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## Column One Events

### 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.

### Kidstop to hold annual Soup Fundraiser

Kidstop Childcare and Preschool annual Soup Supper fundraiser on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 from 5:00-7:00 pm in the Summit Center Cafeteria in Bancroft. It is a free-will donation. This year we are also having a family literacy night each child 5 and under will receive a free book and activity to take home.

### Bancroft Burn dates set until April 30

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.

### April at the Bancroft Public Library

Family Movie Night will take place on Thursday, April 2nd at 5:30pm. Please vote in person or on Facebook to decide if our movie is Rise of the Guardians or Hop!

We will be closed Saturday, April 3rd. Please enjoy your Easter weekend!

On Tuesday, April 14th the library will be hosting a scam prevention class. The Sheriff's Department will walk participants through some of the more common scams and how to avoid them.

The adult book club, Liquor and Literature, is meeting on Thursday, April 16th from 6:30 pm-7:30pm at S&B Farms Distillery. Come join other readers, and maybe even get a specialty cocktail or mocktail based on the book. April's book is Forever Texas, and copies are available at the library.

Come celebrate National Library Week on Friday, April 24th! We will have coffee and other drinks from 1-5pm.

Saturday, April 25th at 9:30am we will be hosting our first Movie Morning! Wear pajamas and bring blankets and pillows to enjoy a movie. Please vote in person or on Facebook to decide if our movie is The Gruffalo or Ice Age.

### Cribbage play available at Armstrong Center

Cribbage at the Armstrong Community Center will be held the first and fourth Saturdays of each month 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. Payout is 50% of registration to top 3.



As part of Severe Weather Awareness Week, March 23-27, a Statewide Tornado Drill was held which gave the kids at KidStop Preschool a chance to practice their tornado preparedness skills. So on when the tornado siren sounded on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., the kids and the staff quickly headed to the supply room located under the bleachers of gym. They quietly sat there until they were given the all clear to head back to their classroom.



Soaking in the rays of sun that landed on the walkway by the Bancroft Gazebo was one of the many robins that have enjoyed the recent beautiful March weather.

## Bancroft City Council meets in special session to adopt Property Tax Levy

By Kim Meyer

The Bancroft City Council met in special session on Monday, March 30 to hold a public hearing on the

Property Tax Levy. After closing the public hearing, the council then approved the resolution to adopt the tax levy which was down 3% from last year.

A public hearing date to approve the 2026/2027 full budget was set for 6:00 p.m. on April 13th.

NIACOG will prepare a Comprehensive Plan for the City. This has been completed by the plan before and will cost \$5,000.

Clay Street from Ramsey Street to Greenwood Street was approved to be closed on August 15, 2026. This will allow S&B Farms Distillery to hold a Farm to Table event.

A small discussion was held on what to do with the dugout located at the softball field. The dugout will need to be rebuilt due to the roof is coming off. A bid of \$3,379.00 was submitted.

The council was informed that the St. John Parish owns the land but the City of Bancroft has taken care of the property. Questions were asked - how often is the diamond used, would it be better to remove both dugouts, is there better options to utilize the land?

With so many unanswered questions, it was decided to table the agenda item until more research could be done.

*The Easter Bunny will be hopping into Bancroft on Saturday, April 4th prior to the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce Easter Egg Hunt starting at 10:30 a.m. in the Bancroft City Park.*

*The hunt will be held rain or shine. Make sure to bring a bag for gathering your treats.*



## Property Tax Levy public hearing held by NK School Board

By Kim Meyer

The North Kossuth School Board met on Tuesday morning, March 24th for the Proposed Property Tax Levy public hearing.

North Union superintendent Travis Schueller explained to the members that with the passing of the PPEL vote earlier in the month, the PPEL is now increased to a \$1.00.

He also explained that the current tax rate could be changed once the state sets their rates. The highest this rate would be set at is \$8.81. Last year's tax rate was \$8.31.

Income surtax remained the same from last year.

Board members asked Superintendent Schueller about the upcoming schedule of the building maintenance work that the PPEL money will allow them to complete.

He stated that the company they are working with will be at the school April 2nd and present them a project schedule. It is projected that bids will

go out in the fall of 2026 and work will begin in spring of 2027. But this has not been fully determined.

Superintendent Schueller stated that the voted in PPEL will now increase the monies the district to receive to around \$480,000. With this increase and the savings, the district will not have to a bond to finish the projects.

"When I found out the PPEL had passed, I was very pleased," stated Schueller.

The breakdown numbers in a whole were 183 yes votes to 144 no votes with 55.83% voting yes.

