthly meeting. Julie Runksmeier, building principal, informed the board that summer school will be held for three weeks. The building will be closed while RAGBRAI is in Swea City.

The carpet in the bottom hallway will be installed following the board approving the purchase from Algona

Mrs. Runksmeier stated that the wiring and cameras have been installed for the new PA system.

She reviewed the new cell phone policy for the students. Students will not be allowed cell phones during instructional time due to state legislation. Mrs. Runksmeier noted that this will not be a shock to the students as this had been implemented a few years ago in the building.

Disciplinary action of not following the policy - student will have phone taken away and have to pick up in the office, 2nd offense - parent will need to pick up phone and 3rd offense parent/child and administration will have a meeting.

North Union Superintendent Travis Schueller noted that both baseball and softball were done for the season.

He commented that tearing out the hallway carpet offered many issues with the floor. But have been taken care and the new carpet squares will be installed

The school board approved the following:

- Jennie Larsen as board secretary/
- · Approved Brett Nitzche as Board Attorney for the 2025-26 school year. · Approved the first reading of

board policies 503.9 and 503.9R1 regarding the usage of cell phones and disciplinary actions.

 Approved Schnurr & Company as the Auditor for the 2024-25 school

Appointed the following depositories and limits:

Fidelity Band and Trust, with a limit of 2 Million Dollars

Bank Plus of Swea City, with a limit of 4 Million Dollars ISJIT, with a limit of 2 Million Dollars, Motion carried.

 Approved the free and reduced breakfast and lunch programs Approved the elementary and

middles school handbooks Approved students fees with no changes

• Approved the resignation of Loren Looft as a middle school boys and girls basketball coach and of Adam Pointer as a high school assistant baseball coach.

The next school board meeting is tentatively set for August 11 at 5:00

Union Slough NWR Taking Bids for Hay Harvest but do not need to be present. The

Union Slough National Wildlife and maps are available at the refuge Refuge is soliciting sealed bids (per harvested ton) for hay harvest on three tracts of land to be harvested in August 2025. The tracts are located in Kossuth County as follows: Portland Township: Sections 5 and 10; and Ramsey Township: Section 29.

Bidders must place bids on forms provided by the Refuge and submit them in a sealed envelope labeled "Union Slough Haying." Bid forms headquarters and on the Union Slough NWR website at https://www.fws.gov/ refuge/union_slough/. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. Bid forms must be received at the refuge headquarters by close of business (4 pm) on Thursday, July31st, 2025 to be eligible. The bid opening will take place at the refuge headquarters on Friday, August 1st, 2025 at 10 am. Bidders are encouraged to attend,

successful bidder(s) will be contacted by phone if they are not present. The refuge headquarters is located 6 miles east of Bancroft, Iowa on County Road A-42. Please call (515) 928-2523 with any questions. For more information on the

Midwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service visit http://midwest

substance (Marij.) 3rd or subsequent

valid license Scheduled Violation

· Operating Motor Vehicle w/o

Thompson is also being held for

Virginia man arrested on Traffic Stop/Warrants

On July 18th, 2025, the Kossuth County Sheriff's Office investigated the possibility of an individual working road construction in the area that had warrants from out of state. Deputies gathered intelligence that this person has been a fugitive and avoiding law enforcement for several years with the use of many alias's and fake identifications

Deputies conducted a traffic stop near 190th Ave and Hwy 18 at about 12:10 pm on July 18th, on a vehicle fugitive. While conducting the lawful stop, deputies confirmed the identity of the driver and located illegal substances within the vehicle

Arrested and taken to the Kossuth County Jail was:

William O'Bryant Thompson, age 34, of Jarratt, Virginia. Thompson has numerous warrants out of Virginia and is currently being held on local

 Possession of a controlled substance 1st Offense Serious Misd

several warrants out of Virginia and will be extradited to that jurisdiction once his charges in Kossuth County are resolved. All persons are presumed innocent until proven or found guilty

Agg. Misd

in a court of law. Kossuth County Sheriff



As RAGBRAI riders entered Bancroft, they were greeted with a water station along with being able to sign the painted mural on the Bancroft Fire Station on Tuesday, July 22. More photos will appear in next week's newspaper.