

Bancroft Days Gone By

5 Years Ago

March 24, 2021
Kiwans member Rick Murphy, left, and Kossuth County Emergency Management Coordinator Dave Penton presented Bancroft Ambulance members Rich Coleman and Kelly Deitering, a Pediatric Trauma Kit to be used in the Bancroft Ambulance. These kits are valuable because these volunteers need smaller pieces of equipment when they are helping kids... Lee and Brenda Huber, along with their children Faith and Luke, purchased the Bancroft Drive In earlier this year. They opened the doors on March 15... Farmers and Traders Savings Bank Eileen Hagist, pours a cup of coffee for her son Chad Ortmann, who came to help celebrate St. Patrick's day at the bank on Wednesday, March 17. Those attending the gathering also enjoyed cookies shaped as shamrocks.

10 Years Ago

March 16, 2016
As the temperatures begin to warm up and the snow melts, the Bancroft park is beginning to come alive with kids. Friday afternoon, March 11, a group of boys and girls decided to play a game of football. The kids could be heard laughing and having fun. While kids were swinging and playing on the slides and the football game, two young boys decided to play some hoops on the basketball court... Tickets are now on sale for the hilarious comedy Suite Surrender, a play presented by Backstage in Bancroft... The St. John Catholic Church basement... The Bancroft Community Foundation is excited to announce it has a useful tool in getting word out on Bancroft happenings. Approximately 200 Bancroft area residents have already started receiving text messages regarding open houses, chamber socials and other Bancroft activities.

25 Years Ago

March 14, 2001
The Bancroft Community Foundation, Inc., donated \$1,000 to the Bancroft Historical Society. The money will be used in purchasing of the old Creamery building to be renovated into a museum. Pictured were Phil Jaren, secretary of the Bancroft Community Foundation, Inc., Agnes Merron, Historical Society secretary and Jan Shoenhair, Historical Society president... Eldon Meyers of Corwith, K&H Coop manager, presents Bob and Annette Ratigan with His and Hers fishing poles at the retirement coffee for Bob at the Kettle Cafe. Bob retired after 20 years as a fuel delivery man for K&H... St. John first graders hosted the area kindergartners on Wednesday morning to participate in the daily activities of the first grade. The students colored, cut and glued papers together as one of the many activities... Pictured were Gail Hatten and Jennifer Johnson performed

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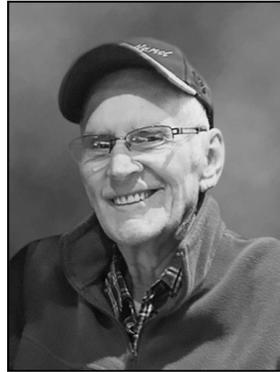
BMU CLAIMS DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	
INSURANCE CLAIMS	\$5,031.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	
UTILITIES-169 BUILDING	\$451.92
ALLIED ENS. LLC	
SERVER MONITORING & LICENSE	\$561.06
BANCROFT CARGO EXPRESS	
GAS-EL DEPT	\$137.40
BANCROFT CHAMBER OF COMM.	
2026 CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP	\$150.00
BANCROFT MUNICIPAL UTILITY	
UTILITIES EXPENSE	\$98.65
BANCROFT REGISTER	
PUBLISHING/NOTICES	\$39.50
BOMGAAR'S, INVENTORY	\$39.46
CITY OF BANCROFT	
ELE FEBRUARY PAYROLLS	\$18,252.48
DGR	
ENGINEERING SERVICES	\$12,960.00
GORDON FLESCH CO	
COPIER LEASE	\$182.54
HAGER FOODS, LLC	
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$11.98
IAMU	
ANNUAL ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP	\$4,373.00
IOWA ONE CALL	
LOCATE NOTICES	\$34.60
JH LARSON CO	
INVENTORY	\$81.93
MIDAMERICAN ENERGY CO.	
PURCHASED POWER	\$22,000.00
NATE'S AUTO & TRUCK REPAIR	
VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	\$54.29
NIMECA	
PURCHASED POWER	\$73,130.84
NIMECA	
ANNUAL APPA DUES	\$871.71
TEAM LAB	
PLANT MAINTENANCE/SUPPLIES	\$1,200.00
TRIONFO SOLUTIONS LLC	
LIFE INSURANCE	\$214.89
VAN WERT COMPANY	
4 CENTRON DEMAND METERS	\$365.49
VISA, JANITORIAL	\$57.13
WELLMARK BC/BS	
GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	\$7,518.20
WINNEBAGO COOP TELECOM	
PHONE/INTERNET-169 BLDG	\$128.88
BMU CLAIMS TOTAL	\$147,947.45

