



# Newsletter

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## Kossuth/Palo Alto County Economic Development Corporation Receives Award for Business Retention and Expansion Efforts

The Professional Developers of Iowa (PDI) honored the Kossuth/Palo Alto County Economic Development Corporation during the SMART Economic Development Conference held in Des Moines on May 9.

The PDI Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) Awards Program recognizes the outstanding efforts of local and regional economic development initiatives in supporting growth and expansion of existing Iowa companies. Kossuth/Palo Alto County Economic Development Corporation received the 2019 Overall BRE Program Award. This award recognizes a community or region that has implemented a successful BRE initiative for their area. Criteria used to select the winner are: the success of communicating the program, improvements to the business climate, and measurable results and outcomes. Consideration was also given to the number of annual visits, quality of the data collected, and how the data was used.

Kossuth/Palo Alto EDC has a comprehensive BRE program that conducted 167 BRE Visits last year. The program includes an annual Business Survey, Business Call Visits, Economic Impact Snapshot, Intern Programs, Human Resources Networking Committee, and Palo Alto County Leadership that are all critical programs and committees that address workforce issues to keep the region viable and assist with growing the workforce and future leadership pool.

"Supporting Iowa's existing industry is a key priority for PDI's membership," stated Kelly Halsted, PDI President. "The BRE Awards are intended to increase the focus on fostering Iowa business growth by economic development organizations and spotlight BRE programs and projects that have made a significant impact on Iowa communities."

Founded in 1973, with current membership of over 310, PDI is an organization dedicated to advancing the professionalism of its members through a wide range of



Kossuth/Palo Alto County Economic Development Corporation is represented by (pictured left to right): Clark Smith, Smart Solutions Group; Rebecca Gisel, Key Account Manager, Alliant Energy; Ivan Dalen, General Manager, River Valley Telecommunications Coop; Maureen Elbert, Executive Director, Kossuth/Palo Alto County Economic Development Corp.; Jed Skogerboe, Manager of Business & Community Development, Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative; Governor Kim Reynolds, and Lt. Governor Adam Gregg.

programs and services. As an association, PDI provides professional training that helps its members do a better job for their community. PDI creates an atmosphere of support and offers an instant network of seasoned experts for local professionals to seek advice and support.

Learn more about PDI at [www.pdiowa.com](http://www.pdiowa.com), [www.facebook.com/ProfessionalDevelopersOfIowa](https://www.facebook.com/ProfessionalDevelopersOfIowa) and [www.twitter.com/pdiowa](https://www.twitter.com/pdiowa).



# NEW DISTILLERY TAKING OFF IN NORTH IOWA



Pictured left to right: Grace Winkleman, Rep. Tedd Gassman, Garrison Winkleman, Brian Winkleman, Sara Winkleman, Michael Wampler, and Lisa Shimkat

With every compliment and bottle sold, Sara Winkleman feels thankful she pushed through the hard work of stepping completely out of her comfort zone and taking on an unfamiliar industry. In fact, her only previous experience with the alcohol industry was enjoying it at happy hour. And so, S&B Farmstead Distillery, found on the main drag of Bancroft, Iowa, took more than a little grit to get started.

"Learning the alcohol industry, the federal and state laws associated with it, and the process of how make alcohol led to many nights of wondering what I had gotten myself into," says owner and founder of S&B Farmstead Distillery, Sara Winkleman.

"But when my products hit the shelf and I had repeat customers, that's when I knew my efforts were worth it."

To help her get the business started, Sara began with the Northwest Iowa Small Business Development Center (SBDC) for assistance. They worked with Sara on detailed financial projections and helped her develop her business model. In early 2019, Sara won the Deb Dalziel Woman Entrepreneur Achievement Award. Her team at SBDC nominated her for the award, given to women who have significantly improved or changed their own

personal situation and had an impact on others around them.