Following the closing of the public hearing, the board went into their normal session to pass the Proposed Property Tax Levy.

The second public hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Levy will be held at 7:30 a.m. on April 21.

A public hearing was also held on the 2026-2027 school calendar. School will begin on Monday, August 24th with four professional development days held the week prior.

Christmas break will begin on December 23 with students returning January 5. Spring break will be held March 25-29th.

Graduation is set for May 16th and the last day of school is May 20th. Five virtual days will be able to be used throughout the year.

The calendar was approved. The school audit was reviewed and approved by the board.

Every five years, the district must approved their DDSF plan. This calculates the overall score for special education students on roster.

The higher the score of a student, the smaller the roster is to allow the teacher to spend more time with the student.

There was no changes and DDSF was approved.

Cory Rezac was approved for the head baseball coaching position. The district is still looking for an assistant coach for the upcoming season.



Sacha Alesch of Bishop Garrigan and North Union's Khael Jones represented the Top of Iowa West Conference at the 2026 Iowa Basketball Coaches Association Pizza Ranch All-Star Games this past Saturday. Alesch played on the Northwest squad girls' all-star team while Jones was on the boys' all-star squad.

Photo submitted

## Jones caps record-setting season with postseason honors

*North Union standout sets multiple school records in 2025-26 campaign*

By David Swartz  
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North Union senior Khael Jones capped off a record-setting basketball season by collecting multiple postseason honors following the 2025-26 campaign.

Jones, a 5-foot-10 guard, was named the Top of Iowa West Conference Player of the Year in early March after leading the Warriors to a 15-10 overall record and an 8-8 mark in conference play. He helped guide North Union to a district championship before the Warriors fell one game short of the state tournament in a 56-42 substate loss to MMCURU.

When all-state teams were released after the state tournament, Jones added another accolade, earning Class 1A Second Team All-State honors from the Iowa Basketball Coaches Association.

Jones' senior season was one for the record books — literally.

He finished his career holding or sharing 10 school records, including several of the program's most notable scoring marks. He set single-season and career records for points with 516 and 956, respectively, while also establishing new standards for field goals made in a season (183) and career (341).

From beyond the arc, Jones was equally prolific. He set school records with 74 3-pointers this season and 144 for his career. His 74 makes from long range also helped North Union set a new team record with 179 3-pointers on the season.

Jones also etched his name alongside other standout players in several shared records. His 35-point single game performance this season against Garner-Hayfield-Ventura on Jan. 9 ties the mark set by 2017-18 alum Riley Bauer. He also shares the single-game rebound record with a 16-board effort, matching Bauer, 2016-17 alum Trent Pedersen and 2023-24 alum Kody Irmiter.

In addition, Jones recorded six double-doubles this season, tying Irmiter for another program mark.

Beyond the records, Jones filled the stat sheet in every category. He averaged 20.6 points per game and led the Warriors in rebounds (184), assists (135), steals (98) and blocks (13).



North Union High School Coach Alex Fisher poses with senior basketball player Khael Jones who played in the All-Star Basketball game.

### Back on the court

Jones' season extended beyond high school competition as he was selected to play in the 2026 Iowa Basketball Coaches Association Pizza Ranch All-Star Games this past Saturday at Dallas Center-Grimes High School.

Competing for the Northwest team, Jones played in two during the event. In the first round, Jones' Northwest team lost 96-94 to the Northeast

squad. In 15 minutes, Jones had nine points. Storm Lake's Jady Coon and Cam Boyd led the Northwest team with 17 and 11 points, respectively.

In the second team, Northwest lost 93-88 to the Southeast squad. Jones had 11 points while Boyd and Coon led the Northwest team again with 19 and 12 points.

The experience capped off a standout senior season for the Jones.

## Hunter Education Field Day Class

The Kossuth County Conservation Board will hold a Hunter Education Field Day Class this spring. The course will meet on Saturday, April 25th from 12:00-3:00 P.M. at the Izaak Walton League located at 2408 Highway 169. This facility is across from Smith Lake on the east side of U.S. Highway 169. Pre-registration is required for the course. Students must register online for the field day class at <https://events.goutdoorsiowa.com>.

Students attending this event must also have completed the Iowa DNR online course. The online class registration information is available at <https://www.hunter-ed.com/iowa/>. Students are required to bring their online field day voucher to the day of the class. The deadline to register online for the Field Day Class is Thursday, April 23rd at 4:30 P.M. For more information contact the Water's Edge Nature Center at (515)-295-2138.

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