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Bancroft Council votes to upgrade payloader and blade

By Kim Meyer

Tanner Kampen, a representative of Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. In, John Deere, of Fort Dodge, IA, attended the March 9th Bancroft City Council meeting.

Tanner spoke to the council about trading in their current payloader which was purchased in 2020. He noted that it is in great condition with only 600 hours and having some warranty left over, made it a great time to upgrade the piece of equipment.

The current payloader would be traded in for a new model that is now hydraulic driven and gives more control and precision. This current model is \$235,000 and with the trade in of the current model of \$160,000, along with the purchase of a new snowx pusher blade for \$31,000 the balance would be \$111,987.00. This price also includes warranty.

The warranty for the payloader is for seven years or 4000 hours. There is a one year warranty on the blade.

Bancroft mayor Tom Johnson asked if they agree to the purchase, when would it arrive? Tanner stated that it should be here around the first week in July.

Tanner explained if the payloader is in need of maintenance, service technicians are available to travel to Bancroft and fix the issues.

If the issue cannot be fixed and needs to be taken back to the shop, the dealership will provide the town with equipment during the time the machine is gone.

Bancroft City Director Crysti Neuman informed the council, the city has been saving for this upgrade in the equipment fund. The cost of the payloader will be split by four since the machine is used by four different city departments. The cost of the blade will need to come from the street fund.

Director Neuman noted that by having everything covered and being proactive in upgrading and warranties, it helps with the budget.

The council approved the purchase of the payloader and blade.

A resolution for Burn dates was passed. Residents of Bancroft will be able to burn on their property only from now until April 30, 2026. Residents are asked to be courteous of their neighbors when burning.

City wide clean up day will be on June 6th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. This will coincide with city wide garage sales.

With Easter only a few weeks away, the city will make sure that the city park is cleaned and picked up. The shelterhouse project is almost complete.

City director Neuman reminded all council members of the budget hearing meeting on Monday, March 30th. She noted that a quorum is needed and it is very important to have this meeting.

The council approved the hiring of Heather Goche to serve on the Bancroft Ambulance.

Column One Events

Greenwood Township

Cemetery to hold meeting
The Greenwood Township Cemetery will hold their annual meeting on April 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Bancroft City Hall.

Bancroft City Wide Garage Sales June 4-6

Bancroft City Wide Garage Sales are planned for the June 4-6. If you are interested in having a sale, please contact Allison Delperdang 515-320-5101.

NorthStar Restaurant to serve Liver and Onions

The NorthStar Restaurant and Lounge in Fenton will be serving Liver and Onions on Wednesday, March 18 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. It will be served with mashed potatoes and a vegetable. Reminder - they are closed the first Saturday of the month.

Human Trafficking showing to be held in Swea City

Stacy Besch, Team Iowa, will be holding a free public showing on Stop Human Trafficking - educating on the dangers of human trafficking in Iowa Monday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Union Middle School Gym in Swea City.

They are committed to bringing awareness to every community in the state, to help combat and bring clarity on the misconceptions of human trafficking.

- What Made Iowa So Prevalent
- Realities Happening in Iowa
- Actions Steps Everyone Can Do
- What To Look For And Understanding The Misconception
- Culture Impact: 'Weeds Of The Garden'

March at the Bancroft Public Library

The Bancroft Library is hosting their first author speaking event on Wednesday, March 18th at 5pm. Tim Grover, the author of Barnstorming Babe: A Slugger's Bumpy Trek Across Small-Town America, will speak on Babe Ruth's 1922 midwestern exhibition tour which started in Iowa. There will be time for Q&A after the presentation.

The adult book club, Liquor and Literature, is meeting on Thursday, March 19 from 6:30pm-7:30pm at S&B Farms Distillery. Come join other readers, and maybe even get a specialty cocktail or mocktail based on the book. March's book is The Recovery Agent, and copies are available at the library.

Cribbage play available at Armstrong Center

Cribbage at the Armstrong Community Center will be held the first and fourth Saturdays of each month from now until April 25, 2026. Registration starts at 1:00 p.m. with games starting at 1:30 p.m. the cost is \$30 per team. Bring a board if you have one.



The shelterhouse located in the Bancroft City Park has received a few upgrades over the recent months. The building received new siding, upgraded electrical and roll up doors on the north and east sides. The window areas will also have roll ups to enclose the building.