Open Tuesday-Saturday 12pm-5pm or by appointment, S&B Farmstead Distillery produces five products including bourbon, whiskey, and moonshine. Her best-selling spirit, Private First Class, recently took home a Silver Medal at the 2019 Denver International Spirits Competition. Other products include Hog Wild Cinnamon, Field Fire Jalapeno Pineapple Moonshine, Sir Winston

Bourbon, and Sir Winston White Whiskey.

Whiskey is made from water, yeast, and grain. The process of taking those ingredients and making alcohol is basically 5 steps: make whiskey mash, let it ferment, distill it, let it age, and then dilute and bottle it. At S&B Farmstead Distillery, the corn they use is grown by Sara's husband Brian and his farming partner Ryan Steenhard. They mill all of the corn at the farm and bring it into the distillery.

Tours of the distillery are encouraged and always end with product samples. The facility itself used to be a former dentist office and was completely gutted to accommodate the still and tasting room.

S&B Farmstead Distillery products can be found in liquor stores, bars, and grocery stores throughout the state of Iowa. While they don't offer shipping or online ordering, a trip to their storefront in Bancroft offers more than just alcohol. They also have beer breads/cakes and dips, homemade jellies, handmade signs/rustic décor, as well as S&B Farmstead Distillery merchandise. Larger tours are encouraged to call ahead to (515) 885-1030 and make a reservation. The distillery is located at 212 E Ramsey St., Bancroft IA 50517.

## 5 STEPS TO MAKING WHISKEY

### STEP 1: MAKING THE WHISKEY MASH

What is Mashing? Mashing refers to the hot water steeping process which activates malt enzymes and converts the grain starches into fermentable sugars. At this point you have a sugar rich solution called the 'wort'. Yeast will convert the wort to alcohol.

### STEP 2: FERMENTATION

Fermentation: The biological process in which sugars such as glucose, fructose, and sucrose are converted into ethanol and carbon dioxide (CO2)

### STEP 3: DISTILLATION

Distillation: Method for separating mixtures based on differences in volatilities of components in a liquid mixture. This applies to the production of essential oils, gasoline, and of course in our case, ethanol (alcohol). Our goal is to separate the ethanol from the fermented wort. We are not going to get a 100% ethanol solution. We are instead trying to get an 80% ethanol solution with the other 20% being comprised of water and flavors from the mash.

### STEP 4: AGING AND MATURATION

Whiskey is best when it has been aged for a period of time. Aging takes place in Oak barrels. Once bottled the flavors will not change and mature. Aging makes the whiskey smoother and adds an oak flavor to the final product. The whiskey should go into the barrel somewhere between 58%-70% ABV. Bourbon whiskey must not enter the barrel at more than 62.5% ABV if it is going to be called a bourbon whiskey.

### STEP 5: DILUTE AND BOTTLE

In order to enjoy a glass of whiskey you need to cut it with water. Drinking spirits at 75%-80% ABV can be an uncomfortable experience. Generally whiskey is diluted to 40% ABV (80 Proof). Once diluted it is immediately bottled, labeled and enjoyed (not necessarily in that order).

## RECIPES:

### Field Fire Mule

- 1.5 oz Field Fire
- 1 oz lime juice
- 1 oz pineapple juice
- 3 oz ginger beer

Shake Field Fire with lime & pineapple juices and pour into copper mule mug filled with ice. Top with ginger beer and stir to mix ingredients. Garnish with mint and pineapple slice.

### Summer Class

- 2 oz. Private First Class
- 1 oz. Malibu Rum
- 1 oz. Peach Schnapps
- 1 oz. Triple Sec
- Splash of Sprite

Shake together and pour over ice.