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Obituary

Richard 'Snuff' Arndorfer . . . 81



Richard 'Snuff' Arndorfer was born on March 26, 1944, and passed away on March 11, 2026, at the Accura HealthCare of Bancroft. He was the son of Henry Sr. and Helen (Widen) Arndorfer. He grew up on a farm east of St. Benedict and attended school at Corwith and graduated from Bishop Garrigan High School in 1962. After high school, he served in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He married his high school sweetheart, Delores Berthel, on July 11, 1964, at the St. Joseph Catholic Church. He started farming in Lu Verne and his love for farming and family moved them to a farm west of Bancroft where they raised their six children. His love of family was deeply rooted, and his greatest joy was spending time with his family and especially grandchildren and great grandchildren. He passed along a lifetime of love and memories to all of them.

They moved to town in January 2006, and he served on the council for the City of Bancroft and North Kossuth Golf Club for two terms. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, and his friends at Cargo every morning for

their daily harassment and visits with great friends. He took numerous fishing trips with friends and family. He also loved the LA Dodgers, Iowa Hawkeyes, and the Vikings especially every time they beat the Packers. He was a member of the St. John Catholic Church. He was a faithful servant and is now at peace in the hands of our Lord and Savior.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Delores, and their six children Kelly (Jeff) Deitering of Bancroft, Jennifer (Scott) Booth of Fuquay Varina, NC, Richard Jr. (Melissa) Arndorfer of Bancroft, Chad (Mickey) Arndorfer of Swea City, Kim (Horace) Tisdell of Kansas City, MO, and Kay (Casey) Harms of Bancroft along with 20 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by brother-in-law, Edmund (Mary Ann) Berte, and sisters-in-law Janine, Nancy, and Judy Berte.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Henry Jr, Jerome, Robert (Marilyn) and sisters Delores (Charles) Nordstrom, Donna (Tony) Brown, Gloria (Howard) Wellendorf, and Shari (Dick) Lavrenz along with in-laws August (Eleanor), Adam (Dorothy), Charles (Shirley), John, Alfred, Nick, Margaret (Louis) and many nieces and nephews.

His family would like to thank Accura HealthCare and their amazing staff for their wonderful care, support and friendship.

A funeral mass for Richard "Snuff" Arndorfer will be held Thursday, March 19, 2026, at 10:30 AM, at Divine Mercy Parish ~ St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bancroft. Burial will be in the church cemetery with military honors conducted. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 PM Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Oakcrest Funeral Services of Bancroft. Online condolences may be made to www.oakcrestfuneralservices.com.

Jan (Clark) Lancelot . . . 85



Joseph and Berrien Springs, Michigan public schools where she taught for over twenty-two years. She was often approached by former students who would tell her how much she meant to them as a teacher and give her a hug.

She served as President of the Newcomers Club and Marian Guild in St. Joseph and was the English department chair and yearbook advisor at St. Joseph High School for many years. She was active in her church and the AAUW (American Association of University Women).

Born and raised in Bancroft, Iowa, Jan graduated from St. John's High School and met her future husband there when he was in her older brother Jim's wedding party.

Jan was elected the state of Iowa 4-H president and Miss North Iowa in 1958 before attending Iowa State University. She was a proud member of the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and was chosen the Sweetheart of Sigma Chi. She finished her Bachelor of Arts degree at Drake University in 1962 and later earned a Master of Arts in Education degree from Michigan State University.

She brought joy to the lives of so many. Her love, kindness, and constant smile will not be forgotten. In lieu of flowers, she wished any memorial gifts be made to the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation (sjpsfoundation.org).

A family memorial service will be held to celebrate Jan and Jerry.

Jan retired in 2000 from the St.

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SPEEDY TURN-AROUND

Anthony "Tony" Kahler . . . 84



A funeral Mass for Tony Kahler, 84, of Bancroft, was held 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Divine Mercy Parish ~ St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bancroft. Burial was in the church cemetery with military honors conducted.

Anthony Raymond "Tony" Kahler was born on April 5, 1941, in Bancroft, son of Herman and Laura (Lappe) Kahler. He graduated from St. John's High School in Bancroft in 1959. After graduating from high school, he worked for a short time with a road crew and then a construction crew out of Algona. In the fall of 1959, he enrolled in Sioux City Barber College, graduating in 1960 after doing his apprenticeship with a barber in Cherokee. He barbered in Algona, Lone Rock, before establishing his barbershop in Fenton, where he barbered for close to 50 years.