The old wives' tale states that spring does not truly arrive until there have been three snows on a robin's tail/back. Well, this robin at the Chad and Jill Heinen home in Lone Rock didn't mind the start of the snowfall on Sunday, March 15th. This is the second time snow has fallen on its back so we are getting closer to spring.

City of Bancroft Police Chief Monthly Report

February 2026:

Traffic Violations:	
1. Warnings	12
2. Citations	1
3. Accidents	
a. Property damage	1
b. Personal injury	0
c. Fatality	0
4. Motorist assists	2

Public Service	
1. Citizen assists	5
2. Unsecured doors	0
3. Citizen complaints	0
4. Observed complaints	0

Agency Assists	
1. Kossuth Co. Sheriff	1
2. Other Co. Agencies	2
3. Medical assists	1

Community Service	Hours
1. Public Relations	0
BANCROFT POLICE DEPARTMENT HAD THE FOLLOWING FOR FEBRUARY 2026	

Unlock an SUV -Request to speak to an officer about concerns-assist disabled vehicle-report of a person driving through a traffic control device with no attempt to stop-request for extra patrol-Request to use animal live trap-unlock a Chevy Traverse SUV-Reported the semi on a 5 ton-informed owner of city ordinance vehicle was moved-Request to standby for personal property-Request to assist with traffic control-Report of careless driving from a youth from out of town-situation handled-request to speak with an officer with a civil matter-unlock a car-complain about a neighbor-Call from a business owner regarding an issue-unlock a minivan that was running-Report a dog running loose-owner was found-report of possible bad weather-request to speak to an officer regarding a family matter-Motorist assist on US Highway 169-I spoke to Juvenile court officer regarding a case-call for a parking complaint-unlock a vehicle on private property-Officer was called to a resident regarding death that had occurred-investigation conducted -request for a police report -Request to speak to an officer concerning a family incident. Accident -property damage.

Art Ingalls, Police Chief



The Bancroft Chamber of Commerce Board recognized their chamber director Carole Bernhard for her 10 years of service and dedication to the Chamber. Pictured are front row: board member Jeanne Ingalls, chamber director Carole Bernhard, board members Ally Johnson and Hannah Lampe; back row: board members Kim Meyer and Dwayne Nyman.



The Bancroft Chamber of Commerce presented the Bancroft Health Club with a plaque signifying 25 years in business. Pictured are chamber director Carole Bernhard, BHC representative Elaine Davis and chamber president Dwayne Nyman.



The Bancroft Chamber of Commerce presented Greater Bancroft Company with a certificate recognizing them being in business for 60 years. Pictured are chamber director Carole Bernhard, Greater Bancroft Company representative Amy Lowe and chamber president Dwayne Nyman.



The Bancroft Chamber of Commerce welcomed Bancroft Tire Service Company to the chamber during their annual chamber recognition held on Tuesday, March 10 at Johanson's Cafe. Bancroft Tire has been in business almost a year. Pictured are Amanda Goche, Bancroft Tire, chamber director Carole Bernhard, Ryan Goche, Bancroft Tire and chamber president Dwayne Nyman.

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NU School District releases Audit

TrustPoint, LLP, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, today released an audit report on North Union Community School District, Armstrong, Iowa.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS:

The District's revenues totaled \$8,791,846 for the year ended June 30, 2025, a 3.61% increase from the prior year. Expenses for District operations for the year ended June 30, 2025, totaled \$9,554,355, a 7.86% increase from the prior year. The increase in revenues is due to an increase in state and local revenue sources. The increase in expenditures is attributed to an increase in instruction and support services expenditures.

AUDIT FINDINGS:

TrustPoint, LLP reported one finding related to the receipt and

expenditure of taxpayer funds. The finding is found on page 63 of this report. The finding addresses a lack of segregation of duties. TrustPoint, LLP provided the District with recommendations to address the finding.

The Community School District's Board of Education have a fiduciary responsibility to provide oversight of the Community School District's operations and financial transactions. Oversight is typically defined as the "watchful and responsible care" a governing body exercises in its fiduciary capacity.

A copy of the audit report is available for review on the Auditor of State's website at <http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/index.html>.