# J & J CUSTOM MEATS LOCATING IN WHITTEMORE

As meat lockers continue to close their doors around rural Iowa, a local couple are stepping up to the plate to fill the void. Joe and JoAnn Harren are proud to announce they will be opening a new meat locker in Whittemore, IA. Joe has been looking for a niche since moving to Northern Iowa six years ago. He grew up on a family owned dairy farm and enjoyed the hard work along with the great food that farm living provides. When it became apparent there is becoming a shortage of local meat processors around, he starting doing his research. He reached out to the retired owners of Whittemore Frozen Food Center, Bill and Cathie Richter, to get their take. With their help and many others, the Harrens have decided to make the plunge into the world of high quality meat services by opening up J&J Custom Meats later this year.

It will be a brand new 60x70 foot building at the west end of Whittemore on Broad Street. Optimistically, J&J Custom Meats will be open for business this fall if all goes right, but it could be early winter before the final touches are put on the building making it ready for processing. The new state of the art building will be able to provide anything a customer will desire when it comes to custom processing. They will be slaughtering and processing beef and pork. Orders will be taken for quarter, half, and whole beefs along with half and whole hogs. Much the same as it was with the Richters, if you want to

process an animal but don't know where to find one, J&J Custom Meats will be able to hook you up with a local farmer. J&J Custom Meats will also gladly turn your deer into the tasty treats every hunter looks forward to. Joe has been an avid hunter all of his life and is excited to help out fellow hunters with their venison processing needs this fall.

J&J Custom Meats will have a retail section with an assortment of snack meats such as beef sticks, summer sausage, beef jerky, and more. Frozen meats will be available as well: bacon, hamburger, and steaks, etc. The list of retail items in stock will change and grow as they determine what you, the customers desire. They will also develop various bundle packages that can be made with the meat available that day or you will be able to preorder your bundles in advance. The bundles will range from a breakfast meat bundle to a griller's choice meat bundle.

J&J Custom Meats plans to employ 3-4 people to start, with plenty of room to add more employees as the business grows. The meat locker will be open from 8AM to 5PM Monday through Friday and 8AM to 11:00AM on Saturday. Online orders will be welcomed on the website, [www.jandjcustommeats.com](http://www.jandjcustommeats.com) with the first orders being taken a month or two in advance of opening. Joe also encourages and prefers people to come and see the



Joe and JoAnn Harren and Family

new facility once it opens and make orders in person.

J&J Custom Meats is excited to be a part of the Whittemore community and couldn't be more thankful for the outpouring of support they've received already. They look forward to serving the area as your source for locally processed meat products. You can learn more about J&J Custom Meats by visiting them at [www.jandjcustommeats.com](http://www.jandjcustommeats.com), by checking them out on Facebook or send an email to [jnjcustommeats@gmail.com](mailto:jnjcustommeats@gmail.com).



## ALGONA LEADERSHIP

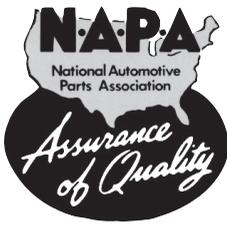
The Algona Leadership Class held their monthly class on Monday, February 4. The Leadership Class toured city and county offices that day and visited Kossuth/Palo Alto County Economic Development Corporation. The guest speaker was Steve Hoskins, CLU, Senior VP Agency Operations for PMC Advantage, who spoke about K/PACEDC and the organization's goals and accomplishments. The class recognized numerous volunteer opportunities available in the county through K/PACEDC.



## K/PACEDC HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE HOSTS UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MEETING AT K.C. NIELSEN LTD.



Pictured above: Guest speaker, Emily Chafa, Iowa Workforce Development, presented to the Human Resources Group at K.C. Nielsen Ltd. in April on unemployment insurance, rules and issues.



# NAPA OF EMMETSBURG GROWS

Dan and Terry Amato took over ownership of the NAPA store in Emmetsburg on March 15, 2013 at the old location, across the street from the Emmetsburg Post Office. They spent a couple of years getting to know the business and the people and while doing so, grew.

Last summer Dan looked at the old Alco building and convinced Terry to do the same. As their inventory was filling up their current space, they made the decision to proceed forward with the purchase and move into four times as large of a space.