In 1962, he met his wife Lail Pettit at a dance at Interlaken in Fairmont, MN. They were married on November 30, 1963, at St. John's Baptist Catholic Church in Bancroft. They made their home in Fenton until March of 1979, when they moved to the farm east of

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LOW RENT HOUSING AGENCY OF BANCROFT MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2026 5:45 PM
Thomas Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM with the following members present. James Loft and Carole Bernhard. City Director Crysti Neuman was in attendance along with Housing Director, Allison Delperdang.
Motion by Carole Bernhard, seconded by James Loft to approve the Agenda.
Motion by Loft, seconded by Bernhard to approve the Minutes from the February 2026 meeting.
Motion by Bernhard, seconded by Loft to approve the Management Report given by Delperdang. All approved, motion carried.
No Old Business to report.
New Business: Discussion was had and approved on the activity of CD #1500259. Motion by Loft, second by Bernhard. All Ayes, Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM on a Bernhard/Loft Motion. All ayes, motion carried.
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CITY OF BANCROFT		
105 E Ramsey St		
Council Meeting		
March 9, 2026		
MINUTES-		
Mayor Johnson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:00 PM.		
Roll call: Carole Bernhard and James Loft, and Jeremy Stover via phone. Staff present: Crysti Neuman - City Director/Clerk, Tony Laubenthal - Street Dept, Hannah Vaske - Utility Clerk, Shawn Lampe - Deputy City Clerk. Public present were Kim Meyer, Tanner Kampman, Shawn Olsen, and Jameson Thompson.		
Motion by Loft, second Bernhard to approve the agenda. All approve. Motion carried.		
Motion by Bernhard, second Loft to approve the Consent Agenda. All approve. Motion carried.		
Additional claims presented: IAMU \$773; Lowe Construction \$6,210; AT&T/First Net \$280.95.		
Motion by Bernhard, second Loft to approve the bills. All approve. Motion carried.		
Motion by Bernhard, second Stover to approve the following Resolutions: - Resolution 2026.03.01 - A Resolution approving burn dates from March 14th - April 30th, 2026.		
Roll Call: Stover-aye, Bernhard-aye, Loft-nay. 2 ayes. 1 nay. Motion Carried.		
PUBLIC FORUM: Special Presentation to Council by Jameson Thompson.		
CITY DIRECTOR'S REPORT Neuman reported on events from the previous month and upcoming projects and events.		
ELECTRIC UTILITY Motion Loft, second Bernhard to approve June 6th as City Wide Clean Up day. All approve. Motion Carried.		
CITY Motion Stover, second Loft to approve the purchase of 544P Payloader and blade quoted by Murphy Tractor. All Approve. Motion Carried.		
The Property Maintenance Committee Meeting was scheduled for March 18th at 3 PM.		
Motion Loft, second Bernhard to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM. All approve. Meeting adjourned.		
Prepared by Hannah Lampe/Deputy Clerk		
Tom Johnson/Mayor		
ATTEST: Crysti Neuman/City Director		
CITY CLAIMS		
VENDOR, DESCRIPTION AMOUNT		
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES		
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$61.39	
BANCROFT CARGO EXPRESS		
GAS/SUPPLIES	\$270.56	
BANCROFT CHAMBER		
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP	\$150.00	
BANCROFT MUNICIPAL ELECT		
HEALTH INS-PRE	\$346.98	
BANCROFT MUNICIPAL UTIL.		
UTILITIES \$4,853.68		
BANCROFT REGISTER		
PUBLISHING/NOTICES	\$183.87	
BOMGAARS		
MISC. SUPPLIES	\$116.70	
CENGAAGE LEARNING		
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$161.55	
COLONIAL LIFE, DENTAL	\$201.48	
DAKOTA SUPPLY GROUP		
GUTTER BROOM X 2	\$421.17	
DEMCO		
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$71.39	
EFTPS-FED W/H		
FED/FICA TAX	\$8,478.02	
FAMILY HANDYMAN		
LIBRARY MAG RENEWAL 2 YR	\$20.00	
FIRST NET (AT&T)		
CELLPHONE SERVICE	\$280.95	
FORGE/BUILD (N IA LUMBER)		
SHELTER HOUSE SUPPLIES	\$2,303.40	
HAGER FOODS, LLC		
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$5.99	
HAWKINS, INC.		
CHLORINE	\$10.00	
IAMU		
ANNUAL WATER MEMBERSHIP	\$773.00	
IPERS, IPERS-REG	\$6,584.68	
JH LARSON CO		
LIBRARY LAMPS	\$27.90	
KIPLINGERS PERSONAL FINAN		
FEB-26		
CHECKING	2/1/26	
GENERAL	\$14,857.56	
LIBRARY FUND	\$-	
ROAD USE TAX	\$6,963.85	\$1,662.82
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$69.75	\$2,746.43
EMERGENCY FUND	\$-	
LIBRARY OPTION SALES TAX	\$8,854.37	
TAX INCREMENT FINANCING		
URBAN RENEWAL	\$-	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$-	
DEBT SERVICE	\$247.56	\$-
CAPITAL PROJECT	\$-	
WATER	\$16,503.04	\$14,989.32
SEWER	\$17,434.32	\$16,426.15
ELECTRIC	\$21,997.03	\$21,997.03
HOUSING AUTHORITY	\$3,312.02	\$3,791.50
STORM WATER	\$1,387.00	\$1,695.19
	\$91,626.50	\$92,680.69
SAVINGS		
RECREATION/CELEBRATION	\$5.36	
STREET EQUIPMENT FUND	\$38.48	
BANCROFT AMBULANCE	\$1,021.82	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$717.84	
SAVINGS TOTAL	\$1,783.50	
COMMUNITY PROJECTS		
(name change Dec 2023)	\$12.66	
RECEIPTS		
2/1/26		
DISBURSEMENTS		
2/28/26		
	\$29,372.25	
SAVINGS		
FOURTH OF JULY	\$600.00	
CAPITAL STREET	\$22.66	
WATER	\$7,040.11	
SEWER	\$11,602.26	
STORM SEWER	\$1,212.24	
SINKING FUNDS TOTAL	\$20,477.27	
LIBRARY		
TOTAL	\$949.52	\$92,680.69