With lots of remodeling help from their employees: Doc, Todd, and Mike; Iowa Concrete Grinding and Coating, Dietrich Construction, Currans Plumbing and Heating, Wiley's Electric, Gappa Home Improvement, Picray's Welding, and friends and family, the new location was ready mid-winter. The NAPA Distribution Center sent a large crew to spend the week helping with the actual relocation. They were able to complete the move and stay open through the chaos and opened for business at 1305 Broadway on January 9, 2019.

The new space has allowed them to expand their tool line including the number of DeWalt tools, enlarge the small engine, marine, trailer and towing, wash and wax, light bulb, and wiper planograms as well as increase their inventory of

parts. They continue to make Gates Hydraulic hoses with an increased fittings and hose types inventory. An area that has really grown is the heavy-duty truck parts.

Along with the move, the hours at Kristat Auto Parts, LLC increased to Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 6:00 pm and Saturdays 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. As always, thru planting and harvest the phones (712-852-4141) will be forwarded to best serve their customer's needs.

Future plans include continuing to fine tune the inventory to best support the community and to expand into other towns.

Dan, Terry, Doc, Todd and Mike invite you to stop in and see all the new inventory the increased footage has allowed them to carry.



Grand re-opening ribbon cutting at their new location in Emmetsburg



Photo of the new store with the delivery Ranger.



Photo of NAPA crew in Emmetsburg. Dan and Terry Amato, Todd Gish, Doc Howard, and Mike Williams.



## CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY ON A CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

This summer, Alliant Energy is installing new wind turbines to produce more renewable energy for customers. The Golden Plains Wind Farm features 82 turbines and is located in the northeast corner of Kossuth County and the northwest corner of Winnebago County.

This project will make enough energy for around 87,000 Iowa homes each year.

The turbines come from General Electric. Some of the parts come from right here in Iowa.

These new turbines can produce significantly more energy than previous models just ten years old. That means fewer turbines are needed per project. The largest models will reach nearly 500 feet tall. The blades are each 204 feet long.

We all know it's windy in Iowa. That's why we are building them here! These models need wind that's moving at least 7 miles an hour. While it might feel still on the ground, we see those wind speeds very frequently 200 feet off the ground - where the wind turbine needs it.

The foundations need to be strong to hold these up. We use around 500 cubic yards of concrete for each turbine. It's buried around 12 feet deep and spreads out around 65 feet in diameter.

The energy from this project goes onto the regional energy grid, starting right here in Iowa. To learn more about this project, or others still in development, visit [alliantenergy.com/wind](http://alliantenergy.com/wind).



Pouring concrete into the foundation



Finished foundation



Attaching blades to the rotor



Attaching rotor to the turbine



# 2019 K/PACEDC INTERN Skill Building SESSIONS & MEETINGS

**MAY 22**  
**Intern Breakfast**  
**Speaker: Todd Coleman**  
**Wartburg College**  
 7:30 am - 9:00 am @ KC Hall



**MAY 29**  
**Intern Advisory Committee Meeting**  
 7:30 am @ K/PACEDC



**JUNE 4**  
**Seeking Professional Growth**  
**Katy Thomsen**  
 5:00 pm @ Smithfield Hog Production

**JUNE 5**  
**Project Hope Work Session**  
 11:45 am @ K/PACEDC

**JUNE 11**  
**Secrets to Success**  
**Brenda Clark Hamilton and Brenda Bormann**  
 5:00 pm @ K/PACEDC

**JUNE 12**  
**Project Hope Work Session**  
 11:45 am @ K/PACEDC

**JUNE 14**  
**Intern Golf Outing**  
 9:30 am @ River Road Golf Course - Algona



**JUNE 18**  
**Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors' Presentation**  
 8:05 am @ Palo Alto County Courthouse Meeting Room



**JUNE 18**  
**Kossuth County Board of Supervisors' Presentation**  
 10:00 am @ Kossuth County Courthouse Assembly Room

**JUNE 19**  
**Project Hope Work Session**  
 11:45 am @ K/PACEDC



**JUNE 24 - JULY 6**  
**Project Hope Week**

**JUNE 25**  
**First Impression Session**  
**Resumes, Interviews and Professional Portfolios**  
 7:30 am @ K/PACEDC



**JUNE 28**  
**Intern Team Building BBQ**  
 11:30 am @ Iowa State Bank

**JULY 9**  
**Computer Training Session: Advanced Excel**  
**Alison VanOtterloo**  
 7:30 am @ PHMIC



**JULY 11**  
**Bagging Project Hope Items**  
 8:00 am at K/PACEDC

**JULY 12**  
**Intern Golf Outing**  
**Rain Date**  
 9:30 am @ River Road Golf Course



**JULY 16**  
**Manage Your Money**  
 7:30 am @ K/PACEDC



**JULY 18**  
**Intern Newsletter Articles Due Today!**

**AUGUST 7**  
**County Wide Breakfast**  
**Speaker: Holly Hoffman**  
 7:00 am @ St. Michael's Parish Center in Whittemore





# SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SUCCESS!

K/PACEDC is celebrating 20 years of a very successful and innovative Summer Intern Program in 2019. We want to thank all of the committee members that have volunteered their time along with the businesses that have had interns and sponsored events. You have made a difference to our area, and we look forward to many more Summer Intern Programs to come!

## VALERO RENEWABLES CELEBRATES 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

### *Ethanol Operations Have Grown to 14 Locations Across Midwest*

Lakota, Iowa, April 1, 2019 – Valero Renewables is marking its 10-year anniversary with gatherings and special remembrances held or planned at its ethanol operations across the Midwest.

Valero Energy Corporation, through its Valero Renewable Fuels subsidiary, became the first traditional petroleum refiner to enter large-scale ethanol production with the purchase of seven high-quality plants from VeraSun Energy Corp. in 2009. Today, Valero Renewables operates 14 ethanol plants across eight states with total capacity of 1.73 billion

gallons per year, making it one of the nation's largest producers.

"This marks a significant milestone for our company, as Valero Renewables not only has proven to be a good business, but also a major contributor to our local communities," said Darrin Baron, Vice President-Plant Operations, for Valero Renewables. "Our plants are very well-run and efficient, and our employees have given generously of their time and resources to many worthy efforts."

At Valero Renewables- Lakota, the plant is

planning an open house in the Administration Building for our suppliers and customers on April 1st.

"In November 2018 we joined the Valero Renewables family and are excited about the changes taking place," said Frank Blaine, Plant Manager of Valero Renewables - Lakota. The employees and community have been great to work with and we look forward to having a positive impact in the area.



Serving cake!

### ABOUT VALERO

Valero Energy Corporation, through its subsidiaries (collectively, "Valero"), is an international manufacturer and marketer of transportation fuels and other petrochemical products. Valero, a

Fortune 50 company based in San Antonio, Texas, is an independent petroleum refiner and ethanol producer. Assets include 15 petroleum refineries with a combined throughput capacity of approximately 3.1 million barrels per day and 14 ethanol plants with a combined production capacity of 1.73 billion gallons per year. The petroleum refineries are located in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, and the ethanol plants are located in the Mid-Continent region of the U.S. Valero also is a joint venture partner in Diamond Green Diesel, producing renewable diesel fuel at North America's largest biomass-based diesel plant in Norco, Louisiana. Valero sells its products in the wholesale rack or bulk markets in the U.S., Canada, the U.K., Ireland and Peru. Approximately 7,400 outlets carry Valero's brand names. Please visit [www.valero.com](http://www.valero.com) for more information.