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Public Notice

To keep our community safe and beautiful, the City of Bancroft would like to remind all property owners and occupants of the mowing standards established by Ordinance (passed Oct 14, 2024).

All grass, weeds, and brush on your property must be maintained at a uniform height not to exceed 7 inches. This applies to:
• Developed and Undeveloped Residential Areas.
• Business and Industrial Areas.
• The "Parking" Area: Owners are responsible for mowing the area between their property line and the curb/street edge.
If a property exceeds the height limit, the City will take the following actions:
1. Standard Notice: A notice will be placed on your door. You have 5 days to mow the property.
2. Habitual Violators: If you have frequent violations, you will only have 48 hours to comply.
If the nuisance is not abated within the timeframe above, the City will mow the property for you.
• Cost: A flat fee of \$250.00 will be charged.
• Assessments: Unpaid fees (after 30 days) may be collected via property taxes or filed as a municipal infraction.
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EMPLOYEE	EARNED WAGES 2025
JAZMYNE L ANDERSON	\$6,348.00
CARSON T AUNE	\$2,572.51
MIRIAM JOY BEENKEN	\$1,092.00
JEFFREY T BROESDNER	\$5,968.50
BEVERL S COFFMAN	\$1,782.00
RICHARD N COLEMAN	\$1,284.00
BRETT R DEITERING	\$4,842.03
CASSANDRA D DEITERING	\$2,091.00
KELLY M DEITERING	\$6,897.50
ALLISON J DELPERDANG	\$38,023.50
NORMA F FOSTER	\$4,172.00
JEREMY E FRAKER	\$1,250.00
JAYDEN E GBERDES	\$1,983.00
DIANE K HELLMAN	\$8,837.91
FAITH H HUBER	\$5,586.75
ATHUR W INGALLS	\$98,905.30
PAUL J INGALLS	\$725.00
JEREMIAH J JOHNSON	\$800.00
THOMAS W JOHNSON	\$1,500.00
WILLIAM N KARDOES	\$13,164.40
LILLIAN A KERSTEN	\$472.50
MONWELLA T KLEIN	\$2,820.93
DALTON M KLENZ	\$2,619.00
TREVOR D KLUENDER	\$85,947.93
MORGAN E LAHNENDORF	\$5,689.00
HANNAH M LAMPE	\$42,550.33
ANTHONY M LAUBENTHAL	\$63,830.74
BRIAN A LEININGER	\$2,367.32
AIDEN J LICHTER	\$3,141.00
JAYMES D LOOFT	\$5,853.50
OLIVIA R MERRILL	\$2,226.00
COURTNEY K MIELKE	\$949.00
SCHYLER A MORSE JR	\$4,487.51
JAMES L NEMMERS	\$1,109.75
CRYSTI L NEUMAN	\$85,268.02
DEAN M RAHE	\$1,240.00
AMY M RASCH	\$4,923.75
OLIVIA K RICHARDSON	\$555.00
MARY N ROWLET	\$9,669.00
TIMOTHY J ROWLET	\$60,228.87
JEFFREY A THEISEN	\$725.00
SHAWN W VASKE	\$19,540.89
GRACE A WINKLEMAN	\$1,290.00
TOTAL WAGES 2025	\$614,120.44

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