### KEY FACTS:

- A Valero Renewables plant can process up to 49 million bushels of corn into as much as 140 million gallons of ethanol, and up to 368,000 tons of distillers feed grains, each year.
- Valero has been able to transfer operational best practices of its refineries to its ethanol plants, which produce ethanol and distillers grains for both domestic and export markets, accounting for more than 20 percent of total U.S. ethanol exports.
- Employees at Valero Renewable plants give back to the community by way of volunteering and raising funds for the United Way.



Frank Blaine visiting with farmer Glen Christ and employee Tiffany Wycoff.

# TELEPHARMACY SET TO OPEN IN BANCROFT

Apothecary: "A health professional trained in the art of preparing and dispensing medicines". Bancroft Apothecary is hoping for a June opening at 106 W. Ramsey Street. Bancroft Economic Development has been working to bring a telepharmacy to Bancroft since 2015. ReNue Pharmacy contacted and visited Bancroft and believed this is the perfect community to invest in a telepharmacy.

The Apothecary will be set up as a "Telepharmacy". What in the world is that? Not much different than your regular pharmacy. Here's how it works: First a prescription arrives at the

pharmacy, the pharmacist reviews the prescription, the prescription is filled by a pharmacy technician. The difference is, that if a patient wants counseling or more information regarding the prescription, they have live-video counseling with a physician instead of "in person".

What will be offered besides filling prescriptions? Over the counter cough/cold/flu/pain medications, dermatological medications, nutraceuticals, and various convenience/gift items.

Bancroft Apothecary is a great example of a community coming together. Bancroft needed to raise monies to have this happen and the community

responded. To showcase this, we plan to have a display wall with the name of every donor so when you walk in the door you can be reminded of how the community helped make this happen.

What will be offered besides filling prescriptions? Immunizations and vaccinations, over the counter cough/cold/flu/pain medications, dermatological medications, nutraceuticals, and various convenience/gift items.

Check out the City website for more information on Bancroft Apothecary at [www.bancroftiowa.com](http://www.bancroftiowa.com).

# BANCROFT BANDITS BEGIN THEIR 4TH SEASON

**BANCROFT BANDITS**  
Proud Member of the Pioneer Collegiate Baseball League

**2019 SCHEDULE**

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
30	Thursday	Chillicothe	6:45 PM
31	Friday	Albert Lea	6:45 PM
1	Saturday	Albert Lea	6:45 PM
2	Sunday	Fort Dodge	4:00 PM
3	Monday	Fort Dodge	6:45 PM
4	Tuesday	Carroll	6:45 PM
5	Wednesday	Storm Lake	4:00 PM
6	Thursday	Carroll	6:45 PM
7	Friday	Albert Lea	6:45 PM
8	Saturday	Albert Lea	6:45 PM
9	Sunday	Fort Dodge	4:00 PM
10	Monday	Fort Dodge	6:45 PM
11	Tuesday	Fort Dodge	4:00 PM
12	Wednesday	Albert Lea	6:45 PM
13	Thursday	Albert Lea	6:45 PM
14	Friday	Fort Dodge	4:00 PM
15	Saturday	Fort Dodge	6:45 PM
16	Sunday	Fort Dodge	4:00 PM
17	Monday	Fort Dodge	6:45 PM
18	Tuesday	Fort Dodge	4:00 PM
19	Wednesday	Fort Dodge	6:45 PM
20	Thursday	Storm Lake	4:00 PM
21	Friday	Carroll	6:45 PM
22	Saturday	Carroll	6:45 PM
23	Sunday	Albert Lea	4:00 PM
24	Monday	Albert Lea	6:45 PM
25	Tuesday	Carroll	6:45 PM
26	Wednesday	Fort Dodge	4:00 PM
27	Thursday	Fort Dodge	6:45 PM
28	Friday	Storm Lake	4:00 PM
29	Saturday	Carroll	6:45 PM
30	Sunday	Albert Lea	4:00 PM
31	Monday	Albert Lea	6:45 PM
1	Tuesday	Storm Lake	4:00 PM
2	Wednesday	Storm Lake	6:45 PM
3	Thursday	Fort Dodge	4:00 PM
4	Friday	Fort Dodge	6:45 PM
5	Saturday	Fort Dodge	4:00 PM
6	Sunday	Fort Dodge	6:45 PM
7	Monday	Fort Dodge	4:00 PM
8	Tuesday	Carroll	6:45 PM
9	Wednesday	Fort Dodge	4:00 PM
10	Thursday	Fort Dodge	6:45 PM
11	Friday	Ames	6:45 PM
12	Saturday	Ames	6:45 PM
13	Sunday	Ames	4:00 PM
14	Monday	Ames	6:45 PM
15	Tuesday	Carroll	6:45 PM
16	Wednesday	Storm Lake	4:00 PM
17	Thursday	Storm Lake	6:45 PM
18	Friday	Storm Lake	4:00 PM
19	Saturday	Ames	6:45 PM
20	Sunday (ALL STAR)	TBD	TBD
21	Monday	Ames	6:45 PM
22	Tuesday	Fort Dodge	4:00 PM
23	Wednesday	Fort Dodge	6:45 PM
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SEE YOU AT THE BALLPARK!

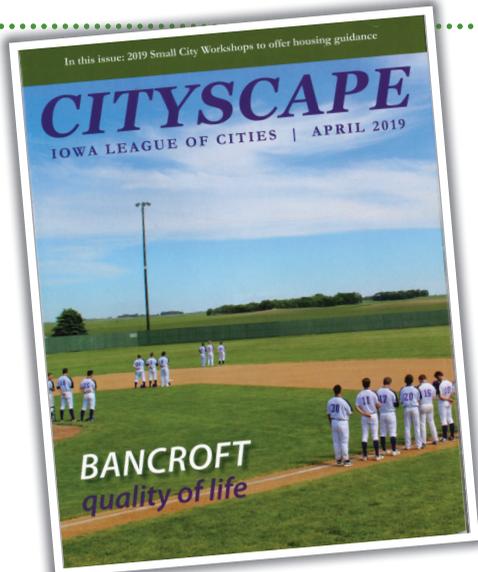
"Welcome to Bancroft Memorial Park - Home of your Bancroft Bandits" bellowed by announcer Travis Neuman and the Bancroft Bandit season begins on June 1, 2019 at 6:45 PM. The Bandits are beginning their 4th season in Kossuth County bringing high level collegiate baseball and low cost family entertainment.

The Bandits are young collegiate players from all across the country that spend June and July staying with host families and playing approximately 40 games in the Pioneer League. Donnie Roberts is the owner and operator of the Pioneer League which consists of teams from Fort Dodge, Carroll, Storm Lake, Ames, and Albert Lea, MN.

The Bandit games are operated by dedicated volunteers and all profits go back to Bancroft Memorial Park for improvements and maintenance. Be sure to check out the new concession area that is being constructed. None of this would be possible

without these volunteers and also the businesses throughout Kossuth County that support us through sponsorships. Sponsorships consist from gift cards to give out, free popcorn and hotdogs, to sponsoring the cost to put on a game. We also have sponsors that provide products to us at no cost. The spirit, generosity and support is a true testament to the incredible businesses in Kossuth County that give back to the community they serve.

Check out the schedule: Admission - \$5:00 for 13 and over. Ages 12 and under always free. For more information on the Bancroft Bandits visit: Facebook - [Bancroft Bandits](#) Pioneer League - [www.pioneerbaseballleague.com](http://www.pioneerbaseballleague.com) Fun in Bancroft - [www.funinbancroft.org](http://www.funinbancroft.org) Contact: [welovethebandits@gmail.com](mailto:welovethebandits@gmail.com)



# BANCROFT FEATURED IN CITYSCAPE MAGAZINE

Mickey Shields, with the Iowa League of Cities, featured an article on Bancroft in the April edition of *Cityscape*, a monthly magazine which covers issues of interest to city officials in Iowa. The article details many interesting details on the community spirit, teamwork, and tips for success. Pictured Left: Magazine cover image by the City of Bancroft: Memorial Park is a 71-year-old baseball stadium that is the pride and joy of Bancroft.

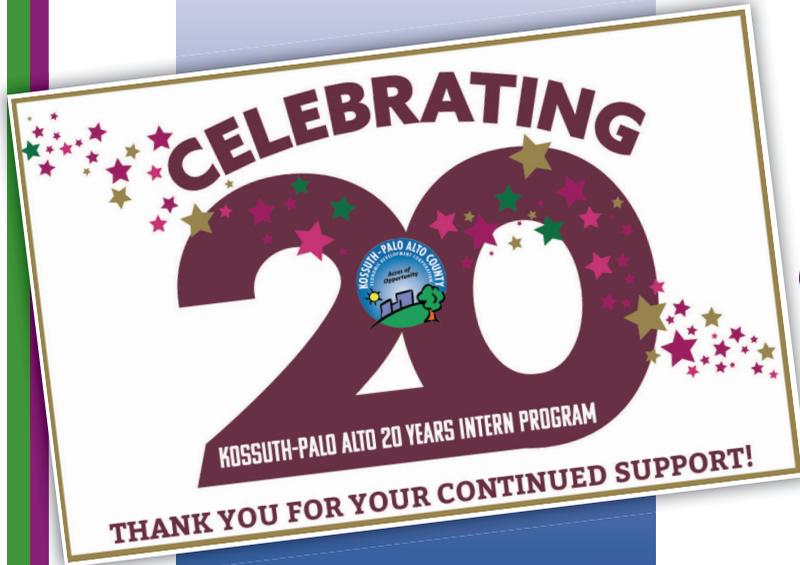
*Cityscape* is available in print and e-pub versions. Anyone can subscribe to the e-pub free or charge. For more information, contact Mickey Shields, Director of Membership Services, at 515-244-7282 or email [mickeyshields@iowaleague.org](mailto:mickeyshields@iowaleague.org).

Bancroft Population: 732

Location: Kossuth County, northern Iowa

DID YOU KNOW: Bancroft is the hometown of two former Major League Baseball players, Denis Menke and Joe Hatten.

# Kossuth/Palo Alto County Economic Development Corporation



## 2019 County Wide Breakfast

Wednesday, August 7, 2019

St. Michael's Parish Center  
Whittemore • Iowa

7:00-9:00 am • Cost \$20

# HOLLY HOFFMAN

## Guest Speaker at County Wide Breakfast



"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."

—Holly Hoffman from *Your Winner Within*

Born and raised in Eureka, South Dakota, Holly Hoffman was the last remaining member of the Espada Tribe and the last woman standing on Season 21 of CBS' hit reality show "Survivor Nicaragua". Through that experience, and others throughout her life, Holly was inspired to share her message of positivity, determination and confidence with business leaders, teachers, and students across the nation.

A professional motivational speaker and the

author of *Your Winner Within* and *Write Yourself a Note*, Holly acknowledges that life is made up of challenges, and we are oftentimes faced with situations that seem insurmountable. But within each of us is an ability to focus our thoughts, emotions, and energy to succeed—if only we have the knowledge, tools, and discipline to do so.

Holly's writing and speaking not only offers encouragement and optimism but a roadmap for self-discovery and spiritual enlightenment. Readers and audience members alike walk away inspired to light the fire of successful living within themselves.

Today, Holly is a member of the National Speaker's Association and a recipient of the Certified Speaking Professional designation, and travels across the country and internationally, speaking to a wide variety of associations and corporations. Holly inspires her audiences to take opportunities and focus on attitude, determination, confidence, desire, faith, and perseverance.